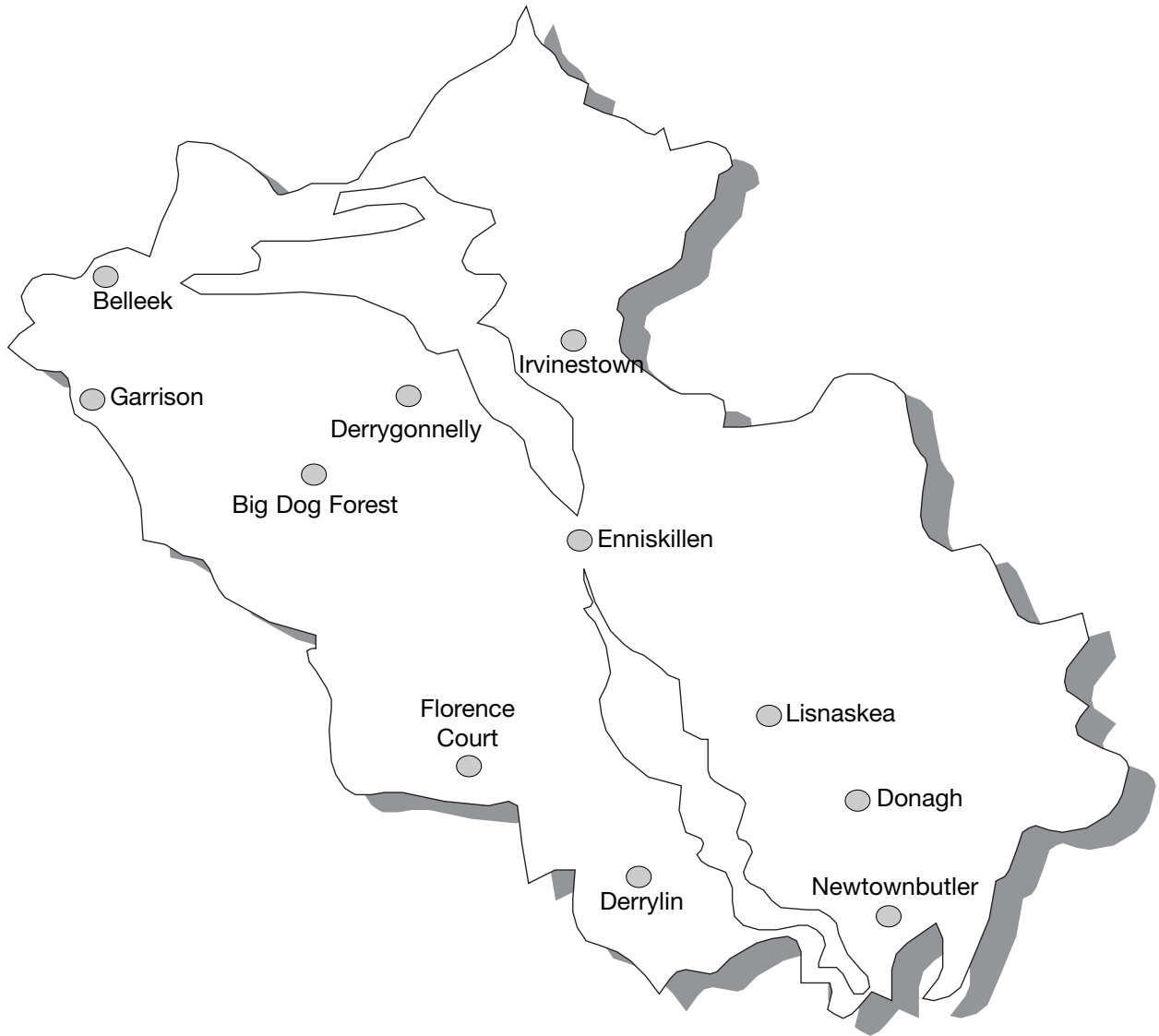


Buildings at Risk Fermanagh



County
FERMANAGH





**THATCHED COTTAGE,
19 DERRYKERRIB ROAD, NEWTOWNBUTLER**

Situated close to the road behind a low hedge, pyramidal coped piers and pretty wrought iron gate, is this three-bay vernacular dwelling with margined-glazed sash windows and a polychromatic brick chimney stack. It is unclear whether it is still in use, as the external appearance is in good order although the thatched roof is in need of urgent repair. Listed thatched buildings can attract a generous amount of grant aid from the Environment and Heritage Service and it is hoped that this will be taken up in this particular case before the property deteriorates further.

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LOCATION

*2½ mls. S. of Newtownbutler,
off the B533 1/2 ml. from the
border*

O.S. MAP NUMBER

27

GRID REFERENCE

410 206

STATUS

Listed

BARNI Ref. No. *12/02/003*



**FARM WORKERS'S COTTAGE,
70 CROAGHRIM ROAD, FLORENCE COURT**

LOCATION

1 1/4 mls. N. of Florence Court

O.S. MAP NUMBER

26

GRID REFERENCE

175 372

STATUS

Listed

BARNI Ref. No. *12/09/001*

A charming one-and-a-half storey, three-bay thatched dwelling, formerly part of the nearby Florence Court estate. It once housed a farm worker's family and was lived in until relatively recently. It is lacking in many modern conveniences and is slowly deteriorating from water ingress. The cottage is now at the stage where urgent remedial action is necessary to prevent a more rapid decline.

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**39 KILLYCARNAN ROAD,
LEITRIM, NEWTOWNBUTLER**

This recently listed two-storey, three-bay vernacular farmhouse is an excellent example highlighting the wealth of older buildings that still survive in County Fermanagh. Commanding a mature setting, close to Killycarnan Bridge, it is set back from a quiet country road and is enclosed behind an interesting complex of stone outbuildings. The listing record considers the property “a little altered two-storey hearth-lobby vernacular house of interesting character”, and it appears to have been occupied until relatively recently.

Refs:
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LOCATION
*2 mls. S. W. of
Newtownbutler*

O.S. MAP NUMBER
27

GRID REFERENCE
440 240

STATUS
Listed

BARNI Ref. No. *12/02/004*



**VERNACULAR COTTAGE,
BIG DOG FOREST, DERRYGONNELLY**

LOCATION
*7 mls. E. of Garrison on the
mountain road to
Derrygonnelly*

O.S. MAP NUMBER
17

GRID REFERENCE
048 494

STATUS
Unlisted

BARNI Ref. No. *12/11/001*

This beautiful and relatively intact single-storey limestone cottage with two-storey outbuildings to the rear is sited immediately opposite the former Rossinuremore School – which appeared in *Buildings at Risk*, Vol. 4, p. 76. It now has a corrugated asbestos roof covering but retains its Victorian glazing pattern and is thought probably to have been the accommodation for the headmaster. Sheltered by the forest on three sides, it forms part of a wonderfully attractive composition on a remote and windswept road in County Fermanagh.

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GATE LODGE, MAGHERAMENAGH CASTLE, BELLEEK

The Gothic Revival lodge to the J.B. Keane creation of 1840 is now in a somewhat precarious state. It was described in 1994 by Dean as being “secreted behind rampant shrubbery the gabled three bay building constructed in very fine uncoursed squared masonry in which the windows with lancet heads are arranged in pairs...A central ornamental porch to the front door has been taken down. To the steep gables sturdy waved bargeboards...The house is now a ruin, the lodge though occupied, run down”. The final comment no longer holds true as the lodge is now most definitely vacant and in an increasingly poor state of repair. However, it is not beyond rescue and could make an attractive home or holiday accommodation without, as its listing record suggests, “losing its essential architectural qualities”.

Refs:

Dean, J.A.K., *The Gate Lodges of Ulster*, UAHS, 1994, p. 109
 Rowan, A., *North West Ulster*, Penguin, 1979, p. 143
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LOCATION

2½ mls. E. of Belleek, on a bend on the A47 Belleek - Kesh road

O.S. MAP NUMBER

17

GRID REFERENCE

982 593

STATUS

Listed

BARNI Ref. No. *12/13/001*



**146 BROLLAGH ROAD,
DRUMLISALEEN TD, BELLEEK**

LOCATION
*1 1/2 mls. S. of Belleek, on the
B52 Belleek - Garrison road*

O.S. MAP NUMBER
17

GRID REFERENCE
942 574

STATUS
Listed

BARNI Ref. No. *12/12/002*

Considered in its listing record to be one of few good surviving examples, this building is of a style once characteristic of the region. Single-storey, three-bay with a half-hipped roof and margined-glazed sliding sash windows, it has a rather incongruous looking garage tacked onto one gable-end and a small range of limestone outbuildings run at right angles to the dwelling. Situated on a bend, just off the main Belleek to Garrison Road, the cottage is barely visible but for the bright red sheeted door that catches the eye. Clearly vacant, with a number of slipped slates and the garden overgrown, it is, nevertheless, full of character and potential. Its current state does not suggest that refurbishment costs would be too prohibitive for a restoring owner.

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DWELLING, CALDRUM GLEBE TD, DERRYGONNELLY

A majority of buildings at risk from County Fermanagh have been modest traditional dwellings that display local characteristics in their design. This distinctive contribution to the local landscape has, however, been increasingly eroded over the last number of decades under a rash of replacement and new dwellings that are often out of character with their surroundings. Of the traditional farmhouses that do remain many, like this dwelling, are largely abandoned. Described in its listing record as a “two-storey, two-bay vernacular farmhouse; rendered dry dash to front and gables; rear harled and whitewashed”, it is now empty and deteriorating, although is far from being beyond restoration and reuse.

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LOCATION

*1 ml. N. of Derrygonnelly, on
the B81*

O.S. MAP NUMBER

17

GRID REFERENCE

120 533

STATUS

Listed

BARNI Ref. No. *12/11/002*



**178,180,182 BALLAGH ROAD,
BALLAGH, NEWTOWNBUTLER**

LOCATION

*1 1/2 mls. E. of Donagh, N. off
the Donagh - Rosslea road*

O.S. MAP NUMBER

27

GRID REFERENCE

426 310

STATUS

Listed

BARNI Ref. No. *12/01/002*

Writing in 1979, Alistair Rowan provided this succinct description of the Manor Court House and cottages, in the time before they became buildings at risk: "By the road below Armagh Manor three highly picturesque gabled and mullioned buildings, erected by Mr Haire. Further up the hill is the Court House, 1853, with a slender square tower and a lavish supply of bargeboards. Its E end is a two-storey cottage. Next a twin two-storeyed cottage with four gables to the road, and, at the bottom, the most elaborate of all, a cottage orné of 1857, worthy of Nash, with grouped high chimneys, winking oriel windows, and a timber veranda at the front." Now, much of the detail that once imbued these cottages with such charm, has been lost, despite the buildings featuring several times in the *Buildings at Risk* catalogues. Nos. 178-180 and No. 182 were included on consecutive pages in Vol. 1, pp. 78-79, while the Manor Court House, which is undoubtedly in the best condition, first appeared in Vol. 3, p. 71. All four properties subsequently appeared in Vol. 6, as buildings still at risk. Since that time their condition has worsened and, at the time of writing, only the Manor Court House is boarded up.

Refs:

Rowan, A., *North West Ulster*, Penguin, 1979, p. 236

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**THATCHED DWELLING AT CLONSHANNAGH TD,
NEWTOWNBUTLER**

A beautiful one-and-a-half-storey, four-bay thatched vernacular house, with a mature, elevated setting, situated in a remote part of County Fermanagh, close to the border. Built pre-1834 it has a modern porch, modern rear extension and modern casement windows, yet still retains all the vernacular charm of what is a fast disappearing building type. Now vacant and in a deteriorating condition, it has the potential to become a home of real character.

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LOCATION

*1 1/2 mls. E. of Donagh, N. off
 the Donagh - Rosslea road*

O.S. MAP NUMBER

27

GRID REFERENCE

434 215

STATUS

Listed

BARNI Ref. No. *12/02/002*



**FORMER POST OFFICE,
5 MAIN STREET, GARRISON**

LOCATION
In the village centre

O.S. MAP NUMBER
17

GRID REFERENCE
943 518

STATUS
Listed

BARNI Ref. No. *12/12/001*

The former post office in Garrison first appeared as a building at risk in *Buildings at Risk*, Vol. 3, p. 68, some three years after it had been listed for being “a well proportioned and well conserved urban vernacular building, given added interest by the unusual feature of paired windows at ground floor level”. The windows are now no longer visible, as all of the openings having been securely boarded up. It served as a post office from 1902 until closure in 1970 and it still retains the neglected and gloomy air that it had in 1996. Garrison is said to derive its name from a barrack that was erected in the neighbourhood by King William’s army after the battle of Aughrim. Although described by Rowan as a rather “haphazard” village, it is pleasantly situated by the shore of Lough Melvin, and its economic fortunes have taken a turn for the better.

Refs:
MBR
O.S. *Memoirs of Ireland, Parishes of County Fermanagh II*, Vol. 14, p. 74
Rowan, A., *North West Ulster*, Penguin, 1979, p. 302

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DONAGH HOUSE, DONAGH

The O.S. Memoirs of the 1830s noted several good dwelling houses with farms attached in the Parish of Galloon. Donagh House was one such dwelling and at that time it was unoccupied following the death of the owner, a William Noble Esquire. A two-storey, five-bay, double-pile country house with an attractive Gibbsian door surround, it has been empty since the 1970s and is in a very poor condition. Reminiscent in many ways of Rosconor House (see p. 63), it occupies a very prominent, elevated position and could assume pride of place once more.

Refs:

O.S. Memoirs of Ireland, *Parishes of County Fermanagh I*, Vol. 4, p. 91

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LOCATION

*In Donagh Village, between
Lisnaskea and Newtownbutler*

O.S. MAP NUMBER

27

GRID REFERENCE

398 302

STATUS

Listed

BARNI Ref. No. 12/03/003



**KINAWLEY RECTORY AND GATE LODGE,
AGHINTRA, DERRYLIN**

LOCATION
2½ mls. S. of Derrylin on the
road to Ballyconnell (Co.
Cavan)

O.S. MAP NUMBER
27

GRID REFERENCE
279 239 and 277 237

STATUS
Listed

BARNI Ref. No. 12/08/001 and
12/08/002

When Dean wrote the description below for the gate lodge to Kinawley Rectory it was described as being “deserted, as is the fine old glebe house”. That is, unfortunately, still the case. Described by Rowan as “typically Regency in appearance, with a shallow overhanging slate roof and long, low proportions”, the O.S. Memoirs thought the main house to be a “neat small residence, tolerably planted but not deserving any particular mention”. The listers obviously disagreed with the last remark and suggested that “few such buildings remain in such original condition complete with a contemporary range of outbuildings, gates etc...”. Dean further adds that “the original little lodge in stone construction can still be seen parallel to the road, unusual in having half hipped and part gable roof... It now forms a back return to the later lodge which faces the avenue.” The later lodge is a standard-sized, single-storey, three-bay symmetrical building with a hipped roof and centrally placed chimney stack.

Refs:

Dean, J.A.K., *The Gate Lodges of Ulster*, UAHS, 1994, p. 109
Rowan, A., *North West Ulster*, Penguin, 1979, p. 227
O.S. Memoirs of Ireland, *Parishes of County Fermanagh I*, Vol. 4, p. 115

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NECARNE CASTLE, IRVINESTOWN

Necarne Castle is evidently one of the more problematic buildings at risk in County Fermanagh, having featured in the first *Buildings at Risk* catalogue, along with the estate cottages at Ballagh (see p. 74) and the double-pile Georgian country house at Donagh (see p. 77). Described simply in its listing record as a “large mansion house in decorated castellated style with stone walls partly rendered”, it has lain empty for a considerable period of time. The grounds of the castle have been successfully developed for equestrian sports, with the substantial courtyard buildings having been sensitively restored for use as part of an agricultural college. In the meantime, the main building remains mothballed for want of a new use and all of its many and varied openings have been boarded up (albeit attractively) to deter vandals. While rescuing the building would certainly be a major undertaking, it is of such importance that all avenues must be explored to find a sustainable new use.

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LOCATION

1/2 ml. S. of Irvinestown

O.S. MAP NUMBER

18

GRID REFERENCE

236 573

STATUS

Listed

BARNI Ref. No. *12/15/001*

SALE/LEASE
POSSIBLE