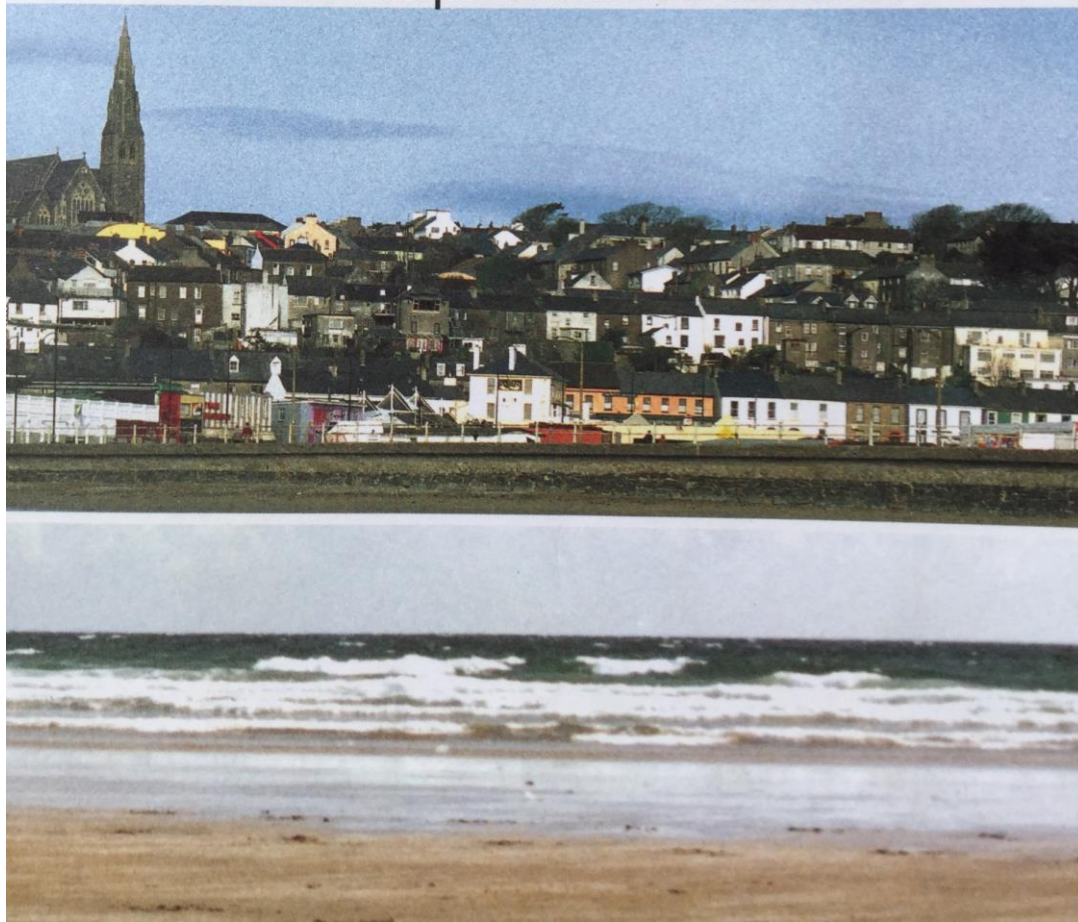


Tramore

community plan

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Our community needs to prepare for Tramore's future. This Community Plan will help us focus on what future we would like for our area. It will encourage local action and help to influence state agencies as well as community groups, businesses and individuals as to how Tramore wishes to develop for the future. The plan is designed to help kick-start the work of building and promoting a new, sustainable and enterprising Tramore. It will promote a positive image of the town for all of us who have made our homes here, while helping to raise the profile of Tramore within the region and at national and international level.

Our community

Tramore is a rapidly growing town in County Waterford incorporating a well-established community. It is an attractive coastal town built on a steep hill with dramatic views of Tramore Bay. The famous beach combined with the sand dunes and cliffs at either side of the bay forms a unique natural asset offering huge environmental possibilities for our community.

Housing development in Tramore is booming without the corresponding increase in social, retail, commercial and industrial development. Infrastructural issues, particularly sewage treatment and refuse disposal require immediate attention as do facilities for young people.

The dramatic increase in population during the summer months (our peak tourist season) is vital to the success and survival of many businesses in our town. Within this, the potential exists for Tramore to become Ireland's premier environmental adventure and activity location with facilities being enjoyed by locals and visitors, all year round.

Tramore is ideally placed to capitalise on its proximity to Waterford City, the regional capital, and to Waterford Regional Airport.

Within the new Local Government structures the formation of Community Fora and Strategic Policy Committees provides a wonderful opportunity for a new visionary and creative approach to planning and development for our community.

Tramore Development Trust Limited

Originally formed as Arcart in February 1999 we became Tramore Development Trust Ltd, a company limited by guarantee, in May 2000 and we have secured a representative on Tramore Community Forum. The role of Tramore Development Trust is to act as a catalyst for change. We are an independent voluntary organisation and participation is open to all who have an interest in the development of Tramore.

Our partners

- Our partners include:**
- AIB Bank
 - An Garda Síochana
 - Bank of Ireland
 - Corrom Trust (UK)
 - County Waterford VEC
 - FAS
 - Foróige
 - ESB
 - SEHB
 - Irish Coastguard
 - Tramore Credit Union
 - Tramore Tourism
 - Tramore Town Commissioners
 - Waterford Area Museum Society
 - Waterford County Council
 - Waterford Crystal Plc
 - Waterford Leader Partnership Ltd
 - Waterford Tourism

This plan is a result of wide consultation with the general community of Tramore and networking with clubs, groups, societies and organisations currently active in our town.

We would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed in any way to the development of this plan.

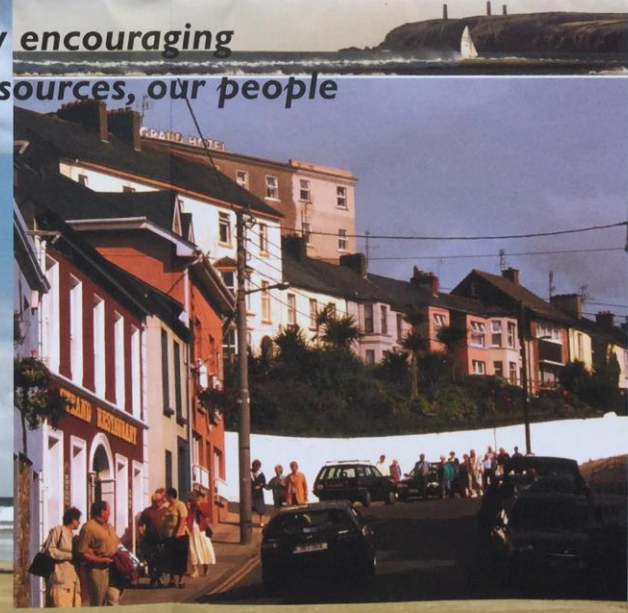
...a vibrant heart...

Mission Statement

To foster a vibrant heart within Tramore by encouraging social integration and by harnessing our resources, our people and our unique natural environment.

The objectives for Tramore are to:

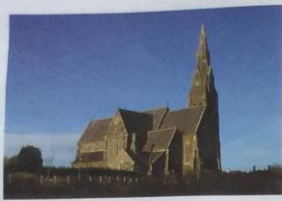
- have a community spirit, taking pride in our own place, acknowledging our past while creating an exciting future.
- be a place where progress is encouraged, that protects the environment and builds on the strengths of our community.
- have a creative, enterprising and prosperous community that fosters development and innovation within 'green' parameters
- have an energetic town centre serving all our community and visitors alike.
- create opportunities and facilities for everyone to develop socially, culturally and educationally to their full potential.
- be a safe place where local people are actively involved in making things happen for themselves.



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Community facilities

Improved facilities and services are crucial to building an inclusive community. We will promote improvements to the quality and range of facilities available to local people.

Projects

- Ensure developments at the former Coastguard Station are of benefit to a wide cross section of our community.
- Promote the provision and development of adult and youth education facilities.
- Lobby for the provision of a Community Development Officer for Tramore and a greater presence of statutory and regulatory bodies.
- Support the provision and development of sports and leisure facilities for all the community.
- Promote facilities and services making Tramore more friendly and accessible to people with disabilities and older persons.
- Promote the improvement of traffic management, pedestrian facilities and public transport.



Building an enterprising community

Enterprise contributes to a prosperous, dynamic and energetic community. This Community Plan hopes to encourage business start-ups and support growth in existing enterprises in an environmentally friendly manner. More local employment will increase the viability of a whole range of shops and services, creating a new independent identity and a greater sense of community.

Projects

- Develop an awareness campaign both locally and in the region, of Tramore's unique environmental qualities and the opportunities for the promotion of suitable enterprise.
- Promote a community enterprise park to foster local enterprise.
- Support the provision of services offering information, advice and training to these fledgling businesses.
- Promote appropriate water-based leisure activities in the Bay area.
- Lobby for the improvement of Tramore's telecommunications infrastructure thereby contributing to a Connected Community.
- Continue to support the marketing of local produce and crafts.



strategic themes

Youth and children

It is vital for the future of Tramore that we invest in our young people and show them how much they are valued. It is clear from consultation that they want to participate in tackling issues that concern them. They have also highlighted a serious need for greater social, cultural and educational facilities to be provided, both centrally located and within each community area.

Projects

- Establish community youth fora to voice young people's needs and opinions, assisting their participation in community issues.
- Promote youth clubs and interest groups in different areas of Tramore.
- Promote the establishment of a youth centre in a central location for all the youth of Tramore.



- Support the provision of improved educational and training facilities for young people.
- Pursue the development of play areas for local children.
- Support the provision of improved childcare facilities in Tramore.



Arts and culture

Tramore is a creative community and encouraging, promoting and publicising arts, crafts, culture and music is a central strand of our plan.

Projects

- Promote all arts and crafts related activities that already exist and build on their strengths.
- Encourage the development of community arts and cultural facilities that reflect the quality of life in Tramore.
- Promote appropriate programmes to encourage creativity for adults and young people.
- Support festivals and events with a cultural flavour for all our community.

Older persons

This Community Plan recognises the value of older persons and their participation in activities that contribute to our town. It will promote opportunities for self development which will enhance the quality of their lives in a more secure and caring environment.

Projects

- Promote opportunities for participation in educational, cultural, spiritual and recreational activities for older persons within the community.
- Promote the provision of a Day Care Centre for Tramore.
- Promote the development of a managed housing scheme for older people.
- Support the introduction of a carer service for Tramore.



Participation / Social Inclusion

Central to our vision is the active involvement of all sections of our community where shared participation and equality for all will be a reality. It is particularly important to encourage all communities and groups within Tramore to become involved in building an inclusive and sustainable community.

Projects

- Promote the formation of effective local organisations and new community groups.
- Consult all sections of the community with the aim of developing community plans for the various areas of Tramore.
- Encourage the provision of education, training, counselling and outreach resources within areas of need.
- Promote partnerships with public agencies, voluntary/charitable organisations and private companies.
- Networking within our community and with other communities.

Environment

Tramore Bay is a unique natural environment and offers tremendous possibilities for our community making Tramore attractive to locals and visitors alike. Central to the future of Tramore is the protection and enhancement of our natural environment and the encouragement of individuals and groups to become involved in environmental projects.

Projects

- Protect and promote the Backstrand, the sand dunes, the bay and our coastline.
- Support the improvement of sewage treatment and waste management facilities while also encouraging domestic recycling of household waste.
- Promote the conservation, development and improvement of the architectural character and fabric of our townscape and streets.
- Investigate sustainable, alternative energy sources for Tramore and its environs.
- Promote and publicise anti-litter projects and campaigns.



our resources, our people our unique natural environment.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Being able to review and evaluate our plan and monitor progress is important to the aims of the Tramore Development Trust Limited and our partners.

To do this effectively, we will:

- Design and implement a 'Sustainability Audit' to measure progress and to ensure that our actions promote Tramore 'Sustainable Community'.
- Involve our partners in a practical role by asking them to monitor as well as mentors.
- Monitor and evaluate projects that fit within our overall plan.
- Hold a Community Conference 'each year' to review progress, hold our AGM and publish our 'Sustainable Audit and Annual Reviews'.

