

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF Burrishoole

TOWN OR VILLAGE Newport PARISH Burrishoole COUNTY Mayo

Location and brief description. Population 360 ✓

The little town of Newport is situated on the coast at the N.E. corner of Clew Bay. It is 12 mls N.W. of Castlebar, 7 mls N of Westport and 11 mls east of Kallaraney. In appearance it is a pleasant town built on the sides of the deep gorge which forms the estuary of the Newport River. The sides of the gorge are pleasantly wooded and the whole district is dominated by the new Irish-Romanesque Catholic Church situated on the hill-top at the N.W. end of the town.

Is there a Town Hall? Parochial Hall Location Castlebar Street

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

No water supply or sewerage schemes. The two hotels have private water supplies.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Westport Distance 7 mls Bus? yes

Public lighting by—Electricity? yes Gas? none

DANCING

Dance hall 110p every Sunday night & Proprietor J. J. Kelly, Newport.

12 all night dances per year held in the new parochial hall. Sec. of committee

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas Cinema projector is being installed in parochial hall Pictures shown (nights) It is intended to hold shows 3 nights per week.

Nights not yet fixed.

Theatre none Kind of shows (Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries *Mayo Co. Council Library Branch in Boys National school.*

Private Lending Libraries *Foyles 2nd Library Agency at Chambers',
Near Agents, Main Street.*

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church *St Patrick's Catholic Church* Services (Sundays) *8.30 & 11 A.M.*

Church of Ireland

11.30 A.M.

Presbyterian Church

*Vary infrequent
services.*

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office *Castlebar Street*

Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone) *All business transacted.*

BANKING

Banks *Sub-offices of:- Bank of Ireland*

Master & Minister

Ulster Bank

Open for business on Tuesdays & Fridays only from 11

A.M. to 2 P.M.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers *Chambers', News Agents, Main Street*

Kelly's Garage, Main Street

Photographic Stores *Arthur Devine's Hotel? Standard films*

Chambers', News Agents! Keph.

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? *none* Location *—*

Public Baths? *none* Location *—*

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs *none.*

Cultural Societies *Branch of the Country Women's Association. Monthly meetings held in Boys National School. President: Miss Pearl E. Lawder.*

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries *Carey Old Flour and Wholemeal Millers, Castlebar Road. Kilroy Brothers - Small Iron Works.*

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

*Mr. Moran, Carrabeg, Newport } weavers who
Mr. Mulchrone, Callowbrock, Newport } do work for the
various families in
their vicinity. Almost every cottage does its own spinning.*

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

none

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church - Completed in 1918, this is a fine example of modern Irish Romanesque architecture. Its magnificent situation on a hill top at the back of the town makes it an outstanding landmark for many miles around. At the west end is a high, square and finely tapering, graceful tower under which is the main door carried out in true Romanesque detail. The east window is a Harry Clarke stained glass in a round headed light depicting the funeral judgment. Architect: Prof. Butler

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

*National Schools for Boys.
Convent of Mercy National schools for girls.*

*University College
Dublin*

HOSPITALS

None (Nearest is Castlebar)

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets *Jan. 13th; Feb. 14th; June 2nd; Sept. 14th; Nov. 11th; Dec. 20th and March, April, May, July, August, October the fairs are held on 1st Monday.*
Weekly market day *Tuesday* Half-holiday *Wednesday*

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Kelly's garage, Main Street
Joyce's garage, Medlicott St

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis *James O'Grady, George's Street*
Richard J. Kelly, Main Street
Ezra McManamon, Main Street
John J. Kitterick, George's Street.

Motors (Touring) *none*

Boats (State type) *Thady Barry, sailing yacht*
Frank H. Power, sailing yacht
Michael Kelly, Garage, Main Street, Inboard Motor boat.

Bicycles *none*

Caravans *none*

Horses *none*

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location *Camps may be pitched* Landowner
anywhere along the river or
estuary. Permission
readily given by all land-
owners

Local Improvements Committee *Newport Improvements Committee*
Secretary *Christopher Mac Nulty, Main Street*

DATE *26/9/42*

(Signed) *H. J. B. O'Kelly*
Surveyor.