

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF Tirawley

~~TOPOGRAPHICAL~~ VILLAGE Crossmolina — PARISH Crossmolina COUNTY Mayo (North).

Location and brief description. Population 700

Situated on the banks of the River Deel, Crossmolina village may almost be described as the last outpost of that fertile valley which is drained by the Moy, its lakes and tributaries. A couple of miles westward journey brings the traveller into the "wide open spaces"; moor and bogland stretch away in every direction until in the west and south, the stately Nephin mountains predominate. As a village, Crossmolina holds few interests but is a thriving market centre for this well populated district. Ballina is seven and Castlebar twenty two miles distant.

Is there a town hall? Location
A parochial hall in care of the parish council near Catholic church.

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description.
No parks, gardens or recreation grounds.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:
The water supply, installed in recent years and supplied by a natural spring well, Tubbermore, about three miles from Crossmolina, is reckoned locally as exceptionally pure and unfailling. Public sewerage installation has been deferred owing to the war.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Ballina Distance 7 miles Bus? Yes, Belmullet Ballina service.
Public lighting by—Electricity? Yes. Gas? No.

DANCING

Dance hall Parochial Hall Proprietor Trustees, Parish Council
Eskeragh (6 miles on Belmullet road) J. Gallagher

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas Parochial Hall Pictures shown (nights) No showings presently One or two nights weekly in normal times.

The village is sadly lacking in recreational facilities, the sole public or social entertainment consisting of an occasional dance at the parochial hall.

Theatre Parochial Hall. Kind of shows Very infrequent variety or (Drama, Comedy &c.) concert.

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries None.

Private Lending Libraries Mc Neely's, Main Street, 350 books, mainly fictio

T. Moran, Main Street, Foyles Lending Library
75 books, monthly replacement of 25.

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church		Services (Sundays)	
<u>Crossmolina R.C.</u>			<u>Mass 9, 10, 11 a.m.</u>
<u>Crossmolina Church of Ireland</u>			<u>Evening devotions 7p.m.</u>
<u>Keenagh R.C.</u>			<u>12 oc noon.</u>
		<u>Mass 11.30 first & third Sundays</u>	
		<u>10 o'c other Sundays</u>	
<u>Eakeragh R.C. (Schoolhouse)</u>		<u>" 10.30</u>	
		<u>" 10 o'c 1st & 3rd Sundays</u>	
<u>Kilmurray R.C.</u>		<u>11.30 other Sundays</u>	

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Main Street, Crossmolina

M.O., Telegraph, Telephone

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

Sub-post office in rural district at Dooleeg, eight miles
Crossmolina, N.W. Postal service only.

BANKING

Banks National Bank Ltd., Bridge St. Tuesdays, Thursdays and
Saturdays; Hours 10 - 1 ; also fair
days.

Bank of Ireland Ltd.; Main St., Thursdays 10 - 1.
also fair days.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers No sports suppliers nearer than Ballina.
Fishing tackle may be procured at Canavan's, Main Street,
or from Mr Ml. Rowe, Anglers Nest, Crossmolina.

Photographic Stores T.H. Walshe, Chemist, Bridge St.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? None Location

Public Baths? None Location

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs

NONE

Cultural Societies

NONE

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries Timber and Flax Mills at Fortland, 4 miles.
Proprietor Mr Cook.

Corn Mill, Canavan's, Main Street.

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

The spinning wheel is in popular use in the rural districts.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

NONE

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

NONE

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Gortnor Abbey, Convent of Sisters of Jesus and Mary; girls secondary day and boarding school.

National schools, Boys and Girls :- Crossmolina, Keenagh, Richmond, Litterbrick, Deel Bridge, Eskeragh, Enagh Beg, Cuilegurran, Crossmolina Protestant, boys and girls N.S.

HOSPITALS

Nearest at Ballina.

FAIRS AND MARKETS; HALF-HOLIDAY SEE UNDER (HORSES)

Pig fair day previous. Horses cattle sheep :- Jan. 17th, Feb. 10th,
 Monthly fairs and markets
 March 10th, Apl. 8th, May 23rd, June 18th, July 18th, Aug. 28th,
 Sep. 12th, Oct. 8th, Nov. 10th, Dec. 17th. Fair day following in case of Sundays.
 Weekly market day Thursday Half-holiday Wednesday

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Patrick Judge, Ballina Street, Service and Filling Station

J. O'Connor, Erris road, Service only.

Canavan's, Main Street, Petrol Station only.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis V. Leonard, Ballina Street,
 A. Leonard, Ballina Street,
 J. O'Connor, Erris Road,
 J. Walsh, Church Street,
 J. Brogan, Mullenmore Street,
 M. Brogan, Mullenmore Street,
 P. Cawley, Church Street.

Motors (Touring)

None

Boats (State type)

No pleasure boats as such but the fishing boats with engines as on form B2 may be utilised for sightseeing on Lough Conn.

Bicycles J. Lynn, Church Street, Cycle repairs etc and 4 cycles for hire at 2/6 per day, 10/- per wk.

Munnelly's, Church St, Repairs etc.

Caravans None
 None

Horses

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At Rake Street, a "village" of one or two shops and a couple of farm-houses, three miles from Crossmolina, a sheep, horse and cattle fair is held in January and on following alternate months with an additional fair in August. A pig market is held here fortnightly.

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location None Landowner

Local Improvements Committee None

Secretary

DATE

September 24th 1942.

(Signed)

Donal O'Brien

Surveyor.