

Castlewellan

Village Renewal and Development Plan

Addendum and Updated Action Plan: November 2017

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1. Introduction

The Castlewellan Village Plan (Village Plan) was initially produced in 2012. This has now been reviewed and updated by the community in conjunction with Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. The review has taken the form of an addendum to the initial Village Plan and should be read in conjunction with it. The addendum includes an updated Action Plan (see Section 2), which identifies which projects and initiatives have been implemented since the original plan was published and highlights projects which could be focused on over the next phase of implementation.

Ove Arup and Partners (Arup) was appointed as the consultancy team to facilitate the review and update of the Action Plan. This update has been facilitated by a stakeholder workshop. The outcome of this is an updated Action Plan which includes a range of projects and initiatives that we believe will have a real impact on the area.

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The Rural Development Programme uses the LEADER approach which adopts a community led model to assist rural communities to improve the quality of life and economic prosperity in their local area, through the allocation of funds based on local need. Village Renewal and Development is an important element of the Rural Development Programme.

The Village Plan is a working document that requires the support of the community and in many cases the community working in partnership with other agencies and statutory bodies.

It is important to note that some projects and initiatives set out within the action plan may be subject to future feasibility studies and analysis, detailed design, landowner agreements, statutory approvals and available funding.

2. Implementation

This plan is designed to improve the social and economic fabric of the area.

The Updated Action Plan provides an indication of the key tasks which need to be undertaken to progress specific projects. This often includes detailed scheme design, preparation of the business case and funding application, and in some cases further feasibility and analysis. The source of funding will often dictate the order in which tasks need to be undertaken, for example the Rural Development Programme expects all statutory consents to be place before the funding application is submitted. There are potential sources of funding available for the projects and initiatives set out within this Village Renewal Plan. It is important to note that reference to potential funding is a guidance only. Other funding opportunities may become available during the lifetime of this plan, and all projects will be subject to appropriate eligibility checks, application and assessment procedures as set by each funding body.

The Updated Action Plan also provides an indication of the priority level of each project based on discussions with key stakeholders during plan preparation. Alongside this, a lead delivery agent and key stakeholders have also been noted. There may also be other interested groups who should be engaged during project implementation or those whose agreement must be sought, such as a private landowners or statutory bodies. It is also important to recognise that priorities may change as funding opportunities become available.

It should be noted that the progressing of a 'Village Plan' under the Rural Development Programme does not mean that the settlement or area, to which the 'Village Plan' applies, is designated as a village in the settlement hierarchy as identified in the current development plans that apply to the district (i.e. the Banbridge/Newry and Mourne Area Plan 2015, and the Ards and Down Area Plan 2015) or the Council's new Local Development Plan for the District, which is currently under preparation.



3. Review of 2012 Action Plan

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1. Community and Youth Facilities								
1.1	Renovate Community Centre- In keeping with sustainable development	CRL, CCP, NMDDC	S	RDP, Fund Raising, NMDDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project has been ongoing for several years; however good progress has been made. Project has achieved £625,000 funding form the Social Investment Fund. The next step is to procure the design team. Project estimated to be completed within 18 months. Explore further funding sources for the sports hall. 	H	S	Undertake a feasibility study for what is needed and desirable Identify potential funding for the project
1.2	Extend the facilities within the Lodge Cultural Centre	CRL, CCP, NMDDC	M	RDP, Fund Raising, NMDDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generally, it is considered that the Lodge Cultural Centre is an underutilised resource. Funding has been explored however the planning permission isn't in place. 	M	M	Obtain planning permission (if required) so that funding can be sought when necessary. Prepare study of potential and needs Identify funding sources to carry out work
1.3	Provide Pavilion at Bann Road	Sporting Groups, CRL, CCP, Priv. NMDDC	S	RDP, HLF, Fund Raising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community have indicated that the current facilities are not fit for purpose. Planning permission has been granted. Meetings ongoing. Explore funding sources. High priority. 	H	S	Undertake scoping study to identify the needs for sports organisations and public Identify funding sources for the work
1.4	Provide new facilities for Irish Language community	CCP, CRL, NMDDC	S	RDP, HLF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project has been progressed well. Funding has been achieved and the facility opened in 2014. It now facilitates upwards of 60 children. Further project to create an Irish Language / Cultural Centre is being progressed (See project 1.8) 	n/a	n/a	Construction of purpose built early years and community resource at site of Bunscoil Identify funding sources for the work. The school is opened / complete but the community / resource centre is being steadily progressed (see initiative 1.8).

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1.5	Community collaborative engagement initiatives	CCP	S-L	RDP, HLF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some progress has been made on this initiative. Collaboration between groups is ongoing, however it was indicated by the community that this needs to be improved further. A biannual meeting (possibly facilitated by the Rural Community Network / DEA forum) would be beneficial. Crucial to encourage new members to community groups to share the workload. 	H	S-L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a user-friendly online forum to hold all the different pieces of the process Organise the meetings that need to be held to gel the process Publish the Integrated Plan online Continually seek to engage broader interests Communicate with stakeholders both already engage and yet to engage Hold the values of the process – Local ownership, coordination, collaboration, community and inclusiveness. Create distinct short-term role to professional support the development and implementation of key actions and create networking events.
1.6	Create on-going opportunities for young people to contribute to civic life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glór Uachtar Tíre Local Schools CCP Sporting groups 	S-L	RDP, HLF, NMDDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Numerous array of projects and initiatives aimed at encouraging young people to contribute to civic life, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Heritage Group which brought together 6 local primary schools to undertake an event; Great participation in the Christmas Card Competition; Local schools working well together Potential to explore link up to a HLF Project 	H	S-L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools competitions to involve students and parents Undertake participation training to learn how to engage groups Use games as a theme to engage students and parents Table quiz- local high schools (incl. Shimna) Involve schools and young people Explore options / activities that are inclusive to all groups within community.

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1.7	Ensure high quality facilities are provided for youthful population	CCP, NMDDC	S-L	RDP, HLF, NMDDC, Fund Raising	No significant progress as yet with project ongoing.	M	S-L	Create database of facilities and services that are already available. Also, Explore the potential creation of a skateboard facility within the town.
1.8	Creation of a Civic / Cultural Centre	Glór Uachtar Tíre, NMDDC, CCP, CRL	M	HLF	n/a – new project identified	H	S	Various sites are currently being explored (Including Danske Bank) and various funding sources being explored including Heritage Lottery, Rural Development Programme alongside others.
1.7	Pavilion at GAA grounds	GAC, CCP, CRL, NMDDC	S	HLF, RDP	n/a – new project identified	H	S	Explore creation of skateboard facility in the town
2. Environmental and Townscape Improvements								
2.1	Upgrade gateway signage and features to create a welcoming atmosphere	CCP, CRL, NMDDC, TNI	M	NMDDC, TNI, RDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largely complete. Overuse of advertising signage at key entrance points may present a negative image – this needs to be addressed There is a need for information signage / boards within the village. 	M	S	Clear signage and maps for town approaches (forest park, info points) incl. multilingual signs
2.2.1	Create an ambitious	NMDDC, CCP, CRL, Priv.	S-L	RDP, NMDDC, HLF	No significant progress as yet. Project ongoing.	H	S-L	Collaborate, engage and promote project throughout entire community to create increased buy-in.

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		"Masterplan" of the townscape							
	2.2.2	Re-invent Upper Square as people-friendly venue	NMDDC, CCP, CRL	M	RDP, HLF, NMDDC	Not progressed. Some minor improvements undertaken as part of the previous Rural Development Programme (sculpture and seating). This is still an issue, particularly due to ball games.	H	M	Continue to engage with key stakeholders and wider community surrounding the development and progress of initiative. Explore remedy options to mediate ball game issues (signage) until project develops further.
	2.2.3	Improve approaches to the town	CCP, NMDDC, CRL	M	RDP, TNI, NMDDC	Gateway signage provided	L	M	Project Complete with gateway signage provided.
	2.2.4	Repurpose key buildings	Priv. CCP, NMDDC, CRL	S-L	RDP, HLF, Fund Raising	Some buildings have come back in to use; however, some derelict and underused buildings remain which could be put to better use	H	S-L	Continue efforts to further develop initiative. Explore options to repurpose remaining key building within the town. Seek necessary statutory approvals if required for renewed use and explore funding avenues.
	2.2.5	Consider "covering" the upper square to make it all-weather	NMDDC, CCP, CRL	M	NMDDC, RDP, Fund Raising	Not progressed. This was originally planned to accommodate a market. This should be explored as part of any future comprehensive public realm scheme.	M	M	Continue efforts to develop initiative further. Engage with wider community and key stakeholders to gain support for potential and ensure this project is key in any future public realm scheme for the town.
	2.2.6	Market House as a venue for cycle, hire, farmers market, tourist info, homework club and exhibitions	NMDDC, CCP, CRL	S	RDP, HLF, NMDDC	Market House has been redeveloped to accommodate the Library.	n/a	n/a	Due to the renewed use for Market House, the ability to deliver the original initiative is majorly constrained.
	2.2.7	Restore / value buildings and architecture	CCP, NMDDC, BPT, UAHS, Priv.	M	RDP, BLF, HLF	Project Ongoing	M	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue efforts to develop project further. Engage with wider community, key stakeholders and private landowners to identify and

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								select sites for future restoration project.
2.2.8	Enrich Town Vibrancy	CCP, CLR, NMDDC,	S-L	RDP, BIG, HLF, NMDDC	<p>This action has been mostly completed in the run up to the Giro and Police & Fire Games.</p> <p>It was highlighted during the consultation that these types of remedial works should be an ongoing activity therefore should remain in the Village Plan</p> <p>Reuse of the former Danske Bank will also assist with the objective of reusing vacant buildings.</p>	H	S-L	<p>Possible Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get colour into the town and forest park (Flower planting and baskets)- Get businesses involved • Mask dereliction • Repair broken furniture • Repaint former upper sq. supermarket - e.g. picture house, national school. • Paint the town • Use the vacant shops for creative purposes • Design and source a covered area for upper square • Replace dead trees
2.3	Carry out immediate remedial work	Various community groups, CCP, CRL, NMDDC, Priv. VO	S-L	Fund Raising, BIG	Various groups have undertaken clean up events in the recent years, including the Girl Guides and the Rural Community Network.	M	S-L	Continue efforts to maintain progress of project. Organise community clean-up (planting events). Engage with wider community via multiple platforms to encourage increased participation.
2.4	Exploit available Green Spaces in the town	NMDDC, CCP, CRL, PSNI	S-L	RDP, BIG, NMDDC	The entrance to the village coming uphill was raised a priority. An exciting entrance feature is required to mark the entrance to the village.	M	S-L	<p>Explore potential for exciting landmark feature upon entry to the village, and engage with key stakeholders in relation to feasibility and potential.</p> <p>Pursue efforts to identify key areas which require design related attention in relation to making spaces safer within the town.</p>

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2.5	Guerrilla Gardening with food Project	Various Groups, CCP, CLR, NMDDC	S-L	Fund Raising	Project Ongoing	M	S-L	Continue efforts to develop and maintain progress of project. Identify key action areas or sites which would benefit the use of the project.
2.6	Create allotments for town (focus on available green spaces e.g. Burrenwood)	NMDDC, CCP, CRL,	M	RDP, NMDDC, BIG, Fund Raising	This project was explored however a suitable site couldn't be identified. The demand for allotments should be assessed to ensure they would be beneficial to the community. Project has potential to link with initiative 2.4	M	M	Engage with key stakeholders, community and private landowners to identify suitable site for allotments. Carry out a feasibility study to assess the need required to deliver a project as such. Explore potential to link project with initiative 2.4.
2.7.1	Undertake analysis of current energy use including fuel poverty	NMDDC, CCP	S-L	NIHE, NMDDC	Project Ongoing	H	S-L	Explore options to carry out energy audit within the town. Engage with key stakeholders and wider community. Explore and seek funding avenues.
2.7.2	Create an "energy" culture in the town	NMDDC, CCP	S-L	NMDDC, RDP	Project Ongoing	H	S-L	Explore options to retrofit buildings with more environmentally efficient energy production. Encourage promotion of energy culture throughout the town via multiple platforms. Explore options to integrate education of sustainability and energy into local educational institutions.
2.7.3	Exploit opportunities from commercial renewables – off shore project, wind farms	CCP, NMDDC, CRL	S-L	RDP, Fund raising, NMDDC	Project Ongoing	H	S-L	Continue efforts to further develop project through continued consultation and engagement with key stakeholders.
2.7.4	Explore establishing local Energy Supply	CCP, CRL, NMDDC	S-L	NMDDC, RDP, BIG	Progress unknown	H	S-L	Continue efforts to further develop project through continued consultation and engagement with key stakeholders.
2.7.5	Company to undertake district heating,	CCP, CRL, NMDDC	S-L	NMDDC, RDP, BIG	Progress unknown	H	S-L	Continue efforts to further develop project through continued

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	renewables provision as an income generator							consultation and engagement with key stakeholders.
2.7.6	Create an "energy advice" night	NMDDC, CCP, CRL, CDRCN	S-L	Fund Raising, RDP, BIG	Project Ongoing – Rural Community Network facilitate information nights on a regular basis.	H	S-L	Continue to develop project and increase promotion through multiple platforms of communication throughout the town.
2.7.7	Create a buyers group to bulk buy fuel for residents	CCP, NMDDC, Priv.	S-L	Fund Raising	There is currently an oil club in operation which enables local resident to achieve discounts on home heating oil when it is bought in bulk. This is a great project however it may be important to raise awareness of it within the local community.	H	S-L	Continue to develop and maintain progress of project throughout the town. Explore options of promotion of project to gain wider community buy-in.
2.8	Town Education Project	NMDDC, CCP, CRL	S-L	NMDDC, RDP, BIG	Significant progress has been achieved in this initiative in recent years, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IT clinic for young adults - Irish language courses - Organic Garden at the Bun Scoil Many other courses, football / English.	M	S-L	Continue efforts to further develop project through continued consultation and engagement with key stakeholders.
2.9	Undertake Programme of Education for Sustainability	CCP, NMDDC, CRL	S-L	RDP, NMDDC, Fund Raising.	Significant progress within this initiative in recent years; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Citizens Club • Occasional market • Create "Grow It Yourself" initiative • Educate on the local food economy • Market for local crafts and fruit and veg • Create a distinct "Castlewellan Craft" to sell Community highlighted the potential of an annual fair – this is to be explored further.	M	S-L	Continue efforts to further develop project through continued consultation and engagement with key stakeholders. Explore potential to develop annual fair.
2.10	Promote Local Food and Crafts Economy	NMDDC, CCP	S-L	NMDDC, RDP, BIG, TourismNI	An opportunity to promote, express and encourage the local food and crafts economy for the use of the community and tourist economy.	H	S	Explore options to further develop project through consultation and engagement with key stakeholders.

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								Identify strategy to best promote strongest assets of food and crafts culture within the town.
2.11	Information signage / boards in the village centre	NMDDC, CCP	S-L	NMDDC, RDP, HLF	There is an opportunity to provide signage / information boards within the village centre to aid tourists and for the local community.	H	S	Explore options to further develop project through consultation and engagement with key stakeholders. Identify key sites to which information signage is most needed. Engage with wider community, business owners and key stakeholders are to design and layout of information signage and content.
3. Tourism, Leisure and Recreation								
3.1	Identify the relevant "exploitable" heritage of the town	CCP, NMDDC, CRL	S-L	BIG, Fund Raising, NMDDC, Tourism NI, HLF, HRN	HLF application is being progressed by NMDDC.	H	S	Continue efforts to further develop project and monitor progress / status of Heritage Lottery Fund application. Explore options to enhance the link between the heritage of the forest and town.
3.2	Twin or link with French town	NMDDC, CCP, Tourism NI	M	Tourism NI, HLF, RDP	Not progressed, however should be explored further.	M	M	Continue efforts to further develop project through continued consultation and engagement with key stakeholders.
3.3	"Exploring our Culture" Project	CCP, NMDDC	S	RDP, HLF, BIG,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All actions remain valid for the future. Some work has been undertaken. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irish Language group facilitates walks on a weekly basis. Community asked NMDDC for funding for a guide to undertake 	H	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revive the hiring fairs Create a heritage tour of Castlewellan Organise a tour of the towns water resources – asap Create a "theme" around the Irish Myths and Legends- druids,

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					<p>tours on a weekly basis, however this was turned down.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The potential of the hiring fair was reiterated NMDDC will create an interpretive and activity plan with the HLF application in respect of Castlewellan Forest Park. Exact content to be considered. 			<p>standing stones, enchanted garden events and dragons.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arc to organise a pre-Christmas arboretum walking tour for the town Local guided tours - architectural heritage and wildlife / horticultural Village Heritage App Explore content for Activity Plan for Castlewellan Forest
3.4	Present Heritage in an accessible format	CCP, CRL, NMDDC	S	RDP, HLF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Soma festival has been a massive success – This festival celebrates the finest in art and craft, music and dance, history and storytelling. Seamus O’Neill summer school Noted that night time event in the walled garden is currently being explored Ongoing national and international mountain bike events Potential to consider the Walled Garden performance space should the HLF application be successful 	H	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance the annual Celtic Fusion event Put on “Music in the square” events Create a themed festival as an annual event Use the Walled Garden as a closed performance space Create a Community festival – Comhaltas, drive-in movie, arts festival Random acts of public art (guerrilla crochet) Big public themed art event – junk art, willow weaving etc.
3.5	Establish notable cultural events branded as Castlewellan Events	NMDDC, Tourism NI, CCP, CRL, DCAL	S-L	RDP, Fund Raising, NMDDC, HLF, BIG, DCAL	Police and Fire Games have now passed therefore this action is no longer relevant. However, the potential to attract other sporting events was highlighted.	M	S-L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exhibitions of police and fire stuff in the square during police and fire games Create events for spectators – walking tours, pub crawls, history of Castlewellan Traditional music throughout the town during big events Street entertainment Party in the town to welcome events

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								<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage pubs to coordinate music and entertainment for events weekends Schools parade wearing uniforms / colours of different countries Float parade – every group and pub / business Put murals on the shop fronts celebrating latest events
3.6	Focus on Police and Fire Games and other externally organised events	NMDDC, CCP, CRL, DCAL, Tourism NI	S-L	RDP, HLT, DCAL, Tourism NI, NMDDC, Fund Raising	Generally ongoing. Welcome leaflets were produced however need updating. A monthly newsletter would be welcomed. This would publicise the achievements / news from all local clubs.	M	S-L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investigate and collate what Castlewellan can offer to visitors Create a “welcome pack” for visitors Apply to DCAL innovation fund to create a digital app Explore potential for a monthly newsletter across a wide range of communication platforms both digital and non-digital.
3.7	Articulate a “Castlewellan offering” as a visitor destination	NMDDC, CCP, Tourism NI	S	NMDDC, RDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Ongoing Link with NMDDC wider tourism strategy Existing tourist information point is only open Monday to Friday. Potential to host tourist information in local shops and cafes – incentives such as a small grant could be offered to ensure the display is well maintained. 	H	S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a “Culture NI” video regarding the arboretum Raise media profile of the town at key events Create a presentation including a short video of the town and area- send to all event organisers to market Castlewellan.

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3.8	Design and implement a promotional campaign- Including competitors and fans of external events	NMDDC, CCP	S-L	NMDDC, Fund Raising	The community felt there is a need for additional information. Notice boards. Potential two to be located at different points in the village (if planning permission is required this should be secured as a priority so that funding can be secured). Irish language group currently issued a bi-monthly newsletter.	M	S-L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop one or several easily found info-points for visitors that are accessible when they are needed Create a display in the library – e.g. games through the ages / popular local games / heritage Clear signage and maps for town approaches (forest park, info points) incl. multilingual signs Hospitality – welcome groups as trained welcome ambassadors Local volunteers – guides, interpreters etc.
3.9	Create accessible visitor information	Private Operators, CCP	S-M	RDP, BIG, Fund Raising, NMDDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hilliard House B&B closed since the publication of the 2012 Village Plan – Possibility that the new owners will reopen it as a guesthouse. Explore the potential for additional tourist accommodation within Castlewellan Forest Park 	H	S-M	Identify and promote accommodation options: B&B, extra temporary campsites, spare rooms, house swaps, facilities for families. Ask event organisers to host a meeting locally about their accommodation needs. Open up houses for accommodation during events. Explore potential for Tourism NI Accredited B&B within the town Link to Air BNB – Online database of “rooms in homes”.
3.10.1	Create a mechanism for local participation in park planning	NMDDC, CCP, CDRCN	S	RDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Masterplan and Heritage Lottery Fund application is currently being progressed by NMDDC. This aims to address many of the actions included in the Village Plan for development of the Forest Park. This will include a programme of capital works 	H	S	Create linkages between the park and the town – Train, bus During events – Change entrance to the park e.g. reverse the exit and entrance.
3.11.2	Create physical connections	NMDDC, CCP	S	RDP, NMDDC		H	S	Create a social enterprise bike wash business Flower show - biodiversity plating Plant sales - Similar to Park Scheme

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	between park and town				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some progress – regular meetings held. NMDDC have undertaken consultation work with the community. Castlewellan Forest is performing well in terms of visitor numbers. Mountain biking is a major attractor. Access and parking is still referenced as a major constraint. This also causes parking issues on Castlewellan Main Street as visitors often park there and walk to the Forest. Restore “Grange” yard as business facilities – Scoping / Feasibility study required. End users need to be identified. <p>The Entrance and Exit issue is an ongoing matter and NMDDC will be undertaking a traffic study in the park.</p>			Enhance volunteering within the Park
3.12.3	Create opportunities for local ownership of Park operations	NMDDC, CCP	S	RDP, NMDDC		H	S	Engage with wider community and key stakeholders, in relation to possible opportunity for locals to manage and operate events within the park.
3.13.4	Enhance the Parks Facilities (Heritage)	NMDDC, CCP	S	BIG, HLF, NMDDC, RDP		H	S	Renovate the Moorish Tower in the park, Lengthen the lake for international rowing events Restore walled garden Map biodiversity of park Restore “Grange” yard as business facilities
3.12	Maximise opportunities for visitors to stay in and around Castlewellan for events	CCP, Tourism NI, NMDDC, DCAL	S	DCAL, RDP, Fund Raising	A project to explore the potential to retain and attract increased visitor capacity to / within the town. The town is increasingly developing its events offering and would benefit from the ability to retain a greater number of tourists to benefit the local and surrounding Castlewellan economy.	H	S	Engage with wider community and key stakeholders in relation to most appropriate strategy for retaining a tourism economy within and around the town. Identify issues which reduce the level of tourist staying within the town and establish options to address.
3.13	Promote Castlewellan as hub for sporting events	CCP, TourismNI, NMDDC, DCAL	S	DCAL, RDP, Fund Raising, NMDDC	Castlewellan has been successfully hosting sporting events for several years including Mourne Triathlon and the Garand Fondo. The Castlewellan area hosts some of the most popular cycling routes in Northern Ireland. There is the opportunity to further exploit cycling through apps such as Strava.	H	S	Engage with wider community and key stakeholders in relation to most appropriate strategy for promoting the town as a hub for sporting events. Opportunity for project to progress in tandem with initiative 3.11.

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					A 5k Castlewellan Park run should also be initiated.			
4. Infrastructure, Businesses and Services								
4.1	Create a unified forum for business cooperation on key issues	CRL, NMDDC	S-L	RDP, NMDDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shop local scheme has been done • Christmas lighting / tree needed • Vacant units could be used to provide the hot desk office space 	M	S-L	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local businesses to develop a "shop local" discount scheme • Shop window display competition Explore setting up a local currency • Provide dedicated outlet for local produce • Provide Wi-Fi in key locations in town (e.g. Café's) • Create hot-desk office for self employed • Create "innovation" initiative – e.g. Hacktivist event
4.2	Create initiatives to enhance business offering	CRL, NMDDC	S	NMDDC, RDP, HLF	<p>Parking and traffic management was highlighted as an important issue. The following actions were suggested:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Undertake traffic surveys - Prepare parking strategy (ongoing by NMDDC) - Coordination needed with Castlewellan Forest Park <p>Dedicated commuter parking required - Explore the potential of lay-by between Castlewellan and Annsborough to remove commuter parking from the village centre.</p>	H	S	Engage and collaborate with wider community and key stakeholders in relation to most feasible options regarding initiatives to enhance business offering.

		2012 Action Plan			2017 Update			
	Action substantially complete							
	Ongoing							
	Major constraint to implementation							
	New project							
Regeneration Initiative		Key Stakeholders	Time Frame	Potential Funders	Progress @ November 2017	Priority H, M, L	Time frame	Actions
4.3	Parking and traffic management	TNI, NMDDC, DfI	L	TNI, DfI, RDP, NMDDC	Access to basic services such as internet is essential for local businesses. Mobile phone network connection can be an issue. Plans for a new mobile phone mast underway.	M	L	Engage and collaborate with wider community and key stakeholders in relation to parking management and traffic issues within the town.
Stakeholders and Potential Funders								
ACNI Arts Council of Northern Ireland BPT Buildings Preservation Trust CA Community Association DAERA Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs DFC Department for Communities DFI Department for Infrastructure RDP Rural Development Programme HRN Heritage Trust Network HLF – Heritage Lottery Fund HSCNI Health and Social Care Northern Ireland NIEA Northern Ireland Environment Agency NIHE Northern Ireland Housing Executive NMDDC Newry, Mourne and Down District Council BLF – Big Lottery Fund MHT – Mourne Heritage Trust		ORNI Outdoor Recreation NI RA - Rivers Agency PLO - Private land owner Priv Private Sector PSNI Police Service Northern Ireland PTA Parent Teachers Association RS – Road Service SNI Sport Northern Ireland SEELB South Eastern Education and Library Board SEHSCT South East Health and Social Care Trust TL – Translink TNI Transport NI Tourism NI – Formerly NI Tourism Board UAHS Ulster Architectural Heritage Society UHF – Ulster Historical Foundation CDRCN – County Down Rural Community Network						