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## Donegal County Council Local Authority Action Plan: Rathmullan Abbey Conservation

### THEME:

Building Positive Relations  
Local Authority Action Plans

### FUNDING (ERDF + Match):

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### MATCH FUNDERS:

The Executive Office NI  
& Department for Rural  
& Community  
Development Ireland

### LEAD PARTNER:

Donegal County Council

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Closed to the public for health and safety concerns in 2015, Rathmullan Abbey in Donegal re-opened to the public again in December 2020 after significant restoration work, allowing the public to enjoy the historic abbey and its adjoining graveyard once more.

The project was commissioned as part of the Shared Spaces and Services element of the Council's PEACE IV Local Authority Action Plan, receiving €45,000 to undertake the much needed work.

The conservation works involved the timely removal of trees and ivy and the consolidation of stonework, utilising a lime based mortar matching the existing structure.

It can now be used as a Reimagined Space by members of the public.

*“The long-term commitment demonstrated by local heritage and community groups in Rathmullan to the conservation of the abbey and the historic graveyard is commendable and has been rewarded. The phased approach taken to conservation works, under expert supervision and with the consent of the National Monuments Service, means that with regular maintenance, this structure will be available to future generations to interpret, appreciate and enjoy.”*

Donegal County Council Heritage Officer Joseph Gallagher

