

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF TIRAWLEY

TOWN OR VILLAGE Ballycastle PARISH Ballycastle COUNTY Maye (North).

Location and brief description. Population 250 approx.

Ballycastle, on the north coast of County Maye, is a typical "Sraid Bhaile" — a one-street town. ⁹⁰ The main feature of the little town and that which will most impress the visitor (and sap his energy) is the peculiar situation; for Ballycastle has been built on the side of a steep hill and though the street is broad and the majority of the houses trim and neat, the climb is steep. The new Catholic Church is a splendid edifice for a town of this size. Ballina is 17 miles distant and Castlebar 32, via Crossmelina.

One generation back, Ballycastle was a busy, thriving town but modern transport has put a stop to advancement in that direction.

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:
An excellent water supply, derived from a local spring well has been installed in late years but the sewerage is merely a built up drain. Plans for a new pipe sewerage have been prepared. It seems that no more than half a dozen houses have lavatories fitted and there are only two baths.

Is there a Town Hall? NO. Location _____ (Cont'd. under)

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

NONE.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Ballina Distance 17 miles. Bus? Daily service from town to Ballina.

Public lighting by—Electricity? None Gas? None

DANCING

Dance hall At Main Street Proprietor Mr James Browne,

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas Films were exhibited one night fortnightly at the dance hall (nights) before patrol restrictions. Pictures shown _____

Theatre The Dance Hall Kind of shows Occasional concerts, (Drama, Comedy &c.) comedies etc.

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries Branch of the Carnegie Library - Mr R. MacDennell and Mr P. Heban N.T's.

Private Lending Libraries Argey - Miss Beth McDennell, Main Street.

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

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| R.C. Church | Main St., Ballycastle | Services (Sundays) | 8.30 & 11 a.m. |
| R.C. | Belderg (9 miles) | | 10 a.m. 1st & 2nd SUNDAY |
| | | | 11 a.m. 3rd & 4th " |
| G.I. | Ballycastle | | 3 p.m. |
| Presbyterian | Ballinlen (1/2 mile) | | 4 p.m. |

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Main Street, Ballycastle and at Belderg. *all business*

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

BANKING

Banks National Bank, Main Street, Ballycastle - Fair Days only.
Ulster Bank, " " " " " "

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers Messrs Egan and Mr M.J. Barrett, both in Main Street, Ballycastle, stockists of fishing tackle only.

Photographic Stores None

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Swimming Pool? Yes Location At the strand Ballycastle. There are several other safe spots on the shore.

Public Baths? None

Location

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs, NONE

Cultural Societies Gennaradh na Gaedhige, Ballycastle.

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries

Sawmill and Plax Scouting - Messrs Langan & Golden, Bally-
castle.

Corn Mill - Mr M.J. Barrett, Main St., Ballycastle.

Handcrafts or Cottage Industries (Give names of craftsmen, employer, &c.)
In the western portion of the parish, near Belderg and in the hilly
district south of that, the spinning wheel is still in use in a
number of the homes.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

NONE

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

NONE

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National Schools : Ballycastle Boys, Ballycastle Girls (Sisters
of Mercy) ; Kilbride Boys and Girls ;
Killeen Boys and Girls ; Glenurla Boys and Girls
Belderg Boys and Girls ; Glencalry Boys & Girls.

HOSPITALS

None.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets Monthly Fair on 19th day of the month excepting December when the fair is held on the 8th or 9th.
No market.

Weekly market day None Half-holiday Thursday

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Caroeran's, Main Street, Garage and Filling Station.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis John Brawne, Main Street ;
Wm. Kavanagh, " "
Martin Healy, " "
M.J. Hegarty, Belderg.

Motors (Touring) None

Boats (State type) None other than fishing boats as listed.

Bicycles None

Caravans None

Horses None: There are plenty of horses of course and I am sure that the visitor would have little difficulty in procuring one or several but the practice of hiring horses is unknown hereabouts.

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location _____ Landowner _____

Local Improvements Committee _____

Secretary _____

DATE

30/6/43.

(Signed)

Conor O'Brien

Surveyor.