

# Ouigley's Cottage Magheraboy Road Portrush

# Ballywillan National School

#### Ballywillan Road

Ballywillan cemetery

Ballywillin National School (Quigley's Cottage)

**Ballymacrea Road** 

Magheraboy Road/

Ballywillan Church (ruin) & cemetery

Gateside Road



Magheraboy Road -

#### Ballywillin Parish – Church



Ballywillin National School (Quigley's Cottage)



First proper school in Portrush area still extant

Place of education for all local children

1835 – 35 pupils, all Presbyterian

1838 – 11 Church of Ireland, 14 Presbyterian, 2 Roman

Catholic male pupils & 13 females – religion not stated

From Ordnance Memoirs:

Map 2: From the Griffiths Valuation Maps (1847-1862

Ballywillin

in ruins





Co-located within the curtilage of the former Ballywillin Parish Church, a scheduled building and its graveyard.

Social/economic history and heritage of Portrush

#### Future use:

Educational resource?

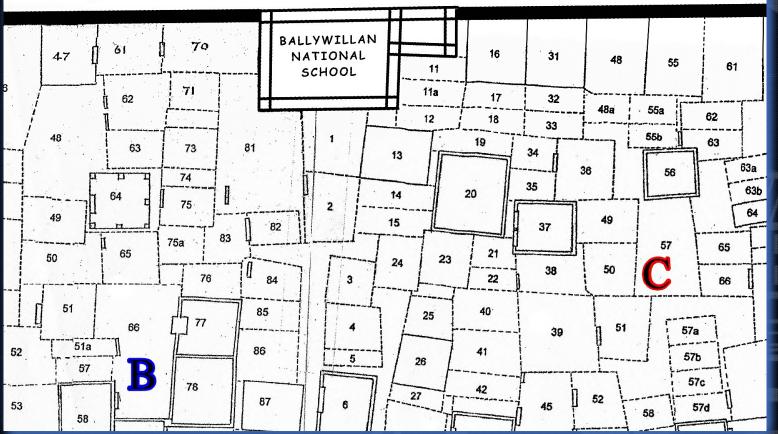
#### Historic Graveyard Visitor Centre?

Museum?



## Lost for evermore?

### **Desecration of family graves**



### **Disturbance & damage to graves**



#### Small site approx. 40 feet x 20 feet



Surrounded on 3 sides to depth of approx. 6 feet by graves therefore

- Risk of disturbance of graves
- No working space on 3 sides of site

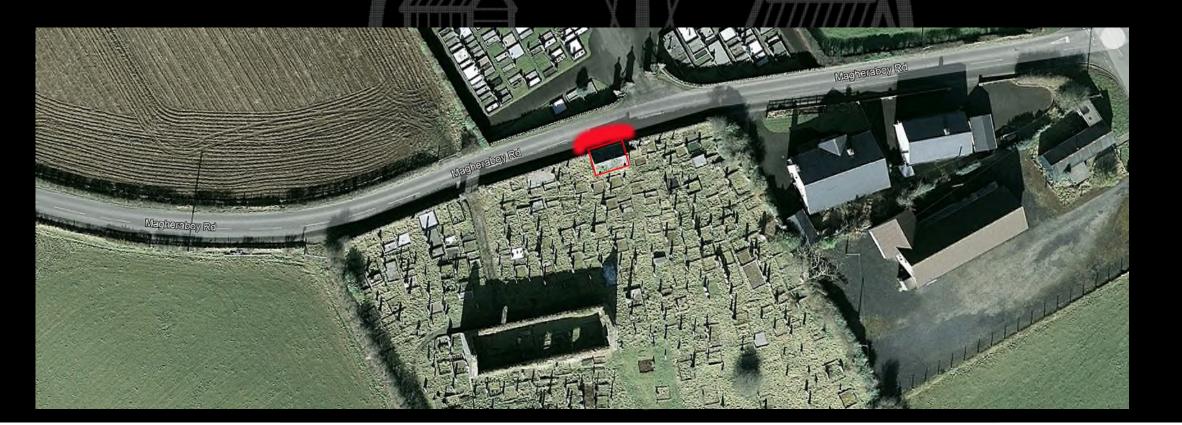


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- Dangerous access
- Minimal if any working or storage space to front of site



#### Retain in public ownership

**Historically important building First school still extant Co-location and connection to 12<sup>th</sup> century church** Social & economic history & heritage of Portrush Consider Risk of disturbance, damage & desecration of graves Impractical as building site Minimal maintenance cost for Council

