



The Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

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Derry and Strabane Rural Partnership was established in 2015 to deliver the LEADER elements (Priority 6) of the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme. LEADER is a European Community initiative for assisting rural communities in improving the quality of life and economic prosperity in their local area.

The Derry and Strabane Rural Partnership has been allocated a budget of £7.54m to deliver the following funding schemes:

- Rural Business Investment Scheme
- Rural Basic Services Scheme
- Rural Village Renewal Scheme
- Rural Cooperation Scheme

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Scheme: Village Renewal Scheme
Applicant: Jack and Jill Community Playgroup
Project: Plumbridge Village Renewal Project
Grant: £35,000

Aim of Project:

To create a new cross-community playgroup facility after the previous premises was destroyed by flooding, in order to support children aged 3-5 and local primary schools in Plumbridge.

Summary of Project :

The project saw the regeneration of a vacant and derelict site back into community use and the enhancement of the rural environment. By installing a building unit, linking it to utilities and landscaping the surrounding area, the project saw the integration of a vacant site back into the community.

Impact of Project:

Jack and Jill Playgroup has more than doubled its potential intake. The community playgroup now has the capacity to offer places for up to 20 children aged 3 to 5 in future years, supporting primary schools in the area via local pre-school provision.

“ The playgroup is a great facility and I have nothing but positive things to say about it. Basically this has kept a bit of the community alive. It’s now our second year down there and we find it’s a far safer location because it is off the road and has parking available for pick up and drop off. We have a lovely facility next to the MUGA pitch and there are also plenty of opportunities to develop around it.”

BRONAGH KEARNEY, PLAYGROUP COMMITTEE SECRETARY
AT JACK AND JILL PLAYGROUP

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