

Sports Facilities Strategy – Multi Sports Hub Review

Strategic Recommendations

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1. Executive Summary

Introduction

- 1.1** Newry, Mourne and Down District Council has commissioned a review of its Sports Facilities Strategy 2017 in relation to Multi Sports Hubs in the 7 DEA Areas, addressing association football, gaelic games, rugby, hockey, cricket, lawn bowls, athletics, water sports. Research carried out during 2021 and 2022 involved desk research, community consultation, surveys, site inspections and liaison with key stakeholders. The terms of reference requires a pitch condition survey with a comprehensive audit, and a strategy presenting recommendations for the development of outdoor sports facilities. This is Part 1: Strategic Recommendations.

Strategic Recommendations

Association Football, Gaelic Games, Rugby

- 1.2** The measure of adequacy of provision highlights a shortfall in the supply of pitches for association football training, for gaelic games and for rugby. Given the maintenance issues associated with training on grass pitches, the recommendation is to develop three multi-sport artificial turf pitches – 3G – strategically located across the district to best achieve geographical spread, taking advantage of partnership/funding opportunities, and reflecting population density.
- 1.3** A recommendation to support clubs to develop additional multi-sport pitch provision via Council’s Sport and Community Leasing Policy, Financial Assistance Programme and external funding opportunities not available to Council should continue to be encouraged. Furthermore, the proposal of a higher level financial assistance process to support clubs wanting to establish regional facilities provision should also be considered. Five recommendations have been made for association football, gaelic games and rugby.

1. Pitch 1: Newry, located at Jennings Park by converting the existing two association football pitches to a multi-sport floodlit 3G pitch, offering a full size gaelic games pitch, a full size rugby pitch and two full size association football pitches. This should then be designated as part of the multi-sports hub provision for Newry DEA.

2. Pitch 2: Newcastle, located at Donard Park by converting the existing AstroTurf pitch to a multi-sport floodlit 3G pitch, offering a gaelic games training pitch and a full size association football pitch. It is understood that partnership opportunities with the Department of Education and Shimna College would further support this recommendation. This should then be designated as part of the multi-sports hub provision for The Mournes DEA.
3. Pitch 3: Downpatrick, located either at the Council's Dunleath Park or Down High School. Converting either existing or planned grass/shale pitch provision to a multi-sport floodlit 3G pitch, offering a gaelic games training pitch, a full-size match standard football and rugby pitch. It is understood that partnership opportunities with the Department of Education and Down High School would further support the recommendation for a pitch at this site. This should then be designated as part of the multi-sports hub provision for Downpatrick DEA.
4. Council should continue to encourage and support additional multi-sport pitch provision across the district via Council's Sport and Community Leasing Policy and Financial Assistance Programme with a weighting system considered to prioritise these types of projects. This process should be considered to designate multi-sports hub provision for Slieve Gullion, Crotlieve, Slieve Croob and Rowallane DEAs.
5. Grass pitches that are under-used or no longer in use; it is recommended that these pitches be considered for leasing to local clubs or considered for disposal.

Water Sports

1.4 The key issue for water sports clubs is a lack of storage and general club accommodation, most felt amongst emerging water sports but also amongst traditional water sports. The Council has approved a capital project to develop water sports at Camlough Lake, is moving forward with a project to bring Warrenpoint Baths back into use and is currently scoping enhancements at Newcastle Harbour and Rockpool. Three recommendations have been made for water sports.

1. In tandem with the development of Albert Basin City Park, water sports provision should be considered as part of this project, accommodating water sports clubs and maximising the potential of the Newry Canal and Albert Basin.
2. Council Capital projects located in areas where there is lack of provision and identified need should consider incorporating water sports provision within the project. Camlough Lake, Warrenpoint Baths, Rockpool, Kilkeel and Newcastle Harbour, projects should be considered for multi-sports hub provision in their respective DEAs.
3. Council should continue to encourage and support additional water sports provision across the district via Councils Sport and Community Leasing Policy and Financial Assistance Programme with a weighting system considered to prioritise these types of projects. This process should be considered to designate multi-sports hub provision for Slieve Croob and Downpatrick DEAs.

Cricket

1.5 The four cricket clubs in the district operate their own facilities with one club leasing its ground from the Council. They are in need of ongoing support to assist in developing their sport, especially female participation. Needs include training nets, rain covers and ground maintenance equipment whilst some clubs need changing accommodation for females. One recommendation has been made for cricket.

1. Council should continue to encourage and support cricket provision across the district via Council's Sport and Community Leasing Policy and Financial Assistance Programme with a weighting system considered to prioritise these types of projects.

Athletics

- 1.6** In recent years interest in athletics, mostly running, has grown significantly to a present estimate of 70,000 to 80,000 participants in Northern Ireland, making it one of the highest participation sports. The district presently has one athletics track, located in Newry. One recommendation has been made for athletics.

1. Develop second athletics track for the district, strategically located in Downpatrick to best achieve geographical spread, reflecting population density and taking advantage of partnership/funding opportunities, 400m x up to 6 lanes, synthetic surface, floodlit, and fenced. This should then be designated as part of the multi-sports hub provision for Downpatrick DEA.

General

- 1.7** In addition to the sports-specific recommendations there are two general recommendations that cover all sports that should be considered.

1. Council should continue to encourage and support sports provision across the district via Council's Sport and Community Leasing Policy and Financial Assistance Programme with a weighting system considered to prioritise projects that have an under-provision and identified need that has not been addressed or is in the process of being addressed and would contribute to multi-sports hub provision in a particular DEA.
2. A higher level financial assistance process to support clubs wanting to establish multi-sports hubs facilities where there is an identified under-provision and identified need that has not been addressed or is in the process of being addressed, should be considered.

2. Need

Introduction

- 2.1 The audit process and findings inform the recommendations, based on need, for the strategic development of facilities. The methodology adopted in the approach to considering recommendations is as follows:-

Identify need for sports facilities in each District Electoral Area.

Establish how investment in and development of facilities should be approached:-

- **Approach 1 - Council investing in Council-owned facilities.**
- **Approach 2 - Council in partnership with other statutory-owned facilities.**
- **Approach 3 - Community/Voluntary sector, supported by:-**

Leasing Council land and/or facilities to community/voluntary sector organisations, so enabling them to seek external funding, or

- **The Council's financial assistance programme, either (i) Minor and Major Facilities Capital Fund, or (ii) Higher Level Capital Fund.**

Need Identified

- 2.2 The audit process, which involved survey work, facility inspections and consultation with sports groups, resulted in identification of need for each of the eight sports being considered – association football, gaelic games, rugby, hockey, cricket, lawn bowls, athletics, water sports. Need is identified through analysis of *adequacy of provision* using the Sport England methodology 'Towards a Level Playing Field: Playing Pitch Model.' The following table presents a summary of adequacy of provision expressed as 'facility shortfall – yes/no' for each sport in each DEA, recognising that;

- ❖ For association football, gaelic games, rugby and hockey, adequacy of provision is *measured* using Sport England's Playing Pitch Model.
- ❖ For cricket, athletics, lawn bowls and water sports adequacy of provision is *assessed*, using information gathered from the clubs' survey and focus groups.
- ❖ A 'n/a' result indicates there are no clubs in the DEA for that sport.

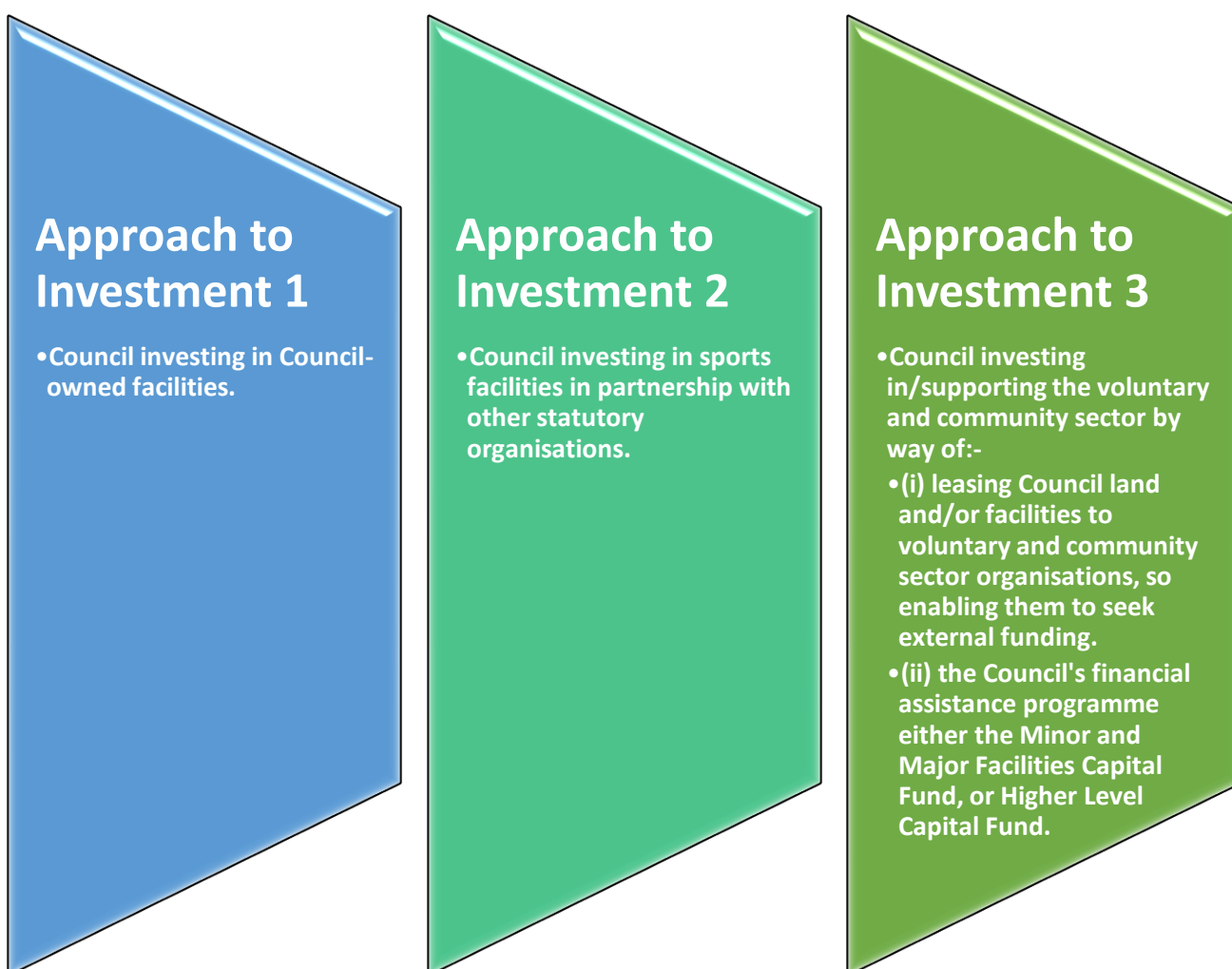
Adequacy of Provision – All DEAs

Sport	District	Adequacy of Provision Facility Shortfall – Yes/No?						
		Rowallane	Slieve Croob	Downpatrick	The Mournes	Crotlieve	Slieve Gullion	Newry
Assoc Football – Matches	+13 pitches	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Assoc Football – Training	- 184 one-hr training slots	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gaelic Games	- 6 pitches	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rugby	+ 2 pitches (shortfall of training facilities)	n/a	No	n/a	n/a	Yes	n/a	n/a
Cricket – Matches	Even	No	No	No	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cricket – Training	Shortfall	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hockey	+ 2 pitches	No	n/a	n/a	No	n/a	n/a	No
Athletics	Shortfall	Yes	n/a	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Lawn Bowls	Surplus	No	n/a	No	No	No	No	No
Water Sports	Shortfall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

2.3 The analysis of adequacy of provision shows the sports of association football, gaelic games, rugby, cricket, athletics and water sports have *need* to a greater or lesser extent. In the case of association football the need is for facilities to accommodate mid-week training. In the case of gaelic games the need is for facilities to relieve the over-use of club-based pitches for training and matches. In the case of rugby the need is for training facilities for one of the district’s two clubs. For cricket the need is for financial assistance to support development of the sport. For athletics the need is for a second athletics track to support the further development of the sport in the northern part of the district. For water sports the need is to support clubs in a number of traditional and emerging water sports activities.

3. Approach to Investment

3.1 For the district electoral areas, consideration is given to each facility shortfall identified under adequacy of provision as a precursor to recommending how investment may best address need. Commentary on investment considerations is given under (i) adequacy of provision; (ii) perceived benefits; (iii) other factors. The following table presents the commentary on each consideration along with summary comments and an approach to investment attributed to each project based on one of three options:-



Project Identifier	INVESTMENT CONSIDERATIONS			Summary Comments	Approach to Investment
	Adequacy of Provision	Perceived Benefit	Other Factors		
ROWALLANE DEA					
1. Multi-sports pitch	There is an under-supply of pitches in Rowallane DEA most especially in training accommodation for association football, reckoned to be an under-supply of 39 one-hour periods/slots. Gaelic games pitches are generally over-used for a combination of training and matches. Three association football clubs in Rowallane DEA each aspire to develop a 3G facility at their own grounds.	A 3G multi-sports pitch will benefit both association football and, potentially the one gaelic games club in Rowallane DEA.	In the event that one or more local clubs progresses the development of a 3G facility at their own grounds, this will contribute to reducing the under-supply of training periods/slots.	A multi-sports pitch in Rowallane DEA could be located at the Council's Langley Road Recreation Grounds in Ballynahinch. In the knowledge that a number of association football clubs in Rowallane DEA aspire to develop a 3G facility at their own grounds, the need for a 3G pitch on a Council site should be kept under review.	Approach 3
2. Cricket facilities	Whilst district-wide supply for cricket matches is meeting demand, the cricket club in Rowallane DEA has a need for training nets.	Cricket participation district-wide is predominantly male, however, Cricket Ireland is promoting female participation and the local club in Rowallane DEA is keen to involve more female players; training nets should help achieve this.	Saintfield Cricket Club operates within a club that also offers hockey, helping to increase awareness of both sports.	The district's four cricket clubs are in need of better facilities, including training nets, changing accommodation, rain covers, maintenance equipment, etc. The Council supports cricket through its financial assistance programme.	Approach 3

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3. Water sports facilities	The development of several 'new' water-based sports across the district in recent times has outstripped the supply of facilities. The need for better accommodation – clubhouse, storage, equipment – has been emphasised by most of the 13 water-based sports clubs that responded to the survey for this review.	Better accommodation will contribute to more people getting involved, both male and female, in traditional and emerging water sports.	There may be partnership opportunities for emerging water sports to work with established clubs such as sailing clubs.	Water sports clubs/groups throughout the district have highlighted the need for support. In the case of clubs which operate their own facilities there is an ongoing need for improvement works; in the case of some recently established clubs there is a need for a club base (see Newry DEA).	Approach 3
4. Athletics facilities	Athletics, the third largest participation sport in the district, is largely represented by running rather than field (jumping, throwing) events. The district has one synthetic running track – 400m x 6 lane – at St Colman's College in Newry. Whilst a good deal of running takes place on roads, especially in urban areas to avail of street lighting on dark evenings, this is generally unsatisfactory.	A second athletics track in the district has the potential to attract more young people, females and people with a disability, especially if wheelchair-bound, to athletics. An athletics track offers a safe and well-lit environment for newcomers and seasoned runners alike.	Athletics NI is supportive of the development of more athletics tracks and the need for a second running track in the district is identified in the Council's Sports Facilities Strategy.	In recent years interest in athletics, mostly running, has grown significantly to a present estimate of 70,000 to 80,000 participants, making it one of the highest participation sports in Northern Ireland. The district has one running track, a 400m x 6 lane facility at St Colman's College in Newry; the need for a second track to serve the district has been identified (see Downpatrick DEA).	Approach 1

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SLIEVE CROOB DEA					
5. Multi-sports pitch	The significant need for a multi-sports pitch to serve Slieve Croob DEA is for association football training given an under-supply of 62 one-hour periods/slots. Whilst the 9 gaelic games clubs in Slieve Croob DEA are judged to have a surplus of 3 pitches, gaelic games pitches are generally over-used for matches and training.	A multi-sports pitch in the locality will help in reducing the considerable under-supply of one-hour periods/slots for mid-week training in association football. It will also reduce the pressure to use grass surfaces for training.	Down GAA is moving ahead to develop a county facility at Ballykinlar providing 4 gaelic games pitches and ancillary accommodation; it is being presented as multi-purpose.	A multi-sports pitch in Slieve Croob DEA could be located at the Council's Bann Road Playing Fields in Castlewellan, presently used by gaelic games and association football clubs.	Approach 3
6. Cricket facilities	The two cricket clubs in Slieve Croob DEA express a need for improvements to their facilities, not least to better accommodate training with the club pointing to the need for indoor cricket training nets.	Cricket participation district-wide is predominantly male, however, Cricket Ireland is promoting female participation and improved club-based facilities in Slieve Croob DEA should encourage more female participation.	Both clubs have plans to progress capital development projects.	The district's four cricket clubs are in need of better facilities, including training nets, changing accommodation, rain covers, maintenance equipment, etc. The Council supports cricket through its financial assistance programme.	Approach 3
7. Water sports facilities	The development of several 'new' water-based sports across the district in recent times has outstripped the supply of	Better accommodation will contribute to more people getting involved, both male	There may be partnership opportunities for emerging water sports to work with	Water sports clubs/groups throughout the district have highlighted the need for support. In the case of clubs	Approach 3

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	facilities. The need for better accommodation – clubhouse, storage, equipment – has been emphasised by most of the 13 water-based sports clubs that responded to the survey for this review.	and female, in traditional and emerging water sports.	established clubs such as sailing clubs.	which operate their own facilities there is an ongoing need for improvement works; in the case of some recently established clubs there is a need for a club base (see Newry DEA).	

DOWNPATRICK DEA

8. Multi-sports pitch	There is an under-supply of pitches in Downpatrick DEA for association football training, reckoned to be 24 one-hour periods/slots, whilst the supply of gaelic games pitches is at breakeven.	A 3G multi-sports pitch will benefit the six association football clubs and five gaelic games clubs in Downpatrick DEA, encouraging more participation amongst young people in particular.	Local association football clubs comment on the lack of training facilities in Downpatrick DEA and observe that ‘away’ matches in other Council areas are increasingly played on 3G.	The Council’s Dunleath Park is a potential location for a multi-sports 3G, however, it’s known there are technical challenges linked to the risk of flooding in considering any type of pitch surface at Dunleath Park other than natural grass. Down High School is also a potential location for a multi-sports 3G pitch, converting an existing grass rugby pitch to a multi-sport 3G surface for shared use, ie, school use during curriculum time and community use outside curriculum time.	Approach 2
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9. Cricket facilities	Whilst district-wide supply for cricket matches is meeting demand, the cricket club in Downpatrick has a need for training nets.	Downpatrick Cricket Club aspires to develop female participation which is presently very low across the district.	Cricket Ireland is promoting female participation, an initiative which should have an impact locally through time.	The district's four cricket clubs are in need of better facilities, including training nets, changing accommodation, rain covers, maintenance equipment, etc. The Council supports cricket through its financial assistance programme.	Approach 3
10. Water sports facilities	The development of several 'new' water-based sports across the district in recent times has outstripped the supply of facilities. The need for better accommodation – clubhouse, storage, equipment – has been emphasised by most of the 13 water-based sports clubs that responded to the survey for this review.	Better accommodation will contribute to more people getting involved, both male and female, in traditional and emerging water sports.	There may be partnership opportunities for emerging water sports to work with established clubs such as sailing clubs.	Water sports clubs/groups throughout the district have highlighted the need for support. In the case of clubs which operate their own facilities there is an ongoing need for improvement works; in the case of some recently established clubs there is a need for a club base (see Newry DEA).	Approach 3
11. Athletics facilities	Athletics, the third largest participation sport in the district, is largely represented by running rather than field (jumping, throwing) events. The district has one synthetic	A second athletics track in the district has the potential to attract more young people, females and people with a disability, especially if wheelchair-bound, to	Athletics NI is supportive of the development of more athletics tracks and the need for a second running track in the district is identified in the	In recent years interest in athletics, mostly running, has grown significantly to a present estimate of 70,000 to 80,000 participants, making it one of the highest	Approach 1

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	running track – 400m x 6 lane – at St Colman’s College in Newry. Whilst a good deal of running takes place on roads, especially in urban areas to avail of street lighting on dark evenings, this is generally unsatisfactory.	athletics. An athletics track offers a safe and well-lit environment for newcomers and seasoned runners alike.	Council’s Sports Facilities Strategy.	participation sports in Northern Ireland. The district has one running track, a 400m x 6 lane facility at St Colman’s College in Newry; the need for a second track to serve the district has been identified. A second athletics track for the district could be strategically located in Downpatrick to best achieve geographical spread.	

THE MOURNES DEA

12. Multi-sports pitch	In the Mournes DEA gaelic games doesn’t have a buffer of pitches and association football has an under-supply of 61 one-hour periods/slots for training; there are 8 gaelic games clubs and 7 association football clubs.	Both sports of gaelic games and association football would benefit from having access to a 3G multi-sports pitch in The Mournes DEA.	Shimna Integrated College in Newcastle will commence construction of a new school this year; the Council is discussing the potential for shared facilities between the school and the community. The Council’s AstroTurf pitch at Donard Park in Newcastle is no longer used for hockey since the demise of the local hockey club.	The Council’s Donard Park in Newcastle is a potential location, converting the existing ‘AstroTurf’ pitch to a multi-sports 3G surface which could be shared with the adjacent post-primary school, Shimna College. Given the scale of the shortfall in training slots for association football in The Mournes DEA, a multi-sport 3G pitch would help address	Approach 2
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				this shortfall; a suggested location is at the Council's Mournes Esplanade site in Kilkeel.	
13. Water sports facilities	The development of several 'new' water-based sports across the district in recent times has outstripped the supply of facilities. The need for better accommodation – clubhouse, storage, equipment – has been emphasised by most of the 13 water-based sports clubs that responded to the survey for this review.	Better accommodation will contribute to more people getting involved, both male and female, in traditional and emerging water sports.	There may be partnership opportunities for emerging water sports to work with established clubs such as sailing clubs.	Water sports clubs/groups throughout the district have highlighted the need for support. In the case of clubs which operate their own facilities there is an ongoing need for improvement works; in the case of some recently established clubs there is a need for a club base (see Newry DEA).	Approach 3
14. Athletics facilities	Athletics, the third largest participation sport in the district, is largely represented by running rather than field (jumping, throwing) events. The district has one synthetic running track – 400m x 6 lane – at St Colman's College in Newry. Whilst a good deal of running takes place on roads, especially in urban areas to avail of street	A second athletics track in the district has the potential to attract more young people, females and people with a disability, especially if wheelchair-bound, to athletics. An athletics track offers a safe and well-lit environment for newcomers and seasoned runners alike.	Athletics NI is supportive of the development of more athletics tracks and the need for a second running track in the district is identified in the Council's Sports Facilities Strategy.	In recent years interest in athletics, mostly running, has grown significantly to a present estimate of 70,000 to 80,000 participants, making it one of the highest participation sports in Northern Ireland. The district has one running track, a 400m x 6 lane facility at St Colman's College in	Approach 2

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	lighting on dark evenings, this is generally unsatisfactory.			Newry; the need for a second track to serve the district has been identified (see Downpatrick DEA).	

CROTLIEVE DEA

15. Multi-sports pitch	Gaelic games has an under-supply of 3 pitches, association football has an under-supply of 13 one-hour periods/slots for training and rugby has an under-supply for training. There are 9 gaelic games clubs, 4 association football clubs and 1 rugby club in Crotlieve DEA.	A multi-sports pitch in Newry has the potential to assist the training requirements of the three 'large ball' field sports.	The Council is proposing to develop an association football grass pitch and a gaelic games grass pitch at its Kilbroney Playing Fields site; this will help address matches and perhaps some training during daylight hours. Presently, sports clubs within Crotlieve DEA tend to travel into Newry to access training facilities; in the case of Newry Rugby Club which is located in Crotlieve DEA but close to Newry city, the club uses the 3G pitch at St Colman's College and the Council's AstroTurf training-size pitch at the Ropewalk site.	The Council is proceeding with a re-development project at its Kilbroney Playing Fields site, providing a full-size gaelic games pitch and an association football pitch, both grass, along with changing accommodation.	Approach 1
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16. Water sports facilities	The development of several 'new' water-based sports across the district in recent times has outstripped the supply of facilities. The need for better accommodation – clubhouse, storage, equipment – has been emphasised by most of the 13 water-based sports clubs that responded to the survey for this review.	Better accommodation will contribute to more people getting involved, both male and female, in traditional and emerging water sports.	There may be partnership opportunities for emerging water sports to work with established clubs such as sailing clubs.	Water sports clubs/groups throughout the district have highlighted the need for support. In the case of clubs which operate their own facilities there is an ongoing need for improvement works; in the case of some recently established clubs there is a need for a club base (see Newry DEA).	Approach 3

SLIEVE GULLION DEA

17. Gaelic Games facilities	The dominant pitch-based sport in Slieve Gullion DEA is gaelic games, with 13 of the district's 50 gaelic games clubs and 28.5% of its players; there is a shortfall of 2 gaelic games pitches in Slieve Gullion DEA. The need is for additional training accommodation for gaelic games.	Gaelic games would be the main beneficiary of additional pitch capacity in Slieve Gullion DEA.	Given Slieve Gullion DEAs proximity to Newry, a multi-sports pitch in Newry may help to alleviate some of the shortfall of gaelic games pitches.		Approach 3
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NEWRY DEA					
18. Multi-sports pitch	In Newry DEA the two multi-sports/3G pitches are both school-based – St Colman’s College, The Abbey Grammar School. Adequacy of provision for gaelic games in Newry DEA is a shortfall of 4 pitches whilst association football has a surplus of 4 pitches for matches but a shortfall of 40 one-hour periods/slots for training.	Gaelic games and association football will both benefit from a Council-operated multi-sports pitch in Newry DEA. Newry Rugby Club, which is located in the neighbouring Crotlieve DEA, may also benefit from a multi-sports pitch in Newry DEA for training sessions.	Sports facilities in Newry DEA are able to be accessed by clubs from neighbouring district electoral areas that are within travelling distance/time, especially Slieve Gullion, Crotlieve and, to a lesser extent, The Mournes.	A multi-sports pitch could be located at the Council’s Jennings Park site on the footprint of the two grass association football pitches. This would take advantage of the adjacent Newry Leisure Centre for changing accommodation.	Approach 1
19. Water sports facilities	The development of several ‘new’ water-based sports across the district in recent times has outstripped the supply of facilities. The need for better accommodation – clubhouse, storage, equipment – has been emphasised by most of the 13 water-based sports clubs that responded to the survey for this review.	Better accommodation will contribute to more people getting involved, both male and female, in traditional and emerging water sports.	There may be partnership opportunities for emerging water sports to work with established clubs such as sailing clubs.	In tandem with the development of Albert Basin City Park, a water sports centre should be located here, accommodating water sports clubs and maximising the potential of the Newry Canal.	Approach 1

4. District Electoral Areas

Introduction

4.1 Newry, Mourne and Down District Council area is divided into seven district electoral areas (DEAs). They are, from north to south, Rowallane, Slieve Croob, Downpatrick, The Mournes, Crotlieve, Slieve Gullion, Newry. The distribution of sports participation and facilities across the DEAs is presented within the sports specific sections for the sports for which it is deemed appropriate. This section presents the audit results for each of the seven DEAs, showing for each:-

- ❖ A summary of all facilities in all ownerships across the eight sports – *facilities*.
- ❖ A summary of the ownership of all facilities – *ownership*.
- ❖ A summary of clubs, teams and players – *clubs' profile*.
- ❖ A summary of the adequacy of provision – *adequacy of provision*.
- ❖ An inventory of facilities (named) – *facilities inventory*.

4.2 The following table presents the distribution of players for each sport in each DEA and for the district as a whole.

Distribution of Players								
Sport	DEA							District Totals
	Rowallane	Slieve Croob	Downpatrick	The Mournes	Crotlieve	Slieve Gullion	Newry	
Association Football	1,054	848	1,002	1,387	697	578	1,052	6,618
Gaelic Games	467	2,229	1,615	2,218	3,398	4,696	1,848	16,471
Rugby	0	372	0	0	155	0	0	527
Hockey	468	0	0	199	0	0	182	849
Cricket	133	283	30	0	0	0	0	446
Lawn Bowls	89	0	135	57	40	37	28	386
Athletics	134	0	160	685	53	126	598	1,756
Water Sports	429	79	243	92	105	0	387	1,335
DEA Totals	2,774	3,811	3,185	4,638	4,448	5,437	4,095	28,388

4.3 The following table presents a summary of adequacy of provision expressed as 'facility shortfall – 'yes/no' for each sport in each DEA, recognising:-

- ❖ For association football, gaelic games, rugby and hockey, adequacy of provision is measured using Sport England's Playing Pitch Model.
- ❖ For cricket, athletics, lawn bowls and water sports adequacy of provision is assessed, using information gathered from the clubs' survey and focus groups.
- ❖ A 'n/a' result indicates there are no clubs in the DEA for that sport.

Adequacy of Provision – All DEAs							
Sport	Adequacy of Provision Facility Shortfall – Yes/No?						
	Rowallane	Slieve Croob	Downpatrick	The Mournes	Crotlieve	Slieve Gullion	Newry
Association Football – Matches	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Association Football – Training	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gaelic Games	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rugby	n/a	No	n/a	n/a	Yes	n/a	n/a
Cricket – Matches	No	No	No	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Cricket – Training	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Hockey	No	n/a	n/a	No	n/a	n/a	No
Athletics	Yes	n/a	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Lawn Bowls	No	n/a	No	No	No	No	No
Water Sports	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Rowallane DEA

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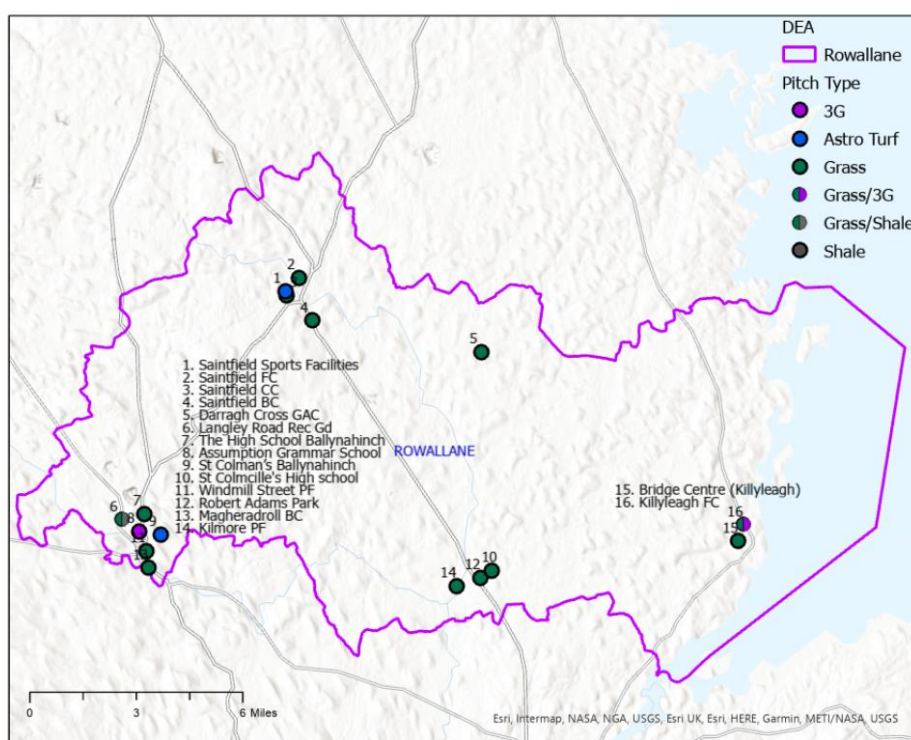
- 4.4** Rowallane DEA has a total population of 20,820 (2018), or 11.5% of the district’s population, mostly located in the following settlements:-

Settlement Hierarchy/Classification	Settlement Name (Population)
Tier 1 City and main town	-
Tier 2 Local and Small town	Ballynahinch (5,715)
Tier 3 Village	Shrigley (437) Saintfield (3,406) Crossgar (1,892) Killyleagh (2,928)
Tier 4 Small Settlement	Darragh Cross (490)

The age profile of Rowallane DEA residents is older than the district’s age profile, with 52.7% over 40 years of age compared to 47.8% for the district.

	Rowallane		NMDDC	
Age	Population	% of Population	Population	% of Population
0-15	3,990	19.2	40,972	22.5
16-39	5,860	28.1	53,608	29.5
40-64	6,960	33.4	57,965	31.9
65+	4,010	19.3	29,124	15.9
Totals	20,820	100%	181,669	99.8%

4.5 Map 4.1 shows the distribution of facilities for pitch-based sports across Rowallane DEA.



Map 4.1: Rowallane DEA – Distribution of Facilities

Facilities

4.6 Table 4.1 presents a summary of all facilities in all ownerships in Rowallane DEA across the eight sports; it's noted there are no athletics or water sports facilities whilst just over half of the facilities are used for association football.

Table 4.1: Rowallane DEA – Facilities

	Grass		3G		ATP		Shale		Totals
	Full	Small	Full	Small	Full	Small	Full	Small	
Association Football	9	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	17
Gaelic Games	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Rugby	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cricket	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hockey	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	1	6
Athletics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Lawn Bowls	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Water Sports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Totals	14	8	1	1	2	1	2	1	30

Ownership

4.7 Table 4.2 presents a summary of the ownership of facilities, categorised as (i) club/community; (ii) education; (iii) NMDDC; (iv) leased from NMDDC.

Table 4.2: Rowallane DEA – Facilities Ownership

Ownership	Grass					ATP					Shale		Water	Totals
	Association football	Gaelic Games	Rugby	Cricket	Bowls	Association football	Gaelic Games	Rugby	Hockey	Athletics	Hockey	Athletics	Water Sports	
Club/Community	5	1	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Education	2	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	9
NMDDC	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	11
Leased - NMDDC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	15	3	1	1	2	2	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	30

Clubs' Profile

4.8 Table 4.3 and Figure 4.1 presents a profile of the teams and players in the clubs across the eight sports; it shows that association football accounts for over a third of players, however, gaelic games, hockey and water sports are well represented.

Table 4.3: Rowallane DEA – Clubs, Teams and Players

Sport	No. of Clubs	Junior ¹ Teams		Adult Teams		Total Teams		Total players	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Association Football	6	53	50%	16	38%	69	47%	1,054	38%
Gaelic Games	1	25	24%	5	12%	30	20%	467	17%
Hockey	2	23	22%	11	26%	34	23%	468	17%
Cricket	1	4	4%	2	5%	6	4%	133	5%
Rugby	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Lawn Bowls	2	0	0%	8	19%	8	5%	89	3%
Athletics	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	134	5%
Water Sports	6	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	429	15%
Totals	19	105	100%	42	100%	147	100%	2,774	100%

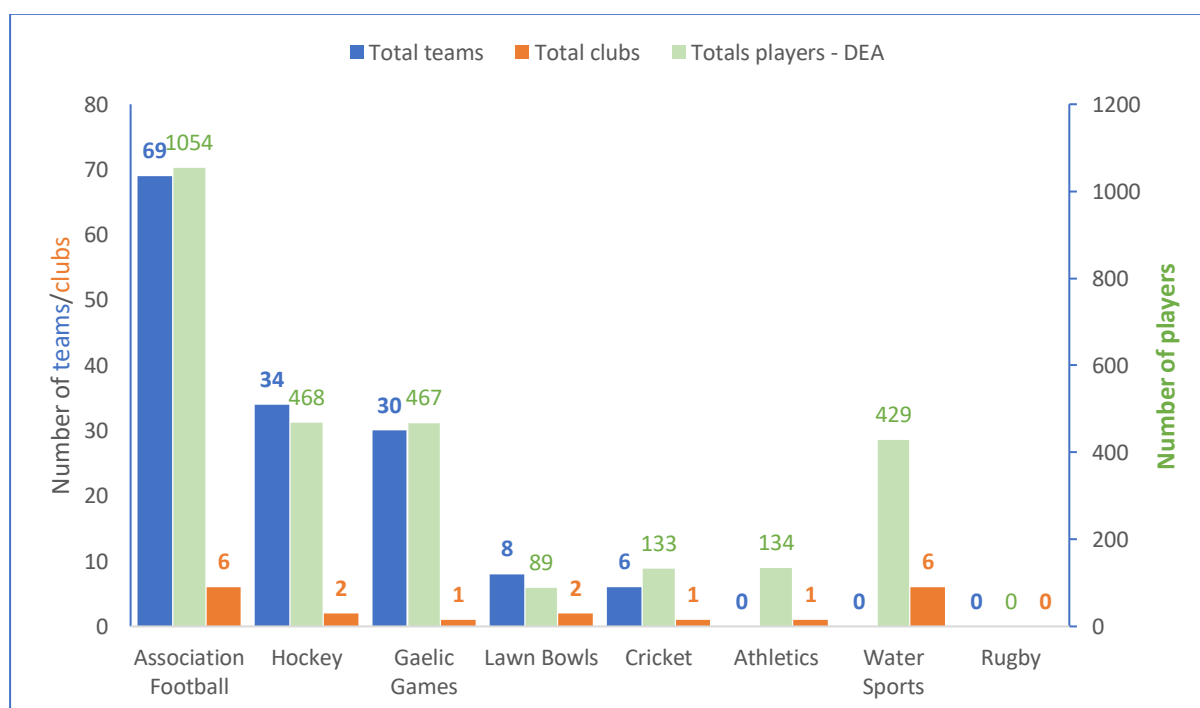


Figure 4.1: Rowallane DEA – Clubs, Teams & Players

Adequacy of Provision

4.9 Adequacy of provision of facilities has been calculated or assessed for each sport using the Sport England ‘Playing Pitch Model’ (PPM) for the sports where it can be applied and using the principle of the PPM where it cannot. Table 4.4 presents a summary of adequacy of provision; a *minus* result is a shortfall in provision, a *plus* result denotes adequate provision.

¹ Junior refers to the age group U7 to U18

Table 4.4: Rowallane DEA – Adequacy of Provision

Sport	Adequacy of provision	Facility Shortfall?
Association Football – Matches	Adult + 1 pitch, Youth - 1 pitch	Yes
Association Football – Training	- 23 slots (using ATP), - 39 (just 3G)	Yes
Gaelic Games	- 1 pitch	Yes
Rugby	n/a	n/a
Cricket – Matches	Supply meeting demand for matches	No
Cricket – Training	Supply not meeting demand for nets training	Yes
Hockey	Supply meeting demand	No
Athletics	Supply not meeting demand	Yes
Lawn Bowls	Supply meeting demand	No
Water Sports	Undersupply of Boat house/equipment storage	Yes

Facilities Inventory

4.10 Table 4.5 presents an inventory of the facilities in Rowallane DEA under four ownership categories; (i) Council; (ii) School/public body; (iii) Leased from Council; (iv) Club.

Table 4.5: Rowallane DEA – Facilities Inventory

Ownership	Facility Name	Quantity/Type	Sport
Council	Bridge Centre	1 x Full grass 3 x SSG grass	Association Football
	Kilmore PF	2 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Langley Road Rec Grounds	2 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Saintfield Sports Facilities	1 x Full Sand Astro Turf	Hockey
School/Public body	Assumption Grammar School	1 x Full 3G	Association Football/ GAA Training
	Saintfield High School	1 x Full Grass 1 x SSG Grass	Association Football
	St Colman's High & 6th Form College	1 x Full Sand AstroTurf	Hockey
	The High School Ballynahinch	1 x Training Shale	Hockey
	St Colmcille's High school	1 x Training Grass	Association Football/GAA Training
Leased from Council	None		
Club	Saintfield Utd FC	1 x Full Grass 1 x SSG Grass	Association Football
	Robert Adams Park	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Saintfield BC	1 x Grass Green	Lawn Bowls
	Magheradroll BC	1 x Grass green	Lawn Bowls
	Saintfield Cricket Club	1 x Cricket square	Cricket
	East Down Yacht Club	-	Water Sports
	Killyleagh Yacht Club	-	Water Sports
	Ringhaddy Cruising Club	-	Water Sports
Seaboard Sailing Association	-	Water Sports	

Rowallane DEA – Summary Remarks

- 4.11** There is an under-supply of pitches in Rowallane DEA, mostly especially in training accommodation for association football, reckoned to be a shortfall of 39 one-hour periods/slots for 3G surfaces. Gaelic games has a shortfall of 1 pitch, remembering that gaelic games pitches are generally over-used for a combination of training and matches. There is no athletics facility in Rowallane DEA and there is an under-supply of boathouse/equipment storage for water sports and cricket training facilities.
- 4.12** There is a need in Rowallane DEA for a 3G multi-sports pitch. This could be located at the Council’s Langley Road Recreation Grounds in Ballynahinch. In the knowledge that three local association football clubs each aspire to develop a 3G facility at their own grounds, the need for a 3G pitch on a Council site should be kept under review. There is also a need for improved cricket training facilities and water sports facilities.

Slieve Croob DEA

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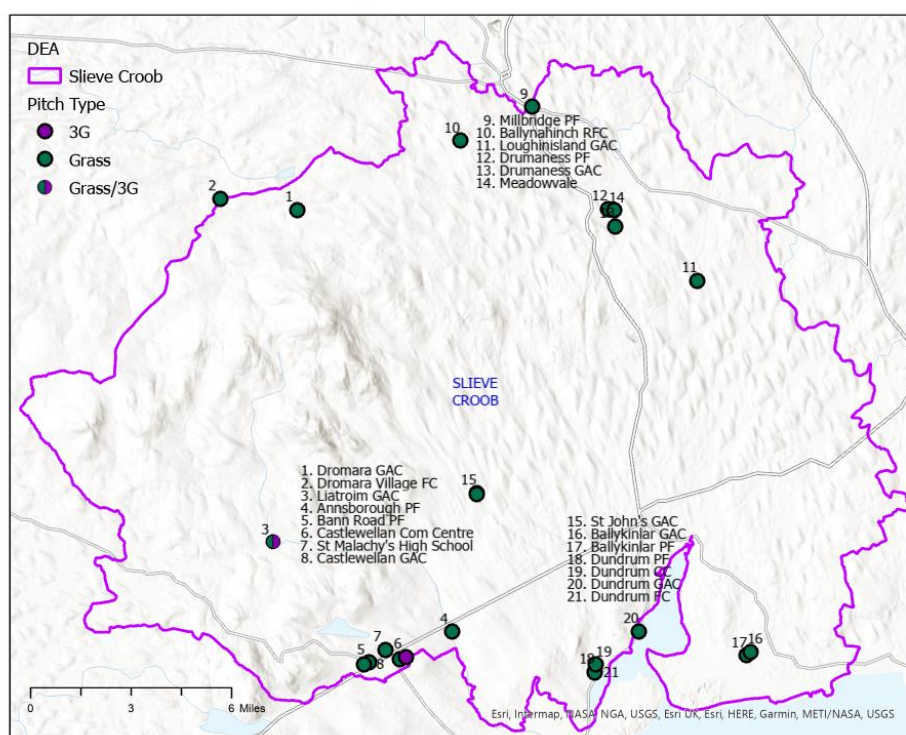
- 4.13** Slieve Croob DEA has a total population of 21,160 (2018), or 11.6% of the district’s population, mostly located in the following settlements:-

Settlement Hierarchy/Classification	Settlement Name (Population)
Tier 1 City and main town	-
Tier 2 Local and Small town	-
Tier 3 Village	Castlewellan (2,792) Dundrum (1,551) Drumaness (1,344) Annsborough (767) Clough (279) Spa (583)
Tier 4 Small Settlement	Seaforde (263) Drumaroad (183) Leitrim (121)

The age profile of Slieve Croob DEA residents mirrors that of the district, with a single percentage point difference in the 40 to 64 years age bracket and a 0.9 percentage point difference in the 16-39 years age bracket.

Slieve Croob			NMDDC	
Age	Population	% of Population	Population	% of Population
0-15	4,840	22.9	40,972	22.5
16-39	6,050	28.6	53,608	29.5
40-64	6,960	32.9	57,965	31.9
65+	3,320	15.7	29,124	15.9
Totals	21,160	100%	181,669	100%

4.14 Map 4.2 shows the distribution of facilities for pitch-based sports across Slieve Croob DEA.



Map 4.2: Slieve Croob DEA – Distribution of Facilities

Facilities

4.15 Table 4.6 presents a summary of all facilities in all ownerships in Slieve Croob DEA across the eight sports; there are no hockey, athletics, lawn bowls or water sports facilities whilst nearly half of the facilities are used for gaelic games.

Table 4.6: Slieve Croob DEA – Facilities

	Grass		3G		ATP		Shale		Totals
	Full	Small	Full	Small	Full	Small	Full	Small	
Association Football	13	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	15
Gaelic Games	13	5	-	1	-	-	-	-	19
Rugby	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Cricket	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Hockey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Athletics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Lawn Bowls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Water Sports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Totals	31	6	0	2	0	0	0	0	39

Ownership

4.16 Table 4.7 presents a summary of the ownership of facilities, categorised as (i) club/community; (ii) education; (iii) NMDDC; (iv) leased from NMDDC.

Table 4.7: Slieve Croob DEA – Facilities Ownership

Ownership	Grass					ATP					Shale		Water	Totals
	Association football	Gaelic Games	Rugby	Cricket	Bowls	Association football	Gaelic Games	Rugby	Hockey	Athletics	Hockey	Athletics	Water Sports	
Club/Community	7	15	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Education	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
NMDDC	6	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Leased - NMDDC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	14	18	4	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	39

Clubs' Profile

4.17 Table 4.8 and Figure 4.2 presents a profile of the teams and players in the clubs across the eight sports; the profile shows that gaelic games accounts for 58% of players, by far the highest percentage of players.

Table 4.8: Slieve Croob DEA – Clubs, Teams and Players

Sport	No. of Clubs	Junior ² Teams		Adult Teams		Total Teams		Total players	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Association Football	5	44	26%	13	22%	57	25%	848	22%
Gaelic Games	9	114	66%	31	53%	145	63%	2,229	58%
Hockey	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Cricket	2	3	2%	7	12%	10	4%	283	7%
Rugby	1	11	6%	7	12%	18	8%	372	10%
Lawn Bowls	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Athletics	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Water Sports	5	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	79	2%
Totals	22	172	100%	58	100%	230	100%	3,811	100%

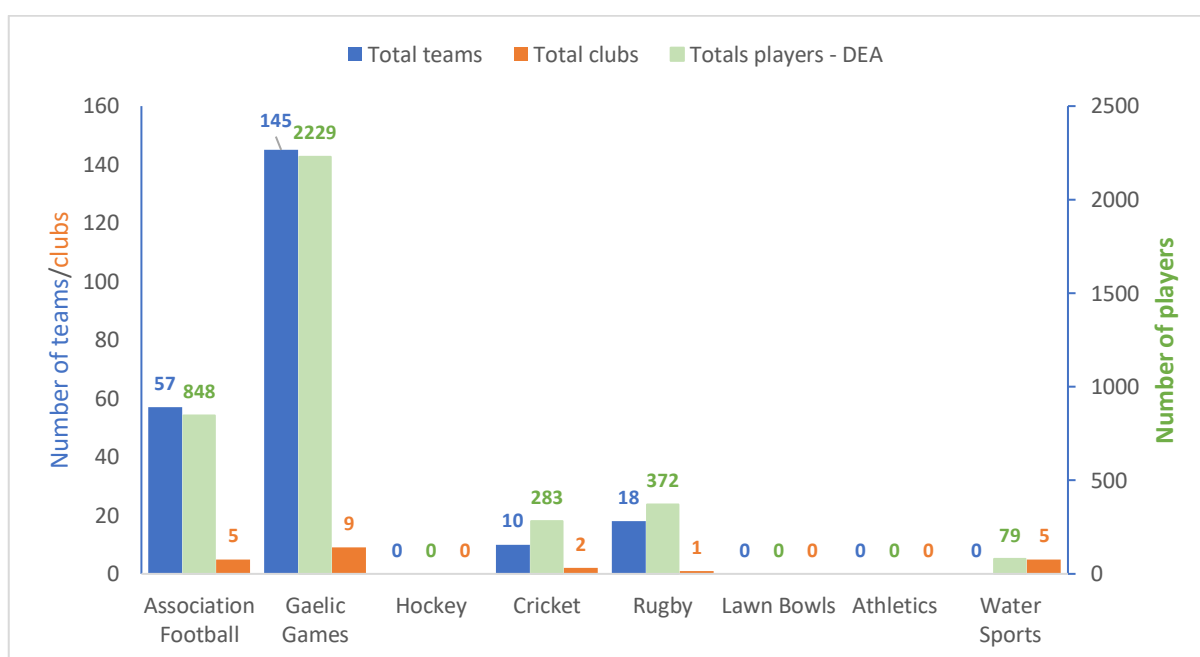


Figure 4.2: Slieve Croob DEA - Clubs, Teams & Players

Adequacy of Provision

4.18 Adequacy of provision of facilities has been calculated or assessed for each sport using Sport England ‘Playing Pitch Model’ (PPM) where it can be applied and using the principle of the PPM where it cannot. Table 4.9 presents a summary of adequacy of provision; a *minus* result is a shortfall in provision, a *plus* result denotes adequate provision.

² Junior refers to the age group U7 to U18

Table 4.9: Slieve Croob DEA – Adequacy of Provision

Sport	Adequacy of provision	Facility Shortfall?
Association Football – Matches	Adult + 7 pitches, Youth + 4 pitches	No
Association Football – Training	- 62 slots (using ATP), - 62 (just 3G)	Yes
Gaelic Games	+ 3 pitches	No
Rugby	+ 1 pitch	No
Cricket – Matches	Supply meeting demand for matches	No
Cricket – Training	Supply not meeting demand for nets training	Yes
Hockey	n/a	n/a
Athletics	n/a	n/a
Lawn Bowls	n/a	n/a
Water Sports	Undersupply of Boat house/equipment storage	Yes

Facilities Inventory

4.19 Table 4.10 presents an inventory of the facilities in the Slieve Croob DEA under four ownership categories; (i) Council; (ii) school/public body; (iii) leased from Council; (iv) club.

Table 4.10: Slieve Croob DEA – Facilities Inventory

Ownership	Facility Name	Quantity/Type	Sport
Council	Annsborough Playing Fields	1 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
	Ballykinlar	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Bann Road Playing Fields	1 x Full Grass	Association Football/Gaelic Games
	Castlewellan Com Centre	1 x SSG 3G	Association Football/Gaelic Games
	Drumaness Playing Fields	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Dundrum Playing Fields	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Dundrum Playing Fields	1 x Full Grass	Association Football/ Gaelic Games
School/Public body	St Malachy's High School	1 x Full Grass 1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games Association Football
	Bann Road Playing Fields	1 x Full Grass	Association football – Castlewellan FC
Leased from Council	Drumaness Playing Fields	1 x Full Grass	Cricket – Drumaness CC
	Club/Community		
	Ballynahinch United FC	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Drumaness Mills FC	1 x Full Grass 1 x SSG Grass	Association Football
	Dromara Village FC	2 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Dundrum FC	2 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Ballykinlar GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Castlewellan GAC	2 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
	Dromara GAC	1 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
	Drumaness GAC	1 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
	Dundrum GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games

Ownership	Facility Name	Quantity/Type	Sport
	Liatroim GAC	2 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass 1 x Small 3G	Gaelic Games
	Loughinisland GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	St John's GAC	2 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Ballynahinch RFC	4 x Full Grass	Rugby
	Dundrum CC	1 x Full Grass	Cricket
	Dundrum Sailing Club	-	Water Sports

Slieve Croob DEA – Summary Remarks

- 4.20** There is a substantial under-supply of pitches in Slieve Croob DEA for association football training. Cricket has a shortfall in training facilities and water sports has an under-supply in the provision of boathouse accommodation.
- 4.21** There is a need in Slieve Croob DEA for a 3G full-size multi-sports pitch. This could be located at the Council's Bann Road Playing Fields in Castlewellan which is presently used for gaelic games and association football.

Downpatrick DEA

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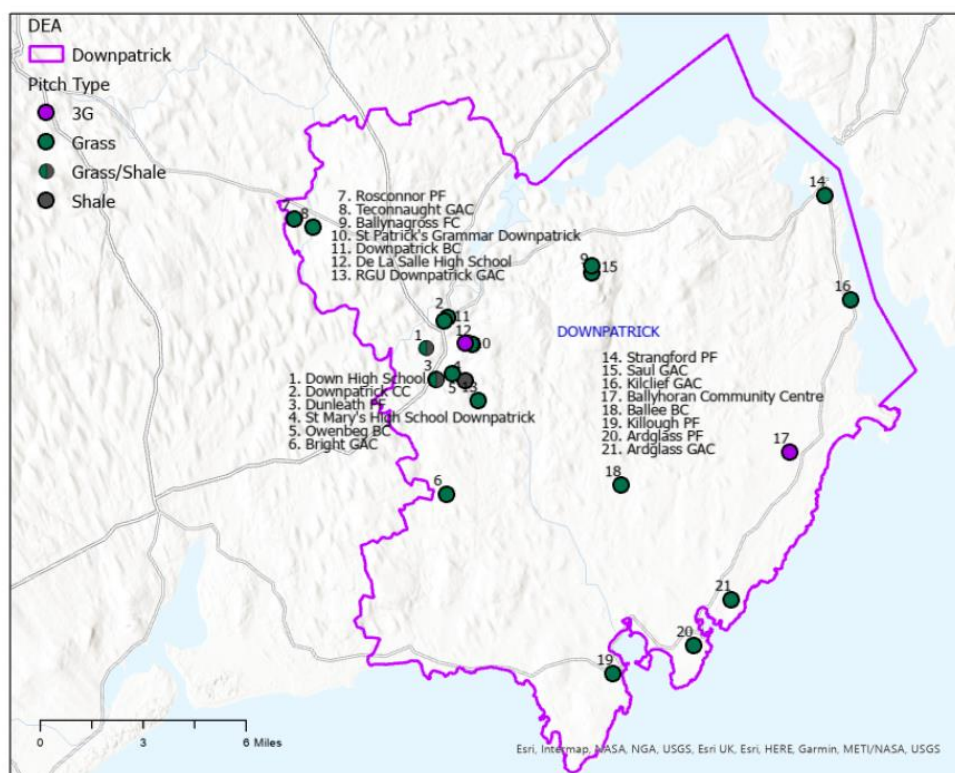
- 4.22** Downpatrick DEA has a total population of 21,240 (2018), or 11.7% of the district's population, mostly located in the following settlements:-

Settlement Hierarchy/Classification	Settlement Name (Population)
Tier 1 City and main town	Downpatrick (10,874)
Tier 2 Local and Small town	-
Tier 3 Village	Ardglass (1,643) Killough (843) Strangford (495)
Tier 4 Small Settlement	Kilclief (191) Saul (97) Ballynoe (169) Coney Island (57)

The age profile of Downpatrick DEA residents shows a slightly higher percentage in the 65+ years age category than that of the district although the percentage in the 16-39 years age category is 0.8 percentage points higher.

Downpatrick			NMDDC	
Age	Population	% of Population	Population	% of Population
0-15	4,640	21.8	40,972	22.5
16-39	6,430	30.3	53,608	29.5
40-64	6,690	31.5	57,965	31.9
65+	3,480	16.4	29,124	15.9
Totals	21,240	100%	181,669	100%

4.23 Map 4.3 shows the distribution of facilities for pitch-based sports across Downpatrick DEA.



Map 4.3: Downpatrick DEA – Distribution of Facilities

Facilities

4.24 Table 4.11 presents a summary of all facilities in all ownerships in Downpatrick DEA across the eight sports; there are no athletics or water sports facilities whilst 70% of all facilities service association football and gaelic games.

Table 4.11: Downpatrick DEA – Facilities

	Grass		3G		ATP		Shale		Totals
	Full	Small	Full	Small	Full	Small	Full	Small	
Association Football	8	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	11
Gaelic Games	6	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	13
Rugby	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Cricket	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hockey	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Athletics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Lawn Bowls	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Water Sports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Totals	22	9	1	1	0	0	1	0	34

Ownership

4.25 Table 4.12 presents a summary of the ownership of facilities, categorised as (i) club/community; (ii) education; (iii) NMDDC; (iv) leased from NMDDC.

Table 4.12: Downpatrick DEA – Facilities Ownership

Ownership	Grass					ATP					Shale		Water	Totals
	Association football	Gaelic Games	Rugby	Cricket	Bowls	Association football	Gaelic Games	Rugby	Hockey	Athletics	Hockey	Athletics	Water Sports	
Club/Community	1	10	-	1	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Education	-	2	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
NMDDC	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	10
Leased - NMDDC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Totals	10	12	4	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	34

Clubs' Profile

4.26 Table 4.13 and Figure 4.3 presents a profile of the teams and players in the clubs across the eight sports; the profile shows that gaelic games accounts for 51% of players with association football accounting for 31% and water sports accounting for 8%.

Table 4.13: Downpatrick DEA – Clubs, Teams and Players

Sport	No. of Clubs	Junior ³ Teams		Adult Teams		Total Teams		Total players	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Association Football	6	42	33%	14	29%	56	32%	1,002	31%
Gaelic Games	5	84	67%	23	48%	107	61%	1,615	51%
Hockey	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Cricket	1	0	0%	2	4%	2	1%	30	1%
Rugby	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Lawn Bowls	3	0	0%	9	19%	9	5%	135	4%
Athletics	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	160	5%
Water Sports	6	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	243	8%
Totals	22	126	100%	48	100%	174	100%	3,185	100%

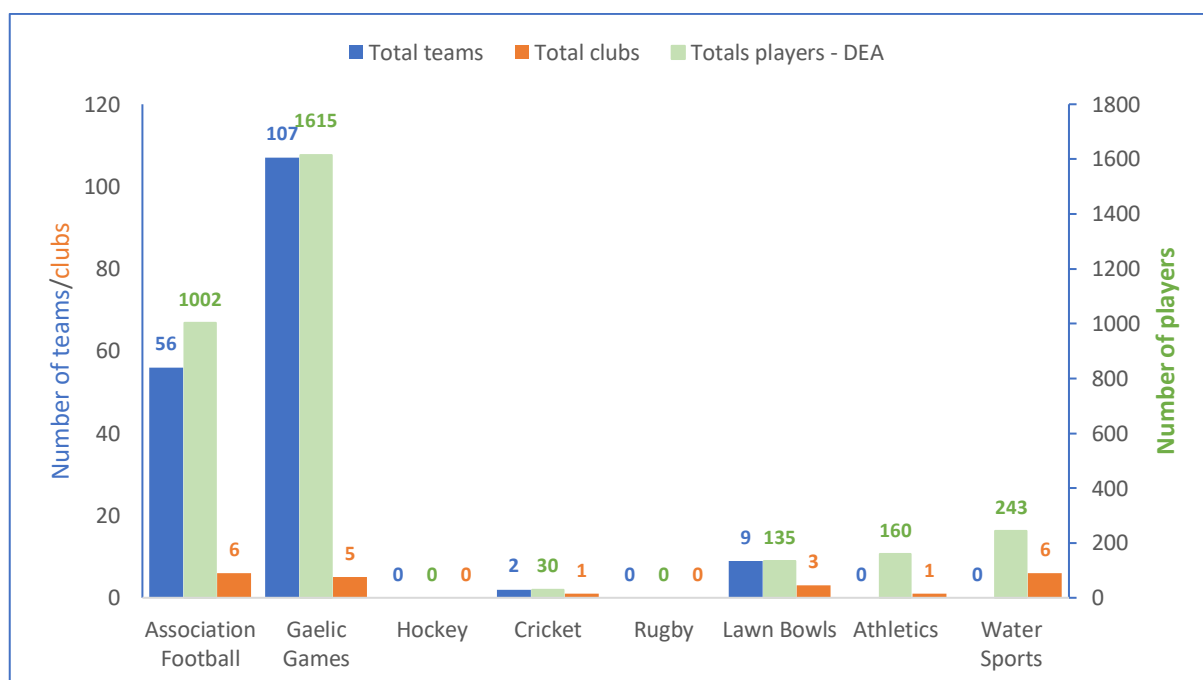


Figure 4.3: Downpatrick DEA - Clubs, Teams & Players

Adequacy of Provision

4.27 Adequacy of provision of facilities has been calculated or assessed for each sport using Sport England ‘Playing Pitch Model’ (PPM) where it can be applied and using the principle of the PPM where it cannot. Table 4.14 presents a summary of adequacy of provision; a *minus* result is a shortfall in provision, a *plus* result denotes adequate provision.

³ Junior refers to the age group U7 to U18

Table 4.14: Downpatrick DEA – Adequacy of Provision

Sport	Adequacy of provision	Facility Shortfall?
Association Football - Matches	Adult + 2 pitches, Youth + 3 pitches	No
Association Football - Training	- 24 slots (using ATP), - 24 slots (just 3G)	Yes
Gaelic Games	0 pitch	Yes
Rugby	n/a	n/a
Cricket – Matches	Supply meeting demand for matches	No
Cricket – Training	Supply not meeting demand for nets training	Yes
Hockey	n/a	n/a
Athletics	Supply not meeting demand for track training	Yes
Lawn Bowls	Supply meeting demand	No
Water Sports	Undersupply of Boat house/equipment storage	Yes

Facilities Inventory

4.28 Table 4.15 presents an inventory of the facilities in the Downpatrick DEA under four ownership categories; (i) Council; (ii) school/public body; (iii) leased from Council; (iv) club.

Table 4.15: Downpatrick DEA – Facilities Inventory

Ownership	Name	Quantity/Type	Sport
Council	Ardglass Playing Field	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Dunleath Playing Fields	3 x Full Grass 1 x Youth Grass 1 x SSG Grass 1 x Full Shale	Association Football
	Killough Playing Field	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Strangford Playing Field	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	School/Public body	De La Salle High School	2 x Grass Training
	Down High School	3 x Full Grass 1 x Youth Grass 1 x Full Grass 1 x Full Shale	Rugby Rugby Cricket Hockey/Athletics
	St Patrick's Grammar Downpatrick	1 x Training 3G	Gaelic games/Association football
	St Mary's High School	1 x Full Shale	Multi-sport
Leased from Council	Rosconnor PF	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
Club/Community	Ballyhoran Community Centre	1 x Full 3G	Association Football
	Ballynagross FC	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Ardglass GAC	1 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
	RGU Downpatrick GAC	2 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Kilclief GAC	1 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games

Ownership	Name	Quantity/Type	Sport
	Saul GAC	1 x Full Grass 1 x Small Grass	Gaelic Games
	Teconnaught GAC	1 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
	Ballee Bowling Club	1 x Grass Green	Lawn Bowls
	Downpatrick Bowling Club	1 x Grass Green	Lawn Bowls
	Owenbeg Bowling Club	1 x Grass Green	Lawn Bowls
	Quoile Yacht Club	-	Water Sports
	Strangford Lough Yacht Club	-	Water Sports
	East Down Athletics Club	1 x Indoor Gym	Athletics

Downpatrick DEA – Summary Remarks

- 4.29** In Downpatrick DEA there is a shortfall in the supply of facilities for association football training whilst for gaelic games pitches are fully utilised with no surplus.
- 4.30** There is a need in Downpatrick DEA for a full-size multi-sports 3G pitch. The Council’s Dunleath Park site is a potential location, however, it’s known there are technical challenges linked to the risk of flooding in considering any pitch surface type at Dunleath Park other than natural grass. Down High is also a potential location for a multi-sports pitch, converting an existing grass rugby pitch to a multi-sport 3G surface for shared use, ie, school use during curriculum time and community use outside curriculum time. The need for a second athletics track in the district could be accommodated in Downpatrick.

The Mournes DEA

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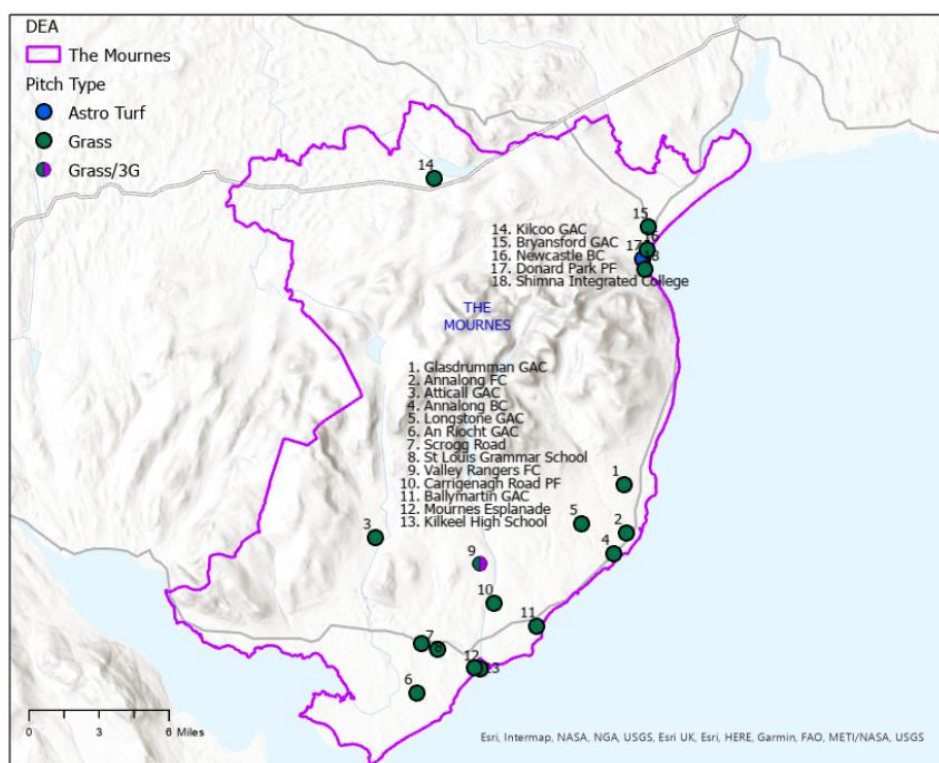
- 4.31** The Mournes DEA has a total population of 29,480 (2018), or 16.2% of the district’s population, mostly located in the following settlements:-

Settlement Hierarchy/Classification	Settlement Name (Population)
Tier 1 City and main town	-
Tier 2 Local and Small town	Newcastle (7,743) Kilkeel (6,521)
Tier 3 Village	Annalong (1,796) Ballymartin (506) Attical (171)
Tier 4 Small Settlement	Dunnaval (161)

The age profile of The Mournes DEA residents shows a higher percentage in the 65+ years age category than that of the district, by 1.8 percentage points. In the 0-15 years age category the percentage is 0.9 percentage points lower in The Mourne DEA than in the district as a whole.

The Mournes DEA			NMDDC	
Age	Population	% of Population	Population	% of Population
0-15	6,380	21.6	40,972	22.5
16-39	8,610	29.2	53,608	29.5
40-64	9,260	31.4	57,965	31.9
65+	5,230	17.7	29,124	15.9
Totals	29,480	100%	181,669	100%

4.32 Map 4.4 shows the distribution of facilities for pitch-based sports across The Mournes DEA.



Map 4.4: The Mournes DEA – Distribution of Facilities

Facilities

4.33 Table 4.16 presents a summary of all facilities in all ownerships in The Mournes DEA across the eight sports; there are no cricket or water sports facilities whilst 86% of all facilities service gaelic games (49%) and association football (37%).

Table 4.16: The Mournes DEA – Facilities

	Grass		3G		ATP		Shale		Totals
	Full	Small	Full	Small	Full	Small	Full	Small	
Association Football	8	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	13
Gaelic Games	11	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
Rugby	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cricket	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Hockey	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Athletics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Lawn Bowls	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Water Sports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Totals	22	10	1	0	2	0	0	0	35

Ownership

4.34 Table 4.17 presents a summary of the ownership of facilities, categorised as (i) club/community; (ii) education; (iii) NMDDC; (iv) leased from NMDDC.

Table 4.17: The Mournes DEA – Facilities Ownership

The Mournes Ownership	Grass					ATP					Shale		Water	Totals
	Association football	Gaelic Games	Rugby	Cricket	Bowls	Association football	Gaelic Games	Rugby	Hockey	Athletics	Hockey	Athletics	Water Sports	
Club/Community	7	15	4	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Education	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
NMDDC	6	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
Leased - NMDDC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	14	18	4	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	35

Clubs' Profile

4.35 Table 4.18 and Figure 4.4 presents a profile of the teams and players in the clubs across the eight sports; the profile shows that gaelic games accounts for 48% of players with association football accounting for 30% and athletics accounting for 15%.

Table 4.18: The Mournes DEA – Clubs, Teams and Players

Sport	No. of Clubs	Junior ⁴ Teams		Adult Teams		Total Teams		Total players	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Association Football	7	66	35%	20	35%	86	35%	1,387	30%
Gaelic Games	8	122	64%	28	49%	150	60%	2,218	48%
Hockey	1	3	2%	4	7%	7	3%	199	4%
Cricket	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Rugby	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Lawn Bowls	2	0	0%	5	9%	5	2%	57	1%
Athletics	3	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	685	15%
Water Sports	8	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	92	2%
Totals	29	191	100%	57	100%	248	100%	4,638	100%

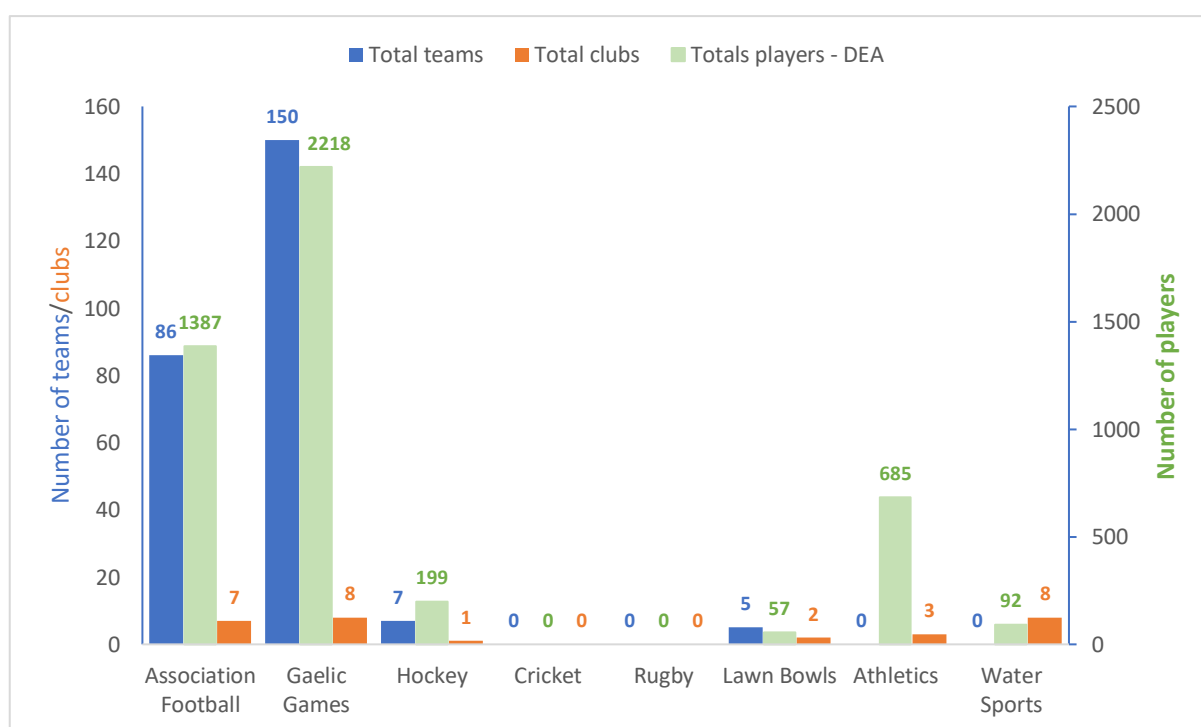


Figure 4.4: The Mournes DEA - Clubs, Teams & Players

Adequacy of Provision

4.36 Adequacy of provision of facilities has been calculated or assessed for each sport using Sport England ‘Playing Pitch Model’ (PPM) where it can be applied and using the principle of the PPM where it cannot. Table 4.19 presents a summary of adequacy of provision; a *minus* result is a shortfall in provision, a *plus* result denotes adequate provision.

⁴ Junior refers to the age group U7 to U18

Table 4.19: The Mournes DEA – Adequacy of Provision

Sport	Adequacy of provision	Facility Shortfall?
Association Football – Matches	Adult - 1 pitch, Youth + 1 pitch	Yes
Association Football – Training	- 53 slots (using ATP), - 61 (just 3G)	Yes
Gaelic Games	+ 0 pitch	Yes
Rugby	n/a	n/a
Cricket	n/a	n/a
Hockey	+ 0	No
Athletics	Supply not meeting demand for track training	Yes
Lawn Bowls	Supply meeting demand	No
Water Sports	Undersupply of Boat house/equipment storage	Yes

Facilities Inventory

4.37 Table 4.20 presents an inventory of the facilities in The Mournes DEA under four ownership categories; (i) Council; (ii) school/public body; (iii) leased from Council; (iv) club.

Table 4.20: The Mournes DEA – Facilities Inventory

Ownership	Facility Name	Quantity/Type	Sport
Council	Carrigenagh Road PF	1 x Youth Grass	Association Football
	Donard Park PF	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Donard Park PF	1 x Full Astro Turf	Association Football/ Gaelic Games Training
	Mournes Esplanade	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Scrogg Road	1 x Youth Grass	Association Football
	Newcastle BC	1 x Grass Green	Association Football
	Annalong BC	1 x Grass Green	Association Football
School/Public body	Kilkeel High School	1 x Full Astro Turf	Hockey
		1 x Full Grass	Association Football
		1 x Youth Grass	Association Football
Shimna Integrated College	1 x Full Grass	Association Football	
St Louis Grammar School	1 x Training Grass 1 x SSG Grass	Gaelic Games Association Football	
Leased from Council	Carrigenagh Road PF	1 x Full Grass	Association Football – Valley Rangers FC
	Carrigenagh Road PF	1 x Full Grass	Association Football – Ballyvea FC
	Donard Park PF	1 x Full Grass	Association Football – Tollymore Utd FC
Club/Community	Hillmount Park	1 x Full Grass	Association Football - Annalong Youth FC
	Bignian Park	1 x Full Grass	Association Football – Valley Rangers FC
		1 x Full 3G	
	An Riocht GAC	1 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
	Attical GAC	2 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Ballymartin GAC	2 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
		1 x Small Grass	
Bryansford GAC	1 x Full Grass 1 x Small Grass	Gaelic Games	

Ownership	Facility Name	Quantity/Type	Sport
	Bright GAC	1 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
	Glassdrumman GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Kilcoo GAC	2 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Longstone GAC	1 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
	Carlingford Lough Sailability	-	Water Sports
	Carlingford Yacht Club	-	Newcastle Yacht Club

The Mournes DEA – Summary Remarks

- 4.38** In The Mournes DEA there is a significant shortfall in the supply of pitches for association football training, whilst there is no buffer of pitches for gaelic games.
- 4.39** There is a need in The Mournes DEA for a multi-sports 3G pitch. A potential location is Donard Park in Newcastle, converting the existing ‘AstroTurf’ pitch to a 3G surface which could be shared with Shimna College. Given the scale of the shortfall in training provision for association football training there is a need for a multi-sport 3G pitch in the southern part of The Mournes DEA with a suggested location as the Council’s Mournes Esplanade site in Kilkeel.

Crotlieve DEA

Introduction

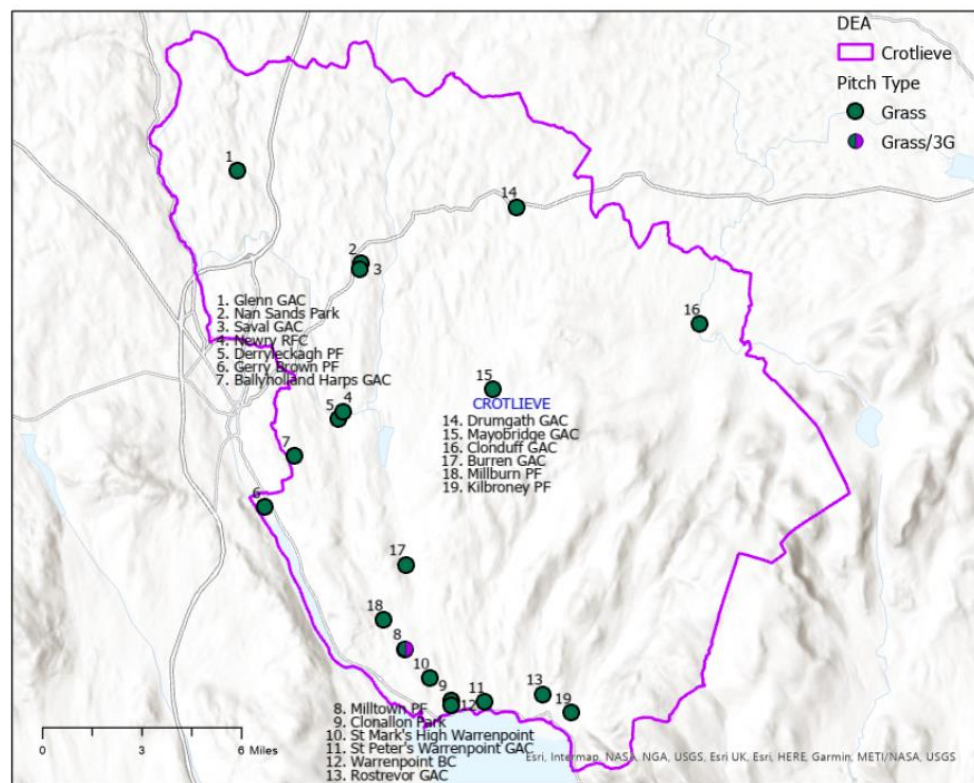
- 4.40** Crotlieve DEA has a total population of 28,770 (2018), or 15.8% of the district’s population, mostly located in the following settlements:-

Settlement Hierarchy/Classification	Settlement Name (Population)
Tier 1 City and main town	-
Tier 2 Local and Small town	Warrenpoint/Burren (8,721)
Tier 3 Village	Rostrevor (2,788) Hilltown (1,698) Mayobridge (1,068) Ballyholland (664)
Tier 4 Small Settlement	Sheeptown (333)

The age profile of Crotlieve DEA residents shows higher percentages in the three age categories up to 65 years of age than in the district as a whole and a lower percentage, by 2.2 percentage points in the 65+ age category.

Crotlieve DEA			NMDDC	
Age	Population	% of Population	Population	% of Population
0-15	6,670	23.2	40,972	22.5
16-39	8,730	30.3	53,608	29.5
40-64	9,420	32.7	57,965	31.9
65+	3,940	13.7	29,124	15.9
Totals	28,770	100%	181,669	100%

4.41 Map 4.5 shows the distribution of facilities for pitch-based sports across Crotlieve DEA.



Map 4.5: Crotlieve DEA – Distribution of Facilities

Facilities

4.42 Table 4.21 presents a summary of all facilities in all ownerships in Crotlieve DEA across the eight sports; there are no cricket, hockey, athletics or water sports facilities whilst 65% of all facilities service gaelic games and 25% of all facilities service association football.

Table 4.21: Crotlieve DEA – Facilities

	Grass		3G		ATP		Shale		Totals
	Full	Small	Full	Small	Full	Small	Full	Small	
Association Football	6	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	8
Gaelic Games	16	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Rugby	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Cricket	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Hockey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Athletics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Lawn Bowls	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Water Sports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Totals	25	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	32

Ownership

4.43 Table 4.22 presents a summary of the ownership of facilities, categorised as (i) club/community; (ii) education; (iii) NMDDC; (iv) leased from NMDDC.

Table 4.22: Crotlieve DEA – Facilities Ownership

Crotlieve Ownership	Grass					ATP					Shale	Water	Totals	
	Association football	Gaelic Games	Rugby	Cricket	Bowls	Association football	Gaelic Games	Rugby	Hockey	Athletics	Hockey	Athletics		Water Sports
Club/Community	-	15	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Education	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
NMDDC	7	4	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Leased - NMDDC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	7	21	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32

Clubs' Profile

4.44 Table 4.23 and Figure 4.5 presents a profile of the teams and players in the clubs across the eight sports; the profile shows that gaelic games accounts for 76% of players with association football accounting for 16% and rugby, water sports, lawn bowls and athletics making up the remainder.

Table 4.23: Crotlieve DEA – Clubs, Teams and Players

Sport	No. of Clubs	Junior ⁵ Teams		Adult Teams		Total Teams		Total players	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Association Football	4	42	18%	6	12%	48	17%	697	16%
Gaelic Games	9	185	78%	38	78%	223	78%	3,398	76%
Hockey	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Cricket	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Rugby	1	9	4%	2	4%	11	4%	155	3%
Lawn Bowls	1	0	0%	3	6%	3	1%	40	1%
Athletics	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	53	1%
Water Sports	2	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	105	2%
Totals	18	236	100%	49	100%	285	100%	4,448	100%

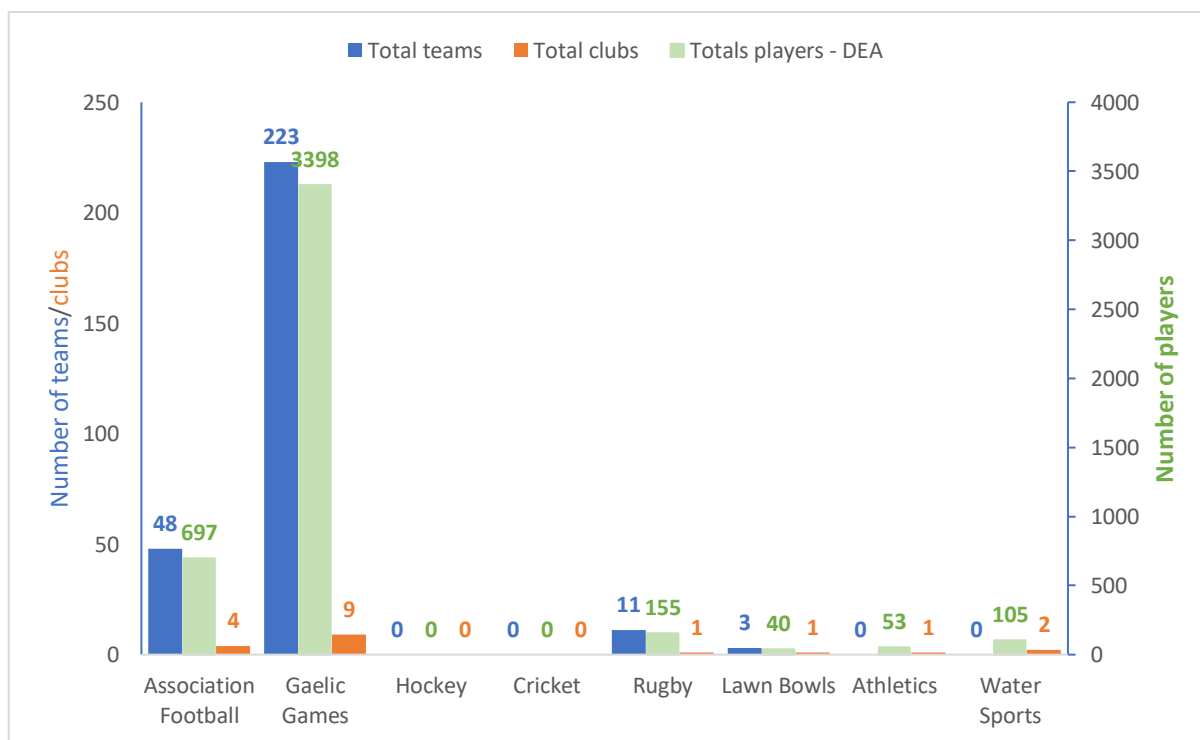


Figure 4.5: Crotlieve DEA - Clubs, Teams & Players

Adequacy of Provision

4.45 Adequacy of provision of facilities has been calculated or assessed for each sport using Sport England ‘Playing Pitch Model’ (PPM) where it can be applied and using the principle of the PPM where it cannot. Table 4.24 presents a summary of adequacy of provision; a *minus* result is a shortfall in provision, a *plus* result denotes adequate provision.

⁵ Junior refers to the age group U7 to U18

Table 4.24: Crotlieve DEA – Adequacy of Provision

Sport	Adequacy of provision	Facility Shortfall?
Association Football – Matches	Adult + 3 pitches, Youth - 1 pitch	Yes
Association Football – Training	- 13 slots (using ATP), - 24 slots (just 3G)	Yes
Gaelic Games	- 3 pitches	Yes
Rugby	+ 1 pitch for matches, under-supply for training	Yes
Cricket	n/a	n/a
Hockey	n/a	n/a
Athletics	Supply meeting demand for track training	No
Lawn Bowls	Supply meeting demand	No
Water Sports	Undersupply of Boat house/equipment storage	Yes

Facilities Inventory

4.46 Table 4.25 presents an inventory of the facilities in the Crotlieve DEA under four ownership categories; (i) Council; (ii) school/public body; (iii) leased from Council; (iv) club.

Table 4.25: Crotlieve DEA – Facilities Inventory

Ownership	Facility Name	Quantity/Type	Sport
Council	Clonallon Park	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Derryleckagh PF	2 x Full Grass 1 x Full Grass	Association Football Gaelic Games
	Kilbroney PF	1 x Training Grass 1 x SSG Grass	Gaelic Games Association Football
	Milltown PF	1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
	Nan Sands Park	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Warrenpoint BC	1 x Grass Green	Lawn Bowls
School/Public body	St Mark's High School, Warrenpoint	2 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
Leased from Council	Gerry Brown PF	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games – Newry Mitchel's GAC
	Milltown PF	1 x Full Grass	Association Football – Warrenpoint Town FC
Club/Community	Warrenpoint Town FC	1 x SSG 3G	Association Football
	Ballyholland Harps GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Burren GAC	2 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Clonduff GAC	2 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
	Drumgath GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Glenn GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Mayobridge GAC	2 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
	Rostrevor GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Saval GAC	2 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	St Peter's Warrenpoint GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Newry RFC	1 x Full Grass	Rugby

Crotlieve DEA – Summary Remarks

- 4.47** In Crotlieve DEA there is a shortfall in the supply of pitches for gaelic games and for association football training.
- 4.48** There is a need for increased provision for gaelic games and association football. This will be accommodated in the Council’s proposed development at its Kilbroney Playing Fields site where a re-development project will provide a full-size gaelic games pitch and an association football pitch, both grass, along with changing accommodation.

Slieve Gullion DEA

Introduction

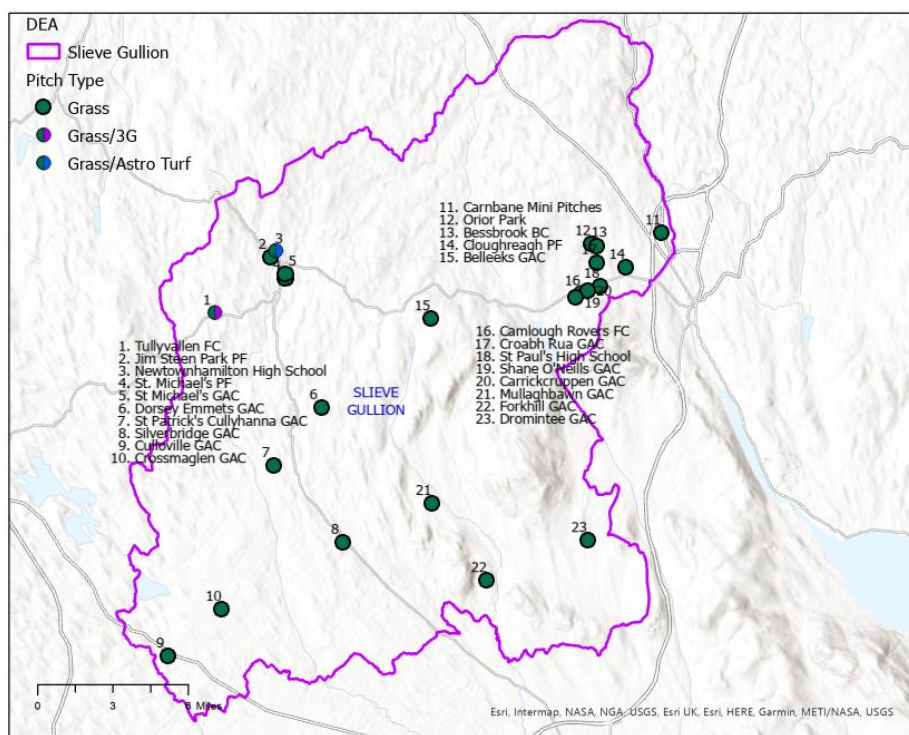
- 4.49** Slieve Gullion DEA has a total population of 30,330 (2018), or 16.7% of the district’s population, mostly located in the following settlements:-

Settlement Hierarchy/Classification	Settlement Name (Population)
Tier 1 City and main town	-
Tier 2 Local and Small town	Crossmaglen (1,608) Newtownhamilton (800)
Tier 3 Village	Camlough (1,081) Mullaghbane (596) Forkhill (498) Cullyhanna (326)
Tier 4 Small Settlement	Drumintee (337) Cullaville (232) Creggan (227) Glassdrumman (110) Silverbridge (112) Belleek (375)

The age profile of Slieve Gullion DEA residents shows a significantly higher percentage of children and young adults than for the district as a whole, with 3.8 percentage points difference in the 0-15 years age category and 1.6 percentage points difference in the 16-39 years age category. Conversely, Slieve Gullion DEA has a lower percentage of residents from 40 years of age upwards, with a difference of 1.9 percentage points in the 40-64 years age category and a difference of 3.3 percentage points in the 65+ years age category.

Slieve Gullion DEA			NMDDC	
Age	Population	% of Population	Population	% of Population
0-15	7,980	26.3	40,972	22.5
16-39	9,430	31.1	53,608	29.5
40-64	9,090	30	57,965	31.9
65+	3,830	12.6	29,124	15.9
Totals	30,330	100%	181,669	100%

4.50 Map 4.6 shows the distribution of facilities for pitch-based sports across Slieve Gullion DEA.



Map 4.6: Slieve Gullion DEA – Distribution of Facilities

Facilities

4.51 Table 4.26 presents a summary of all facilities in all ownerships in Crotlieve DEA across the eight sports; there are no cricket, hockey, athletics or water sports facilities whilst 65% of all facilities service gaelic games and 25% of all facilities service association football.

Table 4.26: Slieve Gullion DEA – Facilities

	Grass		3G		ATP		Shale		Totals
	Full	Small	Full	Small	Full	Small	Full	Small	
Association Football	6	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	11
Gaelic Games	21	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Rugby	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Cricket	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Hockey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Athletics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Lawn Bowls	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Water Sports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Totals	28	13	0	2	0	0	0	0	43

Ownership

4.52 Table 4.27 presents a summary of the ownership of facilities, categorised as (i) club/community; (ii) education; (iii) NMDDC; (iv) leased from NMDDC.

Table 4.27: Slieve Gullion DEA – Facilities Ownership

Slieve Gullion Ownership	Grass					ATP					Shale		Water	Totals
	Association football	Gaelic Games	Rugby	Cricket	Bowls	Association football	Gaelic Games	Rugby	Hockey	Athletics	Hockey	Athletics	Water Sports	
Club/Community	2	27	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
Education	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
NMDDC	6	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
Leased - NMDDC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Totals	9	31	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43

Clubs' Profile

4.53 Table 4.28 and Figure 4.6 presents a profile of the teams and players in the clubs across the eight sports; the profile shows that gaelic games accounts for 86% of players with association football accounting for 11% and lawn bowls and athletics making up the remainder.

Table 4.28: Slieve Gullion DEA – Clubs, Teams and Players

Sport	No. of Clubs	Junior ⁶ Teams		Adult Teams		Total Teams		Total players	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Association Football	5	20	8%	7	10%	27	8%	578	11%
Gaelic Games	13	242	92%	61	88%	303	92%	4,696	86%
Hockey	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Cricket	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Rugby	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Lawn Bowls	1	0	0%	1	1%	1	0%	37	1%
Athletics	1	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	126	2%
Water Sports	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Totals	20	262	100%	69	100%	331	100%	5,437	100%

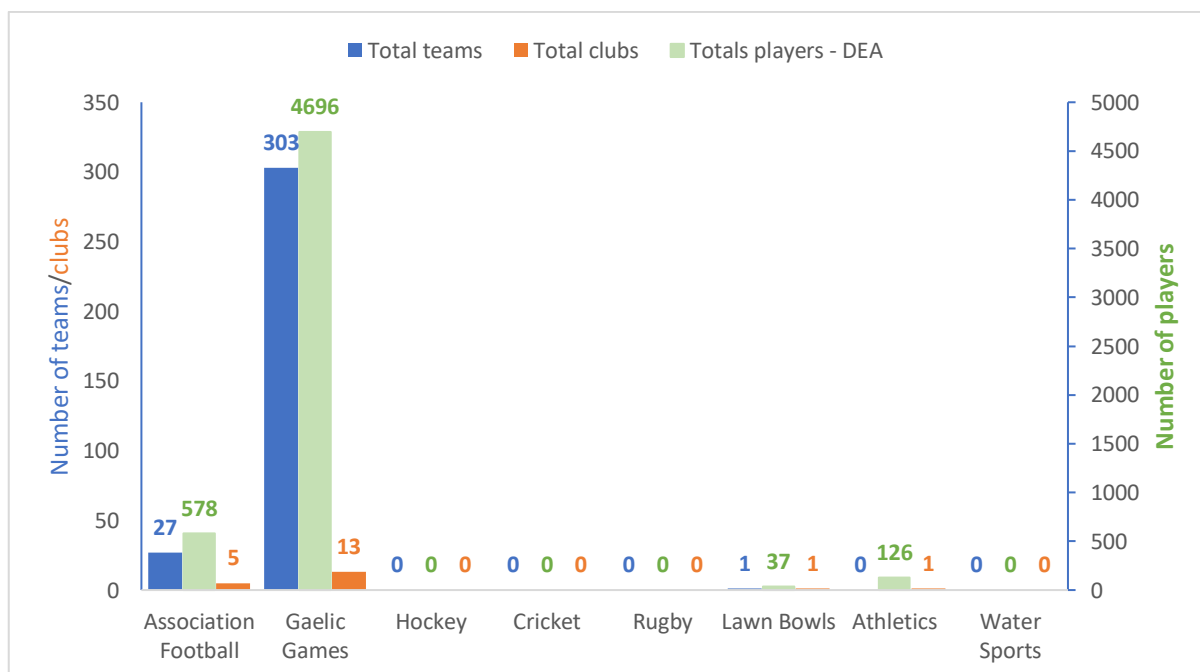


Figure 4.6: Slieve Gullion DEA - Clubs, Teams & Players

Adequacy of Provision

4.54 Adequacy of provision of facilities has been calculated or assessed for each sport using Sport England ‘Playing Pitch Model’ (PPM) where it can be applied and using the principle of the PPM where it cannot. Table 4.29 presents a summary of adequacy of provision; a *minus* result is a shortfall in provision, a *plus* result denotes adequate provision.

⁶ Junior refers to the age group U7 to U18

Table 4.29: Slieve Gullion DEA – Adequacy of Provision

Sport	Adequacy of provision	Facility Shortfall?
Association Football - Matches	Adult + 1 pitch, Youth + 4 pitches	No
Association Football - Training	- 1 slot (using ATP), - 1 slot (just 3G)	No
Gaelic Games	- 2 pitches	Yes
Rugby	n/a	n/a
Cricket	n/a	n/a
Hockey	n/a	n/a
Athletics	Supply meeting demand for track training	No
Lawn Bowls	Supply meeting demand	No
Water Sports	n/a	n/a

Facilities Inventory

4.55 Table 4.30 presents an inventory of the facilities in Crotlieve DEA under four ownership categories; (i) Council; (ii) school/public body; (iii) leased from Council; (iv) club.

Table 4.30: Slieve Gullion – Facilities Inventory

Ownership	Facility Name	Quantity/Type	Sport
Council	Carnbane Mini Pitches	2 x Full Grass 4 x SSG Grass	Association Football
	Cloughreagh Playing Field	1 x SSG Grass	Association Football
	Jim Steen Park	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Orior Park	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	St. Michael's Playing Field	1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
School/Public Body	Newtownhamilton High School	1 x SSG Grass 1 x SSG Astro Turf	Association Football Association Football
	St Paul's High School	2 x Grass Training	Gaelic Games
Leased from Council	Chraobh Rua GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
Club/Community	Camlough Rovers FC	1 x Full Grass 1 x SSG 3G	Association Football
	Tullyvallen FC	1 x Full Grass 1 x SSG 3G	Association Football
	Carrickcruppen GAC	2 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Shane O'Neill's GAC	1 x Full Grass 1 x Small Grass	Gaelic Games
	Belleek's GAC	1 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
	Dorsey Emmets GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	St Patrick's Cullyhanna GAC	2 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games
	Mullaghbawn GAC	2 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Silverbridge GAC	3 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Crossmaglen GAC	3 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Cullaville GAC	1 x Full Grass 1 x Training Grass	Gaelic Games

Ownership	Facility Name	Quantity/Type	Sport
	Forkhill GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
		1 x Training Grass	
	Drumintee GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
		1 x Training Grass	
	St Michael's GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
		1 x Training Grass	

Slieve Gullion DEA – Summary Remarks

4.56 In Slieve Gullion DEA there is a shortfall in the provision of pitches for gaelic games. With 4,696 players in 13 clubs, Slieve Gullion DEA has the strongest representation for gaelic games in the district, accounting for 28.5% of players and 26% of clubs; all but one club has at least two grass pitches with two clubs having three pitches. The Council has management responsibility for Camlough Lake, a large disused reservoir in Slieve Gullion DEA; the lake is popular with anglers and is used for a range of water sports. It is known that water sports club – CLWF Events NI – operates in the lake.

4.57 Water sports across the district has a need for facilities, such as storage and changing accommodation. The Council is set to develop Camlough Lake as a water sports hub/centre.

Newry DEA

Introduction

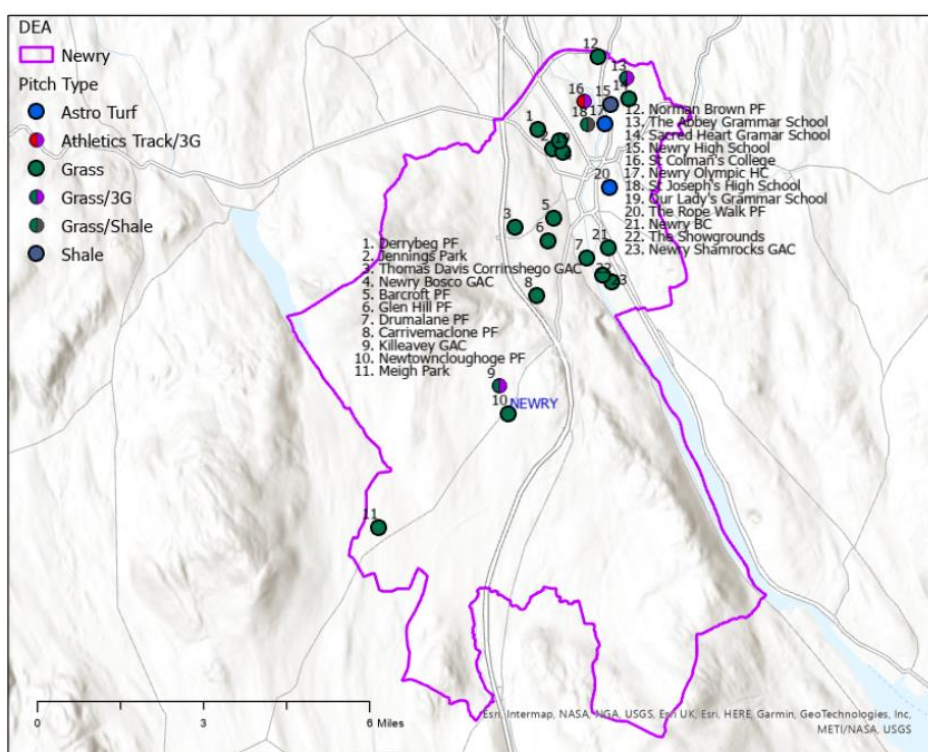
4.58 Newry DEA has a total population of 28,390 (2018), or 15.6% of the district's population, mostly located in the following settlements:-

Settlement Hierarchy/Classification	Settlement Name (Population)
Tier 1 City and main town	Newry (26,898)
Tier 2 Local and Small town	-
Tier 3 Village	Meigh (770) Jonesborough (465)
Tier 4 Small Settlement	Killeen (108) Newtownclohoge (457)

The age profile of Newry DEA residents shows a slightly higher percentage in the 16-39 years age category than for the district as a whole, with a 3.1 percentage points difference and a slightly lower percentage in the 0-15 (0.5 percentage points), 40-64 (0.7 percentage points) and the 65+ (1.7 percentage points) age categories.

Newry DEA			NMDDC	
Age	Population	% of Population	Population	% of Population
0-15	6,240	22	40,972	22.5
16-39	9,250	32.6	53,608	29.5
40-64	8,870	31.2	57,965	31.9
65+	4,030	14.2	29,124	15.9
Totals	28,390	100%	181,669	100%

4.59 Map 4.7 shows the distribution of facilities for pitch-based sports across Newry DEA.



Map 4.7: Newry DEA – Distribution of Facilities

Facilities

4.60 Table 4.31 presents a summary of all facilities in all ownerships in Newry DEA across the eight sports; there are no cricket, athletics or water sports facilities whilst 54% of all facilities service gaelic games and 37% of all facilities service association football.

Table 4.31: Newry DEA – Facilities

	Grass		3G		ATP		Shale		Totals
	Full	Small	Full	Small	Full	Small	Full	Small	
Association Football	10	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	13
Gaelic Games	9	7	2	1	-	-	-	-	19
Rugby	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cricket	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Hockey	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Athletics	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Lawn Bowls	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Water Sports	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Totals	21	9	2	1	1	1	0	0	35

Ownership

4.61 Table 4.32 presents a summary of the ownership of facilities, categorised as (i) club/community; (ii) education; (iii) NMDDC; (iv) leased from NMDDC.

Table 4.32: Newry DEA – Facilities Ownership

Newry Ownership	Grass					ATP					Shale		Water	Totals
	Association football	Gaelic Games	Rugby	Cricket	Bowls	Association football	Gaelic Games	Rugby	Hockey	Athletics	Hockey	Athletics	Water Sports	
Club/Community	2	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	11
Education	-	8	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	12
NMDDC	10	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Leased - NMDDC	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Totals	12	16	1	-	1	-	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	35

Clubs' Profile

4.62 Table 4.33 and Figure 4.7 presents a profile of the teams and players in the clubs across the eight sports; the profile shows that gaelic games accounts for 45% of players with association football accounting for 26% and athletics (15%), water sports (9%), hockey (4%) and lawn bowls (1%) making up the remainder.

Table 4.33: Newry DEA – Clubs, Teams and Players

Sport	No. of Clubs	Junior ⁷ Teams		Adult Teams		Total Teams		Total players	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Association Football	16	54	34%	15	33%	69	34%	1,052	26%
Gaelic Games	5	96	61%	25	56%	121	60%	1,848	45%
Hockey	1	8	5%	3	7%	11	5%	182	4%
Cricket	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Rugby	0	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Lawn Bowls	1	0	0%	2	4%	2	1%	28	1%
Athletics	5	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	598	15%
Water Sports	5	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	387	9%
Totals	33	158	100%	45	100%	203	100%	4,095	100%

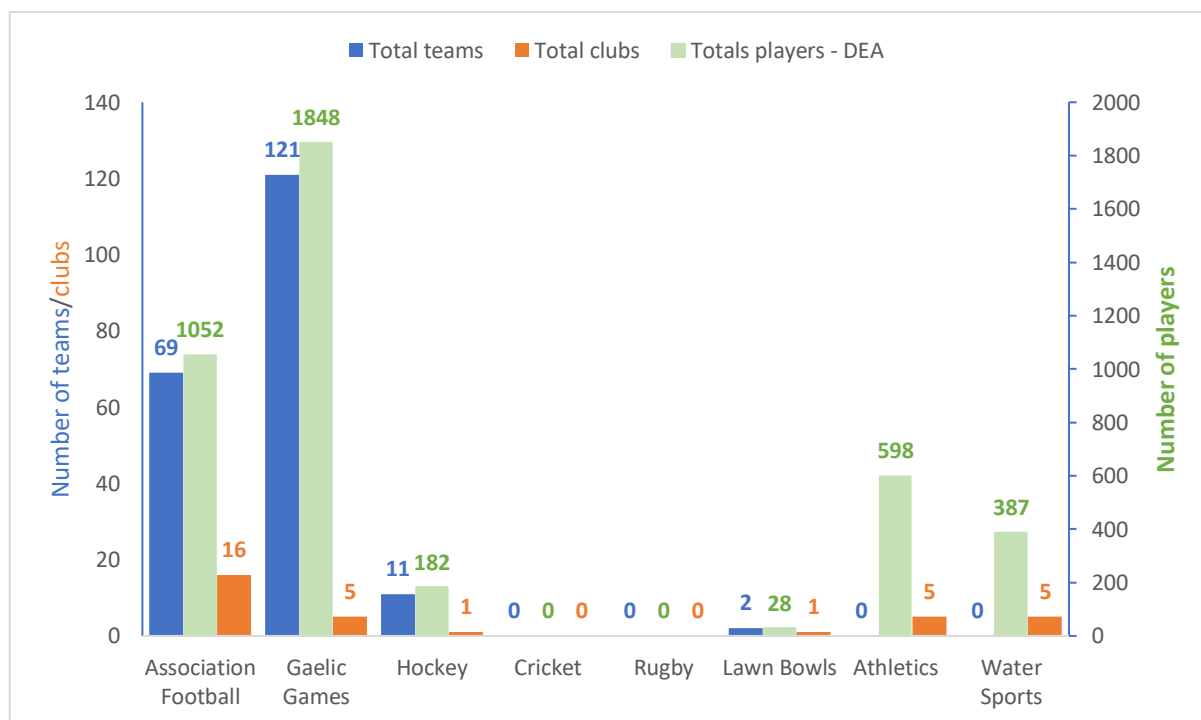


Figure 4.7: Newry DEA - Clubs, Teams & Players

Adequacy of Provision

4.63 Adequacy of provision of facilities has been calculated or assessed for each sport using Sport England ‘Playing Pitch Model’ (PPM) where it can be applied and using the principle of the PPM where it cannot. Table 4.34 presents a summary of adequacy of provision; a *minus* result is a shortfall in provision, a *plus* result denotes adequate provision.

⁷ Junior refers to the age group U7 to U18

Table 4.34: Newry DEA – Adequacy of Provision

Sport	Adequacy of provision	Facility Shortfall?
Association Football – Matches	Adult + 4 pitches, Youth + 4 pitches	No
Association Football – Training	+ 16 slots (using ATP), - 40 slots (just 3G)	Yes
Gaelic Games	- 4 pitches	Yes
Rugby	n/a	n/a
Cricket	n/a	n/a
Hockey	Supply meeting demand	No
Athletics	Supply meeting demand for track training	No
Lawn Bowls	Supply meeting demand	No
Water Sports	Undersupply of Boat house/equipment storage	Yes

Facilities Inventory

4.64 Table 4.35 presents an inventory of the facilities in the Newry DEA under four ownership categories; (i) Council; (ii) school/public body; (iii) leased from Council; (iv) club.

Table 4.35: Newry DEA – Facilities Inventory

Ownership	Facility Name	Quantity/Type	Sport
Council	Barcroft Playing Field	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Carrivemaclone Playing Field	1 x SSG Grass	Association Football – kick about
	Derrybeg Playing Field	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Drumalane Playing Field	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Glen Hill Playing Field	1 x Youth Grass	Association Football
	Jennings Park	2 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Meigh Park	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Newtowncloughoge PF	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Norman Brown Playing Field	1 x Full Grass	Association Football
	The Rope Walk Playing Field	1 x Training ATP	Multi-sport/Hockey
	Newry BC	1 x Grass Green	Lawn Bowls
School/Public body	Newry High School	1 x Full Shale 1 x Training Shale	Multi-sport/hockey
	Our Lady's Grammar School	1 x Grass Training	Gaelic Games
	Sacred Heart Grammar School	2 x Grass Training	Gaelic Games
	St Colman's College	1 x Full Grass 2 x Training Grass 1 x Full 3G 1 x Synthetic track	Gaelic Games Athletics
	St Joseph's High School	1 x Training Grass 1 x Training Shale	Gaelic Games
	The Abbey Grammar School	2 x Full Grass 1 x Full 3G	Gaelic Games Gaelic Games
Leased from Council	Newry Bosco GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
Club/Community	Newry City AFC	2 x Full Grass	Association Football
	Newry Shamrocks GAC	3 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games

Ownership	Facility Name	Quantity/Type	Sport
	Thomas Davis Corrinshogo GAC	1 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
	Killeavy GAC	2 x Full Grass	Gaelic Games
		1 x Training Grass	
		1 x Training 3G	
Newry Olympic HC	1 x Full Astro Turf	Hockey	

Newry DEA – Summary Remarks

- 4.65** Newry DEA tends to draw sports clubs into Newry city from the nearby DEAs of Slieve Gullion and Crotlieve as well as from outside the district to use the two 3G pitches – one at St Colman’s College, one at The Abbey Grammar School given there are no full-size 3G pitches in either of these DEAs. There is a shortfall in the provision of pitches in Newry DEA for clubs located within the DEA which his exacerbated by additional demand from out-with the DEA and the district.
- 4.66** There is a need for a 3G full-size multi-sports pitch in Newry DEA, ideally located in the largest population centre, Newry City. This could be located at the Council’s Jennings Park site to the rear of Newry Leisure Centre. It is further suggested that, in tandem with the development of Albert Basin City Park, there is a need for a water sports centre at Albert Basin to exploit the full potential of Newry Canal.