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Project Case Study: Connecting Pomeroy

The Connecting Pomeroy project will create community cohesion; community facilities; an iconic magic forest and a visitor centre in the County Tyrone village of Pomeroy.

The project has three core elements: the creation of a new centre & magic forest trail in Pomeroy Forest; the development of new community facilities and a public realm scheme to upgrade the village centre, including access works at QEII Primary School, will enhance the look and feel of the village centre.

A programme of community engagement and development will run alongside the capital development programme.

“The local community is at the heart of the drive to connect Pomeroy and a strong partnership has been formed. The commitment which has been required to develop that partnership cannot be underestimated. It has, at times, taken no small degree of courage, a willingness to compromise, to understand an alternative view and a determination to reach agreement for the greater good of the community of Pomeroy. It is this spirit of cooperation which will be central to the successful delivery of each element of this project between now and 2021”.

Mid Ulster District Council Chairman, Councillor Martin Kearney



Members of the Connecting Pomeroy Project Working Group



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Overall the project will include:

- A Forest School Retreat - offering peace building and shared education programmes, creating opportunities for shared learning experiences with school, youth and community groups;
- Separate, but complementary sports and physical activity facilities will be organised at either end of the village to encourage community interaction and greater engagement in community life;
- Local structures will be created for dialogue leading to shared approaches to the management of shared spaces and services in Pomeroy;
- New community facilities will open up shared spaces for local people to enjoy, including a new Church of Ireland Hall, a 3-G multi-use games area at the Presbyterian Church Hall and a new gym at the Pomeroy Plunkett's GAC;
- A public realm upgrade - enhancing footpaths, lighting and planting and helping to connect the village.

"The project has been many years in the making, often overcoming numerous hurdles and is now an amazing opportunity for the entire community and future generations."

An area of deprivation, rural isolation and a divided past, the project is an example of partnership working, sharing resources and bringing the entire community together to tackle these needs. Pomeroy has the necessary resources to provide shared space for young and old, provide learning opportunities, tackle health and wellbeing whilst also respecting each other's culture and identity. Its a big step forward for Pomeroy."

Mark Farquhar, Pomeroy Development Projects



Pomeroy Village

Key Output :

- Capital developments to create new shared spaces: 1
- Local initiatives that facilitate the sustained usage on a shared basis of public area/buildings: 4