



Measure:
Business & Economic
Development

Promoters:
Strabane Lifford
Development
Commission

Title:
Waterways project



Restored Canal Lock Gates

This cross border partnership of International Fund for Ireland (IFI), Department Culture, Arts and Leisure (DCAL) Strabane District Council and Donegal County Council, led by the Strabane Lifford Development Commission, were instrumental in delivering the restoration of approximately 1.3 miles of the old Strabane canal, tow path and two locks gates.

This initiative was designed to maximise the potential of the waterways within the Strabane – Lifford area and was aimed at developing and enhancing the tourist product and cross border tourism and leisure activities. The project also aimed to restore and protect important heritage and create greater awareness of these valuable assets which contribute to the economic and social well being of the cross border area.

The project focussed on three rivers ie River Mourne, River Finn and River Foyle, and the disused Strabane Canal and aimed to deliver a high quality high value tourism product designed to maximise the latent potential the area has to offer.

Other elements of the project included the successful completion of an ecological study of disused canal and a river study, plus the development of CD-ROM and brochures for educational tourism and marketing purposes. A detailed report on future development of the areas was also produced.

Total Project Cost: €1,305,200

Grant Awarded: €882,320

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