

South Kerry Development Partnership Ltd.

Community Services & Infrastructure Report

Rural Social Scheme & TÚS Annual Report 2013



HELPING TO BUILD STRONGER LOCAL COMMUNITIES











This Rural Social Scheme and Tús Annual Report 2013 gives the reader a quick over view of the work both the Rural Social Schemes (RSS) and Tús-community work placement initiative carried out for the various community groups throughout South Kerry in 2013. The services provided to community groups through the South Kerry Development Partnership Ltd Rural Social Scheme and Tús-community work placement initiative continued to grow, innovate and expand in an endogenous way during 2013.

The RSS continued to employ 138 participants and 8 supervisors during the year providing up to €2 million in wages to the area. The RSS continues to be an important income support to these 138 farmers and their families providing them with work and social interaction outside their farm gate. The RSS participants are required to continue working their small farms while on the RSS, That provides important economic activity and the maintenance of the wonderful landscape in rural South Kerry. The continuity of the RSS participant on the scheme brings a major strength to the scheme as the participants are familiar with the day to day work on the community projects. Under the Care of the elderly 183 households received support from the RSS and Tus participants. The vast majority of this work was carried out by RSS participants because of their familiarity with the clients and their long term service with the RSS. Tús participants generally work alongside the RSS participants in the care of the elderly projects when needed.

The South Kerry Development Partnership Ltd, Tús-community work placement initiative employed 80 participants and four supervisors during 2013. Tús provides these long term unemployed people with the opportunity to work in a community setting for 19.5hr per week. It gives them valuable experience in the work place where they can learn new skills, gain new work experiences and get back into the routine of going to work. Getting the matching of participants with the right type of community work is a key to the success of Tús in South Kerry. All potential participants are asked to forward their CV and are invited to attend for interview. This interview process is very important in getting the matching of participant to work placement right. Once the participants begin working they tend to grow into the job in hand, their confidence improves and during 2013 all participants fully completed their terms on Tús.

Tús operates across South Kerry in almost every community with participant numbers very strong in the urban areas of Killorglin and Kenmare. This fits very well with the RSS where numbers are low in these urban areas. The Rural Social Scheme and Tús operate in total partnership, sharing equipment, sharing work placements, linking up with other partnership programmes and other agencies in working to provide supports and services to over 250 community groups in South Kerry during 2013.

I wish to thank the members of the community services working group, the RSS and Tús Supervisors and participants for their outstanding work with community groups during 2013. We look forward to continuing this work during 2014.

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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 afterschool groups.

The Annascaul community Alert group have worked very closely with the Rural Social Scheme since 2005. Through their contact with the Public Health nurses, community voluntaries etc., in the area they identify households that require small repairs & maintenance carried out to their houses. To ensure that no displacement occurs, the householder completes a form issued by the RSS outlining what work they require & stating who if anyone carried out this work in the past. Once the RSS working group and local supervisor are satisfied that the criteria has been met they then agree that the work can be carried out. This work normally involves interior & exterior painting, grass cutting, strimming etc. The number of elderly people availing of the visitation programme whereby an RSS participant calls to an identified householder each week at an agreed time for a chat & a cup of tea has increased in Annascaul area during 2013. During bad weather the participants are also available if required to call on the elderly to grit pathways, & carry in fuel if necessary.



House prior to painting



House after painting





Community Group:	Annascaul Walking Festival Committee
RSS Measure:	Maintenance and enhancing way-marked ways, agreed walks and bog roads.

The Rural Social Scheme has been working with the Annascaul Walking Festival committee since 2007. During this time, the RSS participants have been involved with the development of loop walks, the care & maintenance of existing walks. Checking pathways, stiles & marker posts is on-going on a regular basis.

Each year the Committee organise a Walking Festival during the October bank holiday weekend, whereby groups & individuals are taken on organised guided walks of different grades. The Festival has proven to be very successful since it began & has generated a lot of income for the local community.

In 2013 Markers posts & pathways were upgraded on the Maum loop walk.



Pathway on Maum Loop Walk





Community Group:	Annascaul Parish Buildings
RSS Measure:	Village & Countryside enhancement projects

The Rural Social Scheme has been working with the Annascaul Parish Building committee for the past few years. Their work involves the care & maintenance of the Parish Buildings weekly. This includes grass cutting & strimming, hedge maintenance, and general upkeep of the Church & Presbtery grounds.



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 has been working with the RSS since the scheme was established in 2004. During this time the centre has proven to be very much an integral part of community life. Young & Old meet there on a regular basis to take part in a variety of activities. An RSS Participant

regular works at the centre to ensure that the centre & its grounds are well maintained. Work carried out includes, grass cutting & strimming, hedge maintenance, flower bed maintenance, interior & exterior painting & any other minor repairs that might occur during the year.



Community Group:	Inch Community Council
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work – maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities

Inch Village Enhancement / Inch Church

The RSS have been working with Inch Community Council since 2004. The work carried out by the Rural Social Scheme participant involves care & maintenance of Inch village. Work includes grass cutting & strimming, Hedge & flower bed maintenance & any other minor work that might occur during the year. Clean ups at entrance to Inch Beach & general tidy up of pathways (removal of weeds etc) is also carried out in conjunction with the Kerry Co. Council.

Dingle Way (Inch Section)

The RSS have been involved in the care & maintenance of the Inch section of the Dingle way since 2006. This work involves the regular checking of marker posts, cutting of briars & brambles and general up keep of the walk.

Working on Pathways on Dingle Way









Community Group:	Milltown/Listry Parish Buildings Committee
RSS Measure:	Village & Countryside enhancement projects

The Rural Social scheme has been working with the Milltown/Listry Parish Buildings maintenance committee since 2004. 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. In 2013 the RSS participants were involved in the cutting & removing of grass, briars & brambles from White Church cemetery. This cemetery is recognized for its special historical significance but is also a place where local families have their loved ones interred. Due to lack of maintenance it had not been possible for people to visit their family graves until the the RSS participants carried out the above work.

White Church



White Church



Community Group:	Milltown / Castlemaine GAA
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Environmental maintenance work -RSS Measure: maintenance and caretaking of Community & sporting facilities





Milltown GAA

The Rural Social scheme has been working with the Milltown/Castlemaine GAA since 2004. This facility includes a full size GAA football pitch & dressing rooms, showers & meeting rooms. The work carried out here by the RSS includes care & maintenance on a weekly basis. A ride on lawnmower is provided by the club so that the RSS participant can cut the pitch on a weekly basis. The pitch is also lined whenever necessary for games by the participants & perimeter grass is cut & strimmed. Regular interior & exterior painting & any other touch up painting also took place during 2013.



Community Group:	Naiolann Solais (Milltown Creche)
RSS Measure:	Social care & care of the elderly, community care for both pre-school and after-school groups

Naoilann Solais is a childcare facility in Milltown which has been in operation for over 10 years. 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. In 2013 the crèche were lucky enough to be able to secure funding to extend the front area of the crèche & the RSS workers were able to assist in the painting of these rooms.



New extension at Naoilann



Newly painted extension





Community Group:	Keel Community Centre
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work – maintenance and caretaking of community & sporting facilities.

The RSS provide a participant to help with the care & maintenance of the Keel Community centre one day a week. The work carried out by the RSS includes general care & maintenance of the centre, interior & exterior painting & minor repair work is also carried out.when required. The centre is used by a variety of groups in the area eg Basketball, indoor soccer & scor. In 2013 the RSS were responsible for the sanding & varnishing of the floor in the main hall, as well as the repainting of the lines in the basketball court. Care & upkeep of the Centre grounds is also the responsibility of the RSS.







Community Group:	Keel GAA
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work – maintenance and caretaking of community & sporting facilities.





The RSS have been working with the Keel GAA club since 2004. The facility consists of a Football pitch, Dressing rooms, shower area & a large meeting room. The RSS carry out care & maintenance of these facilities on a weekly basis. The Club provide their Ride On lawnmower to the RSS participant to cut the pitch when necessary. Lining the pitch & setting out flags prior to & after a match is also carried out by the RSS. In 2013 the RSS participants were involved in the painting of the stand, clearing briars & erecting signage at the facility.



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

The Rural Social Scheme have been working with Castlemaine Community Services since 2008. During this time they have provided assistance in carrying out work in houses of the elderly, which have been recommended by their Public Health nurse. When applying for the work to be carried out, the householder is asked to complete a 1 page form outlining what work they want done, & who if anyone has done this work in the past. This is then passed on to the Infrastructure Working Group for approval. If the working group agree that the householder meets the criteria then they inform the RSS that they can carry out the work. The work normally consists of interior & exterior painting, grass cutting, strimming, care & maintenance of flowerbed & the installation of smoke alarms (which were received from the Fire Dept of Kerry Co. Council if required) The Householder would purchase any necessary materials required to carry out the work. I f this is not a possibility then an application can be made for financial assistant from the various agencies that are available



House to be painted



House after painting

The visitation programme which was introduced in 2011 has proven to be very successful. This involves a RSS participant calling to the identified householder (who has agreed to the visitation) at a set time and day each week. Whilst there they have a cup of tea and a chat & or carry out some small job for the householder.





Community Group:

Cast; lemaine Tidy Towns





Castlemaine Tidy Towns committee have entered the Tidy Towns competition for the past two years. The committee have carried out a lot of work in the village during this time with the help of the RSS. Grass cutting & strimming, maintenance of flower beds, hanging baskets, powerwashing, painting & the control of weeds in the village have all been carried carried out on a regular basis. In 2013 the village increased its total score in the Tidy Towns competition by 4 points from the previous year. The maintenance & caretaking of the village is continuously being carried out to ensure that the village is looking good all year round for locals & visitors.

Community Group:

Ballyfinnane Community Centre

RSS Measure:

Maintenance and caretaking of community & sporting facilities





The Ballyfinnance Community centre committee have been working with the RSS in the enhancing & improving of this community facility over the past few year. Work carried out here involves weekly care & maintenance of the facility to prepare for meetings & night classe. In 2013 the main hall (ceilings & walls & the toilet areas were power washed & painted). New kitchen units were installed & kitchen area painted. Work carried out outside included grass cutting & strimming, flower bed maintenance & the erection of a base for the recycling bank area. The committee organise an annual garden fete for fundraising & are delighted with the work carried out by the Rural Social Scheme.





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 have been involved in various once off projects in the school over the past 4 years.

In 2013 the work carried out by the RSS included painting, care and maintenance of Flowers & Shrubs.

Community Group:	Ardmoniel / Dromavalla Graveyard
RSS Measure:	Village & Countryside enhancement projects





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

In Ardmoniel Graveyard the RSS are responsible for the construction of pathways and the laying of new kerbs in the Graveyard. They are also responsible for the planting & maintenance of flowers, shrubs & hedges along the perimeter wall. In 2013 the RSS constructed new pillars at the entrance to the graveyard which has greatly enhance the entrance.

Dromavalla graveyard consists of nearly 7 acres and the work carried out by the RSS involves the cutting and strimming of the graveyard grass on a weekly basis. They also clear weeds and grass from kerbs and collect rubbish (flow-

ers, etc) from graves & dispose of them in an area that they previously constructed at the entrance to the graveyard. This rubbish is then disposed of by the committee a few times during the year.

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 RSS during the year is shown by the generous donations given by the Public on the day





Community Group:	Old Keel Graveyard
RSS Measure:	Village & Countryside Enhancement Project

The Old Keel Graveyard Committee are responsible for the care & maintenance of this Old Graveyard. They organise an outdoor Mass in the Graveyard grounds once a year. The RSS cut & strim the grass and give the graveyard a general cleanup for the annual Mass.

Community Group:	Killorglin Tidy Towns
RSS Measure:	Village & Countryside enhancement Projects & Sporting Facilities.

The Rural Social scheme has been involved in working with Killorglin Tidy Towns for the past few years.helping the committee to improve and enhance Killorglin and its surrounding areas. In 2013 the Tidy Towns committee applied to the RSS for worker to help with the painting of seats & benches in the local Playground to help with the overall appearance of this greatly utilised facility.

These two workers were also involved in the edging of grass in several areas of footpaths in the Killorglin area which greatly enhance the overall appearance of the footpaths.









Community Group: Cuman Holy Well

RSS Measure: Village & Countryside Enhancement Project

Glenbeigh Holy Well committee applied to the RSS for workers to assist in the development of the Cuman HolyWell. This work involved the construction of a pathway to improve access into the well, erection of timber fencing and the development of the Well and a Grotto. An official opening of the Well was held in July & was attended by huge numbers. The Well is on the Glenbeigh section of the Kerry Way.





Community Group:	Keel UP Hill/Down Hill Loop Walk
RSS Measure:	Maintenance and enhancing way-marked ways, agreed walk and bog roads.

In 2013 the Keel Country Market committee applied to the RSS for workers to assist in the development & maintenance of a loop walk in Keel. The work involved the marking out of this 8 kilometre walking route which included cleaning and strimming the river bank of grass & rushes , opening drains, erecting wire fencing in certain places, installing stiles and bridges and erecting walking waymarkers along the route.

The care and maintenance of the Uphill / Downhill Loop walk is ongoing and it has attracted many visitors and walkers to the locality during the past few months.









Community Group: An Tuirin Lin Residents Association

RSS Measure: Village & Countryside Enhancement Project

An Tuirin Lin Residents Association is a large housing estate on the outskirts of Milltown. The committee applied to the RSS for assistance in carrying out the following work in this estate. Cutting & strimming of grass, general tidy up and litter control, powerwashing of walls, painting of houses if required and any other minor repairs that might occur during the course of the year.





Community Group: Milltown Tidy Towns

RSS Measure: Village & Countryside Enhancement Project

Milltown Tidy Towns committee decided to again enter the Tidy Towns competition in 2013 and applied to the Rural Social Scheme for assistance in carrying out work to help with the care and maintenance of this small town. The work carried out by the RSS and committee included a general cleanup of the area, cutting and strimming of grass areas, maintenance of hedges, planting & maintenance of flower boxes & hanging baskets, removal of weeds from foothpaths, exterior painting was also carried out. Grass was strimmed and cut in the Abbey in Milltown making it more accessible to the public.









Castlemaine Family Resource Centre Community Group:

Secretarial Support for Community Groups RSS Measure:

Castlemaine Family Resource Centre is located on the outskirts of Castlemaine Village. The Female RSS worker employed here offers a variety of support to the Centre in its every day work. Administration support, Fundraising support and general upkeep of Portacabin. Maintenance and any minor work identified during the course of the year is also carried out by the Rural Social Scheme.





Community Group: Scamps & Scholars & Nai Ionad Na Cille Ltd

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

Scamps & Scholars & Nai Ionad Na Cille are childcare facilities which offer childminding & preschool services in the Killorglin & Keel areas. Their committees applied to the Rural Social Scheme for assistance in carrying out caretaking and maintenance work in these community facilities. Washing and polishing of floor areas, washing of toilets, sterilising of toys and the helping with preparation of light snacks from time to time.









Community Group:	Kerry Way Committee & Caherciveen Outdoor Club
RSS Measure:	Maintaining and enhancing way marked way agreed walks and bog: roads



We continued our work on the upgrading and signage work that was identified on the annual reports and by our RRO 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 caretaking of community and sporting facilities

In this project we helped with the maintenance work on their pavilion and 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 2013 as all of the pathway are now in place in the old section of this graveyard. The new section got a new driveway and walkways. Under direction of the Area Engineer of Kerry County Council we put the kerbing and gravel in place before the tarmac was laid. We also put new kerbs ain for new flowerbeds at the entrance and inside along the boundary walls.

Community Group: Glenbeigh & Glencar GAA Club

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





This is a new project for us which just started in October. In this project we have worked on the new stand which the club have erected. The work we have done includes block work, concrete steps for the seating and the standing area at the back. We are hoping to start the plastering and the fixing of the seating in 2014. We work with our colleagues in Mid Kerry on this project which is good and also show how the RSS uses the skills of the participants to suit the job in hand and move the participants around from area to area.









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. This participant has done the coaching certificates in both codes with his own clubs. We also helped out with odd jobs such as cleaning of the raised beds for the gardens in the schools project. We also helped out with new counter top for the computer room and gave the outside of the school a new coat of paint as well.

Community Group:	Caherciveen Pastoral Committee
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities.

In this we are involved in the maintenance of these 2 churches, Filemore & Aghatubrid-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. This work would be ongoing from year to year.











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 involving this project.

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 closed season. We also did the maintenance around the monument in Foilhammuram. This is the site where the old trans-Atlantic cable entered the ocean. As with other projects tis work is done on an ongoing basis.









Community Group: Caherciveen Tidy Towns Committee, ACARD Ltd, Valen-

tia Island Community

Environmental Group, & Chapeltown Tidy Towns Com-

mittee.

RSS Measure: Village and countryside enhancement

projects





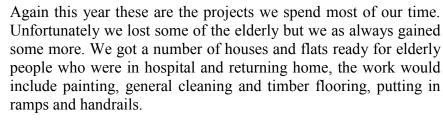




With these groups the projects mostly involve work for the tidy towns competition. In Caherciveen this would include grass cutting, putting up flower baskets, watering the flower baskets and helping to improve the approaches to the town. With ACARD Ltd we maintain the town park which we helped to develop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







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. Wewould 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: Cahersiveen Traders Association

RSS Measure:

Village and countryside enhancement projects.

This was our first time working with this group. They came to us and asked if we could help with the putting up of the Christmas lights around the town. They had secured funding through LEADER for these lights. This was to help improve the look of the town for the festive season. The work involved attaching the light to the existing brackets and running the cables from light to light. They then employed an electrician to do the connections to the houses. This worked very well and the town looked well. We are to go back in the new year and take them all down again.

Community Group: Caherciveen Graveyards Committee

RSS Measure: Village and countryside enhancement projects







Again in 2013 with Kerry County Council and the graveyard committee we continued with our work in the maintenance of the graveyards in the area.

The work involved weeding of flowerbeds, painting of the gates and boundary walls. In Holy cross we painted the railing along the back boundary. In Sugrena we did some strimming.

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











Community Group:	Board of Management of Colaiste na Sceilge
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care-taking of community and sporting facilities.



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 with the grass cutting on it as well. It is a big help to the school as their budget has received big cuts, the same as everywhere.

Community Group:	Fertha Drive Residents Committee
RSS Measure:	Village and countryside enhancement projects



The work involved with this group was planting new trees and shrubs and decorating around the bases of them. This work has greatly enhanced their estate. It is good to help these new estates with this work as they sometimes find it hard to get all the people to gel together but slowly and surely when people see work being done it all comes together for the committee. We look forward to working with this group in 2014 as they have some nice new ideas.

Community Group:	Agriculture Working Group of South Kerry Development Partnership Ltd.
RSS Measure:	Any other appropriate community project identified during the course of the scheme.



In this project we help the group with their endeavours to increase profits on small farms in the area. In conjuction with the Irish Cattle breeding Federation we weigh cattle on farms to show the farmers which cows are rearing the better calves, which calves are responding to the feed better and also give advice on the breeding and feeding side of their enterprises. The group provided us with a mobile scales All training and supports are being given by the ICBF. This project is starting to work well.



Community Group:	Fossa Community Alert
RSS Measure:	Social care and care of the elderly, community after- school groups and community pre-schooling groups.



5 households in the area received assistance. Work carried out was power washing, painting, hedge cutting, grass cutting and smoke alarms installed. This work is carried out in a discreet manner respecting the privacy of the people of the household.

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, Maintenance of the new stand and gym and garbage disposal.



Community Group: Fossa Development Association

Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and caretak-RSS Measure: ing of sporting and community facilities.



On going maintenance of new Fossa Way extension, up-keep of Aghadoe viewing area and car park maintenance. Up-keep of Old Aghadoe Graveyard.



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

Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and caretak-RSS Measure:

ing 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.



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, building power-washing and grass cutting.

Community Group: Kerry Life Skills

RSS Measure: Other



Kerry Life Skills 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 teams of drivers and transports the unit to various schools in the SKDP Area. 28 Schools were serviced in 2013.



Community Group: Muckross Abbey Association

Environmental maintenance work and caretaking of commu-RSS Measure:

nity and sporting facilities.



Clearing of all overgrowth at the Abbey. Keeping pathways clear. Clearing all areas around the graves.



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. Re-building of stone wall at Kate Karneys.



Community Group: Glenflesk GAA History & Archive Committee

RSS Measure: Secretarial support for community groups.

The Rural Social Scheme is providing clerical support by setting up templates, recording local community activities and achievements. Archiving community information for future community publications..





Environmental maintenance work maintenance and caretaking RSS Measure:

of community and sporting facilities.



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



Fossa Development Association Community Group:

Environmental maintenance work-maintenance and caretaking RSS Measure:

of community and sporting facilities.



On-going maintenance and upkeep of St. Johns, s (paupers) Graveyard.



Community Group: Fossa Community Centre

Environmental maintenance work-maintenance and caretaking RSS Measure:

of community and sporting facilities.



General maintenance and cleaning of the Centre, car park, and new playground,. Setting up of hall for the many uses by community groups and school. Keeping steps to woods clear.





Community Group: Ring of Kerry Charity Cycle

RSS Measure: Secretarial support for community groups.



The RSS supports the group by assisting with on-line registrations, emails and phone queries. Monies raised in 2013 €1.1 millon which was distributed to the chosen local charities.



Community Group: Board of Management Anabla National School

RSS Measure: Other



RSS power washed the entire outside of the school and school building and painted the exterior of the school building.

Community Group: Killarney Community Services (Holy Cross Day Care Centre)

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 Pars/Kerry Way

Projects relating to maintenance and enhancement of way-RSS Measure:

marked ways, agreed walks, bog roads etc.



Clearing around the peat bank footpath at Old Kenmare Road and Cores Cascade. Broadwalk installed at Cores Cascade. Several cross drains reopened from Cores Cascade to Incheens. Strimming along the trail, drainage at Esknamucky Glen. Hand rail replaced between Derrycunnihy Church and Doties Cottage.

Beaufort Special Needs Project Community Group:

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

groups and community pre-school groups.



RSS provides clerical support and carries out outside maintenance for this after school service for children with disabilities. The children are brought from their schools to this much needed support facility.

Community Group: Ring of Kerry Quality Lamb Marketing Group

RSS Measure: Other



This 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



RSS supports this residents association by upkeeping the area around Knocknahoe Cross. Strimming, grass cutting and litter control.



Community Group: Pinewood Residence Association

RSS Measure: Village and countryside enhancement projects



Maintenance of flowerbeds and borders in the estate also maintenance of surrounding wall at the estate..

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. Clearing of household in Coolcorcan. Power washing the property, repairing all guttering and downpipes, clearing of all rubbish at the property and disposing of the same. Assisting with the wood project, dead wood cut from Killarney National Park, cut, bagged and distributed to the people in need. Garden maintenance for people identified by SVDP in need of assistance.



Community Group: Cahersiveen Festival of Music & The Arts

RSS Measure: Community Administration / Clerical Duties



The Cahersiveen Festival is now in its 18th 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. Also helps with the clean up.



Community Group: Killarney Athletic AFC

RSS Measure: Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and caretaking

of sporting and community facilities.

The installation of steps from the ground to the club house at the rear and side of the building. Also the raising of the monument at the entrance.









Community Group:	St Pat's East Kerry Hurling Club
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and caretaking of sporting and community facilities.

Maintenance of the playing pitch and surface at Lackabane. Clearing of surrounding area and car park and dressing rooms.

Community Group:	Care of The Elderly
RSS Measure:	Social Care and care of the elderly, community after-school groups and community pre school groups.

Under the care of the elderly there was a number of households that had light maintenance, painting, grass cutting and we also helped with the household removal of a couple with social and health problems from the Ross Road to their new residence in Beaufort .









Community Group:	Glencar Graveyards Committee
RSS Measure:	Environmental Maintenance work, maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities.



Cummer Grave Yard

Cummer graveyard is located in the townland of Ahane, Glencar. Approximately 9km south east of Killorglin.

The graveyard dates back to the early 19th century. Work on this graveyard in the past year has involved grass cutting and general maintenance. Permission was granted for the erection of a footbridge from the forestry area to the burial ground. In the past parking in the event of a funeral and the steep entrance to the ground

was a cause for concern. The Committee provided gravel and steel footbridge. The exterior boundary was not touched in the process . The footbridge crosses over the wall rather than through the wall..





There are two burial ground in the parish. Shronahreee Graveyard is the most recent burial ground with burial spaces still available. Work on this graveyard in the past year was minor. Parking is an issue with limited spaces in the event of a funeral.

Community Group:	Laune Rangers GAA Club
RSS Measure:	Environmental Maintenance work, maintenance and care-taking of community and sporting facilities.

The Laune Rangers second pitch is maintained by the RSS. The worker marks the pitch, put down flags. Checks and cleans the dressing room. Collects rubbish. He is available to the club when ever required for additional duties. This pitch is used as a backup to the main pitch by the club.





Community Group: Cappanalea OEC

Environmental maintenance work maintenance and caretaking RSS Measure:

of community and sporting facilities



Cappanalea is located 11km from Killorglin town. The centre hold a wide spectrum of outdoor activities to suit all ages and ability levels. There are water based and land based activities including canoeing, kayaking, sea kayaking, sailing, windsurfing, mountaineering, rock climbing, camping orienteering, field studies, and first aid There is one RSS worker based at the centre, and his work involves the general maintenance in the centre and maintenance of gardens and camping grounds in the facility.

Community Group: Dragons Den Community Sports Complex Ltd

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 leaves are cleared from pitch., line painting, grass management is carried out. The ground outside the pitch is strimmed and maintained. The RSS worker also has 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: An Bhainseach Residents Association

RSS Measure: Village & Countryside Enhancement

This estate is maintained all the year around. Grass cutting, hedge cutting, cutting back of boundary ditch is undertaken. The RSS worker also carries out duties for a small number of residents that are not in a position to do the work themselves. This work is mainly grass cutting and small painting or maintenance work. The estate has benefited from the constant presence of the worker.



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 ways, agreed walks & bog roads



This walking trail is 215 km in length taking in some spectacular scenery of Killarney and the Iveragh Peninsula. 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 put in place new finger posts . and visibility signs. The majority of the maintenance work is now carried out by the by the landowners on the route. Un-

der the Walkway Scheme the farmers receive a small payment for this maintenance work. The provision and erection of furniture on the walkway is undertaken by the RSS workers.







Community Group:	Killorglin Cycling Club
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facility



Killorglin Credit Union Cycling Club is one of the longest established cycling clubs in Ireland. 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 ageing 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. The RSS worker is responsible for traffic control at arrival and departure times .

Community Group:	Puck Fair Ltd
RSS Measure:	Others

This year marked 400+ for the festival which took place in the town of Killorglin for three days in August 10th, 11th & 12th. This event was marked by burying a time capsule which contained video messages, predictions and favourite photos. The RSS workers help to defray the major demands on the small but energetic voluntary committee that run Puck Fair. The workers move 350 crowd control barriers from storage to designated areas in the town. Signage on approach roads for traffic control were put in place. Harris fencing was erected by the riverbank. This has to be undertaken in three days prior to the event. All signage etc., was removed and returned to storage after the event.



Community Group:	Glencar Community Care Killorglin Active Retired
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. The men have worked on thirty five homes during the year. Some of the work is on going and some were once off projects. Work included cutting hedges and lawn mowing, painting interior and exterior, cleaning shoots, laying pathways, reseeding garden, laying pebble beds, painting garden



furniture. Due to the sensitive nature of this work and to protect the identity of those involved we are careful to allow the same workers to complete project as householders need to be confident and feel relaxed in the company of the workers. Some work has been carried out on behalf of Kerry Mental Health. The majority of the work would have come through the Active Retired group who are affiliated to the Community and Voluntary Forum. The Mid Kerry Rural Social Scheme also operated a visitation programme in the Glencar area. Householders under this scheme are visited on a weekly basis where light housework is undertaken. The main purpose is to reassure and support the older person During the summer months they carry out maintenance of gardens. During the winter time they ensure that householders have access firewood etc. The workers have always made themselves available to help their elderly neighbours in the event of adverse weather conditions. They check to make sure the older people have sufficient food and fuel to carry them through the inclement weather. These householders have built up a friendship with the workers, and in turn the workers have visited these people while in hospital from time to time. In the past the workers have co-operated with Kerry County Council in spreading of grit on secondary roads in the event of snow. The workers use their own transport to pick up the grit and



spread it. This provides a valuable service to the rural community and ensures that these areas are not isolated in the event of medical or emergency services being required. Local knowledge and the watchful eye has been invaluable in the rural areas. During the year one householder has died, two have moved to nursing home, the others remain unchanged.







Community Group: Killorglin Tidy Town Committee

RSS Measure: Village & Countryside Enhancement



Killorglin Tidy Town Committee are made up of hard working community people. They meet on a regular basis. They undertake many diverse projects in the community. The Rural Social workers assist the committee with maintenance work on the Glenbeigh Road side of town. The Laune River Bank walk, The metal bridge walk. The work undertaken by the RSS includes grass cutting, strimming, rubbish removal, spraying, Clearing of leaves from pathway. The control of the Japanese knot weed on the Laune River Bank walk was undertaken in the Autumn time. Cutting back of over hanging bushes on the Bank walk has made accessibility easier for the local residents.











The removal of rubbish from the Cocalaugh Walk is undertaken on a daily basis all the year round. The grass is cut, strimming is undertaken. Cutting back of over growth, brushing of pathway. The removal of leaves in the autumn time, and removal of moss. Leaf blowing. Collection of litter, paper and cans, bottles and other waste are all looked after by the RSS worker. This work is of utmost importance as it ensures a positive image of a much used walkway in Killorglin.





Community Group: Kilcolman Union of Parishes

RSS Measure: Village & Countryside Enhancement

St Michaels' Church of Ireland is located in Killorglin. The RSS worker takes care of the lawn, trimming, spraying and cleaning of footpaths. Collection of rubbish. Cleaning of the church hall if required. This work is carried out all the year around.

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, and weed control. Each June an annual parish pattern day is held in the field. The RSS workers repaired the stone wall at the road side prior to the event. The interior of the container uses as a changing room for the chil-



drens summer camp was painted. The field is also used from time to time by the local primary schools to host inter school matched.

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:	Board of Management s - Boheshil National School, Glouna- guillagh National School , Realt na Mara Narional School. Cur- raheen National School
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities.

In Curraheen School the sanding cleaning and re varnishing of the floor boards of one of the rooms was completed. The old facia was removed and new plastic facia fitted. Shelving was removed, Walls sealed to prevent the penetration of dampness Painting of the toilet area and fitting of shelving was carried out.

Curraheen National School







Boheshil National School The interior paintwork was touched up as requested. The long standing palm tree had been cut down privately during the holiday. The RSS workers repaired the boundary wall which had suffered considerable bulging caused by the tree over the years. Part of the wall in the car park was also restored by pointing the existing stones. The roots of the tree that were damaging the tarmac on the play ground. The Basketball ring was repaired and painted. The flowerbed in the car park was cleaned and recently spring bulbs were planted. Repairs were carried out to the exterior wire fencing. There were two small access gates fitted to the boundary to facilitate the children to retrieve the football when played into the adjacent field.







Glounaguillagh National School



Community Group:	Board of Managements-Boheshil National School, Glounaguillagh National School, Realt na Mara Narional School. Curraheen National School
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities.



Realt na Mara National School

This was the first year the RSS had worked with the management of Glounaguillagh National School. During the year the boundary fence was removed, new concrete stakes and fence wire fitted. The ditch at the back of the fence was cleaned back of briars and bramble. A pathway was put in place from the school to the raised vegetable beds on the ground. A play area at the side of the building was levelled off and new gravel placed on this. New paths were put down by the RSS workers. A new fence at the road was put in place.

This was our first year working with this school. The RSS workers undertook ground work. Cutting back of bushes and overgrown areas in the grounds of the school.

Community Group:	Killorglin Parish Pastoral Council
RSS Measure:	Others

The RSS worker offers support to the Killorglin Parish Pastoral Council with the care and maintenance of the church grounds at St James Church Killorglin. He also supports in the upkeep of the grounds in the two presbyteries in the town..grass cutting , leaf blowing and collection, strimming would be part of the work undertaken .





Cahirciveen 2 - 24KY0005 - Supervisor s: Paddy Casey & Breda Keating

Community Group:	Portmagee Dev Group/ Social Services
RSS Measure:	Social care and care of the elderly, community care for both preschool and after-school groups.

Portmagee Social Services is in operation since 1996 and carries out many different tasks eg: meals on wheels, laundry, visiting elderly in their own homes, cleaning, painting, grass & hedge cutting of people living alone or patients with health problems.

The Rural Social Scheme assists Portmagee Dev Group with general village maintenance for tidy towns.

Work undertaken by the Rural Social Scheme for **Portmagee Social Services** involves visiting the elderly and sick in their own homes & in the hospital. They have cleared out and painted several houses of sick and elderly while they are in hospital much to the delight of these people when they return home, also hedge cutting and grass cutting for elderly.

Kitchen before



Kitchen After





Living Area Before



Living Area after





Community Group:	Skellig Rangers GAA
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work – maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities

The Rural Social Scheme takes part in the cleaning of the dressing rooms weekly. All administration work associated with the Skellig Rangers lotto which includes making and delivering posters getting results into the Kerryman and record keeping for lotto. Work for Skellig Rangers also involves cutting, spiking & lining field. Building a wall Outside field.







Cleaning Dressing rooms weekly

Administration work for Skellig Rangers

Community Group:	Portmagee Parents council
RSS Measure:	Any other appropriate community project identified during the course of the scheme

The Rural Social Scheme covered a range of work in the local national school eg: Erecting shelving and making cupboards for storage, erecting coat hanging facilities. Getting all carpets washed during summer and hanging up curtains. Maintaining school gardens .





Community Group: Kerry Parents & Friends

Social care & care of the elderly, community care for both preschool & after school groups.



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 & hedge cutting.

Community Group: Tig an Oilean

RSS Measure: Village and country side enhancement



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.





Valentia Parish Council/Portmagee Development group Community Group:

Environment maintenance work-maintenance and caretaking RSS Measure:

of community and sporting facilities









The work undertaken by the Rural Social Scheme in the Valentia Churches involves Cutting trees & hedges, clearing drains and strimming and cleaning, hovering & dusting inside weekly. In Portmagee work involves cleaning church on a weekly basis.

Community Group: Cracow Park Sport & leisure Development

Environmental maintenance work – maintenance and caretak-RSS Measure:

ing of community and sporting facilities



Work here involves general maintenance- Keeping paths tidy, strimming, Hedge cutting, grass cutting & keeping all areas litter free.





Community Group:	Valentia Island Dev Company
RSS Measure:	Maintaining and enhancing way-markedways, agreed walks and bog roads



Rerouting and replacing signs on existing markers, and general maintenance and upkeep of walk





Community Group:	Portmagee Communuity Centre
RSS Measure:	Social care and care of the elderly

One of the RSS participants facilitates a drop in centre one day a week where some of the active retired of the area drop in for a chat over a cup of tea. She also organises therapy days for cancer patients and their families. This participant also organises and runs weekly whist drives for the Community Center.

Community Group:	Cahirciveen Active retired
RSS Measure:	Social care and care of the elderly

There are 3 RSS participants trained as passenger assistant, they assist patients 3 days a week on bus to the Valentia Community Hospital. They also provide assistance to retired passengers with shopping etc on bus travelling to Tralee & killarney.





Community Group:	SKDP
RSS Measure	Community Administration / clerical work

Reception & administrative duties for SKDP

Community Group:	Cahirciveen Citizens Information
RSS Measure:	Community Administration / clerical work

Delivering Information to clients and administration work.

Community Group:	Waterville Fisheries
RSS Measure:	Any other appropriate community projectIdentified during the
	course of the scheme.



Waterville Fisheries development Group is a nonprofit 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 Cummeragh rivers. Weed growth has to be removed, trees cut back, removal of silt and agitation of gravel in spawning areas. 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 maintenance of boats is done each year. The hatchery is also maintained on an annual basis.





Cahirciveen 2 - 24KY0005 - Supervisor s: Paddy Casey & Breda Keating

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 activities to help combat Rural Isolation. In 2013 trips were arranged to Clare, Dingle, Slea head drive, Listowel, and The Sean Chairde afternoon tea dance in Killarney were also attended throughout the year. These events give people

from remote areas the chance to visit places and events throughout the country and

meet people from other areas. The men were transported from all parishes within South Kerry Development Partnership area by bus. Kerry Community Transport are vital to this project as they partially fund the transport, thus making it more affordable to the participants.



Lunch was provided on each occasion.

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



Work here involved tilling, planting & maintaining a garden of potatoes and vegetables for Valentia Hospital. Work here involved tilling, 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. One participant visits the hospital

weekly to assist with the residential care of the patients eg; feeding, walking, manicure, hand massage and assisting with meals.





Cahirciveen 2 - 24KY0005 - Supervisor s: Paddy Casey & Breda Keating

Community Group:	Portmagee G A A
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities



Skellig Rangers G A A club is based on the outskirts of the award winning village of Portmagee. The Rural Social Scheme provides a wide range of duties for the club. During playing season the grass on the field is cut on a weekly basis. There are a range of games played on the field throughout the year, from

under age to senior in both Ladies and Mens. The field has to be prepared for every game. The preparation includes lining the field, putting posts in place and distributing flags around the field to the appropriate positions. The Rural Social Scheme participants also ensure that the clubhouse and gym are maintained to a very high standard, as are the stand, entrance, gates and boundary wall.

Community Group:	Glen National School
RSS Measure:	Any other appropriate community project identified during the course of the scheme



Rural social scheme erected a wall on the school grounds for an outside Muriel



Work was also done on goalposts, basketball hoops and boundary fences were re fenced.





Environmental Maintenance work of Sporting facilities in Kenmare 2013.

Community Group: Templenoe GAA Club

RSS Measure: General Maintenance/ Caretaking



The RSS in Kenmare carried out work on two GAA. Fields in 2013 two for Templenoe club. The work consisted of cutting grass with the clubs ride on mower on a regular basis during the growing season, lining the field on a weekly basis, cleaning the dressing rooms after matches and training, and caring out regular repairs to the pitch and changing rooms as necessary.



The RSS also provide assistance to the Blackwater Women's Group to organise the annual Blackwater sports day in Dromore GAA. Field in Blackwater.

Community Group: Tuosist GAA Club

RSS Measure: General Maintenance/ Caretaking

The RSS in Kenmare carried out work on Tuosist GAA Field. Major repairs were carried out on boundary fence; repair work was also carried out on the access road to the football field.





Ongoing work includes lining the pitch cleaning the dressing rooms after both training sessions and games.





Community Group: Kenmare Golf Club

RSS Measure: General Maintenance/ Caretaking





THE **RSS** in Kenmare carried out work on pathways replacing timber edging and placing lime chipping on path. They also helping to prepare ground for golf lessons for juvenile members during the summer months.

Enhancement Project work in village and countryside Kenmare Area 2013

Community Group: Kerry Blackwater Development Group

RSS Measure: General Maintenance/ Caretaking





Work carried out under this group involved maintaining fishing spots along the Blackwater River and doing repair works on the pathway along the river. Bridges on the pathways were repaired with old planks

replaced and handrails installed. The group also arranged for rubbish to be collected along the river banks, some overhanging branches were also removed.

Community Group: Bonane Development Group

RSS Measure: General Maintenance/ Caretaking





This group's work included rubbish collection on an ongoing basis along the local roads. The group were also responsible for clearing around and maintenance of local roadside information signs for the Heritage Park and walkways.

New signs were also erected in 2013 to advertise the local attractions.



Environmental Maintenance work on Community facilities in Kenmare.

Work was carried out to the following Community centres & Churches.

Lauragh Community centre. Under the guidance of Lauragh centre Committee, work that was carried out included painting the inside of the centre and spraying the car park and cutting the surrounding hedges.

Tousist Community centre, major work was carried out under the Committees direction this included replacing slate and cleaning the roof, cleaning and repairing gutters and downpipes. The surrounding grounds were also maintained.

Dirreedarragh Church.

The Blackwater Women's Grouped organise the work, which included cleaning and painting the inside roof area, keeping the church clean and tidy, erecting and taking down the Christmas crib and also maintaining the car park and church grounds.

Templenoe Church.

The work is organised by the Community Centre Committee, this involves maintaining the car park and walkway to the church painting outside wall and gates.

Dawrus Church and Community Centre.

Dawrus Community Group is in charge of the work mainly outside including the surrounding garden and car park.













RSS Graveyard work

The following graveyards are cared for and maintained by the Rural Social Scheme in the Kenmare area:

- Coad graveyard, Caherdaniel.
- New and Old graveyards, Templenoe.
- New and Old graveyards, Kenmare.
- Killowen graveyard, Kenmare.
- St. Fiachna's graveyard, Bonane.
- Killmacalogue graveyard, Lauragh.

The Rural Social Scheme in the Kenmare area has being carrying out ongoing maintenance work on the above graveyards. The general work carried out is the cutting of grass and other vegetation to keep overall area in good condition. All access areas e.g. paths, walkways etc. have to be maintained and kept free of obstruction.

Other works carried out include the repair of boundary walls in the New Templenoe and New Kenmare graveyards.













Report on work of RSS Kenmare 2013.

The RSS in the greater Kenmare area carried out work on a number of walks in 2013 including:

The Kerry Way walk:

Maintenance carried out on sections of the walk not included in the walks scheme; also stiles were replaced where old stiles were not safe. Sleepers were fitted on wet sections in Caherdaniel and Sneem.

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New signs were erected where required.

Dromore Loop walks:

Drainage carried out on wet sections, fallen branches were removed after storm.

Bonane Loop walks:

Repairs carried out and new signage was erected.

Mass Rock walks Bonane:

Repair work carried out to the steps leading to the Mass Rock.

The Beara Way walk:

Markings were replaced along roadway. Stiles replaced in Lauragh.

General maintenance work was carried out on most sections of the walk.



















Social Care and Care of the Elderly in Kenmare.

The RSS.in the greater Kenmare area assisted roughly 25 elderly people with various jobs in 2013, varying from cutting grass and hedges to clearing gutters and drains, painting houses cutting and storing firewood.

We also carried out Community work in the two Organic Gardens in Sneem and Kenmare planting and maintaining the vegetables which are used to provide meals for the elderly. These vegetables are first established in the poly-tunnel before been planting outside.





Kenmare poly-tunnel.





Care of the Elderly Kenmare.





Community Group: Citizens Information Centre

RSS Measure: Community administration and community event manage-

ment.



CIC provides information on public services and entitlements in Ireland.

In Kenmare ,based in the adult education centre, CIC are supported by a RSS participant whose remit is the direct delivery of information and advice services in line with the

Citizens Information Board. The provision of quality information to clients in various formats using the Citizens Information website as an information tool, supplemented by other relevant information sources. The RSS participant is responsible for the delivery of outreach services through CIS. She follows up work arising from information sessions with clients. She also supports publicity and promotional initiatives when requested.

New Projects Started in 2013



Collorus Pier Walk

The entire walkway was cleared of overgrown trees &

shrubs. Ivy was also cleared from the viaduct which is the main walkway to the pier under the Castletownbere road. Drainage was also carried out

to remove water from the walkway. This walkway is an important access point to the Collorus bay especially in case of emergency.



Sheen Woods Residents Association



RSS work carried out for Sheen Woods Residents consisted of maintenance of the commune grass & tree area, work included grass cutting, hedge trimming & the removal of old & dead trees. Care of the Elderly work was

also carried out for some of the eligible residents.





Community Group:	Caherciveen Pastoral Committee
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities



The RSS take care of the general maintenance and cleaning of the Church facility. We maintain the grounds which includes cleaning the paved areas, cutting the lawn, trimming the hedges and looking after the shrubs. It's a vital part of the community and they appreciate how well it looks. Its also frequently visited by passing tourists.

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

This is a large area of our work. We decorate a lot of houses internally and externally, we cut lawns, trim hedges, clean walkways and paved areas for the elderly. We are involved with Kerry County Council on a smoke alarm project, we install alarms in houses for the elderly and the vulnerable. We plant and maintain a vegetable garden for the Social Services Caherciveen, they use these vegetables for the meals they provide in the day care centre and the meals on wheels. We visit the elderly in rural areas which relieves some of the isolation. We have a helper on a bus which takes people to the shops. It can be seen that we have a good relationship with these community groups due to the large amount of repeat work.





Community Group:	The Kerry Way Committee
RSS Measure:	Maintaining and enhancing way marked-ways, agreed walks and bog roads



We maintain a few sections of the Kerry Way where landowners do not avail of the walks payments scheme. We

carry out any diversions or re routes necessary. We install new markers and styles in areas that are taken off roads. We replace any styles or markers that are broken or damaged due to wear and tear.



Community Group:	Filemore GAA Club
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care- taking of community and sporting facilities



We cut the grass when necessary and line the field before matches. We clean and paint the dressing rooms when required.





Community Group: Caherciveen Graveyards Committee

RSS Measure: Village and countryside enhancement projects



We maintain all the graveyard, we cut the grass, keep any bushes back and maintain the pathways. It's a very old graveyard so its important to maintain the paths for people to access the graves.

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 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 caretaking of community and sporting facilities.



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 caretaking of community and sporting facilities



We maintain all of the play equipment, this is a well used facility and its important that its maintained for the safety of the kids. 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 installed a polytunnel and raised beds which will be used by the kids. We installed additional gravel pathways in the garden area. We decorated the communal areas and some of the classrooms. We obtained playground stencils from the HSE and installed them around the play areas the kids got great enjoyment out of these.



Community Group:	Renard GAA Club
RSS Measure:	Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and caretaking of community and sporting facilities.



We occasionally cut and maintain the field and surrounding areas. We plastered walls leading up to the gym. We capped some of the old stone walls to stop them deteriorating.

Community Group:	Waterville IRD
RSS Measure:	Village and countryside enhancement projects Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care- taking of community and sporting facilities

We installed a new stone wall along the promenade which included integrated seating. We installed kerbing around a car parking area next to the new wall. We cleared the bushes back along the path down to the lake which was well overgrown.









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

We drive a mini bus on this project to collect people with Disabilities and take them to training courses. We maintain the same two drivers on the project as they have built a great relationship with the students. The students also moved into a new building this year, we decorated the walls and the ceilings and laid some new flooring. Externally we cut back the hedges and trimmed the overgrown lawn. The group host shows in various community centres and we move chairs to each venue and return them when they are finished with them.

Community Group:	Aghatubrid National School and Foilmore National School
RSS Measure:	Social care and care of the elderly, community care for both pre - school and after-school groups



We run an after school club in the two schools above. The participants enjoy working with the children, playing games and doing puzzles on the cold and wet days and enjoying the play areas outside in the fine days. The Children enjoy the club because it's a change from the classroom activities.

Community Group:	Cahirciveen Mens Shed
RSS Measure:	Village and countryside enhancement projects Environmental maintenance work, maintenance and care-taking of community and sporting facilities



We got involved in this project to renovate a disused factory into the Mens shed. We cleaned and decorated the walls, we installed insulation to the ceiling, we erected a polytunnel which they have started to grow produce in and we carry out any general maintenance that arises.





Killarney - 141KY001-Supervisor: Lisa Murphy

Community Group: Killarney Looking Good

TÚS Measure: Caretaking, securing, supervising of community buildings and

spaces.



TÚS are very active in the role they play in the constant upkeep of the beautiful south Kerry town. Work in 2013 has included the maintenance of residential areas in the town in support of local resident groups which enhanced and improved the appearance of Housing Estates within the town.



TÚS also took on the rebuilding of broken down stone walls in need of upkeep along the demesne boundry



walls in keeping with Killarneys renowned sense of space and image.

Community Group: Ballyspillane Family Resource Centre

TÚS Measure: Social care of all age groups and people with disabilities

TÚS participants in Ballyspillane support the Reception area, the Childcare facility and offer support to the Parent & Toddler mornings and 21+VAT group during their work placement hours. This is a 12 month work placement opportunity for 3 TÚS participants.

As a receptionist TÚS manages the reception area of the CRFC and provides administration support for the managing of booking rooms, roster of premises and admin support to all FRC staff.

As a childcare worker TÚS supports the Creche & Afterschool programmes in her role assisting the service facility.

Offering hands on support to the Toddler Mornings & 21+VAT groups TÚS assists the work of the family support worker engaging with group participants.

As well as in-house TÚS supports, In conjunction with Ballyspillane CFRC and its residence association TÚS supported the overall appearance of the neighborhood by erecting secured bedding boxes on entry to the estate.



Killarney - 141KY001-Supervisor: Lisa Murphy

Community Group:	Deaf Hear
TÚS Measure:	Community administration and community event management.

Both TÚS participants in Dear Hear provide office administrative back up for a 12 month period.

Deaf Hear benefits the community by providing various means of support to deaf and hard of hearing people such as minor hearing aid repairs, assessing for assistive technology and providing general office support when planning groups, outings and information days.

The TÚS participant, office based is part of a team that provides social support to people who often use the office as a safe place to relax and have a chat.

Community Group:	Social Health & Education Project SHEP
TÚS Measure:	Social care of all age groups and people with disabilities.

SHEP is an Irish, not-for-profit, community-based training and development organisation. SHEP is a unique project with a clear goal—to develop capacities for positive change; to enhance health & well-being and to promote social justice.

TÚS provides clerical and administrative back up by covering general office duties such as filing, telephone/reception duties, meet and greet with clients-All part of a vital support service to the work of SHEP

Community Group:	Citizens Information Centre
TÚS Measure:	Community administration and community event management.

CIC provides information on public services and entitlements in Ireland. In Killarney, CIC are supported by a TÚS participant whose remit is the direct delivery of information and advice services in line with the Citizens Information Board. The provision of quality information to clients in various formats using the Citizens Information website as an information tool, supplemented by other relevant information sources. The TÚS participant is responsible for the delivery of outreach services through CIS. He follows up work arising from information sessions with clients. He also supports publicity and promotional initiatives when requested.



Killarney - 141KY001-Supervisor: Lisa Murphy

Community Group: Kerry Parents & Friends Association

TÚS Measure: Social care of all age groups and people with disabilities

Kerry Parents and Friends Association was established in 1973 as a support to families of people with an intellectual disability and the Franciscan Sisters of the Divine Motherhood in their work with persons with an Intellectual Disability at St. Mary of the Angels, Beaufort near Killarney. The Association became a Service Provider in 1978 in response to an urgent need for services for adults with an intellectual disability in Co. Kerry. The Association provides community based Day, Residential and Support Services for more than 250 adults with an intellectual disability and their families in various locations throughout Kerry

In Killarney TÚS facilitates the upkeep and upgrade of day and residential facilities not provided for within available budgets. The TÚS participant provides a general maintenance service responsible for painting and decorating as directed, grass cutting and clearing work. He also assists in basic carpentry work by helping with activities for service users.

In 2013 TÚS also provided administrative support, a position vacated by maternity leave but not replaced due to budget restraints. Based in the central administration at Old Monestary in Killarney TÚS provided the first point of contact for many visitors/service users/families to the centre.

Community Group: Citizens Information Centre

TÚS Measure: Work in support of cultural and heritage activities

Men's Sheds are a dedicated, friendly and welcoming meeting place where men come together and undertake a variety of mutually agreed activities.

In Killarney the Mens Shed is supported by a TÚS worker who provides the grounds maintenance support and oversees the opening and closing of the building.

New members are always welcome and can be assured that there is something of interest for everyone as the men have ownership of their Shed and projects and decide their own program of events. TÚS supports all new visitors to the shed and remains on hand to assist in any project that requires an extra pair of hands. In 2013 a new garden tunnel project was executed and was overseen by TÚS. It's upkeep & maintenance remains the responsibility of the TÚS inhouse support.





Mid and South Kerry Supervisor: Concubhair Lyne

Community Group:	South Kerry Development Partnership Offices Cahersiveen & Killorglin
TÚS Measure:	Community administration and community event management

TÚS participants provide clerical and administration support to the various different programs run within the partnership, TÚS participants working within the partnership supported the following programs, BTWEA, Education and Training, Skill Nets, L.E.S , S.K.D.P accounts department and also we had a TÚS participant giving I.T training to all staff. These were all quality work placements and also give much needed support to the partnership.

TÚS also provides cover for SKDP reception staff and for filling all the duties associated with such.

Community Group:	Foilmore Community Centre
TÚS Measure:	Caretaking, securing, supervising of community buildings and spaces



The Foilmore Community Centre was opened in November 2011. The local community set up a group and raised funds so the Foilmore community could have a centre where young and old can meet on a regular basis for a variety of activities such as circuit classes, indoor soccer, badminton and youth club and the centre was part funded by south Kerry development partnership and the rural development programme. The TÚS work Placement programme carries out care &

maintenance on a weekly basis, this involves cleaning and polishing the sports hall floor, painting and some carpentry work and we are also responsible for the opening and closing of the facility.





Mid and South Kerry Supervisor: Concubhair Lyne

Community Group: Valentia Island Lighthouse

TÚS Measure: Staffing of Cultural, Tourism and Heritage Centres.



In 2012 Valentia Island Development Company decided to try to open the lighthouse to the public. To achieve this they worked with Commissioner of Irish Lights, Kerry County Council and South Kerry Development Partnership. The groups worked closely together and agreed on a lease.

S.K.D.P and the TÚS programme were asked to run the lighthouse as a tourist attraction and to maintain the lighthouse buildings and surrounds, after a lot of work by the TÚS workers

including gates, handrails, signage and painting the lighthouse opened to the public seven days a week on Sunday the second of June 2013 and 5435 people visited the lighthouse in 2013.

Community Group: Tech Amergin

TÚS Measure: Caretaking



Tech Amergin vegetable tunnel and gardens are looked after by a TÚS worker, his duties include planting, weeding and harvesting the crops which are sold to produce income for the centre. Every Friday patients from Kerry mental health come out to the tunnel and garden to work for the day and they are shown how to care for the plants. In 2013 the TÚS participant developed a sensory garden and has proven to be a very popular attraction in Tech Amergin.





Mid and South Kerry Supervisor: Concubhair Lyne

Community Group:	Killorglin Archive Society
TÚS Measure:	Staffing of Cultural, Tourism and Heritage Centres.

Killorglin Archive society was established in 2012 and they opened an office in the Sean scoile building in Killorglin and is staffed by TÚS participants and is open 5 days a week 9-5, the grouped started by asking members of the public to come in with any old photographs they had and get them scanned by the TÚS workers and take them away again. They also worked on the following projects.

Website

Launched in July 2013 including the following categories:-

Photographic watermarked photographs, Audio and Video which is edited before publication. The website is being added to on a daily basis.

Facebook

Facebook is updated on a daily basis informing people of additions to the website and activities that the Archive has been involved in.

Scanning

We are continuing to scan items into the archive and adding metadata on a weekly basis. Currently around 15,000 items.

Newsletter

Three Newsletters have now been produced.

<u>Recordings</u>

Interviews were conducted on Thursday 7th November and more are planned.

Training

Numerous courses have been completed by member of the office staff including:-Community Folklore Recording Training Museum Basics Manual Handling





Mid and South Kerry Supervisor: Concubhair Lyne

Community Group: Foilmore GAA

TÚS Measure: Caretaking.



Foilmore GAA is a new project for the TÚS programme in 2013. The TÚS worker has taken on significant projects here, he started by building a new store room for all the clubs equipment and he changed the layout of the dressing rooms, he is also responsible for the day to day duties such as cutting the grass, mending nets, lining the pitch and all other maintenance jobs.





Community Group: South Kerry Development Offices Kenmare

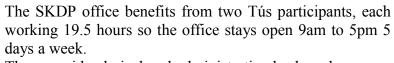
TÚS Measure: Community administration and community event management



We are well into the second year of the new SKDP offices being open on Henry Street Kenmare. It has been very successful with all the services of benefit to the local community now available under one roof.

Two TÚS workers man the busy reception area at all times and several local community & voluntary groups enjoy administration support.

Groups benefiting include Inter Kenmare Soccer Club and Féile Neidín.



They provide clerical and administrative back up by covering general office duties such as telephone, reception and filing. They also deal with public enquiries and liaise with different groups that use the offices boardroom for meetings.



Community Group: Citizens Information Centre Kenmare

TÚS Measure: Community administration and community event management



CIC provides information on public services and entitlements in Ireland

In Kenmare, CIC are supported by a TÚS participant, whose remit is to manage an efficient and friendly contact point for customers, answer basic queries and / or give our forms on request and to provide support to the CIC team.





Community Group: Kenmare golf club

TÚS Measure: General Maintenance & Caretaking



Launched in July 1903, The Kenmare Golf Club has emerged as a highly sociable and well supported Members Club.

Kenmare golf club enjoy the benefits of a Tús participant for 19.5 hours a week who generally maintains the grounds and exterior walls surrounding the golf course maintaining the hedges pathways but who doesn't.

Community Group: Inter Kenmare Soccer club

TÚS Measure: General Maintenance & Caretaking





Internazionale Kenmare was founded in 1985 and was originally known as the 'Templenoe Tigers'. The team had a truly international feel to it, supporting players from Holland, England, Germany and of course Ireland. In 1989 the club changed its name to Internazionale in honour of its multicultural origins. Recognising the need for further expansion and development and desirous of a place to put down permanent roots, it was obvious the club needed to purchase and develop a ground of its own. The club's committee put together a development plan to gather funds for this project. Two full size pitches were developed on the site, floodlights suitable for training were installed and in 2009 we opened our club rooms, changing rooms and equipment rooms the club currently field teams from under 6 to over 35. We have two men's senior teams, a ladies team and an over 35s team. Our seniors play in the Kerry District League Premier A Division, with our Ladies Team currently participating in the West Cork League

Inter Kenmare soccer club have the support of a Tús participant who maintains the grounds with regular grass cutting, lining of the pitch, maintaining the pitch and dressing rooms & club house. Washing and drying of up to 8 separate complete soccer kits and all other duties that may arise



Community Group: Kenmare Poly-Tunnel Project

TÚS Measure: General Maintenance & Caretaking, securing, supervising Of

Poly-Tunnel



The Kenmare Poly-tunnel project enjoys the benefits of a Tús participant for 19.5hrs a week. The 19.5hrs is worked over 5 mornings a week to the satisfaction of both parties.

Tús Participant is responsible for the management, planning and control of the poly-tunnel / garden operations from garden prep through to harvesting.



Kenmare poly-tunnel project is based in the Kenmare Adult Education Centre Grounds. Kenmare poly-tunnel project benefits the community by providing various Horticulture courses run by the Adult Education Centre, one such is Organic Horticulture Fetac Level 5, this course is aimed at people who wish to gain an extensive knowledge of organic horticulture to either go into business, gain employment, or progress on to third level in a related area.

Community Group: Kenmare Food Carnival

TÚS Measure: Community administration and community event management



July 2013 saw Kenmare hold its second Kenmare Food Carnival. Kenmare has for many years been known for its outstanding food and has been hailed as one of Ireland's 'Food Capitals'. The Kenmare Food Carnival aims to showcase all that Kenmare has from award winning restaurants,

to local producers, 5 star dining, charming cafes, delicious deli's and bustling

bakery's. They aim to do all of this in a fun 'Carnival' style atmosphere mixing food with fun and turning Kenmare into a one stop Food Campus with something for everybody

Tús participant provides clerical and administrative back up by covering general office duties such as telephone,

reception, filing also liaise between the public and food carnival committee. Taking minutes of monthly meetings as well as handing out brochures of upcoming events.





Community Group: Kilgarvan Tidy Towns

TÚS Measure: General Maintenance & Caretaking



Kilgarvan Tidy towns were set up again in 2012 after been disbanded for over 10 years. The aim right from the start was to encourage Kilgarvan community to improve their local environment and make their area a better place to live, work and visit. One of the first projects Kilgarvan tidy towns addressed was the problem of unsightly derelict buildings of which they are well

over 30 in the village. They contacted

the owners of these derelict buildings, getting permission and materials to paint and fundamentally change the streetscape of the village for the betterment of all.

Kilgarvan Tidy Towns is supported by 2 Tús Participants, who are responsible for the painting and decorating as directed, clearing and weeding work. Power washing of old building before painting and whatever work there is to be done as outlined in the Tidy towns work plan.



Community Group: Templenoe GAA Club

TÚS Measure: General Maintenance & Caretaking



The Templenoe GAA club was founded in 1942 and secured its own playing fields in the mid 70's overlooking Kenmare Bay close to Cos Strand with Dressing Rooms and Toilets. The grounds were officially opened on June 2nd 1991. They maintain two high quality playing fields

and facilities, one in Templenoe and the other in Old Dromore.

Templenoe GAA Club have the support of a Tús participant who maintains the grounds with regular grass cutting on a ride on lawnmower which the club provides, lining and maintaining the pitch and dressing room areas.







Community Group: Templenoe Community Council

TÚS Measure: General Maintenance & Caretaking



Templenoe Community Council incorporates a number of groups such as Templenoe community centre, Templenoe pier, Cush strand as well as Templenoe church. Templenoe enjoy the benefits of a Tús participant for 19.5 hours a week who does the work laid out in the work plan, such as maintaining Templenoe community centre as well as the pier, keeping cos strand clean and recently power washing and painting Templenoe church.

Community Group: St. Johns N.S. Parents Association

TÚS Measure: Traffic Management Officer



St. Johns N.S. has over 370 pupils attending school. With this amount of pupils set down and pick up of these children became a real safety concern. To this end St. Johns N.S. parents association contacted the SKDP office in Kenmare and asked for Tús help.



The Tús participant is a Traffic management officer in the school grounds working 3 different times in the day, 5 days a week, morning for set down, afternoon for pickup and evening for end of school. He is responsible for the safety of children attending school and provides a service to both school and community by insuring traffic free-flow.





Community Group: Kenmare Chamber Of Commerce & Tourism

TÚS Measure: Community administration and community event management



The Kenmare Chamber of Commerce was established in 1999 to represent the business community. To date, a number of projects have been undertaken to the betterment of the community. In 2001, the Chamber amalgamated with Kenmare Tourism Association to form the Kenmare Chamber of Commerce and Tourism. The Chamber now has a membership of over 90 businesses in the Kenmare area. It provides

Kenmare with a voice and vehicle in which the Town and its surroundings can prosper.

Tús participant provides clerical and administrative back up by covering general office duties such as telephone, reception, filing also liaise between the public and food carnival committee. Taking minutes of monthly meetings as well as handing out brochures of upcoming events.



Community Group: Carnegie Arts Centre

TÚS Measure: General Maintenance & Caretaking



The Carnegie Arts Centre was established in 2008 as a cultural centre for the people of South Kerry and the Beara Peninsula. It is envisaged as a hub for artistic activity in the local community for present and future generations. The centre aims to foster the creative arts in the local community and to attract national and international arts performers to the splendid surrounds of Kenmare.

This multi-purpose arts centre has a 140-seat theatre, a full-size cinema screen, a performance area and a gallery space for art exhibitions. Technical features include high-quality stage lighting and sound system fully equipped for concerts, lectures, drama and exhibitions.

Carnegie Arts Centre enjoys the benefits of a Tús participant for 19.5 hours a week who generally maintains the 140 seat theatre

as well as the grounds outside. On occasions he helps out covering the reception desk and has lately to his credit, has learnt how to operate the theatre sound system enabling the Carnegie to run films on Wednesday nights.



Community Group: Bonane Heritage Park

TÚS Measure: Community administration and community event management



Bonane is steeped in ancient history being home to over 250 archaeological sites, this identifies Bonane as having one of the highest concentrations of sites in the country. With its many magnificent walks and drives and an abundance of archaeological and historical sites such as the Ringfort,

The stone circle and boulder burial, the standing and also the fualacht fiadh (A fulacht fiadh is the name given to an ancient cooking pit dating from

the Bronze Age). Bonane Heritage Park was officially opened on Sunday 11 June 2006.

Tús participant provides clerical and administrative back up by covering general office duties such as telephone, reception, filing also liaise between the public and Bonane heritage committee. Taking minutes of monthly meetings as well as handing out brochures of upcoming.



Community Group: Kenmare Men's shed

TÚS Measure: General Maintenance & Caretaking



Kenmare Men's Shed is community-based, non-commercial organization which is open to all men where the primary activity is the provision of a safe, friendly and inclusive environment where the men are able to gather and/or work on meaningful projects at their own pace, in their own time and in the company of other men and where the primary objective is to advance the health and well-being of the participating men.

Kenmare Men's shed enjoy the benefits of a Tús participant for 19.5 hours a week who generally maintains the grounds of the shed both inside and out. The participant's duties consist of light maintenance keeping the shed clean and tidy for safety reasons as well as maintaining the shed canteen, but also to meet and greet new and existing men. Since Tús have come on board Kenmare men's shed is able to keep its doors open for longer thus attracting new people.







Community Group: Old Kenmare Graveyard Association

TÚS Measure: General Maintenance & Caretaking



The old Kenmare Cemetery can be found just outside the town of Kenmare. It sits on just over 7 acres the graveyard was the site of an early monastic settlement founded by Saint Finian of Innisfallen who died at the end of the 7th Century. The Church of St Finian is in now ruins

Old Kenmare graveyard association enjoy the benefits of a Tús participant for 19.5 hours a week who generally maintains the grounds and pathways. He cuts the grass by Strimming and keeps the pathways in and around the graveyard neat

and tidy. The graveyard is very busy place as it is frequented by both locals and tourists.

Community Group: Sneem Family Festival

TÚS Measure: Community administration and community event management



Sneem Family Festival 2013 is the 10th year of the festival. The festival is run by a voluntary committee of local people. The committee changes each year. The committee is also involved in the St Patrick's Day Festival. The festival is 5 days of family fun.

Tús participant provides for 19.5hrs a week clerical and administrative back up by covering general office duties such as telephone, reception, filing also liaise between the public and food carnival committee.

Taking minutes of monthly meetings as well as handing out brochures of upcoming events.

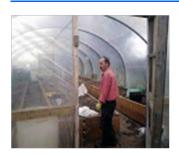




Community Group: Kenmare Community care

TÚS Measure: General Maintenance & Caretaking, securing, supervising Of

Poly-Tunnel and Garden



Kenmare Community Care. The social centre provides a meal service to Taobh Linn residents and meals on wheels service to older people within the Kenmare locality. Residents and neighbours can get together and socialise over a home cooked 4 course meal in the centre. The social centre also provides a wide range of activities such as arts and crafts, music, bingo and physical exercises.

The Tús participant provides light maintenance around the centre as well as working in the garden and poly-tunnel, where all vegetables grown there are given to Kenmare community care for their dinner services to both residents and people who partake in the meals on wheels programme.

Community Group: Kenmare Bay Marine Park Project

TÚS Measure: Community administration and community event management



The Kenmare Bay Marine Park Project was set up in conjunction with Kenmare Chamber of Commerce and Tourism for promotion of the bay area of Kenmare and preserving its biodiversity and creating a sustainable way forward.

The Kenmare Bay Marine Park Project is a new project started in December 2013 and enjoys the benefits of a Tús participant who provides clerical and administrative back up by covering general office duties such as telephone, filing also liaise between the public and The Kenmare Bay Marine Park Project committee. Taking minutes of monthly meetings and compiling a brief document for submission to the new forum for Kerry tourism promotion set up by Kerry County Council.







Community Group: Sneem Family Resource Centre

TÚS Measure: Computer Run Programme & Classes



Sneem family resource centre provide information, advice and support to target groups and families in the catchment area of Sneem, Castlecove, Caherdaniel and Blackwater. They also provide education courses and training, childcare facilities, youth groups, after school clubs. The Citizens Information Centre, Money Advice and Budgeting Service, AA and Teagasc services all avail of room provided in the centre.

The Tús participant supports the FRC by implementing and running computer courses in their computer room free of charge. The Tús participant runs two different types of classes. The first being a web design course run every Monday evening of which 8 people avail of, and the second is a one on one class specifi-



cally tailored to the individual needs of the person of which to date 9 people avail of.





Community Group: Féile Neidín (Kenmare Irish Music Festival)

TÚS Measure: Community administration and community event management



Féile Neidín, Kenmare's Irish Music Festival had its inaugural start in April 2013 The inspiration for Féile Neidín came from the two immensely successful Munster Fleadhs which were held in Kenmare during 2008 and 2010 after which we were all left thinking, why don't we do this ourselves every year! Féile Neidín's aim is to put on a music festival with elements which are open to all whether young or old, musi-

cian or music lover. Other Inter-

esting features were workshops run on the Saturday, an expo of instrument makers, "Sea-fari" boat trip sessions and a "Guided Historical Walk" of Kenmare.

The Féile Neidín enjoyed the services of a Tús participant on a short term basis to help them with the administrative side. Her duties included clerical and administrative back up by covering general office duties such as telephone, filing also liaise between the public and festival committee. Tak-



ing minutes of monthly meetings as well as handing out brochures of the upcoming event.

Community Group: Kenmare Bowling Club

TÚS Measure: Serving Teas and Coffee on Open Day



Kenmare Indoor Bowling Club is based in Kenmare GAA Sports Centre with over 20 members actively playing. They had their first ever open day bowling competition in June 2013, as bowling clubs from around Kerry were attending the kenmare bowls club asked South Kerry Development Partnership and in particular Tús for help in serving teas, coffee and already made sandwiches to the competitors.

The Kenmare Bowling Club enjoyed the benefits of 2 Tús participants for the day that served and helped clean up when the day's competition was over.





Community Group: Kerry Mental Health Association

TÚS Measure: Maintenance & Gardening

TÚS participants maintained the garden and driveway of a house owned by the Kerry Mental Health Association. This work involved cutting the grass, edging the lawn, trimming the hedges in the garden and spraying to control any weeds. The participants also removed a lot of debris and rubble from the garden that had gathered.

Community Group: Milltown & Castlemaine GAA

TÚS Measure: Administration & Painting



Milltown & Castlemaine GAA have the support of a TÚS participant that provides administrative duties to the executive committee of the club. These duties include archiving of financial accounts, administration of club raffles, maintaining membership records and providing support to committee members as the need may arise. It is has also been a benefit to the club to have a central point of contact at the club at regular times.

TÚS participants have also painted and completed some maintenance in preparation of the installation of a new gym facility within the clubhouse.







Community Group: Glenbeigh National School

TÚS Measure: Sanding & Varnishing Floors & Desks

Glenbeigh National School has old timber flooring and desks which after many years of use had become extensively scratched and marked. With some of the rooms floors having been replaced with an alternative, it was hoped that the rest of the rooms could be restored, to preserve some of the history of the school.

TÚS participants sanded back the old layers of varnish and removed as much of the damage as possible in three rooms in the school. They then applied three coats of varnish to the floors, sanding in between coats. This process was repeated with the old style desks also

Community Group: Beaufort Tidy Towns

TÚS Measure: Painting & Power washing



Beaufort Tidy Towns was set up in October 2010 with the aim of enhancing the physical and social environment within Beaufort village and surrounding areas.

TÚS participant's power washed the boundary walls of the old Garda station in Beaufort Village and then painted them, which the Office of Public Works was to licence to the local community for their own use. These walls are pebbled dashed and as a results required a lot of paint. TÚS participants also painted the front wall of the community centre.







Community Group:	Nai lonad na Cille Ltd. Childcare
TÚS Measure:	General Maintenance & Painting

Nai Ionad na Cille Ltd. is a crèche facility in the Keel area offering child-minding / preschool services to children ranging in age from babies to toddlers to preschool to an after school service.

The TÚS participant is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds of the facility and the building itself which include, maintenance of flower beds, cleaning of exterior spaces, minor repair work as it arises and any other jobs requested by the Crèche manager.

TÚS participants also re-painted all the interior rooms of the centre, this involved clearing the rooms of all furniture and repairing any damage to the walls hanging pictures, moving furniture, etc. They then painted walls, ceilings, skirting boards, architrave and doors.

Community Group:	Mid-Kerry Tourism Office
TÚS Measure:	Clerical & Administration

Mid-Kerry tourism office is a community tourist information office and is located in Killorglin town. This office supplies members of the public with information on local accommodation and attractions, as well as selling fishing permits and souvenirs within office. The TÚS participant helps in the day to day running of the office, offer advice to the visiting public and provide assistance when required.





Community Group: Iveragh Park & Cloverhill Close Residents Association

TÚS Measure: Maintenance



Iveragh Park & Cloverhill Close Residents Association is a very active residents association, which maintains the overall look of the estate. Through this work they have won a Pride of Place award in 2009 and are working to maintain these standards.

The TÚS participant provides help with a general Maintenance service, their duties include cutting grass, trimming hedges, maintaining flower beds and edging grass areas. The participant also assists with any painting and decorating work as it arises.



Community Group: Killorglin Family Resource Centre

TÚS Measure: Childcare

The Killorglin Family Resource Center was opened with the aim to combat the disadvantaged and improve the functioning of the family unit. The program emphasizes involving local communities in tackling the problems they face, and creating successful partnerships between voluntary and statutory agencies at community level. This facility provides essential assistance to working parents as they would not be able to work without this assistance. The TÚS work placement program provided support in their childcare facility, the TÚS participants duties include helping with the cooking, cleaning and assisting with the child minding.

