***Granagh Development Assoc – Achievements:***

The Aim of our Group is to encourage, promote, co-ordinate, participate and assist in the environmental and cultural development of Granagh and its environs.

We make sure the Community Centre is available to hold Meetings, AGM’s, Training Courses, Communion receptions, Concerts, Charity functions, Presentations, Funeral receptions etc.

Since its foundation, the GDA has achieved much, on behalf of & in co-operation with Granagh Community. Most notably: the following ---

**2003:**

Our first fundraiser and parish event – Monster Jumble Sale.

**2004**:

Provided Hall free of charge to newly set up Youth Club up to 2009.

**2005 /06:**

Arranged several classes - Computer, Gardening, Exercise, Nutrition, Dance etc. Also arranged Flower and Cooking Demonstrations.

**2007:**

Set up monthly Afternoon Tea Dancing. (ended in 2016).

GDA instrumental in the foundation of Granagh Players, Drama Group. They now have established a yearly production, over six nights. Since it was established, they have donated over E31,298 (2018) to Charities and good causes.

**Jan 2008:**

Granagh Players' first production, ' Sive' by Mary Liston.

**Jan 2009;**

Gr. Players - 'Poor Beast in the Rain' produced by Jimmy Sheehy.

• **Jan 2010**

G. Players - 'The Field' produced by Mary Liston. \*\* Committee began work on tracing deeds of hall and transferring ownership from original Trustees to the Dev. Assoc.

Added Wheelchair Accessible Toilet off main hall & ensuite toilet for drama cast in changing room.

Youth Choir rehearsals. Parenting classes. 45 Drive. Televised Confirmation from Church to Hall to facilitate overflow of congregation.

We Honoured the first Hall Committee members for their dedicated work over many years - presentations to Secretary Brid O’Donoghue & Treasurer Tom Sexton.

**In 2011**:

Facilitated Youth Drama & Dance Camp, during Easter.

Hosted Afternoon Tea Dance in aid of Apostolic Society.

Honoured Cllr Jim Houlihan on his retirement from Limk Co. Co. as a thank you for all the work done for Granagh parish over the years.

\*\*\* Set up a Facebook page - ‘ Granaghcommunitynews ‘ \*\*\*\*

Dancing Exhibition – Granagh Nat Sch.

Parent’s Assoc - Cake Sale & Parenting classes.

\*\*\* G. Players - 'The Shaughraun' produced by Jimmy Sheehy.

**Jan 2012:**

G. Players - 'Tarry Flynn' produced by Jimmy Sheehy.

Assisted in outdoor fundraiser for Kilpeacon Church Renovation Fund on the grounds of Lady Harrington’s home.

Introduced Guitar classes for children. Guitar Concert by Music Class. A few years later, this teacher founded the very successful Musica Fusion School, in Charleville.

Presentation to Nora O’Keeffe, Ballingarry - for publicising our plays through her weekly notes & photos.

Presentation to Marie Mc Mahon & Mary Carroll, Retired Teachers, for their dedicated service towards the education of our many many students..

**Jan 2013:**

G. Players - 'London Assurance ' produced by Jimmy Sheehy.

Hosted visitors for Cagney/Noonan Reunion during "The Gathering".

Hosted CEDRA meeting with Pat Spillane. ( Commission for the Economic Development of Rural Areas). Guests included – John Donworth, Teagasc, Prof Cathal O’Donoghue, CEO CEDRA, Jack O’Connor, Director Kantoher Dev. Group

“ Speech & Drama “ Classes begin.

Guitar classes resumed.

‘ Musica Fusion ‘ Summer Camp held.

Confirmation preparation meetings.

**Jan 2014:**

G. Players - 'The Honey Spike' produced by J. Sheehy.

• Assisted in outdoor fundraiser for Kilpeacon Church Renovation Fund on the grounds of Lady Harrington’s home.

• Added Wheelchair Accessible Toilet off main Hall & En-suite Toilet in changing Room, for Drama Cast.

• Slabbed & plastered over old timber ceilings in main Hall.

* Main floor, cleaned and varnished.

• Set up ' Community Text Alert ' system in the parish.

• Main refurbishment of Community Centre 2011/12/13/14 – through LEADER Funding: –

New doors, internal & external. Wheelchair WC tiled. Kitchen tiled. New lighting, internal & external. Insulated roof. New timber ceilings in rooms. Men’s toilet – new Urinals and re-tiling. Fitting of extractor fans in main hall. New stage curtains. Car park re-surfaced, tarmacadam. Extra gas heaters. Fuse boards replaced. Generator changeover switch installed.

* Refaced the old stone Wall, opposite Church.(LEADER funding)

Presentations to Sean Cagney & Mick Houlihan for their dedicated service to the community and the GDA..

Held Launch of Team Dave Riordan, ‘Malin to Mizen’ Cycle for Liskennett Autism Centre.

Owen Daffy, Cancer Fundraiser:

Honoured Water Group Members at Granagh Players presentation night.

**In 2015,**

The GDA engaged with Ballyhoura Development Association to develop a 5- year- plan for Granagh Community. This process involved several public meetings where interested community members came together to decide how to plan for the future of the community.

As a result - Granagh Parish Web site set-up. Designed by Niamh O’Hanlon.

G. Players - 'The Buds of Ballybunion' produced by JimChawke.

**In 2016**

Facilitated Granagh Pebbles After Schools service by renting Natalie Stapleton the Back Room, in the Hall. She later set up her business from home, the now runs the very successful – Granagh Pebbles Montessori.

Topo survey of the area immediately around the proposed carpark in Liskennett. Road survey circa 200m towards Croom and circa 200m towards Chawkes Cross in order to analyse the proposed sightlines.

• Hosted – The History of Granagh Creamery. A slideshow presentation by Jim Houlihan with invited guests.

• Gr. Players - 'Second Honeymoon' produced by Jim Chawke.

• Co-operated/facilitated the 1916 celebrations, commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Rising. Dvd produced.

' An Evening with Ursula Stokes'- Cheese & Wine, Fashion Show & Make-Up Demo.

• Honoured Mary Liston, at G. Players Celebration, for - forming the first Macra branch in Granagh, producing the many Macra Light Entertainment & Drama shows and fostering the development of the youth in the parish during those years. Also, for producing the first Play in Granagh in 2008 which led to the formation of the very successful Granagh Players.

**Jan 2017:**

G. Players - 'The Hostage' produced by Jimmy Sheehy.

  L.kennett EOI for LEADER funding 2014-2020.

Jun 14th - ‘ The Slim Jim ‘ Cancer Fundraising Tractor Run.

July :    Contractor accepted for L.kennett car park.

Sept 9th - Commemoration in Memory of the Granagh Volunteers.

Map and registration for L.kennett folio property is recorded incorrectly in the Land Registry.

Nov 25th - Knockfierna Heritage Film Show- showing footage from the 1991 Rambling House.

**In 2018:**

Awards Night hosted for the National Schools' Winning All-Ireland Aviva soccer team.

**A**pplied to LEADER for grant towards – replacement of main floor in Hall, floor in meeting room and floor in changing room. Liquid DPC to be injected into the front stone wall of the building plus 4” Kingspan insulation, dry lining and new skirting board.

G. Players - 'The Chastitute' produced by Jimmy Sheehy.

• Assisted in outdoor fundraiser for Kilpeacon Church Renovation Fund on the grounds of Lady Harrington’s Home.

• In 2018 a sub-committee applied for LEADER funding towards creating a 14-Bay car park on the Liskennett road and making improvements to the walkway in Liskennett Wood. Part of the 5-Year Plan.

July. ORIS Appl. (Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme), for Signage, map boards,  trail furniture, and  pedestrian counters.

• Sept 5th: Hosted a Reception for the Liam McCarthy All Ireland Cup.

• Sept 10th : Hall Closed - Main Floor & 2 meeting room floors being replaced.

**Jan 2019:**

Hosted ICA tribute/Film history by Jim Houlihan.

Gr. Players - ‘ The Informer’ produced by Jimmy Sheehy.

May – L.kennett Project almost complete, walks open.  Will need to put up general signs & map of routes.

• June 23rd, 2019: Supplied teas etc for Lady Harrington’s Garden Walk.

• July 7th: Hosted Camogie Annual Walk.

• July 14th: Hosted ‘ Pink for Peggy’ Cancer Fundraiser.

• Funeral Receptions in community centre for Peggy Treacy, Jim Lynch & Peggy Tierney.

Waiting for M.Britton to inspect L.Kennett re bringing  walks up to a standard for loop walk accreditation.

• Oct 26th; Presentation to Pat Gubbins, Storeman, as Granagh Creamery Closes.

• Nov 30th. Full Moon Theatre Group present " The Colleen Bawn ".

• Dec 7th: ' The Hall ' - 50yrs a Growing; A night to mark the 50th anniversary of our Hall - with a Photographic Exhibition, with MC - Jim Chawke.

**Jan 2020:**

Granagh Players present '' The Government Inspector '' produced by Jimmy Sheehy.

Grey Heron, Living & Learning Project. We began this project, but due to Covid, delays ensued & recordings /interviews etc could not be done, face to face. ( Completed Jan ‘24)

**Feb 2020:** -

Covid-19 Pandemic, all Public Buildings closing.

 Trail proposal for Liskennett sent in.

**May** : - First meeting of GDA, after lockdown.

**Jun:** - Meetings with Coillte Staff.

**Sept:** - Maps drawn-up of trails.

**Oct**: - Level 5 lockdown for six weeks.

**Dec**:- Level 5 lockdown.

**2021:**

**Jan** :- Level 5 Lockdown continues. **No Play.**

Community Centre cannot be used due to Covid restrictions.

**Mar:**- Mtg with new Forester.

               EIR to lay a cable along the walkway from the car park for Fibre Broadband.

**May:**

GDA met with the parish Property Committee with a view to leasing the Parochial House, to avoid having it sold off**.**

ORIS Appl for waymarking signs, improvements to walk paths and  3 benches.

            \*\*  Tenants in nearby house complain re privacy…….Solved.

Granagh SEC meetings continue outdoors/zoom.

30yr old Gas Tank replaced by company. However, underground gas leak found, supply disconnected.

**August:**

Organised a Family Fun-Day in conjunction with the Maigue Rivers Trust and Inland Fisheries Ireland, to find out more about our local Glasha River and what lives in it. It included Pond dipping, Nature drawing & advice on how to protect the river habitat.

**September:**

Old gas pipework decommissioned. New pipework installed in hall, meeting room, kitchen and back room. Fixed heaters that were not working & serviced others.

Replaced all outside pipework & regulator on tank.

Meeting  with the local Property Subcommittee  & the Limerick Diocesan Finance Committee was held.

Results -  a stay on the decision to sell the house & the GDA should be given the opportunity to explore community development possibilities for both house and site.  The Diocese would consider a two year lease to allow GDA to plan this development, with the possibility of purchase at the end of the lease.

**Ocober:**

‘*Granagh Backs Amanda*’ Cancer Fundraiser **–** Community Centre facilitated meetings. Hall used, free of charge, for events on the day, including ;- Walkers Registration. Raffles, Cake Sale. Teas for Walkers, Cyclists & Tractor Run participants.

* Liskennett Map Board designed.

**December:**

GDA erected first parish Christmas Tree at the Hall.

All way markers,  Well sign and benches completed. "Funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development and Fáilte Ireland under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme"

Parish Survey hand delivered to every house re Parochial House.

**2022:**

Restrictions lifted in February, meetings return indoors.

**March:**

**\*\*\*\*** Friday 25th **-** Daffodill Day Fundraiser held in Community Centre. €2,386.30 raised.

**April:**

\*\*\*\* Sat 16th : Easter Craft Market. First event of this type we held in the Hall. Originally 14 stands booked in but due to covid & other reasons, 5 had to cancel. All crafters very pleased with the day. Nat. Sch girls had a stand in aid of the War in Ukraine, total of €440 raised & donated.

**May:**

Wed 11th: Aloe Vera Summer Event held in the Hall.

Wed 18th & 25th – Taster sessions for ‘ Messy Play’ – Na Seasur play Workshops, for children 5mths – 5yrs.

\*\* 22Nd – Mass in the Hall, repairs in the Church.

Committee Members re-painted Fencing at Liskennett Car Park. Included help from service users from Liskennett Equine Therapy Centre.

**June:**

\*\*\*\* Camp; Play workshops for toddlers 5mths -5yrs, booked in for six weeks.

\*\*\*\* Sun 19th: GDA support Lady Harrington’s Open Day, at her home in The Glen, Ballingarry. We supply chairs, tables, burcos, tableware, baking and volunteers. Profit divided between Kilpeacon Church & GDA.

\*\*\*\* Feasibility Study completed for Parochial House.

**Nov:** Christmas Craft Market held in Hall. 14 stands.

**Dec:**

Erected Christmas Tree at the Hall for a 2nd yr.

Roof Replacement Grant secured from CCIF - €84,052.82

**2023:**

**Jan:**

20th – 22nd & 27th - 29th Granagh Players present - '' The Foggy Dew '' produced by Jimmy Sheehy.

Written by Jimmy Sheehy, Jim Chawke & Marylee.

\*\*\* Funeral reception for Rita Kiely.

\*\*\* Irish Dancing Classes every Tuesday, for term.

\*\*\* Bootcamp, every Monday & Wednesday.

**Feb:**

CCIF grant to replace Community Centre Roof. Quotations & E-Tendering process to follow.

**Mar:**

**\*\*** Four week Jive Class beginning 23rd .

**\*\*** Sunday 26th; Daffodil Day Coffee Morning. €2,769.95 raised.

**Apr:** Sunday 2nd; Easter Craft Market. 14 Stands.

**May:** Granagh/Ballingarry Camogie Club, Sponsored Walk.

**June:** Thur 1st: Rent out Hall to local Indian family for a Christening Celebration.

Sun 18th: GDA supported Lady Harrington’s Open Day, at her home in The Glen, Ballingarry. We supply chairs, tables, burcos, tableware, baking and our volunteers. Profit divided between Kilpeacon Church & GDA.

Roof project Begins. 29th June, Scaffolding Up.

**July:**

3rd July – Roof stripped, Latted & felted. Asbestos tiles taken down and packed up.

6th July - Front of main roof slated.

**Aug:** Irish Dance Camp: 8th, 9th, 10th. Hall Roof Finished.

**Oct:** Granagh Players first meeting. GDA - A.G.M.

**Nov:** 11th; Rent out Hall to local Indian family for a Party.

12th. Unveiling of Plaque to commemorate the local volunteers who assisted in the War of Independence.

26th. Helped with ‘Tractor Run’ in aid of Liskennett Equine Therapy Centre. €5000 raised.

Kid’s Yoga Classes - Run for 6 wks. (10)

**Dec:** 9th – Parish Variety Show, in aid of C. Centre.

Erected Christmas Tree at the Hall for a 3rd yr.

**2024**

**Jan:**

* Granagh Players present ‘ The Hucklebuck’ by Jack Reardon & directed by Jimmy Sheehy. 26Th, 27th, 28th Jan. 2Nd, 3rd, 4th Feb.
* Grey Heron Media completed our ‘Living & Learning Project’ on 4th Feb, on the play night.
* Speech & Drama Class, Saturdays.

**Feb:**

\*\* Sat 10th. Extra Night of ‘The Hucklebuck’, .

\*\* RTE 1, Countrywide - played a recording from Grey Heron Media of ‘ A night at the Play’.

\*\* GAA, Bord Na nÓg Awards Night.

**Mar:**

**\*\*** 8th : Voting held in the Hall.

**\*\***13th: Meeting with Bishop Brendan re P. House.

**\*\*** Sunday 24th, GDA supported & hosted the annual

\*\* Daffodil Day Coffee Morning. €3,612 raised.

\*\* 27Th: Meeting with Ballyhoura Reps.

\*\* 30th: Celebration Night for Granagh Players & Committee. We also included --- Presentation to Ms. Siobhán Lynch, NT, on her recent Retirement.

**Apr:**

15th. Rented Hall for an Indian Communion party.

23rd. GDA decided to enter Tidy Towns Compet for first time.

27Th . Communion Reception after Mass.

Granagh N.S. using Hall one day per week, for 6 wks.

**May:** 21st. Parish Meeting re future of Parochial Hse.

**Jun:**

6th Follow up meeting to form steering group to further parochial house project.

27th P. Hse Meeting with steering group.

P.Hse Comm meet with Parish Property & Finance Groups.

**Aug:**

6-8th : Irish Dance Camp.

Hall spray painted by John Kelly, everything had to be masked off. Volunteers painted perimeter walls, windows and plinth.

Applied for CCIF grant to replace Kitchen, incl new tables, kitchen wares, re-cycle bins, fridge, hob.

Parochial Hse meetings 6th Aug.

**Sept:** P. Hse mtg, 2nd.

AGM - Tue 24th.

**OCT:**

Empire School of Dance & Gymnastics begin 10 wk class.

**NOV:** Play rehearsals continue.

**DEC:** Parochial Hse Group meet with Fr. Wall.

\*\*\* Lighting up our Tree Event for Charity incl,

( Choir, Disco, Santa, Face Painting, LK Food Truck)

\*\*\* 7th Parish Concert.

**2025:**

JAN:

Irish Dancing: Weekly classes - Tue & Thur.

Speech & Drama: Weekly classes - Saturdays.

* Granagh Players - Drama - Send ‘Em Home Sweatin.

Performing - 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st. 1st & 2nd & 9th Feb.

* Yoga Nidra Classes.
* Wi-Fi Connection Set Up.

FEB: 19th. First meeting of Ladies Club. 50 attendees.

MAR:

1st. Celebration Night for Gr. Players & Volunteers. 65-70 in attendance.

5th: Yoga Nidra Classes. 4Week programme.

19th: Smartphone Technology & Device 5 week course.

26th: Ladies Club – Talk by Rosemarie from Sonas Healthfoods

28th: Daffodil Day for Irish Cancer Society. €3653 raised.

8th: Table Quiz for Tidy Towns.

Community Text Alert set up - What’s App Group.

Pre-Sale of tkts for Tommy Flemming Concert in Dec.

**APR:**

3rd. Chair Fitness by Teresa - 5 week programme.

9th. Cookery Demo by Wade Murphy. Cheese & Wine, Raffle.

100 attended.

11th. Team Limerick Clean-Up. 3-7pm. Collect Bags, pickers, vests. Refreshments provided afterwards.

13Th: Social Dancing, music by Steve Connery. Teas included.

16Th: Yoga Nidra, 3 week course.

26th. Movie Night - Adults & Kids.

30Th . Ladies Club – Fashion rail by Mary, Chic Boutique.

**MAY:**

3rd. Mini Yoga Retreat. 2-5pm.

5th Camogie Club sponsored walk. Starting from Hall with refreshments afterwards.

11th. Social Dancing, music by Steve Connery.

14th. Adult Art & Craft, 7wk class.

17th. Communion Reception in Hall.

28th. Ladies Club - Well Being & Mental Health Talk with Michelle

31st: ‘Granagh Gathering’. Live Music in the Hall with Granagh Players Band providing music……. Plus

Incl. A Fundraising Raffle for ‘ Little Blue Heroes Foundation’, who have helped local families.

**June:**

22nd: GDA supported Lady Harrington’s Open Day, at her home in The Glen, Ballingarry. We supply chairs, tables, burcos, tableware, baking and our volunteers. Profit divided between Kilpeacon Church & GDA.

25th: Ladies Club. Margaret from the Lingerie Boutique.

**JULY:**

21-24th. Kid, Summer Art Camp, with Orla Hickey.