



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: Rural Basic Services Scheme
Applicant: Tiny Tots Daycare
Project: State-of-the-art Daycare Facility
Grant: £50,000

Aim of Project:

To create a state-of-the-art daycare facility which offers wrap-around care and learning in a safe and secure environment aimed at meeting the childcare provisions of local parents and their children.

Summary of Project :

The project renovated and extended a property in Sion Mills to create a state-of-the-art daycare facility. It has created a baby room, toddler room, pre-school room and out-of-school room, along with renovated kitchen facilities, staff room and a new outdoor play area. Underfloor heating has been installed and all the windows have been replaced.

Impact of Project:

Tiny Tots Daycare has quadrupled its capacity in 12 months and now offers care and learning to over 50 children in Sion Mills and its surrounding area. The facility employs 14 fully qualified and experienced staff to look after the children.

“ Without the funding from the Rural Business Investment Scheme, we wouldn’t have been able to set up this business. It means we have been able to create a lot of jobs in a rural area. I now employ 14 full and part time staff.”

JAYNE MITCHELL, OWNER OF TINY TOTS DAYCARE

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