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Project Case Study: Staying Connected with Local Communities in Tyrone Shared Space Project

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.

Over the course of the pandemic, the project has been busy implementing innovative community engagement schemes, whilst ensuring to following social distancing measures. The initiatives are being delivered as part of the Connecting Pomeroy 'Community Engagement' plan.

Teddy Bear Picnic in Pomeroy Forest

In June 2021, Pomeroy forest played host to a Teddy Bears Picnic for Pomeroy Early years Preschool Playgroup, Queen Elizabeth II Primary school and St Mary's Primary school. The children stayed in their group bubbles, but all had an opportunity to enjoy a range of activities including music; a carousel and soft play area; arts and crafts; story-telling; and a healthy snack picnic while being entertained by Goldilocks and the little bear.

Easter Online Events

Over Easter 2021, the local community were kept busy with a range of spring themed online craft workshops including creating a spring outdoor planter, needle-felting an Easter chick and producing a spring bouquet of paper hyacinths. As part of an Easter Club young children participated in virtual health and fitness games and exercises, creative doodling and mindfulness and cooking lessons. Locals were encouraged to go outside for a walk to avail of the newly developed Pomeroy Easter Trail, which was narrated by local children. The trail told the Easter story and provided information on what was happening in nature during Springtime in the local area.

Window Wanderland

During December 2020, Pomeroy played host to a Window Wanderland art display, taking inspiration from the popularity of window and doorway displays during the pandemic as sites of creativity and communication. The local community were invited to create art within their own homes and communities to be seen from the outside, creating a fun temporary after-dark display. Judging took place, announcing winners in two categories:- Business, Organisations, Community groups and schools and Household / Family group displays.