

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION. TOWNS AND VILLAGES (Other than Seaside)

BARONY OF Erris

~~Town~~ VILLAGE Binghamstown PARISH Kilmore-Erris COUNTY Mayo (North)

Location and brief description.

Population Binghamstown about
approx 100; parish app. 4,000.

Binghamstown, a small, one-street village on the main road from Belmullet to Blacksod, is three miles south-west of Belmullet. A century ago, Binghamstown was a flourishing little town but the rise and development of Belmullet effected a reversal of its trade and it is no longer an important centre.

The village possesses no attractive features whatever excepting that it is convenient to sea, strands, golf links, the ruined Abbey of Cross and the various objects of archaeological interest to be found among the sandhills and rocky headlands of the western shore; but there is no suitable accomodation in Binghamstown so Belmullet or Blacksod or Glosk are the most suitable centres from

Is there a Town Hall? No Location which to explore the parish.
New Parochial Hall partly completed - in Main Street.

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

None

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

None (No public supply or sewerage scheme).

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Ballina Distance 43 miles Bus? Belmullet (3 mls.)
Nearest approach to public transport is week-days mail car Blacksod/Belmullet.
Public lighting by—Electricity? None Gas? None

DANCING

Dance hall Barrett's Hall at Proprietor Mr J. Barrett, Knockshanbo.
Shanaghy (9 miles N.W. Binghamstown)

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas None Pictures shown
(nights)

Theatre None presently Kind of shows
(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries.....None.....

Private Lending Libraries.....None.....

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

R.C.	Church	Binghamstown	Services (Sundays)	11 a.m.
"		Aughleam		11 a.m.
"		Tirane		11 a.m.
"		Barhaue		11 a.m.
"		Shanaghy (Schoolhouse)		11 a.m.
C.I.		Binghamstown		Once monthly service

POSTAL FACILITIES

Office at Binghamstown (Saleen)-no Telephone, Telegraph or M.O. service
nor at Clogher (Elly Bay) office. Knocknalina (Broadhaven) P.O.,
Location of Post Office Telegraph and Telephone. Blacksod P.O.; Telegraph,
Telephone and M.O.
Business (? M.O., Telegraph, Telephone)

BANKING

Banks.....None.....

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES

Sports Dealers.....None.....

Photographic Stores.....None.....

SWIMMING POOLS AND BATHS

Numerous safe bathing places on the shores of the peninsula and on
the small lakes.

Swimming Pool?..... Location.....

Public Baths?.....None..... Location.....

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs None

Cultural Societies None

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries Gaeltacht Industries Toy Factory at Elly Bay, four miles south of Binghamstown. This modern factory, where over one hundred girls work under ideal conditions, is beautifully situated on the edge of Elly Bay and directly opposite the ruin of Bingham Castle.

Handcrafts or Cottage Industries (Give names of craftsmen, employer, &c.):

None other than spinning and a little weaving, mostly for home wear.

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

None

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

None

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

<u>Binghamstown</u>	<u>Boys and Girls</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>School</u>
<u>Aughleam</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Corlough</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Shanaghy</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Tipp</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>

HOSPITALS

Belmullet Hospital, as reported in survey of the parish of Belmullet, is actually in the parish of Kilmore.

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets None

Weekly market day None Half-holiday Thursday

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

None

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis Mr H. Cronin, Carn, Belmullet.
Mr A. Walsh, Drum, Binghamstown.
Mrs Mgt. Gallagher, Blacksod.

Motors (Touring) None

Boats (State type) Mr John Padden, Glesh owns two petrol-driven fishing smacks which are sometimes available for pleasure trips. One boat accomodates about twenty persons and the other about twelve.

Bicycles None

Caravans None

Horses None

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location ----- Landowner

Local Improvements Committee None

Secretary

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(Signed) G. O'Brien

Surveyor.