



MOUNTBELLEW SMART VILLAGES

inclusive + resilient + resourced

2023 May
Our Growing Garden

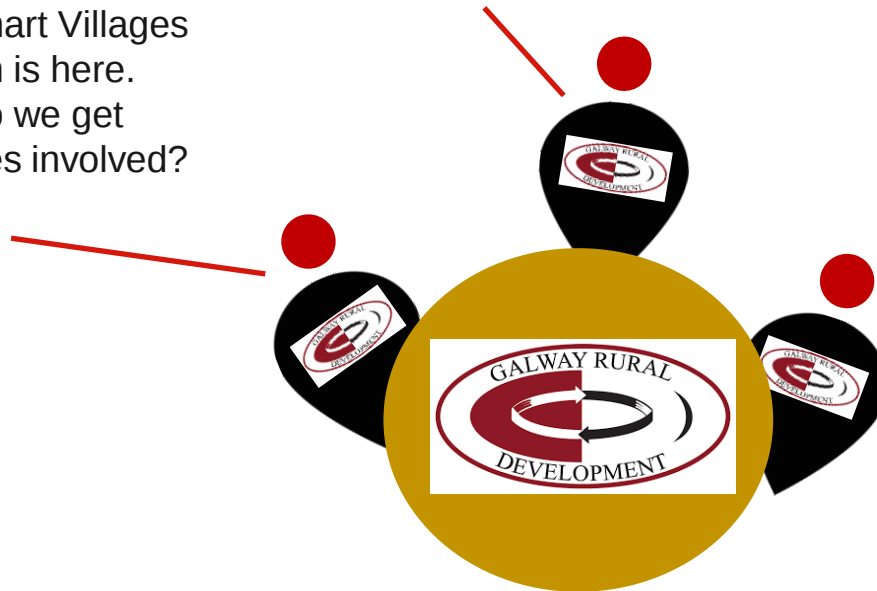
Fall, 2021

GRD Office, Athenry

Let's tell them why it matters
to their own locality.

The EU Smart Villages
program is here.
How do we get
communities involved?

We can say that
“EU Smart Villages are
communities in rural areas using
innovative solutions to improve
their resilience, building on local
strengths and opportunities.”



Fall, 2021 Community Meeting



Find 6 or more people and we'll give you the training.

Let's do it!

How do we get this program?

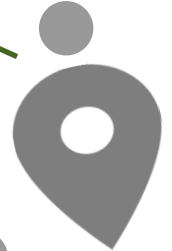


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What's that?



Would you like roll out EU Smart Villages?



Winter 2021 - Spring 2022 Smart Village Training

25-30 Locals, On-line,
Every Tuesday, 2 hours



1. Smart Village Concepts

2. Assets Register:
Local Assets & Stakeholders



3. Action Plan: Goals & Projects

4. Collaboration & Volunteering

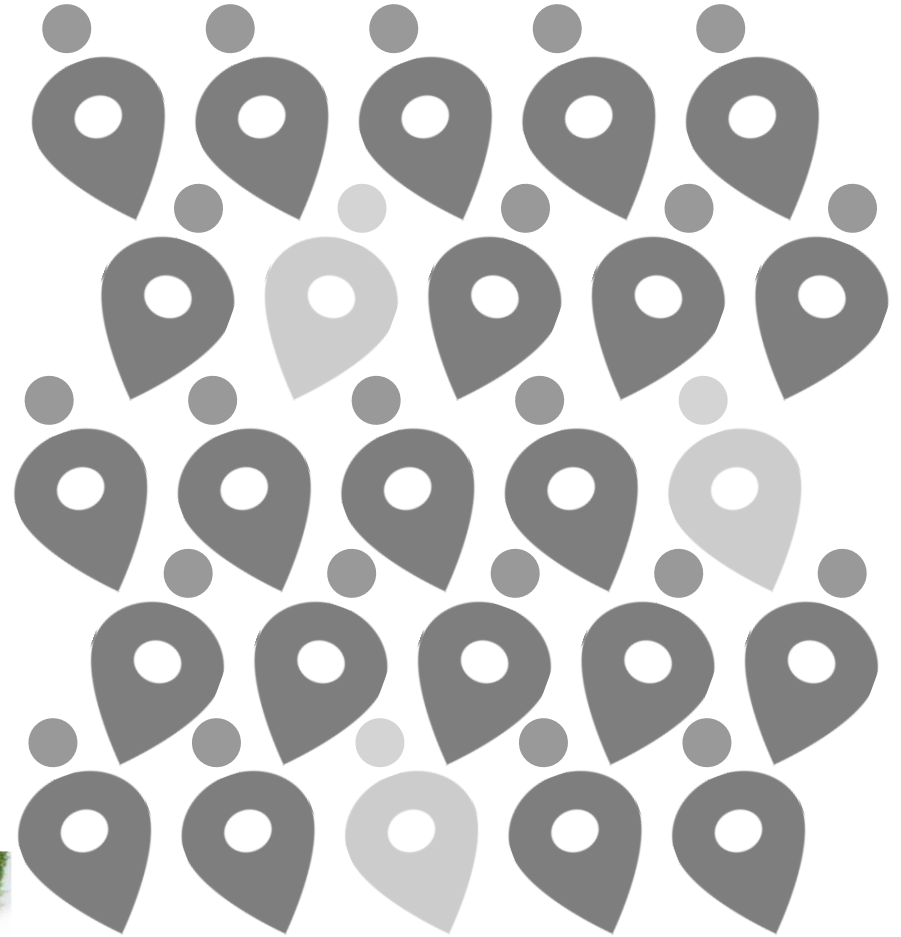


5. Metrics, Data & Digital Tools



Smart Village Training

New Concepts, New Tools



Winter 2021 - Spring 2022 Training: ASSET REGISTER

Local Assets & Stakeholders

- Things our locality has or doesn't have
- People our locality counts on
- Not 'owned & operated' by Smart Villages



Winter 2021 - Spring 2022 Training: ACTION PLAN

Goals: Results towards which SV efforts are directed
Projects: Things we do to reach SV goals



Perennials

Annuals

Fixtures



March, 2022

Smart Village Kick-Off: SOLUTION SQUADS

Sharing out the plots & seeds



March, 2022

Smart Village Kick-Off: SOLUTION SQUADS



Summer, 2022

Smart Village Public Meeting:

Social Impact Statement



Reason d'être

Making our locality more inclusive, attractive, and accessible for all who live, work and visit.

February 2022

Summer, 2022

Smart Village Public Meeting

What is Smart Villages-Mountbellew?

A Link to the EU SV Initiative

- Leverages local relationships and existing organisations
- Uses feedback and data-based metrics to evaluate results
- Offers ideas, training, support, & funding opportunities
- Operates at local, county, national & EU level

A Start-Up+Social Enterprise+Charity

- A CLG demands governance & financial management transparency
- A Social Enterprise business model requires all profits be used address the stated social need
- A Charity offers tax advantages to both donors and the CLG
- A Start-up because, well, we're just getting started

An Action Plan & Solutions Squads

- Uses the locally-developed ACTION PLAN to get stuff done
- Has Solution Squads dedicated to getting stuff done
- Collaborates & builds relationships so that stuff gets done
- Creates, implements and tracks the stuff that gets done

Harvest Time - 2022

Get Stuff Done

Mostly Annuals this year.



Broadband
Services



Establish CLG
& Identity



*Mental Health
Events*



ORIS Grant
Submission



Mens Shed



Arts&Crafts
Group



*Grow
Remote NE*



*Heritage
Week Walk*



Social Media
Presence



*Forest
Park Run*



Samhain
Event



*St Patricks
2022*



Community
Survey

Fall & Winter 2022

Get Stuff Done: The Harvest

First Perennials Planted



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Social Enterprise Constitution Approved & CLG Established

November 2022 – January 2023



Logo & Branding Unit Finalized

Markers represent both people & locality.
Icons represent energy, community network & sustainability.



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Key Learnings - 2022

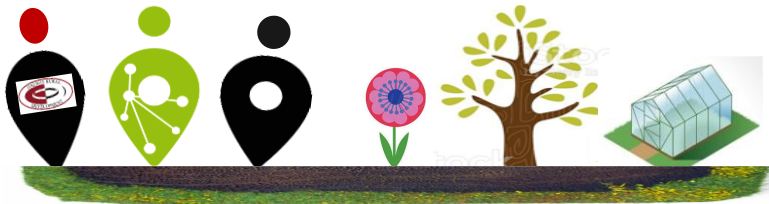
Social Impact statements change and grow



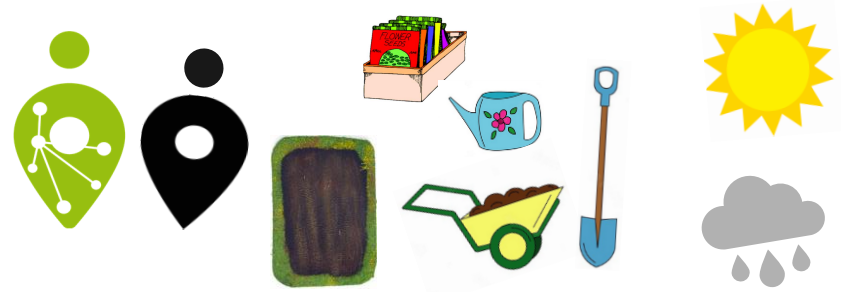
Solution Squads give purpose and belonging to a variety of people



Asset Register & Action Plan
Acknowledges diversity of organisations,
people and things to work with



Our Garden needs gardeners, a plot,
seeds, & tools (weather, too!)



Key Challenges - 2023

Social Impact statements need growth & pruning



How do we demonstrate:

- Inclusive?
- Resilient?
- Resourced?

How does this Social Enterprise represent profit?

Asset Registers & Action Plans.

Balancing sustainability and benefits for Stakeholders, Members & Volunteers



Solution Squads want guidance & support in order to grow



Our Garden needs new gardeners, new plots, new seeds, & new tools to be realized (weather too!)



Planting - 2023

New Seeds, New Plots



ie Digital
Towns Award
Finalist



Grow CLG
Function



EOI Town
Dev Plan



St Patrick's
2023



People's
Transition
Project



ORIS Project
Riverside Park



Art & Writing
Fest



Broadband
Services



TOWN
PLAN



EDUCATION &
SKILLS



BUSINESS &
EMPLOYMENT



ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENT

Planting - 2023

More Gardeners, More Training



Our locality benefits when we cross-pollinate what we know and what we grow.

THANK YOU



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