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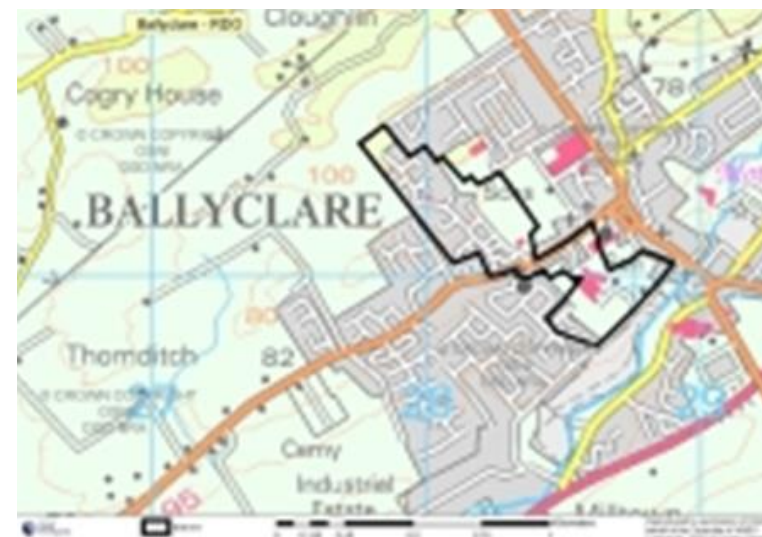


About Neighbourhood Renewal

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 2022. The Partnership currently comprises 13 members which include representatives from local communities, voluntary organisations, elected representatives, churches and local statutory organisations. It currently meets on a bi-monthly 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.

The project aims to address the objectives identified in the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Action Plan 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 through the appointment of a full time Neighbourhood Renewal Officer who will work with local residents, 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 Neighbourhood Renewal Officer 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 Neighbourhood Renewal Officer will organise a range of community based programmes, coordinating delivery, evaluating and monitoring progress. The worker also acts as a link between residents of the Grange area, Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Statutory Bodies and central government departments.

GRANGE Partnership Projects

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 Neighbourhood Renewal 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. These are organised through Northern Regional College and the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership.

Arts & Crafts & Sewing classes

Five individuals took part in an Arts, Crafts & Sewing course in Ballyclare Town Hall in December 2022 – February 2023. Participants made Christmas decorations and draught excluders which were then distributed to residents of the Grange estate. This was organised through Northern Regional College and the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. Feedback from participants was positive.

Hairdressing

Thirteen individuals took part in a Hairdressing course in Foundary House, Ballyclare. This took place in March 2023 and was organised through Northern Regional College and the Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership. Feedback from participants was positive.

Summer Fun Day

Grange Summer Fun Day was delivered in partnership with Ballyclare Greater Youth for Christ, Council's Good Relations Team and Policing and Community Safety Partnership (PCSP) Team. Inflatables and face painting were provided by Greater Youth for Christ, African Drumming Sessions provided by Good Relations Team, Ice-cream van from Police Service of Northern Ireland (supported by PCSP). Healthy snack packs were provided by local retailer within the Grange, Wilsons Nearby & Treat Bar for 100 children. Additional departments from council were available to discuss safety, environment and good relations projects. The event was attended by the Mayor Alderman Stephen Ross. The feedback from the event was positive and it was a great opportunity to engage with the local community. Katherine McAdam from County Antrim Countryside Custodians provided additional support after the event through conducting a litter pick demonstrating the importance of keeping local area clean and free from litter.

Employability Workshop

An employability course was offered with Bytes to residents in September 2022 which included; a 15GB data sim card (free, for six months), digital skills workshops, employability workshops and a visit to the jobs fair in Valley Leisure Centre.

Fairview Primary Eco Club

Two litter picks were conducted on Tuesday 22nd November and Tuesday 21st February with residents from the Grange Estate and pupils who are a part of Fairview Primary Eco Club. The events were successful with a total of 27 participants.



Engagement Stalls

Community Advice Antrim and Newtownabbey attended an Engagement Stall at 'The Rock' in the estate, Tuesday 19th July 2022.

The aim of the engagement was to ensure residents were aware of any support that may be available to them. Five residents engaged with Community Advice and requested call backs.

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Health & Wellbeing Team Officer attended 'the Rock' on Thursday 18th August 2022 to give advice about home safety and offer free home safety checks that are available for vulnerable people in the estate.

Information included how to improve energy efficiency and home heating/insulation grants available . Four residents engaged with the team.



Seniors Afternoon Tea Boxes

In December 2022, 50 afternoon Tea boxes were distributed to elderly residents of the Grange Estate along with a Christmas card made from pupils at Fairview Primary School. This were distributed to those facing social isolation and who may struggle to leave their home to attend social events.

Good Food Programme

The Good Food Programme took place in March 2023 with the aim to raise awareness of nutrition and food hygiene, whilst also developing planning, budgeting and cooking skills. During each session participants were provided with ingredients to help prepare

a low cost meal that is nutritious and healthy. Each session was presented by nutritionist Dr Janice McConnell and a total of four participants took place.

Bytes Workshops

Young people engaged in various workshops throughout the year that encouraged them to be physically active with physical activity with wellbeing, being a core element of their day. The young people also participated in STEM (Science, Technology, engineering, Mathematics) activities such as arts and crafts and healthy snacks were provided at each session. The feedback from the young people and their families was wholly positive.



Health Fair

Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Partnership held a Health Fair on Thursday 23rd March 2023 in Ballyclare Town Hall. A total of thirteen agencies held stalls at the event with Food intolerance testing being offered. Over 30 people attended the event with 19 of those being from the Grange estate.



Zumba Classes

A four week block of Zumba classes took place in March 2023, this was in partnership with Ballyclare Comrades through Northern Healthy Lifestyles Partnership funding. This programme was to promote health and fitness and getting active. Over 30 people attended and 11 of these participants were from the Grange estate.




Programme/Project - Grange Neighbourhood Renewal Community Development Project	CFF Funding Period	CFF Funding Amount (Project allocation)	22/23 Spend (As at 31/03/23)
COMMUNITY RENEWAL			
Salary Cost	01 April 2022 – 31 Mar 2023	£33,944.88	£33,944.88
Running costs	01 April 2022 – 31 Mar 2023	£4,250.00	£1,139.43
Programme costs	01 April 2022 – 31 Mar 2023	£3,200.00	£3,033.68
Total Community Renewal Expenditure		£41,394.88	£38,117.99

Objectives

Project outcome	Project objectives/outputs	Achievement this year	Progress
<p>CR6</p> <p>(1) Continue to improve relationships between residents in all areas of the Estate.</p> <p>(2) Ensure that local residents are kept well informed of what is happening in the NRA.</p>	<p>25 people volunteering including unpaid voluntary work.</p> <p>To increase the number of residents volunteering in the area and increase their skills base and experience and help build capacity in the area by creating volunteering opportunities with the community.</p>	<u>60</u>	<p>Red <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Amber <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>(3) Continue to encourage all residents to become involved in activities within the Estate.</p> <p>(4) Continue to increase the number of local residents involved in decision making and related activities and build capacity within the Estate.</p> <p>(5) Specifically, develop an engagement / consultation mechanism to inform and shape an annual programme of community activities.</p> <p>(6) To attend meetings in terms of the Community Plan for Antrim/Newtownabbey eg. To attend meetings of the Ballyclare Place Shaping Forum etc. Encourage residents to take part in these meetings as well and when they are confident withdraw NRO participation.</p>			
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<p>ER2</p> <p>(1) To develop and provide opportunities for local residents to avail of accredited training</p> <p>(2) To help address the number of young people leaving school with no qualifications</p> <p>(3) To develop access routes to local employment</p> <p>(4) To secure increased engagement with the business community locally</p>	<p>25 people receiving non job specific training.</p> <p>In association with Northern Regional College through the C.A.L.L. project, deliver a range of classes and courses to residents in the Grange estate.</p>	<p><u>25</u></p>	<p>Red <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Amber <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>SR(H)2</p> <p>(1) To reduce the incidences of anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>(2) To provide recreational activities for children and young people.</p> <p>(3) To help reduce the fear of crime through home security measures.</p> <p>(4) To reduce the fear of crime through continued Police presence and</p>	<p>45 people benefitting from health intervention services.</p>	<p><u>150</u></p>	<p>Red <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Amber <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

<p>involvement in key programmes.</p> <p>(5) Promote the use of various methods of reporting crime and anti-social behaviour</p> <p>(6) To help residents live healthier lifestyles.</p> <p>(7) To improve awareness and access to better health services.</p> <p>(8) Encourage promotion of organisations that promote awareness and understanding of various health conditions.</p> <p>(9) To ascertain if the area would like a Neighbourhood Watch scheme</p>			
<p>Additional Funding levered</p>	<p>To engage with relevant statutory bodies and non-Government funding bodies to lever in additional funding into the Grange NRA to deliver on priorities identified within the Action Plan.</p>	<p><u>£1,260</u></p>	<p>Red </p> <p>Amber </p> <p>Green </p>

<u>Meetings</u>	Facilitate 6 meetings of the Grange Neighbourhood Partnership, including the build-up of appropriate groups.	<u>6</u>	Red <input type="checkbox"/> Amber <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

External funding secured from 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

Funding Body	Project	Amount
Antrim and Newtownabbey Council - PCSP	Summer Fun Day	£200.00
Antrim and Newtownabbey Council – Good Relations	Summer Fun Day	£400.00
Greater Youth for Christ Ballyclare	Summer Fun Day	£200.00
Northern Healthy Lifestyles Partnership Funding	Zumba classes	£360.00
Totals		£1,260.00



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