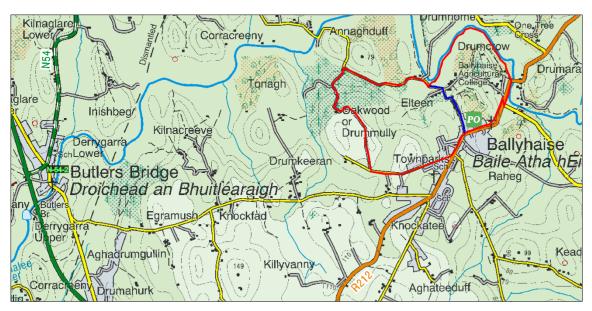
# Comhairle Contae an Chabháin CAVAN COUNTY COUNCIL

## **Proposed Ballyhaise River and Forest Trail**

**Background:** The scheme is funded under the Measure 2 of the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) supports the provision of outdoor infrastructure that is freely available to the public. The scheme is operated by Department of Rural and Community Development.

#### Proposed trail: Location Map 1



Under ORIS it is proposed to provide a main trail (5.3km) and additional trail (0.7km) giving a total network of 6.0 km centred around Ballyhaise village and nearby Oakwood Forest. There is currently no recognised trail network at Ballyhaise. This proposal would be of significant benefit to the community and add to the growing network of trails across the County.

The Ballyhaise trails will be located on private lands, County Council lands, rights of way, the local road network and existing village footpaths. Under the current Covid-19 Pandemic and with the requirements of social distancing it is intended that paths will be 3 metres wide, where possible.

#### **Trail Description**

The Trail Head and Information Panel will be located at the existing Amenity Area which. A new footpath will be provided along the Clones Road from the Amenity Car Park to the Road Bridge over the Annalee River. The trail continues from a new gate near the bridge through the wooded section past the Sewage Treatment plant along the existing farm lane. It then runs along the Annalee river to the local road, "The Bog Road," at a point known locally as the *Wash Bank*. There will be an option to continue to Oakwood or head the 700 metres to the Village Square. The trail then continues along the local road to Oakwood. It is proposed to provide a bespoke gateway information panel at the (North) forest entrance in timber, carved to match existing village gateway signage.

The trail continues the existing forest route through Oakwood and south to Oakwood Lane via the existing farm pass. It continues along this local road via existing footpaths to the Square in Ballyhaise. From the Square there will be upgrade works carried out to the existing footpath. A new accessible ramp will be provided at the Church of Ireland linking the existing trail that leads to the Agricultural College. This path leads back to the Amenity Car Park.

#### **Proposed works**

In wooded areas: Lay and compact Clause 804 Crushed stone with depths 75mm to 100mm.

On open ground along river: Provide drainage, lay, and compact Clause 804 Crushed stone with depths 75mm to 100mm on geotextile. Provide 2 footbridges over drains. Provide a stockproof fence along the trail.

Laneways: Scrape and clean existing surface, provide drainage, provide crushed stone where necessary.

Existing path from Church of Ireland to College: It is proposed to drain a section of this path, widen it and re-surface with macadam.

General: Provide way-marker posts Provide way-marker posts along route (recycled plastic – black). Provide fingerpost signs at public road.

### Location map 2

