



Grange-Ballyclare

Neighbourhood Renewal Area

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About Neighbourhood Renewal

The Neighbourhood Renewal Programme aims to reduce the social and economic inequalities which characterise the most deprived areas. It does so by making a long term commitment to communities to work in partnership with them to identify and prioritise needs and co-ordinate interventions designed to address the underlying causes of poverty. Neighbourhood Renewal Partnerships were established to be representative of local community interests together with appropriate Government Departments, public sector agencies, private sector interest and local elected representatives.



About Grange Partnership

To take forward the Neighbourhood Renewal Programme, Grange Partnership was set up in 2006 to oversee the development and delivery of the local Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan, this action plan was updated in March 2019. The Partnership currently comprises 26 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, churches and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a quarterly basis and its administration services are provided through a development worker and administrator within Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council.

In cases where there is a need ascertained then a subgroup can be convened.

It should be noted that Grange Partnership members have all signed up to, and abide by, the Neighbourhood Renewal Code of Practice and Guiding Principles and subsequent Subgroup Terms of Reference.

Grange Partnership Projects

The Neighbourhood Renewal Investment Fund is currently supporting 3 key projects in the GRANGE Neighbourhood Renewal Area as follows:-

Community and Social Renewal

1. Grange Community Development Worker

The project aims to address the objectives identified in the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan 01 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 through the appointment of a full time Community Development Worker who will work with local residents, Grange Youth & Community Group, Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership and other community and voluntary groups to build capacity, promote the development of community infrastructure and progress a range of Neighbourhood Renewal initiatives.

The Community Development Worker will assist the Grange residents to identify issues that affect their lives, set goals for improvement, and bring about positive change through active participation. With the input of local residents the Community Development Worker will organise a range of community based programmes, co-ordinating delivery, evaluating and monitoring progress.

The Worker supports Grange Youth & Community Group and statutory groups to identify funding for projects and assist them with developing a timetable of work and a fundraising strategy. The worker also acts as a link between residents of the Grange area, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Statutory Bodies and central government departments.

Due to personal circumstances and the death of a leading community figure the full-time worker was on leave for a large portion of the year. In October 2019 a temporary full time community development worker was appointed.

Projects currently being supported by the Community Development Worker include:



Grange Women's Group

Grange Women's Group availed of a full programme of activities, throughout the year which are organised with the help of the Neighbourhood Renewal Officer. The 2019/2020 year has seen the group participate in arts and crafts themed classes within the Community Access to Lifelong learning (CALL project) through the Northern Regional College, two mornings per week. The group also participated in physical activity course with Community Sports Network. All projects were stopped with COVID- 19 as the country was shutdown. 6 women participated.



Grange Allotments

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council Leisure Services Department took over the management of Grange Allotments site during the 18/19 financial year, this continued in 19/20 financial year. All plots are currently leased and being used as growing space. In addition, there is a lockable shed, for storage of tools etc., and a greenhouse. Allotments are completely allocated.

Grange Community Wardrobe

The community wardrobe started taking donations in February 2019. Upon the closure of the Grange Community House the wardrobe was transferred to Ballyclare Presbyterian Church.

Parents and Tots Group

The Creative Tots Programme funded by Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council provided the opportunity for parents and small children to take part in sensory sessions with a qualified facilitator who's primary focus is on building the family bond, increasing capacity amongst parents, creating links to outdoor play and promoting the personal and social development of young children through song, dance and play. Due to the absence of the community group this ceased in December 2019.

This year has been difficult, due to the disintegration of the Grange Youth and Community Group. The Community House was closed due to lack of insurance and absence of a functional group. The Northern Ireland Housing Executive have reallocated the house back to housing stock.

At present within the community there is limited interest and capacity to restart the Group at present.

At the beginning of March 2020, a household survey was conducted in the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal area and will help inform plans for moving forward.

All programmes, workshops and activities address the actions on the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan, promote Neighbourhood Renewal and increase social capital. All of the work is linked to the provision of a family-wide initiative to increase community development activity in the area. All of the current and ongoing projects and programmes effectively complement each other and demonstrate a joined-up approach which helps to address the key priorities identified in the current Action Plan for the area.

2. Grange Community House Running Costs 2019-2020

Funding was secured in 2019-2020 for the running costs associated with the Grange Community House including costs for cleaning equipment and gas. The aim of the project was to:

- Enable the community group to open the Community House 5 days and 5 evenings per week
- To provide opportunities for all sections of the community to become involved in the Community House.
- To deliver a series of activities to engage local people including workshops, classes, festivals, recreational activities and coffee mornings.
- To enhance relationships with statutory bodies by inviting them to deliver workshops, classes and activities in the Grange Community House.
- To offer accredited training to enhance the skills of the residents within the Grange/Thornhill and Ollardale estates; and
- To continue to work towards addressing the renewal themes contained within the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan.

Responsibility for the Community House lay with the Grange Youth and Community Group. During 19-20 the Community House operated limited times and activities from April - October 2019. Due to a lack of insurance and the disintegration of the Grange

Youth and Community Group, the Community House closed towards the end of 2019 and the Northern Ireland Housing Executive recovered possession of the house in March 2020.

In the absence of Grange Youth and Community Group, we are unable to report on statistics and figures relating to these running costs.

Economic Renewal

3. Community Access to Lifelong Learning (CALL)

CALL - The Community Access to Lifelong Learning programme secured funding from Department of Communities to offer residents from Grange NR area training opportunities through Northern Regional College. There is a full programme of training available to any Neighbourhood Renewal Area resident and a tutor may be found to support training that is not currently offered through NRC's Community Education Department. A CALL steering group is in place and the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Officer is a member. 55 people have benefitted from this project.

There has been extensive use of the CALL Project over the last year and funding has been secured for 2019/2020 although at a greatly reduced level. The courses ran as part of the CALL Project during the 19/20 financial year have included:

- Creative Crafts (Crochet for beginners)
- Patchwork
- Painting
- Mosaic
- Decoupage



Local residents were able to avail of these courses free and this project has been key in advancing skills, capacity and employability in the area.

Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership 2019/2020 Expenditure (by Strategic Objective)

Community Renewal Expenditure

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	19/20 Spend (as at 31/03/20)
Community Development Worker	01 April 2019 – 31 Mar 2020	£41,260.90	£28,771.85
Grange Community House Running Costs	01 April 2019 – 31 Mar 2020	£4,184.06	£0.00
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£45,444.96	£28,771.85

Economic Renewal Expenditure

Programme/Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	19/20 Spend (as at 31/03/20)
NRC CALL (Community Access to Life-Long Learning)	01 April 2019 – 31 Mar 2020	£24,734.64	£19,544.79
Total Economic Expenditure		£24,734.64	£19,544.79
Totals		£70,179.60	£48,316.64

GRANGE Spend Conclusion

In the 2019/2020 financial year, total overall spend in Grange was **£48,316.64**

This can be further broken down into Strategic Objective spend as follows:-

Community Renewal **£28,771.85**

Economic Renewal **£19,544.79**

Achievements Of Neighbourhood Renewal Funding In 2019/2020 Year

Community Renewal Output Measures to be used for 19/20 Annual Report

Project	CR3 – Number of people volunteering for community development activities	CR7 - Number of community/voluntary groups supported
Community Development Worker	25	6
Community House Running Costs		
NRC – CALL (Community Access to Life-Long Learning)		

Economic Renewal Output Measures to be used for 19/20 Annual Report

Project	ER3 – Number of people accessing careers advice	ER6 - Number of people receiving non job specific training e.g. first aid
Community Development Worker		
Community House Running Costs		
NRC – CALL (Community Access to Life-Long Learning)	0	55

Social Renewal Education Output Measures to be used for 19/20 Annual Report

Project	SR(Ed) 14 - Number of young people directly benefiting from the project	SR(Ed) 17 - Type and number of accredited qualifications completed
Community Development Worker		
Community House Running Costs		
NRC – CALL Community Access to Life-Long Learning	36	20

Physical Renewal Output Measures to be used for 19/20 Annual Report

Project	PR11 - Number of people/volunteers involved in physical development and/or environmental improvement projects
Community Development Worker	5
Community House Running Costs	
NRC – CALL Community Access to Life-Long Learning	

External funding secured from 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016

Funding Body	Project	Amount
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Festivals	£4,196.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Summer Scheme	£1,320.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Outreach & Involvement (Allotments & Recycling)	£1,760.00
Education Authority	Cluster Football Project	£11,928.54
South Antrim Community Network	Grow with Grange	£1,000.00
Education Authority	Autism Support/Education Support	£11,625.92
Education Authority	Intervention - young women's project	£2,698.94
Education Authority	Summer Scheme	£1,477.04
NICHI Project	Communities Improving Health	£2,300.00
Living Life to the full	SACN Mental health/suicide prevention	£1,000.00
Northern Partnership for Physical Activity	swimming, dance etc.	£1,750.00
Grow Wild NI	Hands on Nature	£2,300.00
Limavady Community Development Initiative	Volunteer support grant	£1,200.00
ASDA Foundation	Community House refurb.	£720.00
Beating the Baby Blues	SACN Mental health/suicide prevention	£1,000.00
Lifestyle & Well-being	SACN Mental health/suicide prevention	£1,000.00
Cluster Football Project	EA Intervention	£6,000.00
Live Here, Love Here	Live Here, Love Here	£500.00
CYPSP	Autism Support	£2,000.00
Total		£55,776.44

External funding secured from 1st April 2016 – 31st March 2017

Funding Body	Project	Amount
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Festivals	£4,975.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Queen's Birthday	£1,000.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Outreach - Allotments	£2,000.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Summer Scheme	£1,500.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Men's Shed Running Costs	£3,500.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Men's Shed Outreach	£2,000.00
South Antrim Community Network	Mums & Tots	£1,000.00
Awards for All	Mental Health & Emotional Well-being programme	£9,695.00
Building the Community Pharmacy Project	Men's Shed	£2,000.00
Northern Ireland Housing Executive	Bric2 OCN Level 1&2 in Diversity \& Community Relations	£3,250.00
South Antrim Community Network	Networks Involving Communities in Health Improvement	£996.00
Department for Communities	Men's Shed Project	£9,523.89
LCDI Ltd)	Small grants for volunteering	£1,000.80
Community Foundation NI (Comic Relief)	Grange Get Fit	£5,000.00
PHA - Physical Activity	Parents and Men's Shed	£1,430.00
Total		£48,870.69

External funding secured from 1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

Funding Body	Project	Amount
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Grange Festivals	£5,000.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Grange Outreach & Involvement (Allotments & Recycling)	£500.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Grange Summer Scheme	£1,500.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Men's Shed Running Costs	£4,500.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Men's Shed Outreach & Involvement	£2,000.00
South Antrim Community Network	SACN Mental health/suicide prevention - Youth - Be Your Selfie	£1,000.00
South Antrim Community Network	SACN Mental health/suicide prevention - Women's Group - Mindfulness	£1,000.00
South Antrim Community Network	SACN Mental health/suicide prevention - Men's Shed - Keep Calm Feel Reel	£1,000.00
South Antrim Community Network	NICHI Model - Men's Shed LAUGH Project	£2,500.00
Education Authority	Grange Summer Scheme	£3,000.00
Asda Foundation	Grange Christmas event	£500.00
Total		£22,500.00

External funding secured from 1st April 2018 – 31st March 2019

Funding Body	Project	Amount
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Outreach - Allotments	£2,000.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Summer Scheme	£1,500.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Men's Shed Running Costs	£3,500.00
Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council	Men's Shed Outreach	£2,000.00
South Antrim Community Network	Youth DIP (Developing Independence Project) Fishing	£976.00
South Antrim Community Network	Men's Shed Fishing	£976.00
Total		£10,952.00

External funding secured from 1st April 2019 – 31st March 2020

Funding Body	Project	Amount
Some external applications made in November 2019 but no funding drawn down due to the absence of the Grange Youth and Community Group		
Total		£0.00

Total for period 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2020: £138,099.13



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