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Tim Coffey, Eugene Dennehy, Frank Sugrue, Joe McCrohan RSS and Tús Manager, John Cronin and Jimmy O'Sullivan at the Waterville

Waterville Lakes & River **Trust: enhancing tourism** by preserving local habitats

THE Waterville Lakes & River Trust is making a fundamental difference to the local environment and eco-tourism potential of the region. By replenishing fish stocks in rivers and lakes, the group not only produces an essential dividend in terms of habitat. but also brings the community together.

Its primary aim is to promote the angling experience in Waterville for locals and tourists, which is vital in terms maintaining a vibrant recreational setting. By extension, this benefits tourism in the area with people from all over the world coming to experience the beauty of the region and staying in local hotels, B&Bs and guest houses; while also using the bars, restaurants and shops.

SKDP help this group in the running of a hatchery and habitat $\,$ improvement for spawning fish. Waterville Lakes & River Trust member, Kevin O'Sullivan said it would be impossible to maintain what they do without the manpower provided by SKDP. The nature of this work requires a lot of input along riverbanks and

lakes making them accessible to anglers.

Waterville Lakes & River Trust has worked in conjunction with SKDP for over 15 years in their efforts to promote local tourism and the economy. Help also comes from local people, which Kevin said is a further benefit to the group's objective of sustaining local vibrancy.



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Cunamh Iveragh: an important facility in a rural location

Kerry for people with intellectual disabilities of all ages. Given the geographic spread of south Kerry. this service is all the more essential. It was founded in the late-1990s by a group of locals eager to take matters into their own hands to provide a key facility.

This facility has taken a while to establish itself but once Cunamh - a group of no more than ten people - bought a house in Cahersiveen it went from strength to strength. They also provide an essential respite service, which is again thanks to the same core group of people.

Group Chairperson Bernie Donoghue said they are extremely proud of what they have accomplished, and she feels that without 'drive and determination', they would not be as advanced as they are in achieving their objectives. SKDP scheme members help Cunamh with the upkeep of the house by painting it and keeping it looking fresh. Bernie said this maintenance is very welcome, adding that SKDP is a great contact and resource to have

"For a small group, what we have achieved is incredible. We are a very committed and focused group. We feel that if we don't do things ourselves, no one is going to do it for us. This is important when it comes to securing disability services," said Bernie, SKDP also



Keeping St Mary's GAA running smoothly...

ST Mary's GAA Club continues to serve as a vital part of every day life for people of all ages in Cahersiveen and its environs The club's presence in the community stretches back several decades, but not only has it produced some of the county's best footballers, it has also created no shortage of community cohesion during this time.

People connected with GAA clubs in every area - urban and rural – appreciate the sense of connectivity a club adds to a locality. Tony McCarthy of the St Mary's GAA Club said upkeep and maintenance of pitches and facilities is essential to the smooth running of the club, adding that SKDP RSS and Tús participants help immensely in this regard. "It is very important nowadays as it's hard to get people to do this work on a regular basis. Normally we would have two people involved in cutting the pitch and another three more help in lining it. They are very good and reliable participants that know what they're doing. They are a very important part of our club," Tony said.



Joe McCrohan RSS and Tús Manager (left) with Tony McCarthy St Mary's GAA Club and Paddy Sullivan at St Mary's GAA Club, Cahersiveen.

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Cahersiveen Music Festival hits all the right notes....

Cahersiveen Music Festival, which has gained inprecedented popularity year-on-year with locals and visitors alike as it looks forward to its 24th year in existence. Accommodation is at a premium and footfall has increased twofold over the years as revellers enjoy a unique festival that celebrates music and arts.

The Chairman of Cahersiveen Music Festival, Hugh Horgan, is keen to accentuate the role played by participants under the Rural Social Scheme. As the festival has grown, so too has the assistance of SKDP in providing the kind of help a developing festival requires.

"I couldn't stress enough how important SKDP RSS and Tús participants are to the success of this festival," said Hugh.

What started out as a humble festival is today a professional one in every sense. It costs somewhere in the region of €86,000 to run, while it creates roughly €2.4 million for the local economy every year - an incredible contribution in a rural town.

Hugh explains that erecting stages at the festival is a sizable undertaking that is done by participants under the Rural Social Scheme. They are also on hand throughout the festival to carry out jobs that are fundamental to the smooth running of the festival.

"There is never a problem when help is asked for and it wouldn't happen without the involvement of a hardworking committee and the input of SKDP. The latter play a pivotal



Ann Landers, Breda O'Shea, Hugh Horgan Chairman and Joe McCrohan RSS and Tús Manager at the Cahersiveen Music Festival headquarters in Cah

Kenmare Marketing & Events Group: an active and focus-driven body

progress in the way local festivals and social events are organised in Kenmare. The group is responsible for running events, encouraging tourism and marketing in Kenmare both nationally

of Beara Cycle and Kenmare Bastille Day. Kenmare Marketing & Events Group also support a wide range of local groups that are working to promote the community.

Helen McDwyer of Kenmare Marketing & Events Group said

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"They have helped us put together our brand and also with funding and promoting our festivals. Our Halloween festival was very tough to get started for the first few years, but to have the backing of SKDP was vital. To be honest, the festival They also run the successful Halloween Howl Festival, Ring wouldn't be here without that help. One of the strengths of Leader Funding is that it's always grassroots focused," she

Kenmare Marketing & Events Group continue to prosper because of its interaction with local business members and the benefits of running large-scale events in the town is successful traders. Moreover, an active membership contributes towards a vibrant Chamber. This 'community collaboration' combines to "Our remit is to encourage even more new events and to grow produce a strong product and economic dividend for Kenmare and its hinterlands.

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Keeping The Kerry Way a step ahead...

is something to be proud of for everyone associated with it. Thanks to the RSS and Tús participants in upgrading and monitoring the special route, it continues to thrive as a matchless amenity that takes in some of the most breathtaking scenery in Ireland

Sean O'Suilleabhain has devoted his life to pursuing the joys of the great outdoors and helping to preserve and make possible walks that incorporate folklore, history and nature. Sean created the concept of The Kerry Way, which today is a walking trail incorporating and conserving ancient highways, rural development and nature landscapes.

Consisting of over 200km, it goes without saying that it requires a great deal of attention and care to maintain The Kerry Way. Many volunteers and local landowners also play a part in this story - a story everyone in Kerry can be proud of.

"The RSS and Tús participants are very important," said Sean O'Suilleabhain, "With the assistance of SKDP we are able to carry out major work along the route, which all helps to keep The Kerryway open. This coordinated effort, including from local



Portmagee Community Centre a hub in the locality.

cohesion in motion than by observing the positive impact generated from a thriving community centre. Portmagee is a case in point where the community centre acts as a hub for people of all ages. It's estimated that residents from around 230 houses in the locality benefit from using Portmage Community Centre.

"This is the hub of our community and everything evolves around it," said Mary Grandfield, Secretary of Portmagee Community Centre. "It is utilised seven-days-a-week for every kind of event from Keep Fit classes, to Youth Club activities in the winter."

It is a very active day centre that caters for over 100 dinners a week and a busy laundry service. There are eight people on the committee and numerous volunteers that give their time freely for the good of the centre.

"There are so many people involved, which is very encouraging. Through SKDP's assistance, Portmagee Community Centre has a well organised administrative side to it, including maintenance and upkeep of the hall. The focus on caring for olde



and disadvantaged people is very strong in Breda Keating, Anna Kennedy, Marian Martin, Joe McCrohan RSS and Tús Manager, Kerry Courtney and John Murphy of the Portm

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Valentia Light House a beacon for growth on the island

of the 2018 season this rose to over 15,000 visitors to Valentia

It is run under the remit of Valentia Island Development Company (VIDC) - a voluntary company set up to help grow and sustain tourism and key infrastructure on Valentia Island. A key component of this vision has been the opening of the historic light house, which is included in the Great Light Houses

In 2018 a grant aid of €90,000 was awarded by Fáilte Ireland

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BALLYHAR DYNAMOS FC

THIS wonderful initiative started in 2012 with the help of Kerry which will enhance the visitor experience even more. SKDP sub-County Council and South Kerry Development Partnership. In its ply the light house with onsite tour guides and Concubhair Lyne first season it managed to attract 3,000 visitors but by the close who is a programme Supervisor with South Kerry Development Partnership. The project always aspired to being a self-sustainable social enterprise within 10 years, offering employment opportunity locally and without SKDP's support this would not

> "Part of the VIDC's objective is to try and create jobs. This year we've manged to create a full-time manager's job at the light house. Going forward the aim would be to create at least another three jobs. On an island of just 600 people this is to be welcomed," said Brian Morgan.

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- 1. Annascaul GAA
- 2. Parents' Association, Bhreac Cluainn NS,
- 3. Annascaul Walking Festival Committee
- 4. Annascaul Parish Buildings
- 5. Parents' Association, St. Joseph's NS, Castlemaine
- 6. Inch Community Council
- 7. Keel Community Centre
- 8. Keel GAA
- 9. Old Keel Graveyard
- 10. Nai Ionad Na Cille Ltd Keel Childcare
- 11. Keel Up Hill / Down Hill Loop Walk
- 12. Castlemaine Community Services
- 13. Castlemaine Tidy Towns
- 14. Castlemaine Family Resource Centre
- 15. Milltown / Listry Parish Buildings Committee
- 16. Milltown / Castlemaine GAA
- 17. Milltown Tidy Towns
- 18. Nagle Rice Community Centre Milltown
- 19. An Tuirin Lin Residents Association Milltown
- 20. Naiolann Solais Milltown Childcare Facility
- 21. Ballyfinnane Community Centre
- 22. Ballyfinnane Primary School
- 23. Ardmoniel / Dromavalla Graveyard Committee Killorglin
- 24. Killorglin Tidy Towns
- 25. Scamps & Scholars Childcare Facility Killorglin
- 26. Cuman Holy Well Glenbeigh
- 27. Kerry Way Committee
- 28. Glenbeigh & Glencar GAA Club
- 29. Glencar Graveyards Committee
- 30. Laune Rangers GAA Club
- 31. Cappanalea OEC
- 32. Dragons Den Community Sports Complex Ltd
- 33. An Bhainseach Residents Association
- 34. Glenbeigh Sports Hall
- 35. Glenbeigh Glencar GAA
- 36. Parents'Association, Castledrum N.S,
- 37. Killorglin Cycling Club
- 38. Puck Fair Ltd
- 39. Hardman Event
- 40. Glencar Community Care
- 41. St Vincent de Paul Society, Killorglin
- 42. Woman 2000, Killorglin
- 43. Cromane Community Field Committee
- 44. Cromane Community Council
- 45. Kilcolman Union of Parishes
- 46. Lickeen Field Development Association
- 47. Steelroe Residents' Association, Killorglin
- 48. Glencar Cattle Show Committee
- 49. Parents Association -Boheshil National
- 50. Parents Association Curraheen NS

- 51. Parents Association-Realt Na Mara National School,
- 52. Parents Association Glenbeigh National
- 53. Churchtown Graveyard Committee, Beaufort
- 54. Parents Association Scoil Mhuire Killorglin
- 55. Killorglin Parish Pastoral Council
- 56. Beaufort G.A.A
- 57. Castlemaine Harbour Association, Cromane
- 58. Iveragh Park Residents Association
- 59. St John of God's St Mary of The Angles Beaufort.
- 60. Laune Anglers Association
- 61. Killorglin Rugby Club
- 62. K Fest Committee Killorglin
- 63. Killorglin Neighbourhood Youth Project
- 64. McGillycuddy Reeks Mountain Access Forum
- 65. SKDP Killorglin,
- 66. Killorglin Archives Society
- 67. Killorglin Family Resource Centre
- 68. Castlemaine Soccer Club
- 69. Beaufort Tidy Towns
- 70. Beaufort Community Council 71. Black Valley National School Parents Association

CAHERSIVEEN COMMUNITY GROUPS

- 1. Waterville GAA
- 2. Foilmore GAA
- 3. Foilmore Community Centre,
- 4. Cahirciveen Social Services
- 5. Iveragh Branch Kerry Mental
- 6. Cunamh Iveragh
- 7. IRD Foilmore-Kells Co Ltd
- 8. Waterville IRD
- 9. Waterville Tidy Towns
- 10. Family Resource Centre
- 11. Reenard GAA
- 12. Foilmore National School 13. Aghatubrid National School
- 14. Cahirciveen Tidy Towns
- 15. Coars National School
- 16. Scoil Mhuire Boys School
- 18. St Marvs GAA 19. Cahirciveen Graveyard Comittee

17. Valentia Island Heritage Centre

- 20. Citizens Information Service
- 21. Cahirciveen Pastrol Council
- 22. Cahirciveen Mens Shed
- 23. Ferta Drive Residence Association 24. Cahirciveen Trader Association
- 25. Riverview Residence Association
- 26. South Kerry Sports Centre
- 27. St Vincent De Paul
- 28. Sive Rowing Club
- 29. Cahirciveen Rowing Club 30. Over The Water Rowing Club
- 31. Piarsaigh No Dromoda
- 32. Cahirciveen Festival Committee 33. Woodbrook Residence Association
- 34. South Kerry Sports Complex
- 35. Board of Management Colaiste na Sceilge

- 36. St Joseph National School
- 37. Cahirciveen Outdoor Club
- 38. Cahirciveen Playground committee
- 39. The Bog Roads Committee
- 40. Valentia Island Energy Co Op 41. Chapeltown Tidy Towns Committee
- 42. SKDP Agriculture working Group
- 43. South Kerry Beef Replacement Group
- 44. Ring of Kerry Quality Lamb Group 45. Derrynane Abbey Graveyard Committee
- 46. Friends of St Michaels Waterville
- 47. Ballinskeligs National School
- 48. Portmagee Development Group 49. Portmagee Social Services
- 50. Portmagee Community Centre
- 51. Skellig Rangers GAA
- 52. Tig An Oilean
- 53. Valentia Parish Council 54. Cracow Park & Leisure Development
- 55. Sencory Gardens
- 56. Valentia Graveyard Committee
- 57. Old St Johns Gravevard Valentia 58. Valentia Community Health & Welfare
- 59. Cahirciveen Active Retired
- 60. Kerry Community Transport 61. Cancer Care Group
- 62. Cahirciveen Women in Agriculture
- 64. South Kerry Guidence Network
- 65. Bray Head Loop Walk
- 66. Ballinskellig Inshore Rescue 67. Coiste Forbartha Na Sceilge
- 68. Valentia Island Development Group
- 69. Sceilg Kerry
- 70. Waterville Lakes and River Trust 71. The Glen National School Parent
- Association
- 72. Knockeen Rowing Club 73. Dromid Graveyard Committee
- 74. Waterville National School
- 75. Portmagee Walkers Group 76. Rural Mens Group
- 77. Cumann Daibhre 78. Valentia GAA
- 79. Church of Ireland Knightstown
- 80. Valenta Island Community Centre
- 81. Abbeyplace Residents Association 82. Saidbhin Care parents Association
- 83. The Glen Community care
- 84. Scoile Saidbhin parents Association
- 85. Ferta View Day care Centre
- 86. Valentia GAA

KENMARE COMMUNITY GROUPS

- 1. Blackwater Women's Group 2. Bonane Community Co-Op Society Ltd.
- 3. Care of The Elderly
- 4. Carnegie Arts Centre
- 5. Citizen Information Centre 6. Coad & Derrynane Graveyards
- 7. Dawros Community Centre
- 8. Inter Kenmare Soccer Club
- 9. Kenmare Marketing And Events Group 10. Kenmare Community Care (Taobh Linn)
- 11. Kenmare Family Resource Centre
- 12. Kenmare New Gravevard
- 13. Blackwater Development Group
- 14. Kilgarvan Tidy Towns

- 15. Killowen Graveyard
- 16. Kilmackillogue Cemetery Committee
- 17. Lauragh Community Centre Committee
- 18. Lauragh N.S. Parent Association
- 19. Lauragh Tidy Towns

22. Sneem digital Hub

- 20. Lodge Wood Residents, Kenmare
- 21. Old Kenmare Graveyard Association
- 23. Sneem Rowing Club 24. Sneem Welfare Family resource centre.
- 25. Tahilla N.S. Parent Association 26. Templenoe Community Centre
- 27. Templenoe Community Council 28. Templenoe GAA Club
- 29. Templenoe Graveyards
- 30. The Kerry Way 31. Tuosist GAA Club
- 32. Tuosist N.S. Parent Association 33. Derrynane Inshore Rescue Committee.
- 34. Coiste Pobal Cathair Dónall. 35. Kingdom Cat and Dog Rescue

KILLARNEY COMMUNITY GROUPS

36. Kenmare new cemetery

- 1. Anabla National School Parent Association
- 2. Barraduff Tidy Village
- 3. Killarney Community Services 4. Fossa Development Association
- 5. Select Vestry of Killarney 6. Listry Community Council
- 7. Listry GAA
- 8. Ballyhar Dynamos
- 9. Gap Valley Group
- 10. Home from Home 11. Killarney AFC
- 12. Gneeveguilla GAA
- 13. St Vincent DePaul 14. Glenflesk GAA
- 15. Muckross Abbey Mass Association 16. Spa GAA
- 17. Killarney Mountaineering Club
- 18. Killarney Athletic Club
- 19. Kerry Mental Health 20. Killarney Men's Shed
- 21. Killarney Asylum Support Initiative 22. Ballyspillane Family Resource Centre
- 23. Killarney Rugby Club 24. Killarney Celtic Football Club
- 26. Barraduff Community Field

25. Chime

- 27. Kerry Parents & Friends Association 28. St. John of Gods Kerry Services
- 29. Kerry Down Syndrome
- 30. Fossa National School Parent Association 31. Glenflesk National School Parent Association
- 32. Killarney Adult Lit Volunteer Tutor Support Group
- 33. Be Aware Prevention Suicide
- 34. Fossa Community Centre 35. Community History & Achieves

Committee

- 36. KDYS 37. Football For All
- 38. Ballydribbeen Residents Association 39. Kerry Social Farming
- 40. Killarney Mountain Festival
- 41. Barraduff Mens Shed