

# Bunratty

## Smart Community Plan.

Part 1 of 4

**Health, Recreation & Quality of Life**



## A Plan by the Community for the Community



# 1. Introduction

Welcome to the **Bunratty Smart Health and Wellbeing Plan** June 2019. This plan has been compiled by the **Bunratty** community for the **Bunratty** community. The plan comes at the end of a twelve month process of working to strengthen the community management capabilities in **Bunratty**.

## Benefits of a Local Plan

- ✓ Better local collaboration
- ✓ Encourages greater volunteerism
- ✓ Provides direction to local development
- ✓ Creates a unified voice and action team
- ✓ Helps identify & understand problems
- ✓ Improves access to outside supports



**The Wider Project:** The project has been funded by Clare Local Development Company and facilitated by a company called eTownz. The project is part of a wider project in Clare where forty communities across the county have been undertaking similar exercises. As many nearby communities are undertaking similar projects and developing local action teams, it creates collaboration opportunities for neighboring communities.

**The Four-Part Plan:** This document is one of four parts of a community plan for **Bunratty**. These represent four top tiers of community planning: Economy, Wellbeing, Environment and Management.



**Bunratty** may wish to develop more detailed plans for specific areas within one of the four parts, such as a specific Tourism plan under the Economy heading, or a specific Energy plan under the Environment heading.

**Town Teams:** The importance to local development of collaboration between local people, clubs, businesses and service providers cannot be understated. eTownz suggests **Bunratty** creates teams for each of the four top tiers: **Economy, Wellbeing, Environment and Management**.



## > How Did We Get Here?

The Bunratty Smart Health and Wellbeing Plan plan has been compiled over 12 months from community feedback. eTownz liaised with a small group of dedicated local volunteers to organise and gather the information in this report.



## > Plan Structure

This is a 'smart' community plan. It draws on information from different sources and can be updated at any time through the eTownz online dashboard- [Click Here](#) . This allows different sections of the community to engage with an ongoing planning process

The plan was compiled by creating a 'model' of **Bunratty**. The information is logged to a database as 'Record Logs'.

Each record log is assigned both a "Log Type" and a "Log Theme". This provides the framework for the community plan. This modular plan is compiled using the eTownz Dashboard, allowing the plan to be easily updated by the **Bunratty** team in the future, adding new project ideas and challenges.

**Your Community Idea Card**

1) Type: (circle as appropriate) a) Asset b) Project (Past / Present / Idea)  
c) Stakeholder (Clubs / Groups etc.) d) Goal

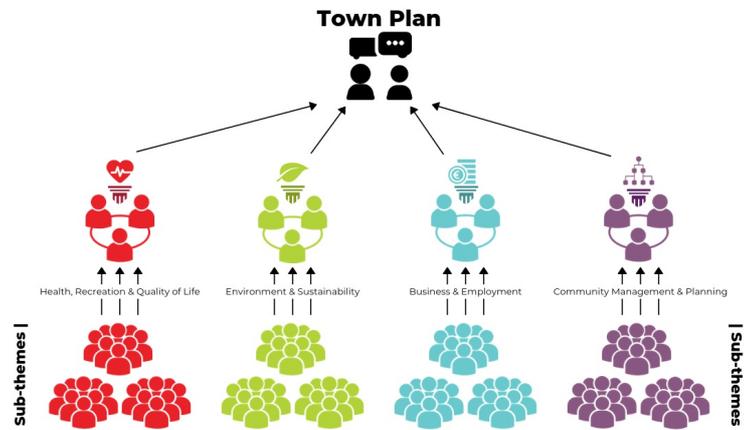
2) Community Development Theme: (circle as appropriate) a) Health, Recreation & Quality of Life  
b) Environment & Sustainability  
c) Business & Employment  
d) Community Management & Planning

3) Title: Local GAA Club

4) Summary:  
The local club is...

## > What Next?

The plan hopes to assist **Bunratty** locals with creating a series of community development teams. Each team will cover one of the four top tiers; **Economy, Wellbeing, Environment or Management**. Teams should be composed of representatives from local clubs, businesses and service providers, as well as interested people from **Bunratty** . Teams will set their own agendas for how often they would like to meet, what projects to undertake and so on.



## > So What Can You Do?

If you have an interest in local issues in Bunratty , there are a number of ways you can get involved:

- **Share:** Read and share this report with others
- **Survey:** Complete the surveys or register your club/organisation
- **Contribute:** Contribute your ideas on any record by clicking on the log record title or visiting the eTownz dashboard
- **Join a team:** Register for a team online or attend a meeting to get involved in the **Bunratty** plan.



## 2. Executive Summary

Bunratty Village is advantageously situated between Limerick and Ennis and is a popular tourist centre and is home to the famous Bunratty Castle and Durty Nelly pub. Tourism is central to the local economy. While the village has many positives and is a great place to live there are a range of challenges, that need to be addressed. The village has a great community spirit and local groups such as the GAA and the Bunratty Business Association play an active role in the promotion of the area. The Bunratty Community Development Association is attempting to better coordinate local groups. There are many excellent sporting facilities in the village and there is a community hall. The community centre facilities need to be improved. More could be done to support the local Youth Club. While the village has an excellent GAA and soccer club, more needs to be done for the young inhabitants of the village. Floodlights would allow more training at night and during the winter. There also needs to be more supports given to the retired and social isolation is an issue. More support needs to be given to local people over issues such as mental health and suicide. More could be done to encourage people to exercise by developing more cycle ways and walkways. Many young people move away, and it is a challenge to recruit local volunteers for clubs and associations.

### Develop a Health, Wellbeing and Recreation Town Team

The first step in developing wellbeing initiatives in the community is to create & support a team of relevant people and organizations that can help coordinate activities and facilitate change. The wellbeing team can be small or large and decide its own format. The team may take on its own projects or simply meet occasionally to help coordinate groups with common interests. The team could be comprised of local residents, businesses, club or public service representatives. The team structure can be simple to start with and decide how often they should meet as they see fit. The team can seek to gain a greater understanding of local barriers and opportunities to formulate a plan for future activities. There are also a wide variety of supports available, and well-prepared team can help the community can take advantage of these. Building a local well-being team helps coordinate cross-community initiatives, helps to liaise with service providers, and helps the community understand & address local well-being opportunities.

### Vulnerable Supports Development Plan

The wellbeing team may wish to focus on understanding the needs of vulnerable groups such as older people or people with disabilities. One approach to this is to work with service providers to ensure services match the needs of local people. Another is to maintain an age and disability friendly policy for community development projects.

### 3. Summary of Community Stats

In this section we provide a summary of key statistics related to the community based primarily on 2016 Census data. In the appendices we provide further detail via charts and below this table are direct links to the data visualisations.

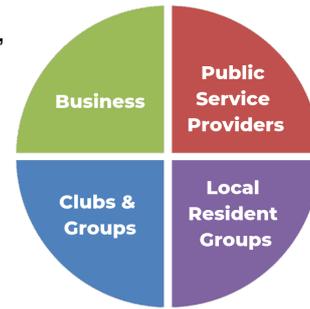
Bunratty:	
The following information is based on 2016 Census data for Drumline electoral district.	
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22% of females and 25% of males over 15 are classified as "At work" which is below the national average of 24% and 28% respectively. The low number of females in particular in work is of particular note. 10% of females and 10% of males are classified as retired which is above the national average of 8% which illustrates that the community needs to focus on providing services to the elderly</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regarding occupations, 11% of males are classified as "Skilled trades" compared to a national average of just 12%. While 4% of females worked in "Caring, leisure and other service occupations" compared to a national average of 6%.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The local social welfare office for the area is in Ennis, live register figure for this office show relatively medium levels of seasonality with live register figures highest in Dec - Feb and lowest in Sept/Oct</li> </ul>
Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14% of females and 11% of males ceased education at the age of 21 compared to a national average of 13.1% and 11.4% respectively, while a higher number of males finished education aged 18 of 5% compared to a national average of 5.5%.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>47 people were classified as carers, 29 of which are female and 18 of which are male.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When asked about their health, 29% of females and 28% of males described their health as "Very good" which is slightly below the national average of 30% but 15% of females described their health as "Good" compared to males being at 13%.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Interestingly, 7% of people lived in a one person home compared to a national average of 8.5% and county average of 9.5% which may point towards issues of isolation in the community.</li> </ul>
Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community have a higher % of people who travel to work/education etc between 6:30 and 8:30 while a lower percentage of people travel to work 8:30 - 9 compared to national average and this also is reflected in journey times to work which are considerably lower than the national average which means people spend less time travelling to and from work each day.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A slightly higher percentage of people travel by car 39% to school or work (above the age of 5), compared to the national average of 38%.</li> </ul>
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The community have a relatively old housing stock with 4% being built pre 1919 and 2% built between 19-'45 compared to national average of 8% and 6.5% respectively. This would indicate poorer levels of home insulation in the community</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bunratty rely on less climate change friendly forms of fuel (Oil 58% and Peat 1% compared to the national average of these fuel types 40% &amp; 5%)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The water and wastewater infrastructure in Bunratty is considerably less than the national and county averages with 25% of people on public wastewater scheme (compared to 66% nationally) and 39% of homes are on public water mains (compared to 77% nationally)</li> </ul>

## 4. Stakeholders

Good local plans should strive to help all stakeholders within a community, especially the most vulnerable.

Sometimes, plans tend to focus on the most obvious stakeholders, such as local hotels, but forget about the small business owner working from home; they acknowledge the local football team, but ignore the local bridge club.

By building a register of the various local stakeholders, we aim for the Bunratty Smart Community Plan to be inclusive and relevant to the needs of people and organisations throughout Bunratty. The image across provides a breakdown of relevant stakeholders types.



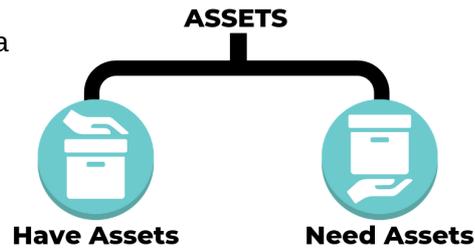
TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">The Red Door - 7696</a>	Restaurant. Bunratty House Hill Road Bunratty Co. Clare. Phone no (061)466993 <b>T2: Local Enterprises</b>	Business	0	0
<a href="#">Gallagher's Seafood Restaurant - 7702</a>	Well-known Restaurant in Bunratty Village. It specialises in seafood and is fully licensed. Tel No, (061)363363 <b>T2: Employment</b>	Business	0	0
<a href="#">Durdy Nellys - 7703</a>	Famous bar and restaurant. Bunratty Clare. Tel No. (061)364861 <b>T2: Local Enterprises</b>	Business	0	0
<a href="#">The Creamery Bar &amp; Restaurant - 7704</a>	The Creamery is a popular bar and restaurant. Old Bunratty Road Bunratty Clare Tel No. (061)364114 <b>T2: Employment</b>	Business	0	0
<a href="#">Muses Restaurant - 7705</a>	Popular restaurant that is fully licensed. Address Bunratty House Bunratty Clare. Tel No. (061)364082 <b>T2: Local Enterprises</b>	Business	0	0
<a href="#">Mac's Pub - 7706</a>	popular pub with traditional music sessions. Bunratty Folk Park Bunratty Clare. Tel no. (061)361050 <b>T2: Arts &amp; Music, Employment</b>	Business	0	0
<a href="#">Bunratty Castle Hotel - 7714</a>	Popular hotel which has function rooms. Tel no. (061)478700 <b>T2: Local Enterprises</b>	Business	0	0
<a href="#">Roadstone Soccer Club - 4786</a>	Football ground on land donated by Roadstone, Health and community benefits can arise through various matches taking place under all ages, helping the community to support the local sporting clubs.	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Bunratty Search &amp; Rescue - 4804</a>	Founded in 1981, Bunratty Search and Rescue is a volunteer run search and rescue service covering the Shannon Estuary from Limerick to Glin and the River Fergus. <b>T2: Safety &amp; Crime</b> <b>T3: Extreme Weather Preparedness, Personal Safety, Access to Health Services</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Bunratty Tourism - 4809</a>	Bunratty Castle and Folk Park are managed by Shannon Heritage. The area is promoted by Bord Failte. There are restaurants, a hotel, and retailers in the area, all dependent on tourism. <b>T2: Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing, Local Enterprises</b>	Group/Club	0	0

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Local Representatives - 4811</a>	Local TDs and councillors could be more proactive in the affairs of the community. The TDs are Pat Breen (FG); Joe Carey (FG); Timmy Dooley (FF); Michael Harty (Ind). <b>T2: Planning &amp; Management, Culture &amp; Heritage, Local Enterprises</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Cratloe GAA club - 4813</a>	Local sport club especially the GAA are central to the life of the community. They play an important role in the health and wellbeing of the community, especially for young people. <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Bunratty FC - 4828</a>	Local football club plays a very important part in the social life of the community <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Bunratty Castle Ownership Trust - 5832</a>	This group seeks to make Bunratty Castle, available, for the use and the education of the citizens of the Republic of Ireland ("the State") and visitors. It also seeks to ensure that the castle is maintained as a National Monument, which is held in trust by the state. <b>T2: Culture &amp; Heritage</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Gort Furniture Trust- Bunratty Castle - 5833</a>	A community group that seeks to make the Gort Furniture Collection available in Bunratty Castle, for the enjoyment and the education of the citizens of the Republic of Ireland and visitors and under the auspices of the National Museum of Ireland. <b>T2: Culture &amp; Heritage</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">St Michael's GAA Club - 7678</a>	Local GAA club with adult and underage teams both male and female. Senior Football team and Junior hurling team for adult men. Boys under 12 football, under 14 football and minor football. Boys under 16 hurling and minor hurling teams. Girls under 13 football team and under 16 football team. Ladies senior camogie team <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation</b>	Group/Club	0	0
<a href="#">Bunratty Search and Rescue Service Company Ltd. - 5834</a>	This is a voluntary community group, that provides an inshore search and rescue service in the Shannon and Fergus estuaries. The voluntary group is involved in the provision of search, rescue and related general activities connected with the Shannon Estuary, including the provision and maintenance of a boathouse, rescue boat, and related equipment. <b>T2: Safety &amp; Crime</b>	Public Service	0	0
<a href="#">Publicly elected representatives - 7793</a>	"Elected representatives can assist communities in the development process. There are 3 main groupings of elected representatives relevant to the community. Our representatives include: Councillors: Cathal Crowe // John Crowe // Gerry Flynn // Mike McKee // Pat McMahon // P.J. Ryan Councillors are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about local issues. Examples would include problems with local infrastructure like refuse collection or damaged facilities. TDs: Timmy Dooley // Michael Harty // Pat Breen // Joe Carey TDs are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about national issues. Examples would be the Budget, taxation, Health policy or other nationwide initiatives. MEPs: Deirdre Clune // Brian Crowley // Seán Kelly // Liadh Ní Riada MEPs are the people you should contact if you have questions or concerns about european issues. Examples would be EU treaties and Union wide agreements such as the Common Agricultural Policy or Fisheries Policy. "	Public Service	0	0

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<a href="#">Clare Accessible Transport - 8007</a>	<p>To endeavour, to provide a flexible and accessible rural transport service available to the whole community in Clare and South Galway but with priority given to those people who are socially excluded either by (perception of) disability, low income, social status, gender, age, or otherwise as decided by the directors from time to time. To work with existing transport providers and relevant agencies to develop a comprehensive local transport network, thereby enabling people who are socially isolated at present and entitled to free travel passes to use them.<a href="https://search.benefacts.ie/org/038af326-c097-4436-b947-07d21ef128aa/Clare-accessible-transport">https://search.benefacts.ie/org/038af326-c097-4436-b947-07d21ef128aa/Clare-accessible-transport</a></p>	Public Service	0	0
<a href="#">Clare Family Resource Centre - 8008</a>	<p>The objectives for which the company is established are the operation of a creche and childcare facility <a href="https://search.benefacts.ie/org/97e97fb2-ecc7-481a-ad88-433aa791bcf9/Clare-family-resource-centre-limited">https://search.benefacts.ie/org/97e97fb2-ecc7-481a-ad88-433aa791bcf9/Clare-family-resource-centre-limited</a></p>	Public Service	0	0
<a href="#">Clare Crusaders - 8009</a>	<p>To benefit the community by assisting parents and families of children with Cerebral Palsy in the County of Clare to achieve a better quality of life through information and support by way of workshops, summer camps and other activities. To recruit and finance experienced speech therapist(s) to work with children up to 18 years of age. To recruit and finance physical therapist(s) to work with children in the Clare area. To finance scholarship(s) to graduating Physical Therapy classes in the University of Limerick on the basis that the recipient(s) would work with children in the Clare area in conjunction with Enable Ireland and for a pre agreed period of time.<a href="https://search.benefacts.ie/org/39b53b93-3c72-423e-838c-31dda20e5198/Clare-crusaders-company-limited-by-guarantee">https://search.benefacts.ie/org/39b53b93-3c72-423e-838c-31dda20e5198/Clare-crusaders-company-limited-by-guarantee</a></p>	Public Service	0	0
<a href="#">Clare Suicide Bereavement Support - 8012</a>	<p>Main objectives. - A. To support the suicide bereaved in Co. Clare by establishing and maintaining standards of good practice for the provision of voluntary listening support to families and / or persons bereaved by Suicide. B. To help reduce the number of suicides Subsidiary objectives. A. To employ suicide support volunteers to provide practical information and listening support to families and individuals at their request. C. To Liaise and exchange information with similar support groups. D. To provide leaflets and associated literature to be provided to survivors and appropriate professionals and agencies.<a href="https://search.benefacts.ie/org/da69b4c5-d1a9-484d-8c0f-5647b840bf82/Clare-suicide-bereavement-support">https://search.benefacts.ie/org/da69b4c5-d1a9-484d-8c0f-5647b840bf82/Clare-suicide-bereavement-support</a></p>	Public Service	0	0
<a href="#">Failte Isteach - Clare Mental Health Voluntary Housing Association Company Limited By Guarantee - 8014</a>	<p>To carry on for the benefit of the community the provision of housing and associated amenities for persons in deprived or necessitous circumstances. To provide for relief of poverty and deprivation caused by poor housing conditions and homelessness or other social and economic circumstances.<a href="https://search.benefacts.ie/org/51c3ea23-80dc-4de9-97e1-ff558997f6ae/failte-isteach-Clare-mental-health-voluntary-housing-association-company-limited-by-guarantee">https://search.benefacts.ie/org/51c3ea23-80dc-4de9-97e1-ff558997f6ae/failte-isteach-Clare-mental-health-voluntary-housing-association-company-limited-by-guarantee</a></p>	Public Service	0	0

## 5. Assets

Identifying, understanding and appreciating the assets within a community is an important part of any community plan. This plan takes elements from a popular approach to community planning called Asset Based Community Development (ABCD). ABCD works on the premise that positive and effective community plans are built by leveraging existing assets within a community. Therefore, it is important to properly log all relevant assets in this category.

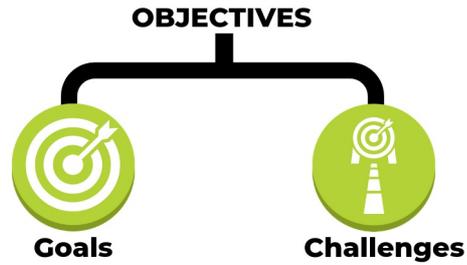


TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Bunratty Wood - 4789</a>	Bunratty Woods- great natural scenery, picnic area and ideal for walking <b>T2:</b> <i>Sports &amp; Recreation, Waste &amp; Resource Efficiency, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing, Habitats &amp; Environment, Energy &amp; Climate Change</i>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Cratloe GAA Sports Complex - 4796</a>	Cratloe GAA club fields hurling, camogie and football teams, founded in 1887. Has excellent clubhouse and training facilities. Bunratty community does not have a GAA club and some people from the area go to Cratloe. <b>T2:</b> <i>Sports &amp; Recreation, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Physical Health , Sport &amp; Physical Activities, Mental Health</i>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Bunratty Folk Park - 4798</a>	Adjacent to the Castle is the enchanting walled garden and Folk Park which authentically replicates 19th century village life in Ireland. There is also a fairy park on-site. <b>T2:</b> <i>Culture &amp; Heritage</i>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Bunratty/Cratloe FC - 4805</a>	Bunratty Cratloe FC was founded in 1990 and has been part of the fabric of the village community since then with underage teams and adult teams. <b>T2:</b> <i>Sports &amp; Recreation</i>	Have	0	0
<a href="#">Playground (Bunratty Folk Park) - 4783</a>	Playground for both Tourists and local children. The children of the community will benefit in having numerous physical activities to participate in. Can also act as a social hub for both parents and children to meetup with friends and meet new people. <b>T2:</b> <i>Education &amp; Skills, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</i>	Need	2	0
<a href="#">Bunratty Tennis Court - 4784</a>	Tennis Court for both Tourists and Locals. A tennis court can facilitate for all ages and any level of ability, help locals to interact and socialize with one another on a mutual sporting ground. <b>T2:</b> <i>Sports &amp; Recreation</i>	Need	0	0
<a href="#">New Community Center - 5941</a>	There is a need for a dedicated community centre. This would help local groups to collaborate together and to achieve their goals. It could provide a focal point for the village. <b>T2:</b> <i>Arts &amp; Music, Education &amp; Skills, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing, Culture &amp; Heritage</i>	Need	0	0

## 6. Objectives

Defining local goals and challenges can often be the most difficult component of a community plan, but it is vital nonetheless.

Of course, different stakeholders within the community may wish to prioritise different goals. As such, defining clear goals is a necessary step in selecting projects and preparing a tailored action plan.



The table below provides a themed breakdown of local objectives, which are divided Goals & Challenges.

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Promote Bunratty's Tourism Sector - 4807</a>	Maintain and enhance the role of Bunratty as a prime tourist destination in the Mid-West region Promote tourism by providing sufficient land to meet the demand for tourism-orientated activities, tourism associated retail developments and the expansion of the hospitality sector. Require any future tourism-related development within the village to demonstrate that it will contribute positively to the vitality and viability of the area and help to make it a sustainable community. <a href="http://icrt.ie/">http://icrt.ie/</a> <b>T2: Employment</b>	Goal	0	0
<a href="#">Walks &amp; Heritage Trails - 4838</a>	Walks should be developed including development of the walkway at the boathouse and the area from the old bridge to the new bridge. A heritage trail could be developed (Bunratty/Shannon, Bunratty/Sixmilebridge) and also a trail to Sixmilebridge. <b>T2: Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b>	Goal	1	0

## 7. Projects

Projects are the actions that stakeholders take to improve their community. Local projects can range from things like coaching a youth team to building a hall or organising a clean-up. While sometimes overlooked, it's important to appreciate the projects that have recently been undertaken or that are currently underway in the area, as this helps place the capabilities for future projects in context.



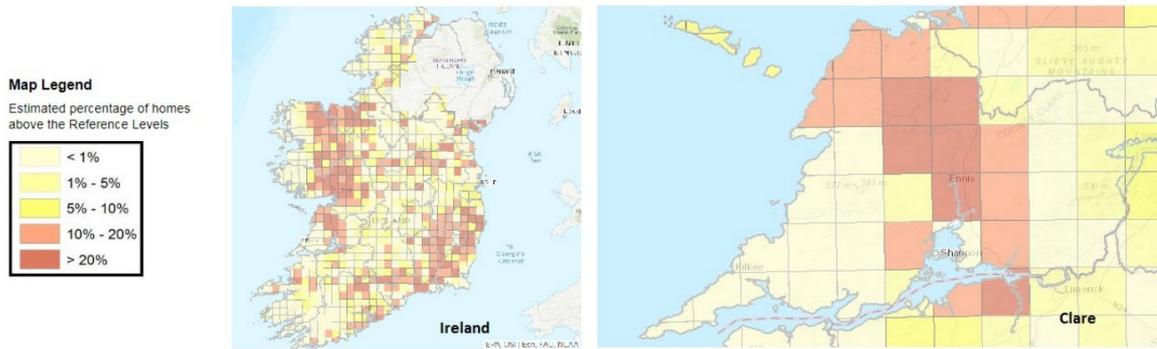
TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Greenway / River Walk - 4787</a>	The construction of a greenway for cyclists and walkers. Potential Routes: Bunratty to Shannon via Cratloe to River Walk. Bunratty to Shannon. Bunratty to the Bridge. Bunratty to Sixmilebridge. Boardwalk @ village between both bridges. Circuit (loop) Bunratty Walk/Runway → Make a safe amenity for Tourist and Community Exercise <b>T2: Habitats &amp; Environment</b>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Develop a Waterway/Marina - 4791</a>	Harbour giving access to waterways for tourists and locals. <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation, Infrastructure &amp; Transport, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Restoring Graveyard - 4793</a>	Restoring walls, vaults church and access to the graveyard	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Bunratty community council - 4803</a>	A platform for the community and the council would help to promote the area locally and even internationally. It could also persuade more people to become active in the community. <b>T2: Arts &amp; Music, Sports &amp; Recreation, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing, Participation &amp; Volunteering, Culture &amp; Heritage</b> <b>T3: Music, Sport &amp; Physical Activities</b>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">A good neighbour scheme - 4815</a>	A good neighbour scheme that would encourage younger people to visit their older neighbours. This could help to deal with the issue of social isolation. <b>T2: Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</b>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Security Cameras - 4816</a>	More security cameras are needed. This would prevent crime and anti-social behaviour. <b>T2: Safety &amp; Crime</b>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Improve the walkways in the area for local and tourists alike - 4822</a>	Walks should be developed including development of the walkway at the boathouse and the area from the old bridge to the new bridge. A heritage trail could be developed (Bunratty/Shannon, Bunratty/Sixmilebridge) and also a trail to Sixmilebridge. <b>T2: Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing, Local Enterprises</b>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Theme Park in Bunratty - 4823</a>	A theme park is a type of amusement park that bases its structures and attractions around a central theme, often featuring multiple areas with different themes. <b>T2: Sports &amp; Recreation, Local Enterprises</b>	Idea	0	0

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Develop an Astro Turf pitch - 4825</a>	Development of an astroturf in the community to allow greater sports for young people and older people. We still need to confirm what sports we would like to see on the astro turf. <b>T2:</b> <i>Sports &amp; Recreation, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Hobby Groups, Physical Health , Sport &amp; Physical Activities</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Improve youth club facilities - 4826</a>	Extension of Community centre to facilitate the Youth Club	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Develop and maintain Grotto - 4829</a>	This could be part of the annual Tidy Town clean-up. <b>T2:</b> <i>Culture &amp; Heritage</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Develop Bunratty Search &amp; Rescue - 4831</a>	Need a bigger & faster and better equipped search & rescues boat	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Train Bunratty Search &amp; Rescue volunteers - 4832</a>	Counselling, Health & safety <b>T2:</b> <i>Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Develop programs to support better mental health awareness - 4833</a>	Increase in suicide in the region. This needs to be tackled and treated as an emergency. <b>T2:</b> <i>Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Opening of the river to Sixmilebridge - 4842</a>	Investigate the feasibility of opening the river from Sixmilebridge to Bunratty. Develop walking trails. The opening of the river from Bunratty to Sixmilebridge would be a huge asset. <b>T2:</b> <i>Culture &amp; Heritage, Habitats &amp; Environment</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">New flood defenses - 5790</a>	There are embankments along the Clovermill Stream and Owenogarney River, but they only offer a low level of protection and would be overtopped in the event of a 0.5% AEP (1 in 200 years) tidal event. On this basis, the area must be considered to be vulnerable to flooding. <b>T2:</b> <i>Planning &amp; Management, Habitats &amp; Environment</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Community building measures - 5939</a>	The village is very much a tourist venue and not a real community. Measures need to be taken to foster a greater sense of community. <b>T2:</b> <i>Arts &amp; Music, Sports &amp; Recreation, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing, Safety &amp; Crime</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Feasibility study for traffic calming - 8296</a>	A study of how to improve traffic calming measures in the locality. <b>T2:</b> <i>Safety &amp; Crime</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Road Safety</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Study on child road safety - 8297</a>	A survey whereby children can be asked their views on road safety <b>T2:</b> <i>Safety &amp; Crime</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Road Safety</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Road safety - 8323</a>	Improvements so that the roads are safe for pedestrians <b>T2:</b> <i>Safety &amp; Crime</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Road Safety</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Historic trails - 8342</a>	A series of historic trails in and around the village for tourists and local schoolchildren. <b>T2:</b> <i>Culture &amp; Heritage</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Local Customs &amp; Irish Language, Local Heritage</i>	Idea	0	0

TITLE	SUMMARY	TYPE	Number Follows	Number Comments
<a href="#">Walking group collaboration - 8344</a>	Local walking group to be set up and could work with the one in Sixmilebridge. <b>T2:</b> <i>Sports &amp; Recreation</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Hobby Groups, Sport &amp; Physical Activities</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Fitness trail - 8347</a>	A trail for walking running and it could also be provided with some exercise equipment <b>T2:</b> <i>Sports &amp; Recreation, Physical &amp; Mental Wellbeing</i> <b>T3:</b> <i>Physical Health</i>	Idea	0	0
<a href="#">Fundraising for the community - 5929</a>	Local fundraising in partnership with the soccer club. Selling tickets etc to finance local initiatives. <b>T2:</b> <i>Sports &amp; Recreation, Participation &amp; Volunteering</i>	Past / Present	0	0
<a href="#">Theme park - 4794</a>	Shannon Heritage -any surplus lands could be used for projects that could benefit the local community and companies. <b>T2:</b> <i>Infrastructure &amp; Transport, Local Enterprises</i>	Suggestion	0	0

# 8. Appendices

## Radon Prevalence Map (Ireland + Clare)

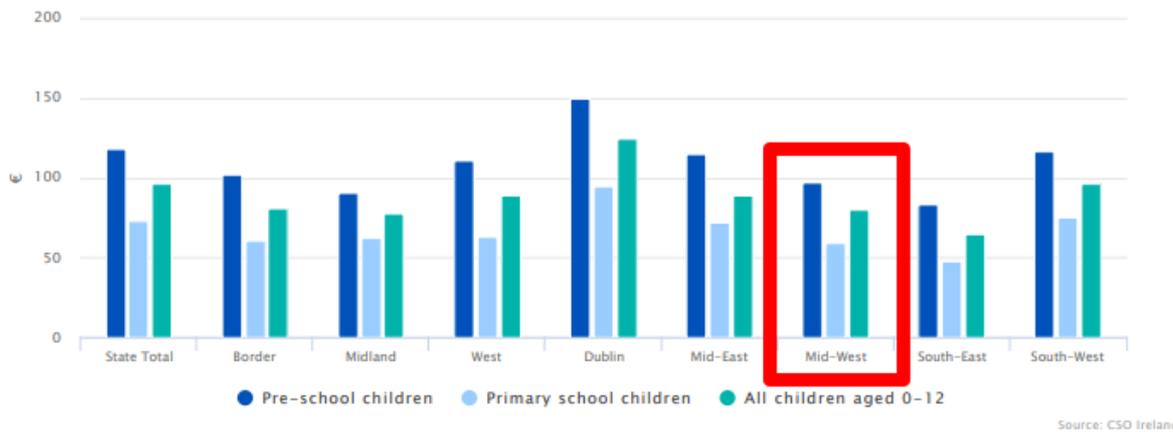


While north Clare has high levels of Radon when compared to national average the south-west of the county has some of the lowest levels in the country.

Radon Prevalence Map (Ireland + Laois)

<http://www.epa.ie/radiation/radonmap/>

## Childcare Costs In the Region



Childcare care costs in the region are relatively low when compared to other regions of the country. This can perhaps be included in a prospectus to encourage families to move to the area.

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[https://pdf.cso.ie/www/pdf/20170706100048\\_ONHS\\_Childcare\\_Quarter\\_3\\_2016\\_summary.pdf](https://pdf.cso.ie/www/pdf/20170706100048_ONHS_Childcare_Quarter_3_2016_summary.pdf)

# Level of Education (Census '16)

## Education Profile - Level of Education

Select Community

\*Select upto 3

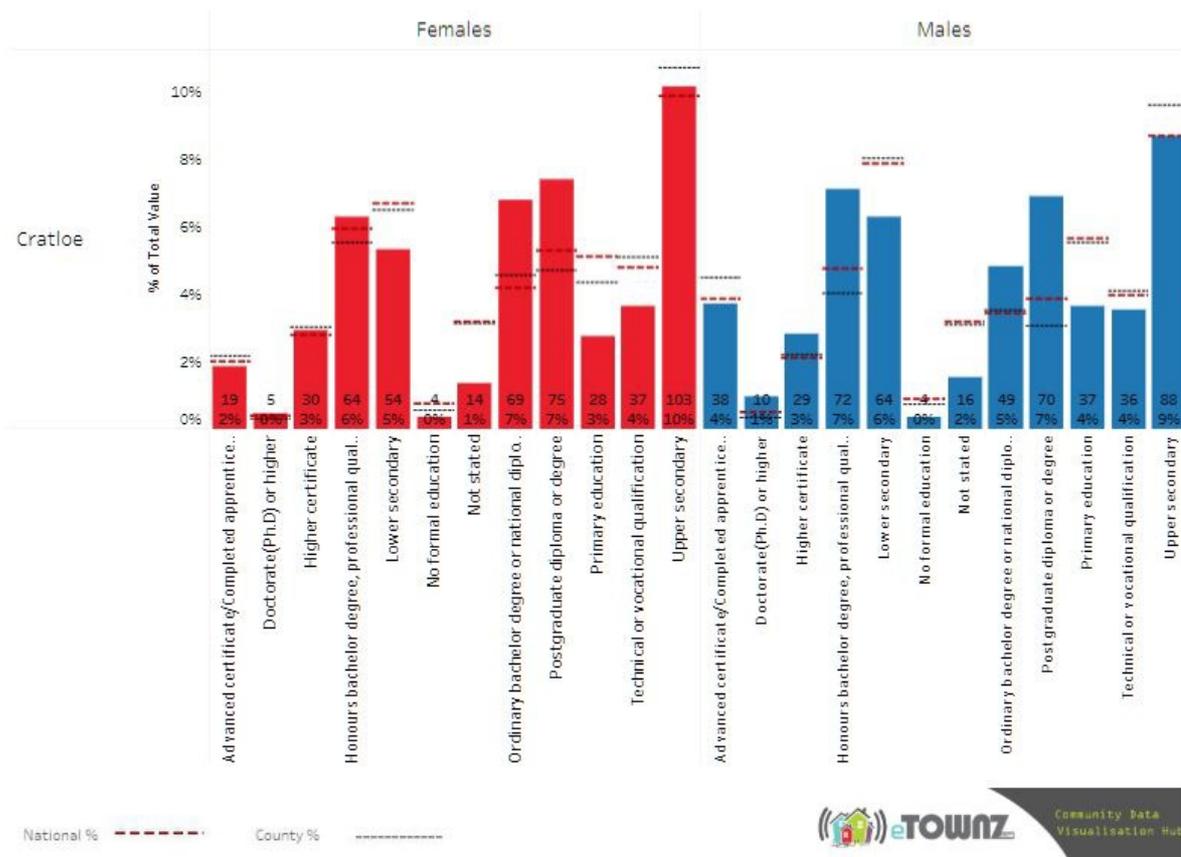
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Gender

Females

Males

## Education Profile - Level of Education Comparison



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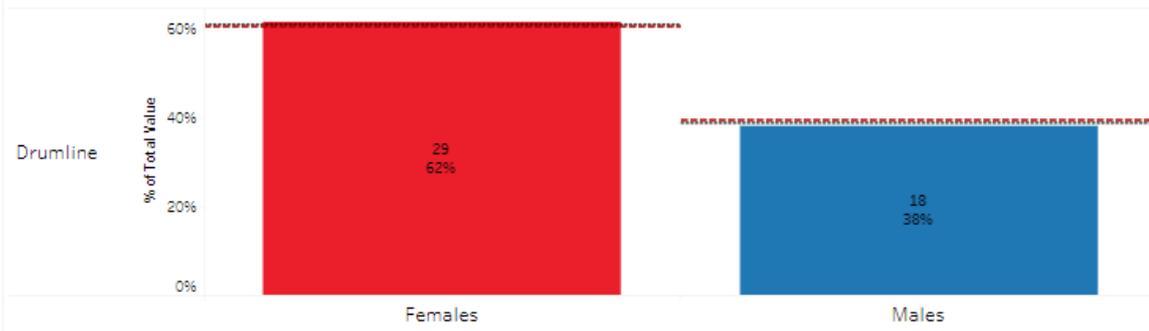
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Census '16

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# Carers and General Health

Carers by Gender Comparison



Disability by Gender Comparison



National % - - - - - County % - - - - -



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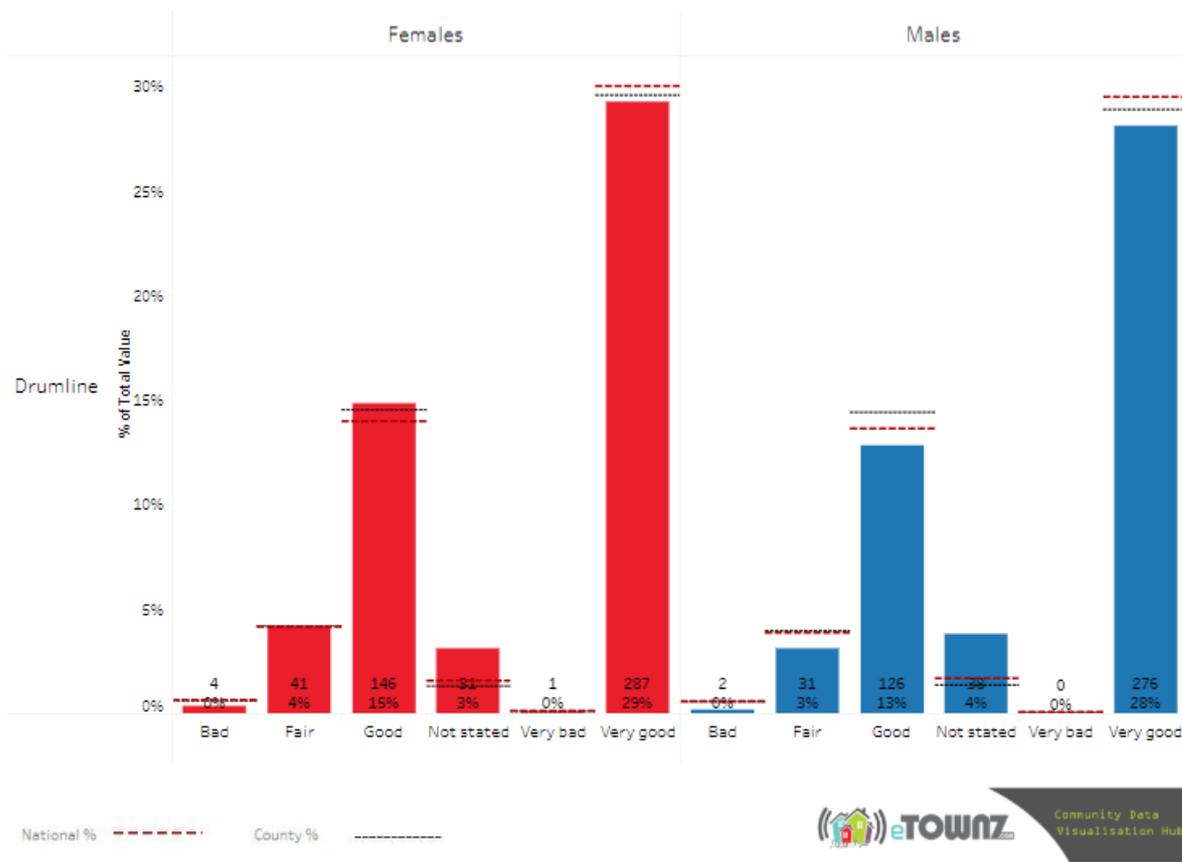
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# General Health by Gender

General Health by Gender Comparison



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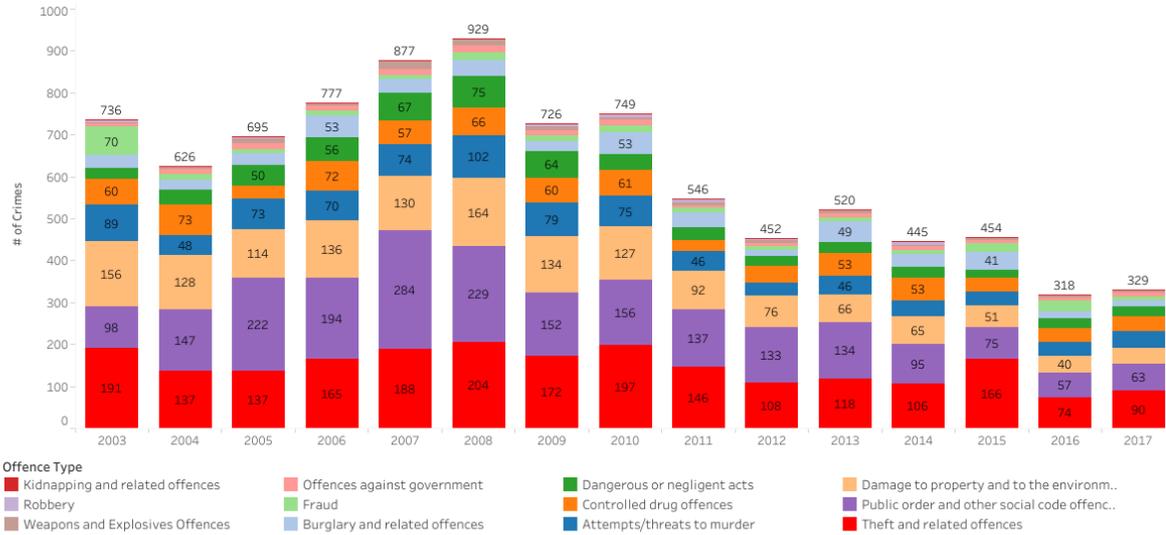
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## Crime Data for Local Garda District

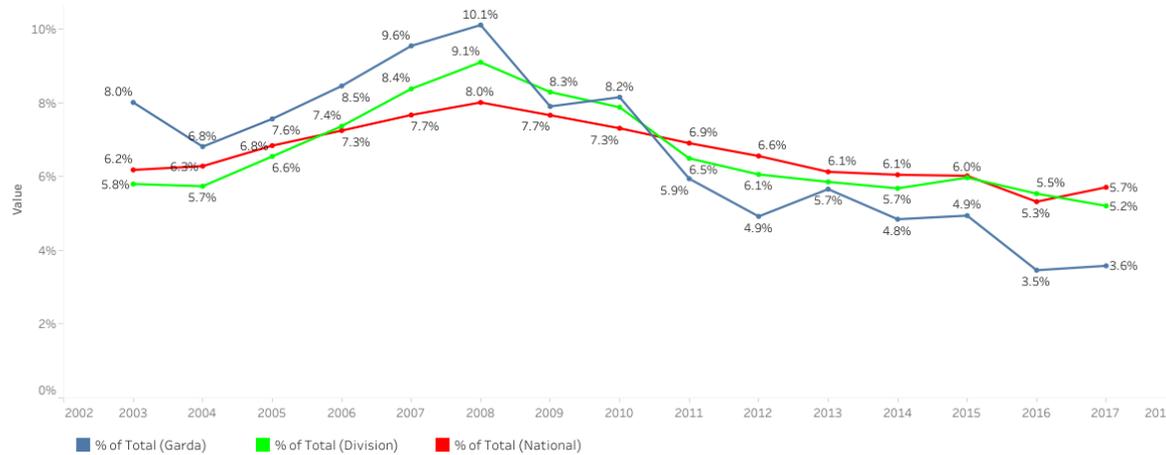
### Total Crimes Stacked by Type: Shannon



Offence Type  
All

### Crime Comparison by Offence Type: Shannon vs. Clare vs. National

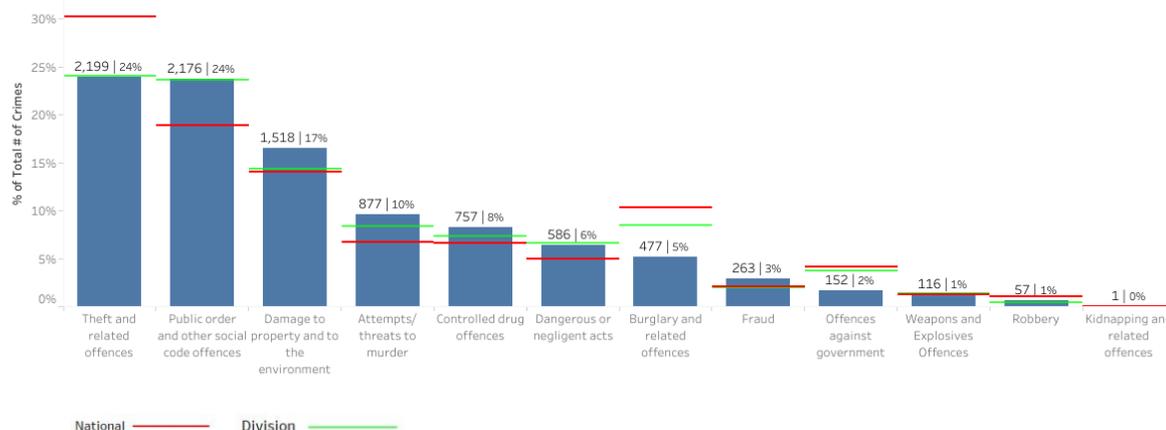
Offence Type: All



Year  
All

### Crime Comparison by Year: Shannon vs. Clare vs. National

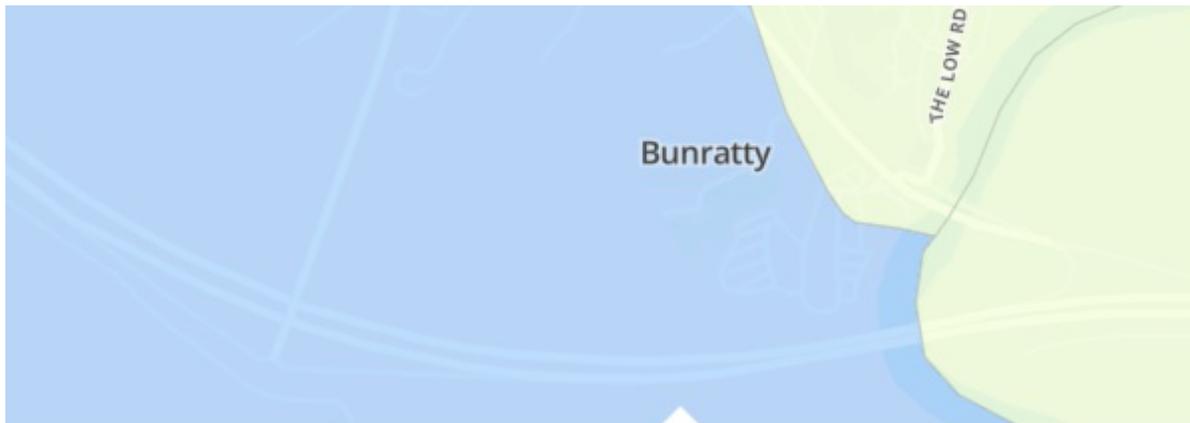
Year: All



The top bar chart shows the number of offences per year, divided by type, in the local area, from 2003 to 2017.

The bottom bar chart shows the percentage of total crimes of each offence type between 2003 and 2017, going from highest to lowest. The blue bars represents the percentage for the local area, the green line the country or region and the red line the national statistics.

## Deprivation Statistics



### Bunratty

Displaying data for: 2016

### Clare County

#### Pobal HP Deprivation Index

2016: Affluent

2011: Affluent

Change: **-0.77** points

#### Population

Units: 414

Change (2011-2016): **+0.38**

#### Unemployment levels

Male: 8.82%

Female: 4.26%

#### Education

Primary education only: 5.00%

Third level education: 50.92%

#### Household

Age dependency ratio: 33.57%

Lone parent ratio: 13.00%

Without a car: 3.00

Without a car (%): 3.85%

Persons with a disability: 7.69%

# Car Accidents Clare

