

**Foreglen Village Plan**

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**1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION**

**Why Have a Village Action Plan?**

Village Action Plans are being developed as part of the Northern Ireland Rural Development Programme Village Renewal measure operated by the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs. This measure aims to ensure an integrated approach to assist villages and their surrounding areas to realise the potential of their economic, social, cultural and environmental resources.

This plan for the village of Foreglen has been commissioned by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council with funding from the Council and DAERA.

**About the Plan**

This plan has evolved by consulting with local groups and residents to ensure that everyone could have a say and that actions put forward were those considered important to the majority and have the ability to implement. The plan highlights actions that can be taken forward by people within the community; it can be used to influence statutory bodies and service providers and can be used as evidence of the need for various projects when applying for funding. The plan is designed to act as a framework for action in Foreglen; it provides groups with a vision and direction for moving forward and shows collective will in developing the village for the benefits of locals and visitors alike.

**The Process**

The plan was developed over a number of months and involved local groups and residents in Foreglen putting forward their views about how they would like to see their area develop over the next five years. Key to this process was reviewing existing plans and information in addition to consultation findings to identify those issues and actions which are relevant, achievable and can contribute to the Village Renewal process.

**Village Planning Framework**

***Phase 1- Review and Analysis***

* To carry out a detailed socio-economic analysis of the area to include population, age structure, health, education and economic activity.
* To consider the wider context, plans and policies that impact on the village, including Community Planning.
* To review any existing village plan and identify progress updates.

***Phase 2- Research and key ideas***

* To consult with key members of the community to make connections and understand how the village works.
* To carry out consultation meetings with local groups and organisations to enhance the new Village Plan and to ensure ideas are gathered.
* To analysis these ideas and separate them into groups and priorities.

***Phase 3- Village Design and Development***

* To highlight key ideas and look at ways to implement these putting in place a robust and realistic integrated village action plan identifying what needs to be done, why it is an issue, how it will be tackled, who will be involved and when it should happen
* Validate Plan with those involved.

**2. THE BIG PICTURE**



*Credit: Causeway Coast and Glens Community Plan*

**Community Plan**

“*The purpose of community planning is to develop a long term vision and plan for the Causeway Coast and Glens area and all its citizens based on thorough analysis of needs, priorities and opportunities in order to address them*[[1]](#footnote-1)”. The Community Planning model establishes a clear focus on partnership and collaboration, working with local communities being a primary goal.

Acting as an integrated framework for development and delivery the Community Plan is a key strategic document for communities and villages across the Borough; as such each Village Plan will seek to contribute to the long term strategic outcomes set out in the Community Plan, namely:-

* A thriving economy
* A healthy safe community
* A sustainable accessible environment

**A Thriving Economy**

The Community Plan acknowledges the need for improved local employment opportunities, accessible skills training and learning, regeneration, modern infrastructure and the potential for innovation, including the use of the Borough’s unique natural assets. The village plan seeks to contribute to economic development in rural areas by identifying opportunities for growth and sustainability, including the social economy.

**A Healthy Safe Community**

This outcome area recognises that the Borough is predominantly rural and that this, along with projected ageing population growth, presents particular challenges in relation to both access to services and the threat of rural isolation, particularly amongst for older rural dwellers. In addition to being concerned with the physical fabric and infrastructure of each village, the plans will also seek to address these challenges, recognising that overcoming them is integral to building cohesive and sustainable rural communities.

**A Sustainable Accessible Environment**

The Community Plan recognises the need to strive for balance in protecting and sustaining the Borough’s unique environment whilst also meeting community, tourism and commercial needs. This includes the need to provide fit for purpose infrastructure and access to services, including ease of access to outdoor spaces and the coastline for the benefit resident communities and visitors. Village plans reflect this at the local level, identifying actions which protect and respect the character of our rural communities while also supporting their growth and sustainability.

**Northern Area Plan 2016**

The Northern Area Plan 2016 is the development plan for the four legacy Council Areas of Ballymoney, Coleraine, Limavady and Moyle and operates as the local development plan for the Council area until the Council adopts its own Local Development Plan. Foreglen is designated as a Village for the Plan purposes and comprises a mix of public authority and private sector housing.

**Local Development Plan**

Local Development Plans form the basis of land use planning and decisions on planning applications within the Borough. They set out what the Council area will look like and how land should be used and developed. At the time of producing Village Plans (2017), Council’s Development Plan Team were in the initial stages of producing the Borough’s Local Development Plan 2030. A series of topic-based Discussion Papers had been drawn up to inform the process. The following points were identified as being of relevance for Foreglen:-

Transportation

Foreglen is located on an existing cycle route – Banagher cycle route, a 28 mile circular route at the foothills of the Sperrins which passes through the village.

Environment

The Plan notes that Foreglen River is identified as a Local Landscape Policy Area.

Community Facilities

Foreglen is reasonably well serviced in terms of community facilities, including:-

* mobile library service
* Primary school
* Council owned and supported community centre
* Post Office

The Plan further notes WHSCT proposals for Level 2 Day Care Centre (social club, luncheon club, education, information, mobility schemes) provision at Foreglen.

1. **THE LOCAL PICTURE**

Location, Context and History

Foreglen is located approximately four miles from Dungiven on the A6 Key Transport Corridor linking Belfast and Londonderry and 11 miles from Limavady. Although the village has good road links, it has relatively limited public transport connections.

It is made up of a combination of public authority and private sector housing, with a number of local services and facilities in the village including a local primary school, shop, post office, and recreational grounds at O’Brien’s GAC playing fields.

There are a number of community based services operating in the area. Funded through BIG Lottery’s Be Safe Be Well project, the Foreglen Men’s Shed has a membership drawn mainly from the villages surrounding Foreglen and Dungiven. The project works closely with Foreglen Community Centre, leasing a room two days per week for social space; the Community Centre has also provided the Men’s Shed with access to their grounds and green space at the rear of the centre. Facilities include a community garden on the Community Centre site with raised beds and poly tunnels for use by both the Men’s Shed and the local Foreglen community.

The local GAA club is O’Brien’s GAC and the club is keen to see its facilities used more amongst the wider community.

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| **Foreglen Assets*** Old School (public elementary) Standing Stone, Mass Rock, Old Dones Graveyard.
* Community Centre
* Community garden
* Men’s Shed
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**Socio- Economic Analysis**

This is a new Village Plan for Foreglen and uses statistics from the 2011 Census which became available from June 2013, along with the 2016 NISRA Mid-term Population Estimates and NI Multiple Deprivation Measure (NIMDM) 2010. The NIMDM 2010 has not been updated as yet, so figures from it remain unchanged. Foreglen is located within the Feeny Ward.

**Foreglen/Feeny Ward**

* The resident population of Feeny Ward recorded at the 2011 Census was 2,206 people compared to 2,306 people at the 30 June 2016 population estimates
* The population increased by 8.48% between the 2001 and 2011 Census
* 23.07% (2011) of the resident population are under 16 years of age in comparison to the NI average of 20.8% (2016)
* 11.24% (2011) of the resident population are over 65 years of age in comparison to the NI average of 16% (2016)
* 87.22% of the usual resident population belong to or were brought up in the Catholic religion with 11.97% (2011) belong to or were brought up in the Protestant and other Christian Community background
* The percentage of local people with low or no qualifications was 49.56% in 2011, which is higher than the NI average of 23.65%
* 62.2% (2011) of adults between 16 – 74 years are economically active. This is lower than the NI average of 66.22% (2011)
* 18.81% (2011) of the population have a limiting long-term illness, health problems or disability
* Feeney falls within the top 35% of most deprived areas in NI *(No change – NIMDM 2010 Index)*
* Proximity to services ranks within the top 14% most deprived *(No change – NIMDM 2010 Index)*

**4.0 WHAT PEOPLE SAID**

Consultation informing the Village Plan was undertaken through community drop in events and an Action Planning meeting (October 2017), a school bag survey drop and consultation with local community and sporting organisations including:-

* Foreglen Community Association
* Be Safe Be Well Mens Shed
* Foreglen GAC
* Foreglen Community Toddler Group
* Foreglen United
* Foreglen Gun Club

This provided a robust information base from which to develop an Action Plan, gathering views from a range of groups and perspectives. During the consultation process, local groups expressed a clear desire to work together on the Village Plan and its identified actions. It was recognised that groups had perhaps operated in isolation in the past and that the Village Planning process offered an opportunity for groups to work more closely together for mutual benefit and the good of the Foreglen village community through a proposed Village Forum. As part of the consultation process, a meeting of the Community Association and GFC was facilitated in the local Primary School with a view to establishing a Village Forum which would be responsible for implementation of the Village Plan and monitoring progress.

On completion of consultations, a draft Action Plan was drawn up and circulated to groups. This afforded the opportunity to review the proposed actions and confirm priority needs and issues. A final Village Plan and Action Plan was then produced.

**Summary Findings**

In terms of the issues and priorities which the village community in Foreglen identified through the consultation process outlined above, these are summarised as follows:-

**Recreation and Leisure**

Amongst the recreational needs identified were 4G provision at the GAA grounds for use by both soccer and GAA teams while a proposed walking “Trim trail” magic mile around the perimeter of the pitch would accommodate leisure users. The GAA club also identified a need to upgrade facilities at its premises, namely surfacing works at the entrance to the grounds; the club has also expressed willingness to work with local groups to enhance recreational facilities in Foreglen and make best use of existing resources.

In terms of accommodating the wider community, including non-sporting enthusiasts, it was felt that a wildflower garden could be developed at the GAA grounds, with a seating area. The club has access to extensive grounds which they are keen to see developed for community use – this could include a 3/4G pitch, walking trail, secured green play and/or community garden. Communal green space and seating area at the housing estate was also highlighted.

It was also felt that there was a need for properly designed nature walkways around the village as many residents like to walk or run around rural roads; such an initiative would enable people to take full advantage of the beautiful countryside around the village in a safe environment.

**Improving Village Life**

A number of potential actions were identified to improve the local village environment, including:-

* Village signage and lighting, including signage at village boundaries
* Cleaner footpaths
* More walkways/walking trails
* Flowers and hanging baskets
* Resurfaced roads/footpaths
* Litter bins

In terms of community premises, it was identified that the Community Association premises require some upgrading of existing facilities, including kitchen facilities. It was also noted that the Men’s Shed facility currently operates from a temporary facility at the rear of the Community Centre and currently actions are underway to upgrade the facility through Be Safe Be Well BIG Lottery funding. The long term sustainability of the Shed is the group’s goal, including increasing provision from the current two days per week.

The process also identified a number of areas in the village which could be further developed for community use. These include grounds (14 acres) at the GAA premises, land beside the community centre and green space at Columbia Park. The Club is keen to revisit an agreement with the legacy (Limavady) Council regarding resurfacing of GAA grounds in lieu of ground gifted for play area provision. In addition the GAA club is keen to explore potential for workspace units in its grounds to promote long term economic and social regeneration.

The physical fabric of the village was felt in need of attention, including clean up and maintenance works.

**Capacity Building**

Groups contributing to the village planning exercise expressed a willingness to work together and participate in a shared vision for the village. Some initial facilitation work was undertaken as part of the village planning consultation process. However, in order to ensure that this work and enthusiasm is further progressed, support for capacity building will be required in order to support and progress for the new Village Forum which groups are keen to pursue.

**5.0 VISION AND PLAN FOR FOREGLEN**

This Section puts forward the action plan proposals for Foreglen. An over-arching vision for the area is set out followed by proposals for action under each of the themes informed by the consultation process.

**Vision**

The following vision has been established for Foreglen:-

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| **Vision** |
| A warm and vibrant community working together to support its residents and welcome visitors |

**SWOT Analysis**

Following analysis of community consultation feedback, the following SWOT analysis for Foreglen was drawn up:

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| **Strengths** | **Weaknesses** |
| * Community spirit and good relations
* Wide range of activities at the Community Centre
* Men’s Shed
* Local history
* GAA club
 | * Poor physical condition of some parts of the village
* Lack of signage in the village
* Dog fouling
* Poor public transport
* Lack of activities for young people
* Poor broadband access
* No ATM provision
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| **Opportunities** | **Threats** |
| * Development of GAA site for wider community and economic use (13 acre site)
* Development of Community Centre
* Development of green space at Columbia Park for recreational use
 | * Traffic management concerns - speeding
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As the planning process developed, findings from the consultation were grouped into into strategic themes for developing Foreglen. As much as possible, the selected themes sought to build on the needs identified in addition to considering the wider policy and strategic environment, including the Community Plan for Causeway Coast and Glens. The following themes were proposed:-

* Improving Village Life
* Recreation and Leisure
* Capacity Building

Action Plans for each of these themes are presented overleaf:-

**Theme: Improving Village Life**

**Rationale:**– This theme will build on work undertaken through the existing *Pride of Place* anti dog fouling and litter campaign and will create a more attractive village environment, welcoming to both residents and visitors

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| **Project****Action** | **Why is it an Issue?** | **How Will it be Tackled?** | **Priority and** **Timeframe** | **Indicative Cost £** | **Potential Funding Sources** | **Potential partners (inc. lead)** | **Linkages to Community Planning Outcomes** |
| Enhance Community Association premises | To enable the group to enhance its service provision to the local community | 1. **Enhance outdoor space – soft landscaping & seating**
2. Kitchen extension
3. Dedicated Men’s Shed facility
 | 1. **High; Year 1**
2. High; Year 1
3. Medium; Year 2
 | 1. **£10,000**
2. £30,000
3. £50,000
 | **RDP Village Renewal**RDP Basic Services | Community Association CouncilMen’s Shed | Outcomes 1 & 5Health & wellbeing; Positive relationships;  |
| To create a sense of arrival in the village | Current positioning of village signage is considered inaccurate in respect of village boundaries  | Develop and implement a **signage strategy** which will:* Identify the village as a stop-off point from the A6
* Brand the village and its boundaries
* Identify its assets, resources and facilities (inc. Community Centre)
 | 1. High; Year 1
 | 1. **£20,000**
 | **RDP Village Renewal** | Council  | Outcomes 6 & 8Landscape and Sustainability |
| Village Image and Facilities  | Improving the appearance of Foreglen will create a sense of pride in the village, in addition to creating opportunities for people to come together  | 1. Village tidy up day
2. **Landscaping and seating** at green space in housing estate; **seating** at playpark
3. **Village planting scheme and environmental project e.g. community garden/allotments**
4. Lobby for additional litter bins
 | Medium; Year 2 | 1. -
2. **£20,000**
3. **£30,000**
4. –
 | -**RDP Village Renewal****RDP Village Renewal**- | All groupsCouncil | Outcomes 1; 5; 7Health & wellbeing; Positive relationships; Accessibility |
| Traffic management  | Concerns have been expressed about road safety in the village, with some key problems areas identified  | Awareness raising and lobbying for:* Speed ramps, especially outside school and housing estate
* Zebra crossing at playpark
* Car parking needs to be addressed, including outside the village shop and at Columbia Park
 | Ongoing  | - | - | CouncilRoads Service  | Outcome 4Safety |

**Theme: Recreation and Leisure**

**Rationale: To make best use of the village environment and its assets in order to create a vibrant, healthy and inclusive village community**

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| **Project****Action** | **Why is it an Issue?** | **How Will it be Tackled?** | **Priority and** **Timeframe** | **Indicative Cost £** | **Potential Funding Sources** | **Potential partners (inc. lead)** | **Linkages to Community Planning Outcomes** |
| Recreational facilities  | To provide high quality, accessible facilities for recreational use by the community | 1. Improvements to facilities at GAA grounds - tarmac, walkway and wildflower garden
2. Feasibility study to explore potential to develop land at GAC premises for recreational provision (possibly 4G pitch) and workspace units
3. Assess demand for outdoor gym/kickabout area in the village
4. Provision of drop-in facilities for young people
5. Nature trail, walking/running routes and picnic area
 | 1. Medium; Year 2
2. Medium: Year 2
3. Medium; Year 3
4. Medium; Year 3
5. Medium; Year 3
 | 1. £75,000
2. £3,500
3. -
4. £50,000
5. £35,000
 | FundraisingSport NICouncilRDP Basic Services | GAC CouncilLocal community | Outcomes 1; 5 & 7Health & wellbeing; Positive relationships; Accessibility |
| Promotion of sites and heritage | Better promote the area’s tourism potential  | 1. Highlight local history and heritage in the area
2. Work with Council to contribute to Tourism strategy
 | 1. High; Year 1
2. Medium; Year 2
3. ongoing
 | 1. -
2. -
 | **-****-** | All local groups Council | Outcomes 6 & 8 Landscape & Environment  |

**Theme: Capacity Building**

**Rationale: Supporting groups to work together will benefit all the village community and ensure all needs are addressed**

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| **Project****Action** | **Why is it an Issue?** | **How Will it be Tackled?** | **Priority and** **Timeframe** | **Indicative Cost £** | **Potential Funding Sources** | **Potential partners (inc. lead)** | **Linkages to Community Planning Outcomes** |
| Develop the capacity of Foreglen groups to work in partnership | Groups need to work together to tackle local issues and ensure co-ordination of their work | 1. Establish a Village Committee representative of all groups to share ideas and plans
2. Develop and deliver small projects through the Village Committee eg Community Fun Day, Big Breakfast, Village Tidy Up
3. Participate in capacity building initiatives run and promoted by Council and Networks including:
* Participation in training programmes
* Study visits to elsewhere
 | 1. High; Year 1
2. High; ongoing
3. High; ongoing
 | 1. -
2. £10,000
3. -
 | -Awards for AllCouncil Community Networks | All local groups CouncilCommunity Networks | Outcomes 1; 2 & 5Health & wellbeing; Children and Young People; Positive relationships |
| Maximise Community Centre usage  | Greater awareness needed of activities at the Community Centre | 1. Work with Council to identify activities and promote these through:
* Community newssheet/e-zine
* Parish/church bulletins
* School bag drop
 | 1. High; ongoing
 | 1. -
 | - | All local groups CouncilCommunity Networks | Outcomes 1; 2 & 5Health & wellbeing; Children and Young People; Positive relationships |

**Prioritisation:**

In order to proceed with implementation, potential Village Renewal actions have been prioritised as follows:-

1. Village signage strategy to key landmarks/sites including Community Centre and village boundaries
2. Enhance outdoor space at Community Centre – soft landscaping and seating
3. Landscaping and seating at green space in housing estate; seating at playpark
4. Village planting scheme and environmental project e.g. community garden/allotments (site to be confirmed)

**Community Planning Outcomes**

In order ensure fit with the local policy environment and integrated development and delivery, Village Renewal actions have been aligned with the Community Planning outcomes for Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council area as much as possible. The full list of Community Planning outcomes is as follows:-

**Outcome 1:**

All people of the Causeway Coast and Glens benefit from improved physical health and mental wellbeing

**Outcome 2:**

Our children and young people will have the very best start in life

**Outcome 3:**

All people of the Causeway Coast and Glens can live independently as far as possible and access support services when they need it

**Outcome 4:**

The Causeway Coast and Glens area feels safe

**Outcome 5**:

The Causeway Coast and Glens area promotes and supports positive relationships

**Outcome 6:** The Causeway Coast and Glens area is widely recognised and celebrated for its unique natural built landscapes

**Outcome 7:** The Causeway Coast and Glens area has physical structures and facilities that further growth, access and connections

**Outcome 8:** The Causeway Coast and Glens has a sustainably managed natural and built

Environment

**Outcome 9:** The Causeway Coast and Glens area provides opportunities for all to contribute to and engage in a more prosperous and fair economy

**Outcome 10:** The Causeway Coast and Glens area attracts and grows more profitable businesses

**Outcome 11:** The Causeway Coast and Glens area drives entrepreneurship and fosters innovation

**Outcome 12:** All people of the Causeway Coast and Glens will be knowledgeable and skilled

**Other Considerations**

Every effort has been made to ensure that the action plans developed for each village are comprised of realistic and achievable project actions. In some cases, issues have been raised which are of real concern to local people but may be beyond the remit of the Village Plan – aspirational as opposed to achievable. In these instances, such issues are identified in the Village Plan as a concern but have not been included as a practical action point.

In terms of these issues, the following points were raised during the consultation process which the village community in Foreglen have identified as being of concern and in need of action:-

* It was noted that there are no proper crossing points in the village; need for a zebra / pedestrian crossing for the playpark
* Speed ramps are needed, including outside the primary school
* Increased car parking required, including car parking area at the shop and in local housing estates (e.g. Columbia Park)
* Footpaths need maintained; more lighting and bins
* Dog fouling
* Lack of public transport servicing the village
* Poor broadband
* Limited retail offer and associated transport issues
* ATM provision
* Resurfacing - roads and footpaths
* Road drainage required to prevent overrun into Community Centre grounds
* Revisit agreement with legacy Council regarding resurfacing of GAA grounds in lieu of ground gifted for play area provision

**6.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

It is recommended that a Village Forum be established to provide a co-ordination role to ensure the actions within this Plan are progressed. This will build on facilitation work with local groups carried out as part of the village planning process, ensuring ongoing co-operation and vision. Individual project actions will be taken forward by relevant led organisations, individuals or collectives as identified in the Action Plan.

The Village Forum may establish sub-committees to take forward the actions arising from this Plan. The promoting groups should be represented by people across a broad spectrum of the Foreglen community and should involve public, private and community interests, including the Community Association and GFC. These groups have expressed an interest in working together with a view to establishing a Village Forum and should be supported to do so in order to fully embed the Village Planning process. In particular this mechanism will be important for agreeing actions such as locations of the proposed allotment project and how best the GAA grounds can be developed for the benefit of the Foreglen community. Only the people in the area can make the Action Plan become reality and the Village Forum provides a mechanism for that.

As groups research and investigate the best way forward in each project area, the full financial implications will become known and applications for funding and fund-raising activities will take place. It is recognised that Council and RDP will not have sufficient funds to carry out all the activities in this plan and other sources of funding will be required. The full Village Plan provides details of potential opportunities to grasp.

The Village Forum will monitor progress and report to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council on a quarterly basis.

Appendix 1 - Detailed Socio-Economic Profile

Foreglen is located in the Feeny Ward

**Population estimates**

The estimated population of Feeny Ward at 30 June 2016 was **2,306**, of which **1,200 (52.0 %)** were male and **1,106 (48.0%)** were female.

This was made up of:

* **491** children aged 0-15 years
* **799** people aged 16-39 years
* **712** people aged 40-64 years
* **304** people aged 65 years and older

Between 2006 and 2016 the population of Feeny Ward increased by **180** people or **8.5%.**

**Usually resident population**

On Census Day 27 March 2011, the usually resident population of Feeny Ward was **2,206** accounting for **0.12%** of the NI total.

**Households**

On Census Day 27th March 2011, there were **2,206** people **(100.00%)** of the usually resident population) living in **708** households, giving an average household size of **3.12**.

**Demography**

On Census Day 27th March 2011, in Feeny Ward:

* **23.07%** were aged under 16 years and **11.24%** were aged 65 years and over
* **52.40%** of the usually resident population were male and **47.60%** were female
* **33** years was the average (median) age of the population

**Ethnicity, identity, language and religion**

On Census Day 27th March 2011, in Feeny Ward, considering the resident population:

* **99.77%** were from the white (including Irish traveller) ethnic group
* **87.22%** belong to or were brought up in the Catholic religion and **11.97%** belong to or were brought up in a ‘Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)’ religion
* **15.23%** indicated that they had a British national identity, **57.43%** had an Irish national identity and **31.64%** had a Northern Irish national identity

\**Respondents could indicate more than one national identity*

On Census Day 27th March 2011, in Feeny Ward, considering the population aged 3 years old and over:

* **14.50%** had some knowledge of Irish
* **3.67%** had some knowledge of Ulster Scots
* **0.05%** did not have English as their first language

**Health**

On Census Day 27th March 2011, in Feeny Ward:

* **18.81%** of people had a long-term health problem or disability that limited their day-to-day activities
* **81.01%** of people stated their general health was either good or very good
* **9.25%** of people stated that they provided unpaid care to family, friends, neighbours or others

**Housing and accommodation**

On Census Day 27th March 2011, in the Feeny Ward:

* **75.42%** of households were owner occupied and **20.48%** were rented
* **37.43%** of households were owned outright
* **9.32%** of households were comprised of a single person aged 65+ years
* **5.93%** were lone parent households with dependent children
* **14.55%** of households did not have access to a car or van

**Qualifications**

On Census Day 27th March 2011, considering the population aged 16 years old and over:

* **16.15%** had a degree or higher qualification
* **49.56%** had no or low (Level 1\*) qualifications

*\*level 1 is 1-4 O Levels/GCE/GCSE (any grades) or equivalent*

**Labour market**

On Census Day 27th March 2011, considering the population aged 16 to 74 years old:

* **62.20%** were economically active, **37.80%** were economically inactive
* **51.97%** were in paid employment
* **7.55%** were unemployed

**Deprivation**

The Northern Ireland Multiple Deprivation Measure (NIMDM) 2010 provides information on seven types of deprivation and overall measure of multiple deprivation for small areas. NISRA has recently been commissioned to initiate work to update this Measure with a view to publish results mid-2017. See the NISRA website for further information on Deprivation.

Wards are ordered from most deprived to least deprived on each type of deprivation and then assigned a rank. The most deprived is ranked 1, and as there are 582 wards, the least deprived ward has a rank of 582. The deprivation rankings for Feeny Ward are given in the table below.

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|  | Rank**Feeny** |
| Multiple Deprivation Measure | 202 |
| Income Deprivation | 220 |
| Employment Deprivation | 156 |
| Health Deprivation and Disability Deprivation  | 310 |
| Education Skills and Training Disability | 167 |
| Proximity to Services Deprivation | 78 |
| Crime and Disorder | 471 |
| Living Environment | 543 |

1. A Better Future Together – A Community Plan for Causeway Coast and Glens 2017 - 2030 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)