

**Magilligan 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 Magilligan, was 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 Magilligan; 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 residents and groups in Magilligan 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.

Magilligan is referenced in the Plan as an Area of International and National Nature Conservation Importance, comprising both an Area of Special Scientific Interest and Special Area of Conservation. Referenced under the Bellarena settlement designation as a village, it is seen as a minor service centre providing retail, community and recreational facilities for the local rural population. Its proximity to tourism assets including Benone, Ulster Gliding Club and the Greencastle-Magilligan ferry is also noted.

**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. Of relevance to the Village Plan for Magilligan was the following:-

Tourism

The Martello Tower at Magilligan is identified as a State Care Monument of which there are twenty seven in the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough and approximately 190 in Northern Ireland. State Care Monuments represent all periods of human settlement from around 7,000 BC to the 20th century.

Environment

Magilligan is located in the Binevenagh AONB. The area is also one of 14 Special Areas of Conservation in the Borough; one of 16 Areas of Special Scientific interest in the Borough and Magilligan Point is one of 8 Nature Reserves in the Borough.

Transportation

The Magilligan ferry operates between Magilligan and Greencastle in Donegal and recent investments have been made in vessel improvements to enhance the long‐term reliability of the service. The service is used by both commuters and tourists running between July and September and is a valuable component of local tourism infrastructure, linking the Wild Atlantic Way in Donegal to the Causeway Coastal route and significantly reducing travel times between the two regions.

Landscape Character

There are 130 separate Landscape Character Areas in Northern Ireland each with a distinctive

character. Magilligan Plains is one of 24 Landscape Character Areas within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council.

The Coast

It is noted that a significant number of the Borough’s sites designated for Natural Heritage and Geology are located along the coast. Some of these sites have features which are internationally recognised, including Magilligan’s Special Area of Conservation in the form of Benone Strand, a 7 mile long beach backed by a plant and wildlife rich dune ecosystem and an integral part of the Magilligan SAC and ASSI, extending from Mussendun Temple to the mouth of Lough Foyle, with some of the best examples of dune systems in Northern Ireland.

“The importance of Magilligan SAC/ASSI lies in its extent and largely unaltered nature, the wide range of plant and animal communities present, and the number of rare plant species. Magilligan has the highest number of dune grassland and dune slack plant communities in Northern Ireland…Magilligan is one of many beach and dune land systems whose importance to wildlife and the economy cannot be underestimated.[[2]](#footnote-2)”

**What the Regional Picture Says About…**

**Magilligan**

~ A region of high environmental significance

~ A unique landscape

~ Tourism potential, including environmental and conservation tourism

~ Historic sites

~ Cross border potential

1. **THE LOCAL PICTURE**

Location, Context and History

Located on the coastal route from Limavady to [Castlerock](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Castlerock), the [Magilligan](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magilligan) village catchment area is an area of both historic and conservation significance. The village has good road links to Limavady and public transport connections to Limavady and Coleraine. It is host to a number of important tourism assets including Benone Strand, one of the longest beaches in Northern Ireland, which comprises seven miles of beach and sand dunes, most of the distance between the mouth of the [River Bann](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/River_Bann) and [Lough Foyle](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lough_Foyle). Recreation facilities include the (seasonal) Magilligan to Greencastle Ferry, Ulster Gliding Club, and caravan parks at Benone. The area is also host to HMP Magilligan and the Magilligan Field Centre.

The area lies within the Binevenagh Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with the Binevenagh Scenic Drive affording stunning views of the area. In addition to a Nature Reserve which hosts a wide range of flora and fauna and which provides much scope for environmentalists, there is a Martello Tower at Magilligan Point built in 1812 during the Napoleonic wars and which is one of about 50 the small defensive forts which were built around the Irish coast as a defence against a possible attack from the forces of Napoleon at that time.

Village infrastructure includes local Primary Schools (proposals to close Bellarena Primary School were announced at time of writing), village shop, bar/restaurant, Playgroup, community allotments and a Community Centre. The Centre occupies a prime position in the village, with a currently underused open space of approximately four acres at the rear of the building offering significant potential for development of outdoor facilities. The building is located on the main road, adjacent to the Playgroup which operates from its own premises on site and next to a local housing estate, meaning that the facility is within walking distance for many residents.

Established in 1995, Magilligan Community Association works to develop the rural area which it represents and seeks to tackle deprivation by offering services which meet local need. The group has engaged closely with local residents over the years using community development principles, and especially in relation to securing a new community centre. A number of groups and interests are catered for by the Community Centre, including Parent and Toddler, dancing, recreation, senior citizens and arts and craft.

At the time of writing the Community Centre was in the process of being replaced with a new building which will form an important resource for both the local Magilligan community and visitors to the area. The group delivers a range of activities and events for the benefit of the community, including Christmas festivities, Fun Days, and sports activities and has sound working relationships with the neighbouring Playgroup which operates from adjacent premises.

A successful community allotment project is also delivered through Magilligan Community Allotments; established in 2015 this project has been very well received in the community. With a total of 24 single allotments, the project caters for a range of ages from 5 to 70 plus years. Activities undertaken at the allotments have included visits from local Primary Schools, training and plant sales.

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| **Magilligan Assets**   * Benone Strand * Binevenagh AONB * Ulster Gliding Club * Martello tower * Environmental and landscape designation * Nature Reserve * Community Centre location, including green space * Playgroup * Community allotments * Community spirit and engagement |

Socio- Economic Analysis

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

* The resident population of Magilligan recorded at the 2011 Census was 2,407 people and 2,487 at 30 June 2016 population estimates
* The population increased by 12.22% between the 2001 and 2011 Census
* 15.37% (2011) of the resident population are under 16 years of age in comparison to the NI average of 20.8% (2016)
* 17.32% (2011) of the resident population are over 65 years of age in comparison to the NI average of 16% (2016)
* 55.17% of the usual resident population belong to or were brought up in the Catholic religion with 41.96% (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 51.3% in 2011, which is higher than the NI average of 23.65%
* 49.59% (2011) of adults between 16 – 74 years are economically active. This is lower than the NI average of 66.22% (2011)
* 27.21% (2011) of the population have a limiting long-term illness, health problems or disability
* Magilligan is one of the least deprived areas in NI, ranking within the top 55-60% *(No change – NIMDM 2010 Index)*
* Proximity to Services Deprivation ranks in the top 8% *(No change – NIMDM 2010 Index)*

**What the Local Picture Says About…**

**Magilligan**

~ Locally delivered services in the form of Community Centre and allotments are pivotal for the community, access to services being otherwise challenging

~ Scope exists for better use of the open space behind the Centre for outdoor recreation

~ The area has a unique landscape and conservation value which can be shared locally, regionally and internationally

~ Over one quarter of the population have a limiting long-term illness, health problems or disability

~ Above regional average of people with low or no qualifications

~ An ageing population

**4.0 WHAT PEOPLE SAID**

Consultation informing the Village Plan was undertaken through meetings with Magilligan Community Association, Magilligan Community Playgroup and Magilligan Community Allotments in addition to a survey carried out with Centre user groups (Craft group, Parent and Toddler group, Senior Citizens group) and a school bag drop in local Primary Schools. A recent community audit carried out to support provision of a new community centre was also reviewed and its findings considered. This provided a sound information base from which to develop an Action Plan.

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 which the Magilligan community identified as being in need of attention, these are summarised as follows:-

* Magilligan is a close knit community with good relations. Local groups work well together and the relationship between the Playgroup and Community Centre offers much potential for joint working. Lack of activities for young people was cited as an issue; provision of a new centre will better enable this to be addressed through development of youth activities in a fit for purpose facility. This could include inter-generational projects, developing links with the Monday Club (Senior Citizens).
* With regards to village infrastructure, lighting in the village is inadequate while it was also felt that there is a need for additional footpaths to accommodate walkers and residents – footpath provision from the Field Centre to the football pitch and the Benone Complex were identified. Other concerns expressed related to speeding through the village - the 40mph speed limit not being adhered to. Dog fouling was also raised as an issue. Improvements through installation of hanging baskets and planting were identified as improvements residents would like to see.
* A recurrent theme was the lack of seating/picnic benches for people to use to admire the scenery. This was aligned to the view that much greater use could be made of the area’s landscape and scenery, including provision of benches and picnic areas and improved signage to sites of interest. There is a feeling that tourists are better catered for than local residents.
* The Community Centre is ideally located to cater for both residents and tourists, being on the main Coast Road and adjacent to both the housing estate and playgroup. It offers scope to provide local tourist information and heritage, including genealogy services; provision of seating and landscaping on completion of the new build will assist in this goal. Proposed work with the Causeway Heritage Trust Landscape Partnership in relation to tourism and leisure opportunities also offers potential to further promote the Centre and village as a whole, recognising its environmental and landscape significance.
* There was a clear consensus that the field behind the Community Centre needs to be drained and developed for recreational use to accommodate local sports and fitness programmes. This green space offers much potential which is currently not being realised. It was recognised that the new Community Centre will offer much potential for activities. It was felt that the indoor offer in terms of the Community Centre could be supported by provision of outdoor safe space for children, complementing the Playgroup and Community Centre.
* It was felt that this space could be developed to cater for the local community, including families and inter-generational relations, in the form of informal meeting space as well as recreational facilities such as a MUGA. Provision of a wildlife/community garden with sensory space could provide valuable outdoor resources for the Centre’s existing user groups in addition to the Playgroup and local primary schools, while taking advantage of the many environmental opportunities the Magilligan area offers.
* The Community Allotment project has been very successful (fully subscribed and operating at capacity) with much support for further development of this project, in the form of an extension to provide new allotments which would be fully accessible for all users, including catering for children through provision of resources such as a bugs’ hotel and a pizza oven. Such a project will provide additional recreational resources in the village; many allotment users live in the nearby housing estate and this provides them with a valuable community asset.
* Lack of housing was also noted as an issue in the area, while parking at the Centre was identified as another issue in need of consideration.

Development of a Village Plan has been timely for the Magilligan community, affording the opportunity to consider how best the Community Centre and surrounding grounds can be developed for the benefit of the local community while also accommodating visitors and encouraging them to spend time in the area. The new community building offers the opportunity for services to be further enhanced at what is a central and accessible location in the village and provides the Community Association with much needed purpose-built facilities to deliver their programme of services and activities. The space at the Community Centre is ideally located to be developed as a community hub – indoor and outdoor – and the Village Plan provides a framework for moving forward in this new era.

The community audit identified much support, both for a wide range of activities and for assistance in delivering such activities. As a result, there is significant opportunity for volunteer opportunities in Community Association and centre activities, including management committee participation and administrative support.

**5.0 VISION AND PLAN FOR MAGILLIGAN**

This Section puts forward the action plan proposals for Magilligan. 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 the village:-

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| **Vision** |
| *To provide facilities and activities which bringing the community together and promotes our area to visitors to the region* |

**Mission**

This is supported by the mission established for Magillian Community Association:

*Magillian Community Association provides community facilities at the heart of the district where members of the community can gather, socialise, learn and keep active.*

**SWOT Analysis**

Following analysis of community consultation feedback, the following SWOT analysis was developed for Magilligan:

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| **Strengths** | **Weaknesses** |
| * Close knit community with good relations * Active Community Association * Well established Playgroup * Good working relationship between Community Association and Playgroup * Community allotment project * Prominent location on a key tourist route/destination * Proximity to train station * Local walk leaders trained | * Underused space at rear of Community Centre; currently prone to flooding * Lack of outdoor recreational facilities, communal space and seating * Scenery and landscape benefits not fully realised * Lack of signage and promotion of local sites of interest * Lack of activities for young people * Limited car parking |
| **Opportunities** | **Threats** |
| * Provision of new Community Centre * Development of green space behind Community Centre for recreational use – family and intergenerational use * Extension of community allotments * Promotion of cycling and walking routes * Proximity to Blue Flag beach * Causeway Heritage Trust Landscape Partnership * Genealogy | * Feeling that the needs of tourists are catered for more than local residents * Speeding through the village * Ageing population * Proposed closure of Bellarena Primary School |

Findings from the consultation were drawn together under the theme of Community Facilities in order to take Magilligan forward. As much as possible, the identified actions sought to build on the needs identified through consultation in addition to considering the wider policy and strategic environment, including the Community Plan for Causeway Coast and Glens. The following Action Plan was subsequently drawn up:-

**Theme: Community Facilities**

**Rationale:** Magilligan is to benefit from provision of a new Centre which is ideally located in the village. This action plan seeks to cement the centre’s position at the heart of the community, offering activities for residents and welcoming visitors to the area.

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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** |
| Village Hub project | To make best use of the Magilligan landscape and area surrounding the Community Centre when building works are completed | 1. Soft landscaping and planting at new centre 2. Outdoor seating, BBQ/picnic area 3. Sensory community garden at the rear of the centre 4. Installation of information panel at the Community Centre to promote the local tourism offer | **High; Year 1** | **£50,000** | **RDP Village Renewal** | Community Association  Council | Outcomes 1, 2, 5 & 6  Health & wellbeing; Children & young people; Positive relationships; Landscapes |
| Community hall programming | To ensure that the new community hall is used to its maximum potential, with benefits for all the village community | 1. Delivery of community based activities at the new Centre:-  * Arts and crafts * Mother and Toddler * Senior Citizens * Activities for young people * Inter-generational activities | High; ongoing | £20,000 | Council  Lottery | Community Association  Service users | Outcomes 1, 2 & 5  Health & wellbeing; Children & young people; Positive relationships |
| Community Allotments | To meet expressed need for additional allotment provision | 1. Extension of the existing allotment, including an area catering for children (eg bugs hotel, pizza oven) and which is accessible for all users | **High; Year 1** | **£30,000** | **RDP Village Renewal** | Community Association  Council | Outcomes 1, 2, 5 & 8  Health & wellbeing; Children & young people; Positive relationships; Environmental sustainability |
| Recreation | There is a lack of adequate recreation provision in the area; the green area behind the centre offers much potential | 1. Explore feasibility to provide recreational facilities e.g. MUGA to make better use of green space behind Centre 2. Provision of outdoor safe space/play area at Community Centre | Medium; Year 2 | 1. £5,000 2. £50,000 | Council | Council | Outcomes 1, 2 & 5  Health & wellbeing; Children & young people; Positive relationships |
| Playgroup | The playgroup and Community centre are adjacent, creating a natural meeting space for the local community | 1. Consider long term options for linking playgroup and Community Centre e.g. covered walkway | Medium; Year 3 | £30,000 | Lottery | Playgroup  Community Association  Council | Outcomes 1, 2 & 5  Health & wellbeing; Children & young people; Positive relationships |

**Prioritisation:**

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

1. Extension of the existing allotment, providing a new allotment area which is accessible for all users and also caters for children
2. Village Hub project (seating, landscaping, sensory garden, information panel)

**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 the case of Magilligan a number of issues have been identified which are of concern to the village community and in need of action:-

* inadequate lighting and footpaths
* speeding through the village – 40mph limit not adhered to
* dog fouling
* lack of housing

**6.0 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT**

It is recommended that Magilligan Community Association establishes a sub-committee to provide a co-ordination role to ensure the actions within this Plan are progressed. The sub-committee should be representative of the village community and should involve public, private and community interests. The Plan represents an ideal opportunity to establish the new Community Centre at the heart of the Magilligan community and get more people involved in the work of the Association and Centre.

Individual project actions will be taken forward by relevant groups or collectives as identified in the Action Plan. Only the people in the area, familiar with its history and offerings, can make the Action Plan become reality and one which can add value to both local life and the visitor experience. A key issue in taking forward the Action Plan will be seeking clarification with Council in relation to the leasing of lands at both the allotment area and the green area behind the Community Centre.

As the Association and wider community 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.

It is recommended that the Association monitor progress and report to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council on a quarterly basis.

Appendix 1 - Detailed Socio-Economic Profile

**Population estimates**

The estimated population of Magilligan Ward at 30 June 2016 was **2,487**, of which **1,465 (58.9%)** were male and **1,022 (41.1%)** were female.

This was made up of:

* **344** children aged 0-15 years
* **695** people aged 16-39 years
* **839** people aged 40-64 years
* **609** people aged 65 years and older

Between 2006 and 2016 the population of Magilligan Ward increased by **174** people or **7.5%.**

**Usually resident population**

On Census Day 27 March 2011, the usually resident population of Magilligan Ward was **2,407** accounting for **0.13%** of the NI total.

**Households**

On Census Day 27th March 2011, there were **1,803** people **(74.91%)** of the usually resident population) living in **652** households, giving an average household size of **2.77**.

**Demography**

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

* **15.37%** were aged under 16 years and **17.32%** were aged 65 years and over
* **59.78%** of the usually resident population were male and **40.22%** were female
* **41** years was the average (median) age of the population

**Ethnicity, identity, language and religion**

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

* **99.29%** were from the white (including Irish traveller) ethnic group
* **55.17%** belong to or were brought up in the Catholic religion and **41.96%** belong to or were brought up in a ‘Protestant and Other Christian (including Christian related)’ religion
* **45.66%** indicated that they had a British national identity, **26.01%** had an Irish national identity and **31.66%** had a Northern Irish national identity

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

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

* **10.09%** had some knowledge of Irish
* **10.13%** had some knowledge of Ulster Scots
* **1.37%** did not have English as their first language

**Health**

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

* **27.21%** of people had a long-term health problem or disability that limited their day-to-day activities
* **73.54%** of people stated their general health was either good or very good
* **9.64%** of people stated that they provided unpaid care to family, friends, neighbours or others

**Housing and accommodation**

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

* **77.61%** of households were owner occupied and **19.17%** were rented
* **44.33%** of households were owned outright
* **9.51%** of households were comprised of a single person aged 65+ years
* **5.06%** were lone parent households with dependent children
* **11.50%** 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:

* **15.17%** had a degree or higher qualification
* **51.30%** 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:

* **49.59%** were economically active, **50.41%** were economically inactive
* **44.49%** were in paid employment
* **3.68%** 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 Magilligan Ward are given in the table below.

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|  | Rank  **Magilligan** |
| Multiple Deprivation Measure | 321 |
| Income Deprivation | 390 |
| Employment Deprivation | 376 |
| Health Deprivation and Disability Deprivation | 430 |
| Education Skills and Training Disability | 249 |
| Proximity to Services Deprivation | 45 |
| Crime and Disorder | 403 |
| Living Environment | 321 |

1. A Better Future Together – A Community Plan for Causeway Coast and Glens 2017 - 2030 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Local Development Plan discussion paper 8: The Coast; page 18 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)