

# I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

## AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION. TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)

BARONY OF Erris

TOWN or VILLAGE ~~xxxxxxx~~ Belmullet PARISH Belmullet COUNTY Mayo (North).

Location and brief description.

Population 800 <sup>684</sup> ~~approx.~~

Belmullet is situated on the narrow strip of land which joins the Mullet Peninsula to the Mainland, the quay walls at the north end of the town being washed by the waters of Broadhaven Bay and the town pier and southern shore by the waters of Balacksod Bay. A narrow canal, a few hundred yards long, joins the two Bays, at the town.

Belmullet, a thriving and prosperous market town, is only about one century old and its modernity is expressed in the clean lines and neat planning of this, the Capital of Erris.

Ballina is forty miles distant and Mallaranny, thirty three miles. During the present emergency at least, this area is very harshly treated in the distribution of transport facilities; only one bus runs to and from Ballina for five days in the week and there is no service on the other two days.

Is there a Town Hall? No

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

None other than football field as described in Recreations form.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

Public water supply and sewerage are reasonably good.

### PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Ballina Distance 40 miles. Bus? 5 days weekly to Ballina.

Public lighting, By Electricity <sup>is supplied by houses</sup> Yes - from plant. Gas? No  
operated by Mr Martin McIntyre.

### DANCING

Dance hall The Cinema Hall, Main St Proprietor Mr Frederick James.

Hurst's Hall, Main Street Mr Geoffrey Hurst

### CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas None during emergency. Pictures shown \_\_\_\_\_  
(nights)

Hitherto, travelling cinemas  
exhibited about once weekly at each of the above halls.

Theatre Occasional shows at the Kind of shows Comedies and varieties  
above halls. (Drama, Comedy &c.) mainly and drama occas-  
ionally.

## LIBRARIES

Public Libraries None

Private Lending Libraries None

## CHURCHES AND SERVICES

R. C. Church Belmullet, Chapel Street Services (Sundays) 9 & 11 a.m.

C. Ireland. Belmullet, Church Road 11.30 a.m.

R.C. Glencastle, (Bun-na-habham) 11 a.m.

## POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Chapel Street corner, Belmullet.

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) M.O., Telegraph, Telephone.

Sub-office at Barnatra, M.O., Telegraph, Telephone. Sub-office, Glencastle  
M.O. only.

## BANKING

Banks National Bank Ltd at Barrack Street.

## SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers McIntyre's Stores, Barrack Street  
Mr John Doherty, Main Street  
Mr Geoffrey Hurst, Main Street

Photographic Stores O'Reilly's, Chemists, Main Street.

## SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? Yes Location Natural facilities on Shore Road and at Pier.

Public Baths? No. Location \_\_\_\_\_

## SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs Catholic Young Men's Society, Chapel Street.

Cultural Societies Connradh na Gaedhilge, C.Y.M.S. Hall.  
Belmullet Dramatic Society, C.Y.M.S. Hall.

## INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries Lace Schools (Knitting and Crochet Industries- Gaeltacht Industries) at Chapel Street, Belmullet and Muings, Barnatra.

Handcrafts or Cottage Industries (Give names of craftsmen, employer, &c.):

None

## PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

None

## IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

The new hospital at Tallagh, a little distance outside the town, is the only building of outstanding appearance, mainly because of its elevated site which commands an excellent view of the town and of Blacksod Bay. The buildings are quite plain and possess no remarkable architectural features.

The Vocational School, also a new establishment is attractive in its clean and modernly utilitarian lines.

## SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Belmullet Vocational School

Sisters of Mercy Girls Secondary Day School, Logmore, Belmullet.

Belmullet Boys and Girls National Schools

Glencastle Boys and Girls School (National)

Shraigh

Barnatra

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## HOSPITALS

Belmullet Hospital (General), Tallagh. (In parish of Kilmore but barely outside Belmullet town.)

## FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets **Pigs, horses and cattle fairs on the 15th day of each month.**

Weekly market day **Saturday** Half-holiday **Tx Wednesday.**

### GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

John Doherty, Service and Petrol Station, Main St  
Jno. McLoughlin, Service & Petrol, Main St  
Sylvester Sweeney, Chapel St., Service Station  
Austin Gaughan, Barrack St., Petrol Station.

### CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis **Tom Shevlin, Barrack Street**  
**Thos. Heneghan, Barrack St**  
**John Doherty, Main St (2 cars)**  
**John MacManamin, Church Street**  
**Martin O'Donoghue, Shraigh**  
**Phelim Scanlan, Shraigh.**

Motors (Touring) **None**

Boats (State type) **None in parish. Suitable boats may be procured in neighbouring parish of Kilmore.**

Bicycles **may be hired from :- James Geraghty, Barrack Street**  
**Sylvester Sweeney, Chapel St.**

Caravans **None**

Horses **None**

### CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location \_\_\_\_\_ Landowner \_\_\_\_\_

Local Improvements Committee **None**

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

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(Signed)

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