



Community Matters

CACD Helping People to Help Themselves

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Great Famine Project Residential Trip to Strokestown

Participants in our Great Famine in Ireland Project enjoyed a memorable and educational residential trip to Strokestown. The visit allowed us to dispel some of the myths around this significant period in our history while also enjoying time together as a group.

Our journey began with a visit to Cavan County Museum. We had the privilege of listening to Catherine, who delivered a talk on the effects of the Famine in County Cavan specifically. Her presentation highlighted the local impact of the famine and helped us to better understand the experiences of people in the region during that devastating time.



Afterward, we explored the museum's fascinating exhibits. A sincere thank you to everyone at Cavan County Museum for their hospitality. We then travelled to Longford, and had some free time to explore the town before continuing on to our accommodation at the Abbey Hotel. The hotel staff took excellent care of us, and we enjoyed a evening meal together.

The following morning, we visited the Strokestown Park Famine Museum. The museum is located on the Strokestown Park Estate and tells the story of the Great Famine through powerful exhibitions, personal accounts and a tour of the house of Major Denis Mahon who was the Landlord of Strokestown who was shot and killed during the Great Famine of Ireland.



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A lovely time was had by all. We learned so much, strengthened friendships, and enjoyed great company throughout the visit. It was an enriching and memorable experience for everyone involved. The project has been hugely successful and received great feedback from the participants who enjoyed the range of educational visits, and lectures. Everyone who participated came away a new and deeper understanding of The Great Famine in Ireland.

We want to say a big thank you to The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Reconciliation Fund, for funding our Project and their support.



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Visit to Brownlow Castle

Following our residential visit, participants then spent a morning at Brownlow Castle. They took part in a workshop and exhibition on the Great Famine in Ireland Myth's and Facts with guest speaker Anthony Russell.



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TANNAGH-HILL LOL No6

BIG BREAKFAST 2026

SATURDAY 14th MARCH
8 - 12 NOON



Come along and enjoy a big Fry-up!

ALL WELCOME!

New Year, New Lodge – Junior Girls' Orange Lodge Launch!

EXCITING NEWS FOR PORTADOWN!
DUE TO THE AMAZING GROWTH OF THE JUNIOR ORANGE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION IN THE PORTADOWN AREA, WL01 101 IS FORMING A NEW JUNIOR GIRLS' LODGE.



Heritage

Fun & Games

Music

Skills & Personal Development

Cultural Workshops

Bible Scripture

Parades

Monthly fellowship



A POSITIVE SPACE FOR GIRLS TO HAVE A VOICE, LEARN THEIR HERITAGE AND CELEBRATE THEIR CULTURE!

REGISTER NOW!

✉ wlo1101@yahoo.com

Meeting once a month in Edenderry Orange Hall

Level 2 Food Hygiene and Safety for Catering

This training course is highly recommended for food handlers working in Community Settings, where food is prepared or handled.

Co Armagh Community Development can offer a number of free online Level 2 Food Hygiene and Safety courses for completion by members of the community. Please contact admin@cacd.org.uk to book a course to be completed online, in your own home.



Whats On

20
2005-2025



**ENAGH LOL814
CLAY PIGEON
SHOOT**
ST PATRICK'S WEEKEND!

**SATURDAY
14th MARCH
@ 11am**

VENUE: 68 SEABOUGHAN RD BT60 2EL



The Link Café
@ **ARMAGH BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Free Tea / Coffee,
Scones & Tray Bakes**

Wednesdays
21st January, 18th February
18th March, 15th April,
20th May and 17th June
10am - 12pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

2 Ardmore Road, Armagh BT60 1AH
www.armaghbaptist.com



**Banbridge and District
Horticultural Society**
Tuesday 3rd March 2026
7:30pm
Bannside Presbyterian Church,
Banbridge

David Maxwell
from
**BBC Radio Ulster
Gardeners' Corner**

Free for members
£3 for non members



TLC Group Present

**St Patrick's Day
Afternoon Tea**

Featuring: Highland Dancers, Mavemacullen Folk
Group, Heather Sanford & Markethill Pipe Band

Tuesday 17th March 2026 2pm-5pm
Tannaghmore Orange Hall, Mullurg Rd
Voluntary Donations Welcome



**Killylea
Silver Band**

**BIG
Breakfast**

Saturday 7th March
8:30am - 12noon
Killylea Silver Band Hall



**SENIOR
Supper Dance**

**FOR PEOPLE AGED 50+
LIVING IN THE ABC COUNCIL AREA
TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2026
BELMONT HOTEL, BANBRIDGE | 7.00PM - 9.00PM**

This is a great opportunity to get out of the house,
enjoy some dancing, a cup of tea and make new social connections.

For more information or to book email:
• claire.mccann@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk
or call Claire ☎ 0300 0300 900 ext:61814
• pat.prunty@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk
or call Pat ☎ 0300 0300 900 ext: 61837

Please note: No bookings will be taken before Monday 5th January

Music by Housty
Light refreshments will be served.

HSC Public Health Agency
AGE FRIENDLY
Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon Council



Poyntzpass Silver Band

**75TH
ANNIVERSARY CONCERT**

8pm Friday 20th March 2026
Market Place Theatre, Armagh

Tickets £15.00, Concession (OAP) £10.00, Under 12years £5.00
Available from: -
The Market Place Box Office Tel 03300561025
Online Bookings: visitarmagh.com/marketplacetheatre
Contact Numbers :-
Richard Whiteside 07925048580
Rodney Whiteside 07519760999

Featuring:
Poyntzpass Silver Band
Poyntzpass Primary School Choir
Premier Melody Flute Band - Pride of Ballinran
Compere - Rev Mark Wilson

Information



CACD are delighted to have supported a number of local organisations through the recent **DAERA Micro Grant Scheme**.

Congratulations to Battlehill LOL 395, who made fantastic use of their funding, purchasing a new projector and screen for their Orange Hall.

Pictured are the lodge officers with CACD staff member James, who helped them through the process of applying for the Grant.

If your lodge or group would like to access funding or support, please get in touch, we'd love to help.



Funding ABC Public Engagement Workshops

Join us and have your say on
community grants!

ARMAGH

Hayloft, Palace Demesne
25 February
6.15pm - 8.30pm

BANBRIDGE

Old Town Hall
3 March
6.15pm - 8.30pm

PORTADOWN

Town Hall
5 March
6.15pm - 8.30pm

ONLINE

12 March
6.15pm - 8.30pm

For further information and to register please email
fap@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

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Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council Funding Opportunities

A range of grants that can help fund:

Running Costs (Hall insurance, electricity, heating, accountancy fees, etc.)

Programmes (summer schools, series of history talks, etc.)

Small community events (Community fun days etc.)

All costs must be incurred in the period 1st July 2026 to 31st March 2027.

Register to attend any of the council workshops by emailing:

fap@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

Closing Date: Friday 20th March.



CR/CD Small Grants Scheme

This funding Scheme is an opportunity for community and voluntary groups to engage in Community Relations and Cultural Diversity work. Grants of up to £10k available.

Deadline: Friday 27 March 2026



Board o Ulster-Scotch

Ulster-Scots Community Festivals Grant for 2026/27.

This funding will support the delivery of community festivals throughout Ulster from 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2027. Groups interested in applying should visit the Ulster-Scots Agency website for further information

Deadline: 3pm on Monday 9 March 2026.

Safe Guarding Training Armagh Orange Hall

6th, 13th, 27th May

For more information contact:
Admin@cacd.org.uk

Four Orange Thursday Club Knockavannon, Newtownhamilton Orange Hall

19th March 2026 Eric
26th March 2026 Auld Hand
2nd April 2026 Jonny Forde
9th April 2026 Housty

Principal
funders:



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