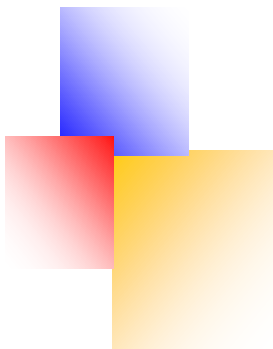




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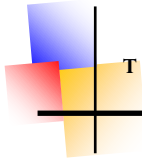


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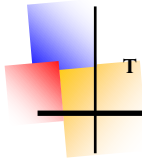


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Community Group: Annascaul Community Alert Group

RSS Measure: Social care & care of the elderly, community care for both pre-school and after-school groups.

The Annascaul community Alert group was established in 2005. Through their work & their contact with Public Health nurses etc, they identify households that need assistance in carrying out small repairs & maintenance. The work carried out by the RSS includes the following, power washing exterior walls, interior & exterior painting, wallpapering, clearing rubbish & garden & flowerbed maintenance. The numbers of elderly people availing of the visitation programme whereby an RSS participant calls to an identified householder each week has proved to be very successful & the numbers increased in 2011. The elderly availing of this service received a visit from a RSS worker each week to have a chat & cup of tea. During bad weather the RSS workers are also available if required to call on the elderly to grit pathways, & organise fuel & carry out any other small jobs if required.



Unpainted Kitchen



Painting Completed by RSS



Community Group: Annascaul Walking Festival Committee

RSS Measure: Maintenance and enhancing way-marked ways, agreed walks and bog roads.

The Annascaul Walking Festival Committee has been in existence since 2004. The committee organise a walking festival during the October bank holiday weekend each year, whereby interested parties & individuals are taken on organised guided walks of different levels. This festival has proved to be a huge success & of great financial benefit to the local businesses in the area. The RSS has been working with the committee since 2007 & has been involved with the development of new loop walks & the care & maintenance of existing walks. Checking pathways, stiles & markers is on-going on a regular basis. In 2011 the RSS workers upgraded the Bracluinn loop walk which included the cutting back of ferns & furze along the walk way & the rerouting of the walk in sections to make the route safer. The construction of steps on the descent of the walk was also carried out. The committee decided that they would organise a second walking Festival during 2011 which also proved to be a great success.



Table erected by RSS



Steps constructed by RSS

Community Group: Annascaul Parish Buildings

RSS Measure: Village & Countryside enhancement projects

The Rural Social Scheme is involved with the care & maintenance of the exterior of the Annascaul Parish Buildings. The work carried out by the RSS includes weekly care & maintenance of the grounds of the church & Presbytery which includes cutting & strimming of the grass & hedges, & the care & maintenance of the flowerbeds. Leaf collection & removal of moss from the pathways is also carried out. During the year any touch up painting or minor repairs would also be done by the RSS workers.



Church Grounds Annascaul



Annascaul Presbytery

Community Group: Inch Community Council

RSS Measure: Environmental maintenance work – maintenance and caretaking of community facilities



The Inch Community Council are very much involved in all aspects of Community life in Inch & it is with this in mind that they set up a committee who fund raised to build the Inch Community Centre. The centre has proved to be an integral part of community life in a rural area such as Inch. It is a place where young & old can meet on a regular basis for a variety of activities such as Aerobics, Computer classes etc. The RSS carries out Care & maintenance on a weekly basis of the Community centre & this involves, cleaning, preparing rooms for meetings, Senior Citizens outings etc. They are also very much involved in the care & maintenance of the exterior of the building, which involves, painting, cleaning of eve shoots, washing windows, & care & maintenance of the grounds of the centre.



Community Group: Inch Community Council

RSS Measure: Environmental maintenance work –
maintenance and caretaking of community
facilities

Inch Village Enhancement

Care & maintenance of Inch village is done on an on-going basis. This work involves weekly clean up of entrance to beach & general tidy up of pathways in village.

Inch Church

The exterior of the church grounds is also cleaned & maintained on a regular basis by the RSS worker & this involves the cutting & strimming of the grass & hedges & the maintenance of the flower beds on a regular basis. Ensuring that a Christmas Tree & Crib are in place is also part of RSS work.

Dingle Way (Inch Section)

The work carried out by the RSS worker along the Inch sections of the Dingle Way include on-going checks of stiles & markers & the opening of drains along sections of the walks. Work began in 2011 to develop a new walk that will establish a new loop walk connecting sections of the Inch & Annascaul Dingle Way.

Marker Maum Loop Walk



Community Group **Milltown / Listry Church & Presbytery.**

RSS Measure: **Village & Countryside enhancement projects**

Milltown/Listry church covers an area that includes 2 churches, a Presbytery & a Graveyard. The RSS work carried out here includes care & maintenance on a weekly basis of these facilities. Strimming, Grass cutting, leaf collection & minor repairs are all part of the work carried out in this area. Organising a Christmas crib & Christmas tree are all part of the work carried out by the RSS. Interior & exterior painting of the Parish buildings & any touch up painting identified during the course of the year are also carried out by the Rural Social Scheme. The RSS worker employed here is also moved to different projects in the Community when the need arises.



Community Group: **Milltown / Castlemaine GAA**

RSS Measure **Environmental maintenance work – maintenance and caretaking of Community & sporting facilities**



Hedge Cutting



Hedge Cutting

Care & maintenance is carried out on a weekly basis in this GAA facility by the RSS worker employed here. The facility includes a full size GAA football pitch & dressing rooms, showers & meeting rooms. The committee are lucky enough to own a ride on lawnmower & this is used by the RSS on a weekly basis to cut the pitch. Grass cutting & strimming around the perimeter of the pitch is also done when necessary. The pitch is also lined when necessary as part of the RSS work; Interior & exterior painting of the Dressing rooms, Club house & toilet areas was carried out in 2011. Repair to the chain-link fencing around the perimeter of the football pitch was also completed this year.



Community Group Naiolann Solais (Milltown Creche)

RSS Measure: Social care & care of the elderly, community
care for both pre-school and after-school
groups

Naiolann Solais is a crèche facility in the Milltown area offering child-minding / preschool services to over 120 Children ranging in age from babies to toddlers to preschool to an after school service. The crèche has over 15 full time & part-time staff & the RSS workers here provide a care & maintenance service both inside & outside of this facility. The main duties of the inside worker include, washing & polishing of the floor areas, washing of toilet areas, sterilising of toys & the assistance with light Kitchen duties when required.

The other RSS worker is responsible for the care & maintenance of the grounds of the facility which include, grass cutting & strimming, maintenance of flower beds, painting interior & exterior & any other touch up painting required. Disposal of rubbish is also carried out on a weekly basis. This worker moves to other projects when required. In 2011 the RSS were responsible for developing & maintaining a new play area in the grounds of the facility.



Tunnel constructed by RSS

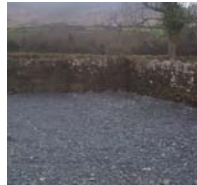


Naiolann Solais Grounds

Community Group: Keel Community Centre

RSS Measure: Environmental maintenance work – maintenance and caretaking of community & sporting facilities.

The RSS have been working part-time in the Keel Community Centre since 2006. The Centre provides a Meeting place where Young & Old can meet on a regular basis & take part in various activities. The work carried out by the RSS includes general care & maintenance of the centre on a weekly basis, interior & exterior painting & minor repair work is also carried out. Activities such as Basketball, Indoor Soccer & Scór are some of the activities that take place in the Centre. In 2011 the RSS were responsible for the clearing & spreading of limestone chippings on the grounds of the Centre. All this work makes the centre an attractive & well maintained part of the Keel village.



Community Group: Keel GAA

RSS Measure: Environmental maintenance work – maintenance and caretaking of community & sporting facilities.

The Keel GAA Club consists of a Football pitch, Dressing rooms, Shower areas & large meeting & function rooms. The work carried out here by the RSS includes care & maintenance of these facilities on a weekly basis. The club own their own ride on lawnmower & this is used by the RSS workers, on a weekly basis to maintain the grass. Lining of the pitch & setting out flags prior to & after a match is also carried out when required. The surrounding walls & entrance was painted by the RSS in 2011.





Community Group: Castlemaine Community Services

RSS Measure: Social care & care of the elderly, community care for both pre-school and after school groups.

The RSS have been working with the Castlemaine Community Services since 2008. Their work includes interior & exterior painting of Senior Citizens houses which have been recommended by the local Public Health nurse or local Community Care group. They also carry out garden maintenance which includes, grass cutting, strimming, hedge cutting & care & maintenance of flower beds.

The Home visitation programme introduced in 2010 by the Rural Social Scheme has proven to be very successful. The identified householders agreed to receive a visit from a RSS participant. The RSS participant agrees a suitable time & day each week to call to the householder. Whilst there, they might just simply have a cup of tea & a chat or they might carry out some small job for the householder. This has proven to be very successful & the numbers of householders availing of this service has increased in 2011.



Grass Cutting by RSS



Wall painting by RSS

The RSS are also involved in the installation of Smoke Alarms in Senior Citizens houses. These alarms were received from Kerry County Council & in 2011 an allocation of 1,000 alarms were received for South Kerry. The RSS participants who are installing the alarms received training during the year from the Kerry Fire & Rescue Service. The take up from houses receiving the alarms has been very good to date.

Community Group: Castlemaine Tidy Towns

RSS Measure: Village & Countryside enhancement projects.



Castlemaine is a small rural village with a population of around 300. In 2009 a small group of people decided to come together & form a Tidy Towns committee. The committee then applied to the Rural Social Scheme for help in carrying out some of the following work to prepare the village for entry into the Tidy Towns competition. The work carried out by the RSS participants involves grass cutting & strimming on the entrance to the village, erection & maintenance of Flower Baskets. & the development of flower beds in the village. In 2011 the RSS workers were involved in upgrading & developing a Water Pump & stone seating surround in the centre of the village.

Community Group: Ballyfinnane Community Centre

RSS Measure: Maintenance and caretaking of community & sporting facilities



Painting Ballyfinnane



Completed Painting

The Ballyfinnane Community Centre plays a vital role in the life of this rural area. The Centre is used by young & old on a weekly basis. The local primary school is situated next door & the work carried out here over the past few years has greatly enhance the facility. This work includes opening & closing of the facility, the setting out of tables & chairs for meetings, card games etc, & the general care & maintenance of the facility on a weekly basis. The grounds of the centre are also maintained which includes, cutting & strimming of grass, & general clean up of the area. In 2011 the RSS were responsible for the painting of the exterior of the centre. The committee organise an annual Garden Fete for fundraising & are delighted with the on-going work which is carried out by the RSS.



Community Group **Ballyfinnane Primary School**

RSS Measure: Environmental maintenance work,
maintenance and care-taking of community
and sporting facilities.



Ballyfinnane National School is a rural school with 25 students. The RSS are involved in various once off projects in the school over the past 2 years. In 2011 the RSS were involved in the painting of the exterior of the school & play shelter in the yard.

Community Group: Ardmoniel / Dromavalla Graveyard

RSS Measure: Village & Countryside enhancement projects



Dromavalla Graveyard



The Ardmoniel/Dromavalla committee are responsible for the care & maintenance of two graveyards in the Killorglin area.

In Dromavalla Graveyard the RSS workers are responsible for the cutting & strimming of the grass on a weekly basis. They are also responsible for the clearing of weeds & grass from Kerbs & the collection of old rubbish & flowers from graves & disposing of it in the stone area that they previously constructed.

In Ardmoniel Graveyard the main work carried out by the RSS is the development of pathways in the graveyard. The workers cleared the ground for the construction of new paths, marked out the area, & layed concrete etc. They are also involved in the laying of new kerbs along the completed pathways. Pathways along the perimeter wall are also being developed & improved with the laying of lime stone chippings & the planting of shrubs & flowers.

The Graveyard Committee organise Annual Masses during the Summer months in both Graveyards & the committee feel that a great appreciation of the work carried out by the RSS during the year is shown by the generous donations given by the Public on the day of the Mass.

Community Group Old Keel Graveyard

RSS Measure: Village & Countryside Enhancement Project

The Old Keel Graveyard Committee are responsible for the care & maintenance of the Old Keel Graveyard. They organise an outdoor Mass in the Graveyard grounds once a year.. The two RSS workers working in Keel cut & strim the grass in the graveyard for the Annual Mass.



Community Group Killorglin Rugby Field

RSS Measure: Environmental maintenance work -
maintenance and caretaking of Community &
Sporting Facilities.

The Rural Social Scheme has been involved with Killorglin Rugby Club since 2009. The main work that is carried out by the RSS is on going care & maintenance of the Killorglin Rugby Club pitch & Storage Facility. In 2011 the RSS developed the entrance to the storage area which was previously very wet & muddy. They have also been responsible for the development of the pitch area & surrounds, which included the cutting back of briars & brambles & the filling of holes in the field.





Caherciveen1-24KY0002—Supervisor: David O’Neill

Community Group Kerry Way Committee & Caherciveen Outdoor Club

RSS Measure Maintaining and enhancing way marked way



We continued our work on the upgrading and signage work that was identified on the annual reports and by our RRO Maria Farmer and now Patricia Deane. It was great to see the work being done by the landowners to keep the walks up to the mark after our hard work in setting them up.

Community Group St Mary’s GAA Club

RSS Measure Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care-taking of community and sporting facilities

In this project we helped with the maintenance work on their pavilion. This year we worked on the old clubrooms which are being used by the juvenile teams. The work included painting of the building inside and outside, it. We also help with the lining of the pitches for games. We help with the general maintenance such as strimming and weed control as well as litter after games. We also repaired some of the nets around the ground.



Community Group **Valentia Graveyard Committee**

RSS Measure **Village and countryside enhancement projects**

This project was mostly maintenance in 2011 as all of the pathway are now in place. We put in a new gate in the graveyard. This committee must be complimented on the work they do.

Community Group **Piarsaigh na Dromoda GAA Club**

RSS Measure **Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care-taking of community and sporting facilities**



In this project we have worked on the extension to the clubrooms which included a new meeting room and two new dressing rooms with showers and toilets. A referees room complete with shower and toilet was also involved.



The work we did included painting of the entire building, new seating painted and put in place. All new footpaths put all round the building. We were delighted to finish this project to a very high standard. The participants must be complimented on the level of work that was done



Community Group	Parent Council of Scoil Mhuire & Parent Council of St Joseph School
RSS Measure	Social care and care of the elderly, community care for both pre- school and after-school groups.



This project is on going where a participant goes in to the schools to spend time with the children coaching them the basic skills of football and basketball. The beauty of this project is that there are new children coming on board every year. This participant has gone and done the coaching certificates in both codes with his own clubs. We also helped out with odd jobs such as creating raised beds for the gardens in the schools and a little painting in Scoil Mhuire while they were waiting to employ a new caretaker. We also did a little shed for them.

Community Group	Caherciveen Pastoral Committee
RSS Measure	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care-taking of community and sporting facilities.

In this we are involved in the maintenance of these 2 churches which are on the out skirts of the parish. The work we carry out would include grass cutting, hedge cutting, flower beds. We would also do small paint jobs when required. On the inside we would do dusting, cleaning, polishing, washing of the garments and putting up the cribs, Christmas trees, advent candles and any other odd jobs are the arises. For 2011 this work was a continuation of 2010.





Community Group Kerry Life Education Ltd

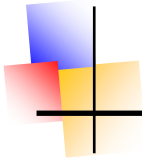
RSS Measure Social care and care of the elderly, community care for both pre- school and after-school groups.

This project involves the moving the unit which is a 30 foot trailer towed by a jeep from school to school all over the area. The unit is moved in to the school after school hours so the safety of the children is taken care of. The set up of the unit involves the running of cables from school to the unit, steps up into the unit, and the stabilising of the unit to make sure it is level and safe. The unsociable hours are not a problem to the participants as it is a big success with the children. We in this scheme would deal with 14 different schools with this project. In 2011 we continued on with this project its great to see the faces of the children when they see the trailer pulling in to their school.

Community Group Valentia Island Heritage Centre Committee

RSS Measure Projects relating to not for profit cultural and heritage centres

In this project we are involved in the maintenance of the grounds which includes grass cutting, hedge cutting and weed control. We would also help out on any odd jobs that would arise during the year such as a little tiling around the toilets. This year we gave the inside of the building a new coat of paint during the close season. We also did the maintenance around the monument in Foilhammuram. This is the site where the old trans-Atlantic cable entered the ocean.



Community Group	Caherciveen Tidy Towns Committee, ACARD Ltd, Valentia Island Community Environmental Group, & Chapeltown Tidy Towns Committee.
RSS Measure	Village and countryside enhancement projects



With these groups the projects mostly involve work for the tidy towns competition. In Caherciveen this would include grass cutting, putting up flower baskets, watering the flower baskets, and helping to improve the approaches to the town. With ACARD Ltd we maintain the town park which we help to develop last year. Also on the Island we continued to maintain the area approach to the island and other landmark area around the island. This work is on going each year during the summer months and quiten down during the winter months.

Community Group	Social Services Caherciveen, St Vincent De Paul, Valentia Community Care Committee, Renard GAA Club, HSE & District Nurses, Filemore GAA CLUB & NCBI, South West Kerry Family resource centre
RSS Measure	Social care and care of the elderly, community care for both pre- school and after-school groups.



Again this year these are the projects we spend most of our time. Unfortunately we lost some of the elderly but we as always gained some more. We got a number of houses and flats ready for elderly people who were in hospital and returning home, the work would include painting, general cleaning and timber flooring, putting in ramps and hand-rails.



We also continued with our lawns and hedge service for those who require it. A lot of this work would seem repetitive but we are dealing with new people all the time. We would help moving furniture,hospital beds out to the homes and other odd jobs for people the district nurses would identify that are in need of help.

Community Group

Ballinskelligs Inshore Rescue

RSS Measure

Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care-taking of community and sporting facilities.



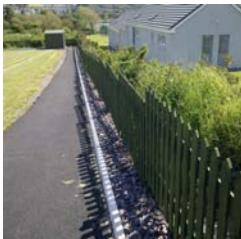
They also built a boatshed which also has an office and in April 2011 they gain formal recognition from the Irish Coastguard. The work we started in November will include maintenance of the boatshed and office and a little paper work in the office side of things this work is branching out to new areas of work as the word of our work spreads.

Community Group

Caherciveen Graveyards Committee

RSS Measure

Village and countryside enhancement projects



Again in 2011 with Kerry County Council and the graveyard committee we continued with our work in getting these graveyards up to the mark the council wanted.



The work involved building of flowerbeds, painting of the gates and boundary walls. In Holy cross we erected a new railing along the back boundary. In Sugrena we did some strimming. In the Abbey graveyard we put up a new safety rail and new gates. In October we were called on to help with flood damage to the Kinard graveyard. This work included returning the graves to their original state and drainage work to stop future damage.



All this work was done under the direction of Kerry County Council's Area Engineer.



Community Group	Board of Management of Coláiste na Sceilge
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RSS Measure	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care-taking of community and sporting facilities.
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In this project we help the school out with lining their field for sports events such as athletics, football matches and for their training as well. We help out the grass cutting on it as well. It is a big help to the school as their budget have got big cuts, the same as everywhere.

Community Group	Fertha Drive Residents Committee
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RSS Measure	Village and countryside enhancement projects
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The work involved with this group was grass cutting and general maintenance of their estate. This is a relatively building estate and the residents are trying to upgrade their surrounds. We look forward to working with them in 2012.

Killarney 24KY0003—Supervisor: Breda O’ Shea

Community Group Killarney Community Services

RSS Measure Social care and care of the elderly, community after-school groups and community pre-schooling groups.



The Rural Social Scheme painted 12 houses in Monastery Gardens for the elderly. Paint, brushes and rollers were provided by Killarney Town Council. This work was identified by the town council and carried out under Killarney Community Services also painted a home in the Pinewood Estate



Other work carried out for the elderly and needy includes, grass cutting, hedge cutting, power-hosing, light repairs and maintenance. This work is carried out in a discreet and respectful manner.

Community Group Ballyhar Dynamos

RSS Measure Environmental maintenance work maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities.



Ballyhar soccer club receives on-going support from the Rural Social Scheme. Pitch cutting takes place three times a week during the season. Pitch lining before games, weed control and general upkeep of the changing rooms and grounds.



Community Group

Listry GAA Club

RSS Measure

Environmental maintenance work
maintenance and caretaking of community
and sporting facilities



Listry football club receives regular support by way of general pitch maintenance and club house maintenance before and after games.

Up keep of grounds and parking area of the pitch, strimming, keeping walking track trimmed, disposal of plastic bottles and garbage.

Community Group

Fossa Development Association

RSS Measure

Environmental maintenance work,
maintenance and caretaking of sporting
and community facilities.



Fossa Community Centre opened a new community office in 2011. This office is supported by SKDP and received Leader funding for their office equipment. Development of the new office was carried out by RSS Participants. New door, and windows installed, new flooring laid and office fully painted. RSS Also erected male/female changing areas in the old church .

Community Group **Listry Community Council/First Steps Child Care Centre**

RSS Measure Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and caretaking of sporting and community facilities.



Listry Community and Child Care Centre receives support from the Rural Social Scheme on an on-going basis.

RSS provides caretaker, cleaning of the child care centre and the community centre,
Sterilising of toys and other equipment,



The washing of sheets from the cots and other clothing used in the childcare centre,

General maintenance, and caretaking and assisting with the meals on wheels three day's a week.

Community Group **Kerry Life Education Unit**

RSS Measure Other

Kerry Life Education Ltd is a community mobilisation project. It was originally set up with South Kerry Development Partnership and Killarney Town Council. The aim of the project is to deliver life education covering programmes on alcohol/substance misuses, prevention programmes but also covered nutrition and exercise, peer dynamics and self esteem. The Rural Social Scheme has four teams of drivers and transports the unit from school to school covering different areas. The RSS have been supporting this project for a number of years and is on-going as the programme could not be delivered without the support of the RSS.





Community Group **Beaufort Tidy Towns**

RSS Measure Village and countryside enhancement projects.



Clearing of scrub, briars, overgrown grass and bracken from The Beaufort Bar to Loe Bridge inclusive on both sides of the road.



Community Group **Gap Valley Project**

RSS Measure Village and countryside enhancement project.



On-going horse waste removal and the removal of plastic bottles, also the up-keep of the car park and road sides free of overgrowth during the tourist



season. Painting of bridge at Gap of Dunloe .

Community Group **South West Counselling Centre**

RSS Measure Secretarial support for community groups.

The Rural Social Scheme supports the counselling centre by assisting them with office duties, i.e. answering phones, photocopying, making appointments, cleaning once a week and also light maintenance. Painted counselling room at rear of building , power-hosed all exterior walls.

Community Group Select Vestry Killarney & Aghadoe Union

RSS Measure Environmental maintenance work maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities.



On-going maintenance and up-keep of the Killeggy and Aghadoe Burial Grounds also the demolition and rebuilding of stone wall at Muckcross.



Community Group Fossa Development Association

RSS Measure Environmental maintenance work-maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities.



On-going maintenance and up-keep of St. Johns' (Paupers) Graveyard.



Community Group Fossa Development Association

RSS Measure Projects relating to maintenance and enhancement of way-marked ways, agreed walks, bog roads etc.



On-going maintenance, strimming, cutting back overgrowth on the developed walk way from Fossa to Killarney. This five mile walk is very popular and is being maintained by the Rural Social Scheme on an on-going basis.



Community Group **Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle**RSS Measure Secretarial support for community groups.



The RSS assisted the group by processing all on-line registrations, sending out postal registrations and sending sponsorship cards and cycle numbers to all cyclists. Manning the phone and dealing with all enquiries.



Monies raised in 2011 amounted to €580,000 which was distributed to local charities.

Community Group **Down Syndrome Kerry**RSS Measure Other



The Kerry Branch of Down Syndrome Ireland opens a tea room at the entrance to the park in Killarney from April to September. The tea room provides paid employment to young people with Down Syndrome for the summer and the Rural Social Scheme provides assistance by working in the tea room and interacting with the young people.

Community Group **Killarney Community Services**RSS Measure Social Care and care of the elderly, community after-school groups and community pre-school groups.



The Rural Social Scheme provides support to the Holy Cross Day Care Centre by assisting with activities for the elderly i.e. (bingo, art, exercise) helping them with their meals and preparing them for the bus.

Community Group Killarney National Park Kerry Way

RSS Measure Projects relating to maintenance and enhancement of way-marked ways, agreed walks, bog roads etc.



Counters erected in three areas to monitor usage also work carried out for Killarney National Park. Materials carried in by hand to specified area under the instruction of Killarney National Park. Work on-going.

Community Group Beaufort Special Needs Project

RSS Measure Social Care and care of the elderly, community after-school groups and community pre-school groups



RSS provides support to this project by developing garden at rear, power-hosing outside grounds collecting leaves and overgrowth and also provides office assistance.

Community Group Ring of Kerry Quality Lamb Marketing Group

RSS Measure Other



This new project was set up by a group of farmers who wanted to increase the sale of their lambs and to provide a quality locally produced product. The Rural Social Scheme provides secretarial support for the marketing group by keeping records of membership, contact farmers to supply lambs, contacting customers in relation to lamb distribution, taking orders over the phone, contacting the restaurant and hotel customer listing and contacting butchers for killing arrangements.



Community Group Knocknahoe Residence Association

RSS Measure Village and countryside enhancement projects



This is a newly formed residence association who want to improve their locality. RSS supported the group by, clearing the cross at Knocknahoe, erecting fencing and sanding and treating the fencing



Community Group Anabla National School

RSS Measure Environmental maintenance work-maintenance & Caretaking of Community & Sporting Facilities



The board of management of Anabla National School erected a new hall adjacent to the school. The hall is used by all groups in the community and also on a daily basis by the school and painting was carried out by RSS .



Community Group St Vincent De-Paul

RSS Measure Social care & care of the elderly, community care for both pre & after school support groups

Clearing of garden at the rear of residential home care on the site of St. Mary's Parish Hall, and on going maintenance of the same. Residents will also assist with the up-keep of the garden when the major clearing is complete.

Community Group Cahersiveen Festival of Music & The Arts

RSS Measure Community Administration /Clerical Duties



The Cahersiveen Festival is now in its 16th year and provides a much needed income stream for the local businesses of the town. RSS provide clerical support and erect the festival stage, safety barriers and signage and also helps with the clean up.





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Community Group Glencar Graveyards Committee

RSS Measure: Environmental Maintenance work,
maintenance and care-taking of community
and sporting facilities.

Cummer Grave Yard This graveyard dates from the 1700's it has many un-inscribed grave markers as well as a cross-inscribed slab, a boulder that is locally referred to as a mass rock, and a total of 36 inscribed headstones.



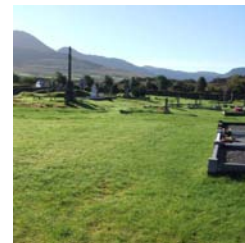
Work on this graveyard in the past year has involved the repairs to the boundary wall and the extension of the footpath within the graveyard. has been completed. The felling of trees outside the graveyard has meant a greater light concentration and it is hoped that this will help the moss growth situation on graves.

**Shronahree Grave Yard**

This graveyard has two sections part of which dates back to the 1700's and part of the graveyard is still unused. The laying of a cement path driveway into the graveyard the widening of the entrance gate is now fully completed.



In the past few months the work has concentrated on the development of the roadway from the main road into the burial ground when completed this will allow cars to park up and to still have ample room to pass by in the event of a burial taking place. It involved the laying of pipes and trunking and hard core. The help from Kerry County Council on the main road has aided parking as they have cleaned back bushes and put in a layby.



Community Group

Cappanalea OEC

RSS Measure:

Environmental maintenance work
maintenance and caretaking of community
and sporting facilities

Cappanalea is an Outdoor Education Centre (OEC) run under the auspices of Kerry Education Service. The Centre focuses on personal development through the medium of adventure sports. The centre is open with thirty years and has had the help of the Rural Social Scheme worker on a weekly basis, since the scheme was



set up in 2004 grass cutting, strimming, hedge cutting and general maintenance of equipment shed, where footwear clothing and all requirements for the outdoor activities are stored. The work is ongoing as there is a constant turnover of students at the Centre.

Community Group

Dragons Den Community Sports Complex

RSS Measure:

Environmental maintenance work
maintenance and caretaking of community
and sporting facilities

The Dragon's Den is a community All-Weather playing facility situated in Killorglin, This is a flood lit amenity with changing facilities. The Dragons Den is used by a large number of groups from the Mid Kerry area and beyond. The Rural Social Scheme workers are responsible for the maintenance of the facility this involves cleaning the dressing rooms, and toilet area. Outdoors the clearing leaves, line painting, grass management is carried out. The ground outside the pitch is strimmed and maintained.. The RSS worker also have responsibility for opening and closing this facility, changing over groups, collecting some money and operating the floodlights, this facility is used up to 10.00pm at night.



Community Group	Glenbeigh Sports Hall Glenbeigh Glencar GAA
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities



The GAA pitch is maintained on a weekly basis, grass cutting, lining the pitch, painting of dug out and painting of changing rooms and cleaning of shower and toilet area are all part of the weekly work carried out by the RSS workers. The care of the Sports Hall is also carried out, having a worker who takes bookings and payments and

offers supervision for events has meant that the hall is used for basketball, bowls, and all other activities.. The Sports Hall is uses for the annual fashion show and the stage and ramp are assembled by the workers. Children’s birthday parties are held here at weekends. The bouncing castles can be inflated within the hall making parties possible regardless of weather.



Community Group	Kerry Way Committee
RSS Measure:	Maintaining and enhancing waymark



This walking trail is 215 km in length walkers usually begins in Killarney and head around the Iveragh Peninsula passing through some of the most beautiful scenic landscape that the county has to offer. The trail makes it way through the lower reaches of the mountain ridge, passing

through some wet and boggy terrain, as well as some rocky higher ground. In the Mid Kerry area the RSS workers have this year put in place several new finger posts . They have put in new piping and drains and part of the route that was severely damaged by the adverse weather in January. They replaced pipes that were burst they rebuilt drains that were effected by flooding.



Community Group **Killorglin Credit Union Cycling Club**

RSS Measure: Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities

Killorglin Credit Union Cycling Club is one of the longest established cycling clubs in Ireland. It has a proud history and tradition. The club has produced many champions over the years but the basic aim of the club is to get people on their bikes. RAS MUMHAN and the YOUTH TOUR are both headline events in the Cycling Ireland calendar, and are staged by this cycling club. The RSS worker assists as a caretaker of the club rooms. He constructs signage and assists with safety in relation to race preparation and training schedules.

Community Group **Scamps & Scholars Committee**

RSS Measure: Social Care & care of the elderly, community after school support groups and community pre-schooling support groups.

This child care facility is located in Killorglin and was open in 2002 at full capacity it can cater for one hundred children aging from six months to twelve years. The worker on the RSS has responsibility for the maintenance of the exterior areas, cleaning of footpaths, play areas and grass and hedge cutting. He also carries out small maintenance work within the centre, painting and repairs as is requested. This position is 50% of his weekly work. The other hours of his work is with the cycling club.

Community Group: **Puck Fair Ltd**

RSS Measure: Others

This festival is held in the town of Killorglin for three days in August 10th, 11th & 12th each year and is one of the oldest festival/fairs in Ireland. The RSS workers got involve some years ago and they work for three days leading up to the festival and three days after the festival. They help the organizing committee erect signage, and crowd control barriers in and around the town, when the event is over they remove these and carry them to the storage depot for another year. The festival relies heavily on voluntary work so the help of the Rural Social Scheme workers is of great benefit to the committee.



Community Group Glencar Community Care

RSS Measure: Social Care and care of the elderly,
community after-school groups and
community pre-schooling groups



Care of the elderly is a large part of our work in the past year. House painting, grass and hedge cutting as well as the smaller jobs like cleaning the eve shoots, fixing doors and repairing out sheds and turf sheds for senior citizens. This work is rewarding as some of these people find it difficult to access services such as the County Council Grant Aid. By the very nature of the work it is difficult to pinpoint or highlight the activities as the care and wellbeing of the citizens needs to be respected and for their own security need to be kept as private as possible. In the past few months we have received smoke alarms from KCC and workers were trained on the installing of these alarms and have begun



this work in the homes of our senior citizens.

Community Group Glencar Community Centre Committee

RSS Measure: Environmental maintenance work
maintenance and caretaking of community
and sporting facilities



Glencar Community Centre located at Shanacashel is the focal point for activity in the parish. The refurbishment of the exterior office was completed and the ground work has been fully finished off this past year. RSS worker on a weekly basis prepare the centre for meetings and various parish activities. The parent and toddler group meet here weekly, during the winter months the Centre is used for indoor soccer, movie nights, aerobics, meetings, and other activities for all age groups. The senior citizens are provided with meals on wheels which are cooked at the centre and the older people come in to the Centre twice monthly for a social day

Community Group Laune Rangers GAA

RSS Measure: Environmental maintenance work,
 maintenance and caretaking of community
 and sporting facilities

The Laune Rangers GAA Club was founded in 1888 and has been very successful over the years. The Cloon pitch is used mainly for the junior events, the worker is responsible for the cleaning of the clubrooms after events, maintenance of the pitch boundary, collection of rubbish and the opening of the facility for matches.

Community Group Killorglin Tidy Town

RSS Measure: Village & Countryside Enhancement

The RSS workers are involved in the daily cleaning of rubbish in the Metal Bridge area of the town. Workers were also involved on clearing of the river bank from the Bianconi car park to the Cottoner’ s River. The first round of spraying of the



Japanese Knot Weed was undertaken in August. The workers also maintain the green area in the access route to the town, they have also carried out work for the Laune River Angling Club at the fishing pools on the Laune from Beaufort Bridge to Killorglin. This involved the removal of gorse and some overhanging branches. These duties were carried out on a regular basis for the summer

season.

Community Group Caragh Bridge Angling Club

RSS Measure: Village & Countryside Enhancement



The work at Caragh Bridge in the past year involved the clearing of trees and bramble in the area of the long pool, where salmon and brown trout are fished. This work enabled safe access for the fishing enthusiasts. The work was very much a manual effort with the use of shovels and saws required. The work on the stepping to the higher ground was also completed. This area is in need of annual care due to regrowth.



Community Group **Kilcolman Union of Parishes**

RSS Measure: **Village & Countryside Enhancement**

The work carried out by the participant is grass cutting and strimming rubbish pick up in the ground of St Michaels Church of Ireland church, Workers were brought in from other projects to help with clearing of the disused ground and the installing of labyrinth, planting flowers and helping with ground-work in the overflow car park which was in a neglected state over the past number of years.



Labyrinth



Before



After

Community Group **Lickeen Field Development Association**

RSS Measure: **Village & Countryside Enhancement**

This parish field has been developed to a top class field in the past few years. The RSS workers have managed grass cutting in the field, weed control the making up of a steel frame gate to replace the lighter gate at the entrance and the care of the temporary dressing rooms for the Cul Camp in the summer of 2011. This camp for the school children was a huge success and the fact that children had an amenity within the parish is a great asset to families. Preparations for the annual Cattle Show were also completed by the workers.



Community Group

**Curraheen , Glenbeigh ,& Boheshil
National Schools Board of Management**

RSS Measure

Environmental maintenance work,
maintenance and care-taking of
community and sporting facilities



The Board of Managements sought the help of the RSS workers during the summer holidays to paint the exterior of Glenbeigh National School and the painting of the out sheds and lunch area as well as the boundary walls The work was time consuming as the paint colour was a complete change and a number of coats of paint needed to be applied. .



In Curraheen School the sanding cleaning and re varnishing of the floor boards of one of the rooms was completed. Painting of the toilet area and fitting of shelving was carried out. The exterior wall of the school boundary was repaired and manholes were made safe for children to play in the grounds.

At Boheshil National School the interior of the school was part painted new presses were installed. The boiler house was fully insulated and the exterior was fine plastered and painted Weed control was also dealt with while the children were on their summer holidays.



Community Group	Mid Kerry Tourism Committee
RSS Measure:	Others

This is a community tourist information office and is located in Killorglin town, the RSS worker is responsible for the day to day running of the office, and they provide information on local accommodation and offer advice to the visiting public. They also sell fishing permits in the office and are ready to provide information on train and bus times within the county and beyond. The office is opened all year round. The RSS worker that is based here has a keen interest in the tourist trade and her work is visible in the office in the past year.

Community Group	An Baineach Residents Association
RSS Measure:	Village & Countryside Enhancement

This is a new county council housing estate consisting of fifty six homes. It has a large green amenity area set out in three sections. The RSS workers have worked in this area and are responsible for grass cutting and strimming of the entrance to the estate. We have carried out work for individual homeowners at the request of the residents association. This work is for residents that may currently be in poor health and are unable to look after their lawns themselves. We have also carried out painting in a small scale .

Comment. - Visitation Scheme

During the past year the visitation to the senior citizens in the Glencar area has been very successful as the older people have built up a bond with the workers and the regular visits to their homes is appreciated by the home owners. Grass cutting painting and maintenance of their homes and gardens was carried out. The success of the visitation is down to the fact that the men visiting the older people are from a farming background themselves and they are able to update the older people on the cattle and sheep prices and farming events in the area. The fact that they know the extended family of these people is also a huge benefit.

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Community Group Portmagee Development Group

RSS Measure: Village and country side enhancement projects.
Social care and care of the elderly, community
care for both pre-school and after-school groups.
Community administration/Clerical duties

Portmagee Development Group LTD is made up of 3 sub groups, Tidy Towns, Social Services & Community Centre. There are 8 participants in the Portmagee area. All workers are moved within the different groups as the demand arises and weather conditions govern where workers are placed



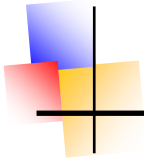
The rural social scheme covers many areas of work with **Portmagee Tidy Towns** which involves painting new seating for village, painting, strimming hedge cutting, & weeding. Power washing and painting graveyard wall.. Work for **Portmagee Social Services** involves visiting the elderly in their own homes and in the hospital.



Installing ramps for elderly so they can have safe and easier access to their own home also improving entrance and securing parking to improve access to house. Painting, Hedge Cutting lawn cutting and any assistance which is necessary for their on-going comfort and safety in their own homes. The Rural Social also took part in caring for elderly lady in her own home.

The Rural Social Scheme carry out small maintenance work in **Portmagee Community Centre** eg erect & take down basketball hoops as the need arises.

Administration work is also carried out for all the above groups.



Community **Skellig Rangers GAA**

RSS Measure Environmental maintenance work maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities



Tiling GAA grounds

The Rural Social Scheme is involved in all the maintenance work in GAA grounds Work Carried out on an on-going basis includes cutting grass twice weekly in the growing Season, lining pitch for matches, spiking field, sanding field and spreading manure. Other work carried out involved building shed.. Repair floor and re-roof commentary box. Painting stand dressing rooms and dugouts. Replace all brackets for flood lighting. Servicing lawn mower & tractor. Repairing all nets. Assembled & painted Lotto display stands.

Community Group **Portmagee National School**

RSS Measure Any other appropriate community project identified during the course of the scheme

The Rural Social Scheme carried out some improvements in the school and on the grounds eg: making & erecting basketball hoops, goal posts etc. replacing all man holes/drain guards around school



basketball



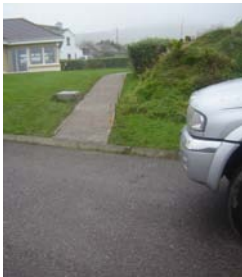
Goal posts



Basketball

Community Group: Tig an Oilean

RSS Measure Social care & care of the elderly, community care for both pre-school & after school groups



Footpaths

The Rural Social Scheme has 3 participants working in the Valentia area. They cover a wide range of projects and are moved around as the need arises. One of the participants carries out housekeeping duties which includes baking, preparing meals and cleaning for special needs adults. The two males carry out maintenance work on the ground which includes vegetable tunnels, painting and grass cutting. Footpaths

Community Group Sensory Gardens Valentia Island/TidyTowns

RSS Measure Village and countryside enhancements projects



Sensory gardens

The Rural Social Scheme has the maintenance of the Valentia Sensory Gardens work here involves weeding, grass cutting, leaf collecting and clearing paths regularly. Paths are sprayed for moss on a regular basis. The Protestant church is also situated on the grounds of the garden where during the winter months maintenance work takes place.

Community Group Valentia Churches/Portmagee Church

RSS Measure Environment maintenance and care taking of community and sporting facilities



Valentia church

The work undertaken by the Rural Social Scheme in the Valentia Churches involves Cutting trees & hedges, clearing drains and strimming. In Portmagee work involves cleaning church on a weekly basis and spraying paths for moss etc when necessary. Kept paths & steps leading to church clear during the adverse weather conditions



Community Group **Knockeen, Portmagee & Valentia Rowing Clubs**

RSS Measure: Environmental maintenance work maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities



New Seine Boat

The Rural Social Scheme carries out a variety work for all three rowing clubs, work includes making trailer and repair to trailers making oars for Knockeen Rowing Club and building seine boat for Knockeen rowing club



Launching Boat

Community Group **Cracow Park**

RSS Measure Environmental maintenance work maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities

Painting all playground equipment, grass cutting & setting hedge all around park



Painting equipment



Hedging

Community Group: Valentia Community Health & Welfare

RSS Measure: Social care and care of the elderly, community

Work here involved tilling; planting & maintaining a garden of potatoes and vegetables for Valentia Hospital, Potatoes and vegetables are also delivered to hospital on a weekly basis. The Rural Social Scheme work also involved the installation of new, testing & maintenance of existing Social alarm units in the homes of the elderly living alone in the community



Community Group Rural Men

RSS Measure:. Any other appropriate community project identified during the course of the Scheme

The Rural Men's Group was established to arrange initiatives to help combat rural isolation. In the past year, 3 outings were arranged to Kenmare, Dingle, Crag Caves and Killarney with ninety men attending each event.

The men were transported from all parishes within South Kerry Development Partnership area by Kerry Community Transport. Lunch was provided on each occasion and at the latter event in Killarney they joined up with the Sean Cháirde Group for their Tea Dance. Participants in the Rural Social Scheme helped identify the men in each locality as well as helping with the arrangements.



Community Group: Waterville Fisheries

RSS Measure: Any other appropriate community project identified during the Course of the Scheme



Releasing the fish in lake

Waterville Fisheries Development Group is a non-profit and community based group involved in the development, protection and conservation of the Waterville and Inny Fishery System. Development of the habitat to date has improved fish stocks and has helped promote tourism in the area thereby enhancing the economy.

The Rural Social Scheme provides assistance with four male participants. The work involves the cleaning and development of all streams and tributaries of the Inny and Cumberagh rivers. Weed growth has to be removed, trees cut back, removal of silt and agitation of gravel spawning area. Access to the rivers and lakes has been improved for anglers with the erection of footbridges and stiles over streams and fences. This work is on going each year. Wheelchair access has been provided at Lough Derriana as well as new car parking areas. Sanding and painting of boats is done each year. Painting and maintenance of hatchery is also on going each year.

Community Group: Care of the Elderly

RSS Measure: Social care and care of the elderly, community care for both pre-school and after-school groups

Care of the Elderly is one of the most important aspects of The Rural Social Scheme. Those elderly needing attention have been identified by community groups, public health nurses, social workers and RSS participants and have requested our help. In the Waterville area we have carried out work in ten households in the past year. The work has been greatly appreciated and has been commented favourably within the community. This work involved painting of houses both inside and outside, cutting of lawns and hedges, carrying out minor repairs and generally tidying up the place.

Community Group: **Women in Agriculture
Banchara Womens Network**

RSS Measure: **Community Administration / Clerical Duties**

Women in Agriculture one RSS participant provides clerical and administrative assistance for this group.

Name of Project: **South West Kerry Guidance Network**

RSS Measure: **Community Administration / Clerical Duties**

The work involves one RSS participant acting as an administrative support worker for The South West Kerry Guidance Network in preparing agendas and minutes. The Network is made up of members providing information, education and services to the public in South West Kerry.

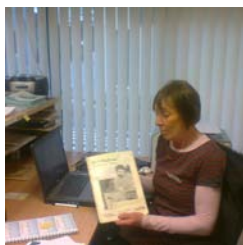
Name of Project: **Iveragh Information Training and Technology (IITT)**

RSS Measure: **Community Administration / Clerical Duties**

Iveragh Information Training and Technology is a voluntary community organisation which supports the development of The Adult Education Centre. The RSS has one participant working with this Group. The work entails dealing with the correspondence of The Board of IITT. Supporting the courses organised through Iveragh Information Training and Technology

CommunityGroup: **Cumann Dairbhre**

RSS Measure: **Any other appropriate community project identified during the course of the Scheme**



Typing

Typing of An T-Oileanach and saving to disc, This was first published in the 1970's. Relating to social, economic, sporting and cultural history of Valentia & environs with a view to re-printing in a single new edition for publication in the near future.



Community Group: Bray Head loop

RSS Measure: Maintaining and enhancing way-marked ways, agreed walks and bog roads

A new walk to Bray tower was established . The Rural Social Scheme erected all markers and stiles along the walking route.



Signs erected



Bray tower

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Community Group	<p>Caherdaniel Community Council Templenoe Graveyard Committee Kenmare Graveyard Committee Killowen Graveyard Committee Bonane Graveyard Committee Lauragh Development Committee</p>
RSS. Measure.	Maintenance work maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities.

The Rural Social Scheme in the Kenmare area are involved in the care and maintenance of graveyards in the following areas Coad, Templenoe, Kenmare, Killowen, Feaghna and Kilmackilloge.. They work in conjunction with the graveyard Committees and follow the requests and directions of the various committees. The work carried out includes cutting of grass and other vegetation necessary to keep the graveyards in good condition. Walkways also have to be maintained to give easy access to all parts of the graveyard. Extensive work was carried out in Killowen where new pathways were constructed some trees were also removed and shredded..



Community Group	<p>H.S.E. District Nurse & K.C.C</p>
RSS. Measure.	Care & care of the elderly, community after-school groups and Community pre-schooling support groups.

There was a further increase in the amount of elderly people using the Rural Social Scheme in 2011 in the area. Jobs undertaken included gardening and house maintenance . The older people also enjoy the company of the RSS. workers and look forward to their visits as a social visit and enjoy their company .



Community Group	Templeno Community Centre Committee Tuosist Community Centre Committee Lauragh Community Centre Committee
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RSS. Measure.	Maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities.
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Work in the three community centres includes gardening and general maintenance of the buildings, preparing for various events. We also take care of the grounds and external playing areas. Rubbish is collection and general management is carried out as required. All grassy areas were kept cut during the growing season; hedges and shrubs were also maintained. The parking area around Lauragh Community Centre was sprayed and cleared of all vegetation.

Community Group	Templeno GAA Pitches
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RSS. Measure	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care taking of community & sporting facilities
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Work includes the maintenance of the clubs two fields one in Templeno and one in Blackwater. Work includes grass cutting, preparing fields for games lining the fields and cleaning dressing rooms after games. Hedges and shrubs were also maintained. Assistance was provided in repairing damaged caused by winter frost..

Community Group	Inter Kenmare Soccer Club
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RSS. Measure.	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care taking of community & sporting facilities
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Work here involved the maintenance of the fields. Work was also carried out on the roadway to the field this included repair to the surface and hedges cut.. The RSS workers painted sections of the clubhouse and dressing rooms. .The pitches were also lined prior to games.

Community Group Bonane Heritage Park Committee

RSS. Measure. Village & Countryside enhancement projects



Rural men's outing to park.



Bonane Heritage Park located near Kenmare on the Ring of Beara; Bonane Heritage Park is unique in that it has a wide selection of well-preserved multi-period archaeological sites from the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age right up to pre-famine times. It includes one of the most significant Stone Circles in Ireland along with Ring fort, Standing Stone and Fulacht Fiadh and more sites.

The Bonane Heritage Park provides visitors with a 2000-meter walk on gravel paths through 5000 years of history while enjoying some breathtaking scenery. This park is open all the year around so the RSS workers are responsible for the upkeep of this twenty-five acre park; they cut the grass and control the hedgerows. The park caters for many visitors r during the year and the work of the RSS. Workers is much admired .

Community Group Kerry Blackwater Development Group

RSS. Measure. Village & Countryside Enhancement

During 2011 the RSS workers maintained access points and walkways along the river bank for the many anglers who came to fish this popular river. Work was also carried out in new sections of the river, branches cut back and paths cleared to allow anglers get to popular fishing points.

Community Group Tousist GAA Ground

RSS. Measure. Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care taking of community & sporting facilities

Care and maintenance of the pitch. The boundary fence was repaired and painting of the club dressing rooms was also completed.



Community Group**Kerry Way Committee**

RSS. Measure.

Maintaining and enhancing way marked-ways, agreed walks and bog roads

At over 200km, the Kerry Way is one of Ireland's longest signposted walking trail and also one of the most popular. The trail starts and finishes in the busy tourist destination of Killarney. Looping around the Iveragh Peninsula, the Kerry Way goes anti-clockwise, passing through some of the most isolated and dramatic countryside in the country. This walking route avoids the higher peaks and opts for the lower reaches of mountain ridges. In Kenmare the Rural Social Scheme workers maintain the section of the walkway not covered under the Walks Scheme. The work included the erection of stiles where necessary also the provision of railway sleepers on wet sections of the way. Control of vegetation along the walkway was also carried out, along with providing new and upgrading the old signs along the walk.

Community Group**Bonane Community Co-op.**

RSS. Measure.

Maintaining and enhancing way marked-ways, agreed walks and bog roads



The RSS. Workers in Kenmare carried out major work during 2010 in the construction of these beautiful walks. The work including laying out the best route for the walkway, clearing this track of scrub and furze and any other obstacles in the way. Furniture requirements for these three loops included.

- * Mapboard one erected at Molly Gallivans cottage,
- * Way markers 70 erected along the three loops.
- * Information plates 67 placed along the walks to direct walkers.
- * Stiles 15 erected over boundary fences and other fencing.
- * Kissing Gates 2 placed on exit from main roadway.
- * Footbridge (8 meters) placed over the Esk River.
- * Walkovers provided over small streams on the walk.
- * There are 3 loops.
- * The Druids loop.
- * Distance 5 km/easy, high point 200m Duration 1 hour 30 min-2hrs.
- * The Fionn MacCool loop.

- * Distance 6 km /easy High point 200 mts
Duration 1 hour 50 min/2hour 15 min.
- * The Cailleach Beara loop.
- * Distance 12 Km/Hard, High point 390 mts, Duration 4 Hrs/5 Hrs.

The local RSS workers took great pride in the construction of these walks this was also greatly appreciated by the whole community. The loops also provide badly needed financial assistance to 15 local farmers.

Community Group **Templeno Community Council,**
Lauragh Development Group
Dawros Church Committee,
Bonane Graveyard/Church Committee,
Blackwater Development Committee

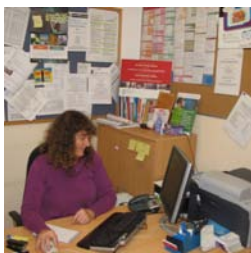
RSS. Measure. **Village and countryside enhancement projects**

All the work on the Churches in the Kenmare area was carried out under the various community groups. The work mainly consisted of maintenance to the church grounds and car parks. The RSS carried out work at Templeno, Lauragh, Dawros, Bonane & Dirreendaragh Churches. There was a marked increase in the amount of elderly people using the Rural Social Scheme in 2011 in the area. Jobs undertaken included painting, cleaning gutters, cutting hedges and grass. The older people also enjoy the company of the workers and look forward to their visits to cut the grass or whatever work may be undertaken.



Community Group	Citizens Information
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RSS. Measure.	Other
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The RSS. provides Secretarial assistance in the Kenmare office, supplying a very necessary service to the local community.



Community Group Sneem Organic Garden Committee

RSS. Measure. Other

The RSS workers established an organic garden at Droihed Na Daoine in Sneem, this consisted of erecting a polytunnel and raised beds. Raised beds were also constructed in the outside garden and various vegetables were grown here. The produce was used up in providing meals for the elderly



Community Group Kenmare Organic Garden Group.

RSS. Measure. Other

The RSS worker provides assistance in the garden, preparing the ground for planting and harvesting as well as other jobs during the year. These gardens are also used for gardening classes in spring.. Hedges and trees were cleared and grounds have been upgraded by the workers in preparation for establishing an organic garden



Community Group Blackwater River Project

RSS. Measure. Village & Countryside Enhancement

This magnificent river rises on the Cork Kerry border. The RSS workers work in conjunction with the Kerry Blackwater Development Group in maintaining this very important Salmon River. Work included cutting overhanging branches from the fishing areas, clearing pathways along riverbank and repairing fencing along the river.

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Community Group	Caherciveen Pastoral Committee
RSS Measure	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care-taking of community and sporting facilities



In this project the RSS take care of the general maintenance of the church, we clean and polish the interior, we caretake the exterior including maintenance of the grounds. We help organising the church for special occasions including the Christmas crib.

Community Group	Kells IRD, St. Vincent de Paul, HSE & District Nurses, NCBI, Community Alert Groups and Social Services Caherciveen
RSS Measure	Social care and care of the elderly, community care for both pre- school and after-school groups

We carry out a lot of work in this area. We carry out general maintenance work for the elderly, including grass cutting, hedge cutting, cleaning footpaths and yards, clearing overgrown bushes and trees, clearing blocked gutters, painting internally and externally, visiting elderly in isolated areas and small maintenance works. We also have a participant helping out on a bus to the shops, they help the elderly with their bags on and off the bus. We are involved with Kerry County Council on a smoke alarm project, installing smoke alarms where needed. It can be seen that we have a good relationship with these community groups due to the large number of repeat work. We are involved in a community garden for the social services, we plant, maintain and harvest the crops.



Community **The Kerry Way Committee**

RSS Measure Maintaining and enhancing way marked-ways,
agreed walks and bog roads



The majority of our work on the Kerry Way is upgrade works, diverting away from wet areas, small diversions agreed with Farmers, replacing styles and markers that have



been damaged or deteriorated. We also carry out maintenance on land where the land owner has not participated on the walks scheme.

Community Group **Filemore GAA Club**

RSS Measure Environmental maintenance work,
maintenance and care-taking of community and
sporting facilities



We redecorated the dressing rooms internally and externally. We cut the grass when necessary and lined the field before matches. We have continued with repairs to the Nets.

Community Group	Caherciveen Graveyards Committee
RSS Measure	Village and countryside enhancement projects

We cut all the weeds and grass between the graves, we maintained the paths and weeded when necessary. We started repairs on the boundary wall on another section of the graveyard which was in a terrible state. It is a very old graveyard but many people still visit.



Community Group	Day-care Bus Project
RSS Measure	Social care and care of the elderly, community care for both pre- school and after-school groups

In this project the Kerry Mental Health Society have a bus which two participants drive every second week taking patients to and from the day-care facility at St Anne Hospital. without the help we give this group they would not be able to function because they only got the funding for the bus without a driver. The two lads have built up a great relationship with the patients which is most important to get these people out of their homes and in to the centre.



Community Group

Renard GAA Club

RSS Measure

Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care-taking of community and sporting facilities.



We carried out repairs to the nets of the goal posts and ball stopping nets. It has helped that we have fishermen on our scheme which have this skill. We carry out the maintenance and repair to the tractor which is used to cut the grass and transport items around the grounds. We cut the grass on some occasions.

Community Group **Cahirciveen Playground Committee**

RSS Measure

Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care-taking of community and sporting facilities

We maintain all of the play equipment, We greased all the moving parts to prolong the life of the equipment. Generally we clean and maintain the grounds



Community Group

Parents Council of Aghatubrid National School

RSS Measure

Any other appropriate community project identified during the course of the scheme

We helped out with the school garden and installed stone path around the green area, now the children can visit the garden and green area all year round without destroying their uniforms or classrooms. We installed seating along the pathways. We cleaned all the drains after a storm blocked them and installed some new drainage to improve the condition of the yard.



Community Group

Waterville GAA

RSS Measure

Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care-taking of community and sporting facilities

On this project we carried out repairs to the stand including replacing some of the seating and cleaning down the steel on the roof and repainting. We also cleaned the area around the stand.





Community Group

Waterville IRD

Village and countryside enhancement projects

RSS Measure

Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care-taking of community and sporting facilities

We upgraded some paths in the village. We also helped out setting up the village for the Charlie Chaplin Festival, we painted flower pots and filled them with compost. And decorated areas of the village. We also got involved in setting up a community garden, we erected a new poly tunnel including raised beds. We helped the volunteers plant some crops and looked after them until harvested.



