

# DISCOVER BANAGHER

APRIL 2019  
SPRING ISSUE

**BANAGHER**  
on the Shannon

## 1. TOWN ENHANCEMENT

### **Maintenance and Streetscape plan for the town** (Completed) ✓

A work plan has been developed with three specific areas (streetscape, main entrances and marina), assess the current status and prepare a plan to enhance each area.

### **Painting Streetscape Scheme** (Completed) ✓

A comprehensive painting scheme completed on a range of buildings on Main Street Banagher (2018).

### **Dereliction and Vacant Properties** (Planned) ☰

Six rural towns have been invited to develop proposals to encourage more people to live in rural town centres of which Banagher is one. Aim is to engage with the community and local businesses, and arrive at practical solutions that can increase the number of people living in Banagher town centre.

### **Rural Regeneration Funding Application 2018** (Completed) ✓

- (a) Public realm works in the Marina; public lighting, parking areas, bollards and fencing, footpaths, motor homes area, EV point, band stand, picnic tables, covered BBQ area, signage.
- (b) Public realm works between the Marina and Church Street along the Main Street.
- (c) Feasibility study for provision of a greenway along the redundant railway line from the Marina to Shannonharbour.





## 1. TOWN ENHANCEMENT

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community and enterprise space for meetings, digital hub, creative spaces, exhibition spaces and study spaces.

- (d) Preparatory works to allow a planning application for the redevelopment of lands at the Barracks, Wallers Maltings and Boathouse.

### Howley Hayes Study - Conservation and Management Study / Public Realm 2018 (Completed) ✓

A conservation and management plan for the built heritage, including profiling and interpretation of the heritage sites of the town; recommendations on their management and accessibility.



Historic Banagher, Co. Offaly  
Conservation, Interpretation & Management Plan

## 2. ENTERPRISE

### Banagher Website (Completed) ✓

Dedicated website developed for Banagher promoting all aspects of the rural economy – social, educational, enterprise, culture, community. [www.banagher.ie](http://www.banagher.ie). This will be launched in Spring 2019.

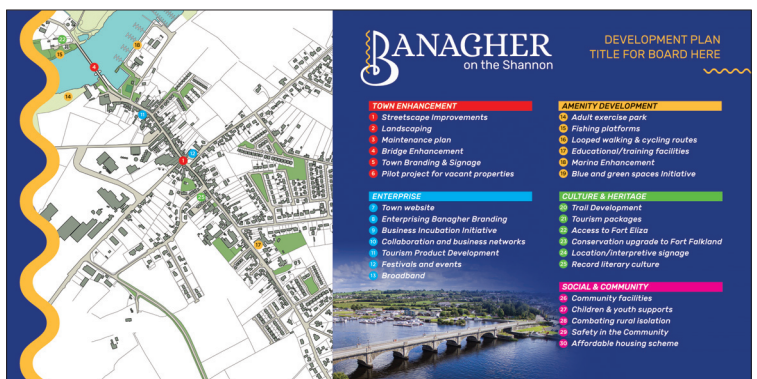
### Bank of Ireland Enterprise Awards (Completed) ✓

Won a national award for their work in this area.



### Branding Banagher Initiative (Completed) ✓

A detailed branding initiative has been undertaken – designed by IDEA – for Banagher. The aim of this is to provide a strong identity image for Banagher; recognising the River Shannon as one of the town's key assets from which opportunities can be capitalised on.



### That Beats Banagher Festival

21st and 22nd July 2019.

Successfully running for the last five years.



### Food and Craft Market/Festival

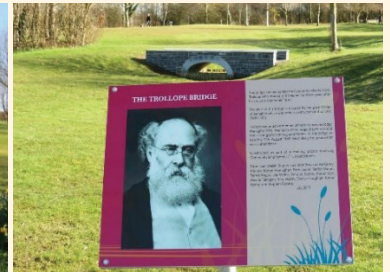
Christmas and Summer.



## 3. AMENITY DEVELOPMENT

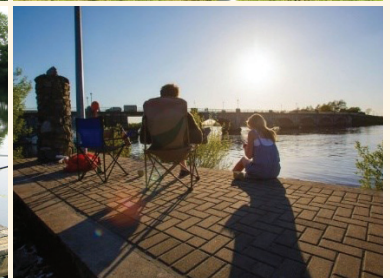
### Shannon Bank Park (Completed)

Significant upgrading work has been undertaken at Banagher Park including signage, lighting, footpaths, street furniture, flags and ongoing maintenance plan.



### Fishing Platforms at the River Shannon (Planned)

Develop fishing platforms to allow for angling on the River Shannon; support the continuation of the angling festival and provide another activity on the River Shannon.



### Outdoor Activity Park

(Planned)

Application to LEADER programme in 2019. Suggested location for this is at the GAA facility and a group of volunteers are actively working on development of this.



## 4. CULTURE & HERITAGE

Completed and planned for Spring 2019

### Fort Eliza/Fort Falkland/Fortifications upgrading and interpretation

(Planned)

Work has commenced on the upgrading of these sites; including liaising with Waterways Ireland on the development of consistent signage and branding of the interpretation boards.





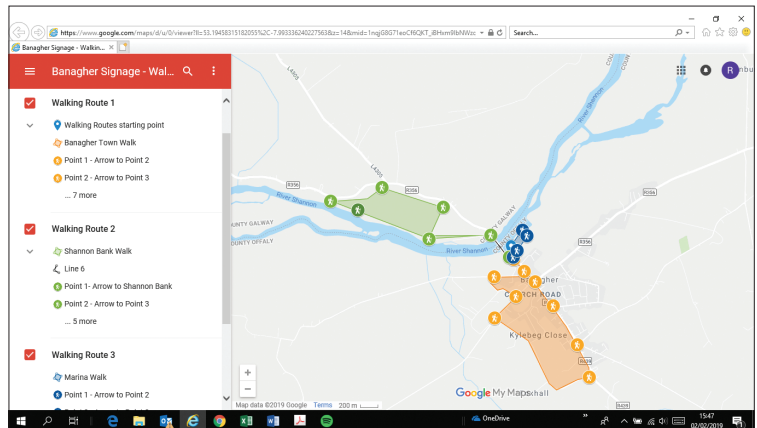
## 4. CULTURE & HERITAGE

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### Cultural & Heritage Trails

(Planned)

A number of trails have been designed around the town and funding secured under the Rural Recreation Fund for the implementation of these walking routes.



## 5. SOCIAL & COMMUNITY

### Community Facilities

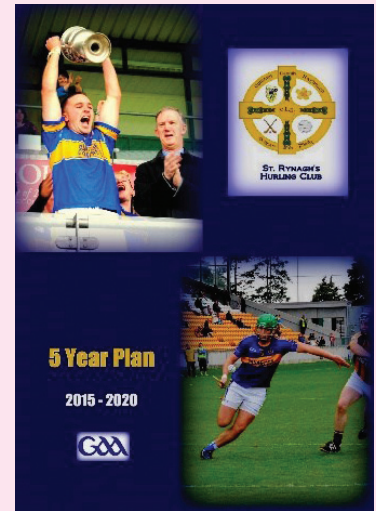
(Ongoing)

LEADER funding accessed for upgrading works to Banagher Community Centre and Crank House.

### GAA Centre / Multi-Purpose Community Complex 2019

(Planned)

Application submitted to Sports Capital Programme 2018 and additional application being prepared for submission to LEADER programme in 2019.



## 6. FINANCE & FUNDRAISING DRIVE

- Local fundraising initiatives - Night at the Oscars; Strictly Coming Dancing.
- Offaly Council funding received for Banagher - Town and Village Renewal; REDZ; Birr Municipal District.
- OLDC Funding - Healthy Ireland Actions; LEADER Programme funding.

## 7. HOUSING

To carry out work in the town which will identify amount, nature and quality of accommodation currently available and unoccupied in Banagher and to research potential funding opportunities for the implementation of an affordable housing scheme, consisting of 10 units, with the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

