

## SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

### Project Case Study: CatchmentCARE (Community Actions for Resilient Eco-systems) - Interpretive Panels Developed for Local Community Groups

**THEME:**

Environment

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Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs;  
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**LEAD PARTNER:**

Donegal County Council

**PROJECT PARTNERS:**

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Phase 1 of CatchmentCARE's Community Incentive Scheme (CIS) saw projects developed and delivered to 17 different community groups across the three project catchments. The projects were designed to support community engagement, knowledge transfer, capacity building and legacy actions at a local level. As part of this community work, eleven of the groups have been allocated funding to introduce signage at agreed sites, in the form of interpretive panels. These panels have been produced in both English & Irish and contain a variety of information to help users understand the local area, landscape, history, wildlife and water quality issues within the appropriate catchment.

**Case Study – Arney Catchment**

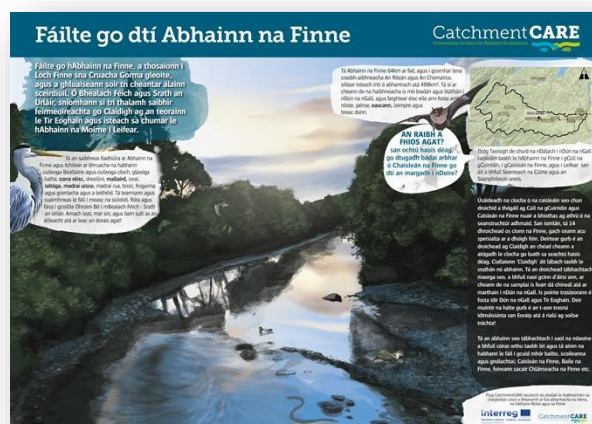
Kiiltyclogher Heritage Group were funded for a project entitled 'Corracloona Link'. 8 panels have been developed and installed to help inform local people and visitors about the natural, built and cultural heritage of the area. The panels cover local wildlife, bogs, underground cave systems and local river systems.

**Case Study – Blackwater Catchment**

Local Co. Tyrone group Torrent River Enhancement Association based in the village of Newmills near Dungannon were funded for an interesting project named 'Torrent Riverwatch'. The information panel installed as part of the project gives information about the Torrent River and its industrial heritage which gave Newmills its name. It also details many of the creatures that live in, on and close to the river including dippers, grey wagtails, otters, damselflies as well as pipistrelles and Daubenton's bats

**Case Study – Finn Catchment**

Local Finn group, BASICC (Ballybofey and Stranorlar Integrated Community Company) were funded through the Community Incentive Scheme for a project named 'Finn through the Lens'. As part of the project, 2 new interpretive panels were installed. The panels give information about the Finn Catchment, and Finn river as well as the history and wildlife of the area.



Finn River panel