

## Moyvane/Knockanure Care Of the Aged



## What was the idea

The group aim to provide the elderly in their community with friendship and social opportunities. They arrange social outings which are inclusive, appropriate and enjoyable for all members. This helps to reduce the problem of social isolation experienced by many senior residents of rural areas. The group planned a social outing and dinner party that elderly citizens could attend and benefit from being reintroduced to each other and the outside world after the considerable time that they have had to isolate and cocoon themselves due to the Covid-19 restrictions.



## Challenges

The Covid-19 restrictions, resulted in the elderly members of the community being requiring to self-isolate from the outside world in order to protect their health. The group planned for the when restrictions were lifted, and it was safe for the elderly community members to socialise that Moyvane/Knockanure Care Of the Aged had secured funding from the EirGrid Community Sponsorship Fund to offer an event and dinner party to group members.

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Engagement Services How has this funding made a difference?

'We feel that these events are extremely important for the older generation of our community as the Covid 19 virus caused months of fear and self isolation, causing our elderly to completely isolate themselves from the outside world'

'The day trip to Bunratty castle and Folk Park gave a memorable experience to our members with its historic environment, traditional rural life experience through its 30 buildings and its traditional Irish farm and woodland

'For those who were unable to travel or participate in the day trip we provided a dinner party in our local community hall with entertainment'

The highlight of this project was 'getting to enjoy the day



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"Thanks to the fund for a very enjoyable day"

Key Users

The elderly community of Moyvane and Knockanure, with 100 attendees

Linked to Sustainable Development Goals



