

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

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

BARONY OF Erris

~~TOWN OR~~ VILLAGE Banger Erris PARISH Kiltane COUNTY Mayo (North).

Location and brief description. Population 150 approx.

Situate in the heart of a bleak district of mountain and bog, the village of Banger, comprising thirty four houses, is twenty eight miles from Ballina, thirty four miles from Castlebar and twelve from Belmullet. There is nothing of interest in the village, the only attractions being the excellent fishing and sheeting to be had within the very precincts of the village itself. Banger is also a centre from which to climb and explore the surrounding range of hills and mountains and the sea is but seven and a half miles away, at Geesala.

Parochial Hall (new).

Is there a Town Hall? None Location Banger Erris, close to church.

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

None

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

A fairly good water supply has been installed in recent years but there is no public sewerage.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Ballina Distance 28 miles. Bus? Ballina/Belmullet service.

Public lighting by—Electricity? None Gas? None

DANCING

Dance hall Parochial Hall, Banger Proprietor R.C. Clergy
Parochial Hall, Geesala R.C. Clergy
Conway's Hall, Deekema Mr. Conway, Deekema.

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas None Pictures shown (nights)

Theatre Very occasional concerts Kind of shows (Drama, Comedy &c.)
comedies etc at Parochial
halls.

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs..... ~~None~~
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Cultural Societies..... ~~None~~
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INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries ~~Gaeltacht Industries Luce Schools (Knitting and Crochet work)~~
~~at Banger and Geesala. About 20 girls employed at each school.~~
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Handcrafts or Cottage Industries (Give names of craftsmen, employer, &c.):

~~None~~
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PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

~~None~~
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IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

~~None~~
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SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National Schools, boys and girls at: - Banger Harris, Ballymannally,
Glencullin, Geesala, Deekema, Deelough, Muingadeerran, Mount Jubilee.
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HOSPITALS

~~Nearest at Belmullet.~~
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FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets Bangan : 20th Jan., Feb., Mar., Apl.; 10th May, 11th June, 20th July, 11th Aug., 8th & 29th Sep., 16th Oct., 16th Nov., 11th Dec. Geesala : Pig Fair on first Thursday each month.
Weekly market day None Half-holiday Bangan : Thursday.

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Garage : Thos. Conney, Bangan Erris.

Petrol Stations : G. Fitzgerald, Bangan Erris.
James Cosgrave, " "

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis James Cosgrave, Bangan Erris
Thos. Conney, " "
Mr. Cosgrave, Geesala
M. Barrett, " "
Mr. McIntyre, Deeserck, Geesala.

Motors. (Touring) None

Boats (State type) Fishing boats as listed.

Meteor boat suitable for tours of Bay and trips to Achill etc.
Paelin Henry, Tullaghanbaun, Deesema (capacity 12 passengers approx.)

Bicycles None

Caravans None

Horses None

CAMPING SITES

(At principal holiday resorts)

Location _____ Landowner _____

Local Improvements Committee None

Secretary _____

DATE August 11th 1943.

(Signed) Lawrence P. Ryan
Surveyor.