OWELEA FISHERY
2017 NEWSLETTER

2016 Season Report
Top Rods & Catches
River Gauge & Catch Data
Best Salmon, Beats, Methods of the Season

OWELEA ANGLING CENTRE
The Owenea River drains Lough Ea running for some 13 miles through Glenties and emptying into Loughrosmore Bay at Ardara. The Owenea is primarily a spate river taking from 1 to 2 days to run off, depending on the size of the flood.

When in condition, the river is one of the best in the country for salmon. The river has runs of spring salmon, grilse, sea trout and a resident stock of small brown trout. August and September are the best months for grilse closely followed by July. Spring salmon can be caught from April onwards and indeed towards the end of the season a few autumn salmon are frequently caught.

The sea trout have been making something of a comeback in recent years though numbers still remain low. The fishery still requests that sea trout are returned where possible, to help conserve stocks.

There are 9 beats on the bottom 8 miles of river with good pools spread throughout the system and plenty of lovely ‘fly water’. Both banks can be fished with the beats catering for 3, 4 or 5 rods depending on the beat. Access to the fishery and along banks is good with adequate numbers of stiles and footbridges. There are bridges over the river between beats and one in the middle of beat 7. Disabled access and hospitality facilities have been provided for disabled anglers on a section of Beat 3 adjacent to the Fishery Office.

Fly-fishing is the most popular method used followed by spinning and worm. Shrimp and prawn are banned. Most shrimp flies fish well. Popular flies are Stoats Tail, Foxford Shrimp, Black Shrimp, Curry’s Red Shrimp, John Anthony Shrimp Claret Shrimp and Cascade’s.
**BEAT DESCRIPTION**

**BEAT 1:** Beat 1 is the longest beat at around 6 miles. It runs from Lough Ea to Meenhalla Bridge. Only the more adventurous cover the full beat. The lower pools, being the more productive, are most often fished.

**BEAT 2:** Beat 2 runs from the Meenhalla to Mullenierin Bridge. The most productive pools are Garry’s and the Priest Pool. The river is fairly narrow, so maintain a cautious approach.

**BEAT 3:** Beat 3 runs from Mullenierin Bridge to Mullantiboyle Bridge and includes the lower reaches of the Stracastle River. The Crambam, Rock Pool and Friel’s Battery are the most productive pools while the section from Friel’s Battery to the Short Stream can fish well for sea trout.

**BEAT 4:** Beat 4 runs from Mullantiboyle Bridge to the metal footbridge below Hugh Hanlon’s pool. All the pools on this beat are equally productive and in nice water, with fish showing all over, it should be fished down the whole of its length.

**BEAT 5:** Beat 5 runs from the metal footbridge to the new footbridge below the Gubbin. The beat includes 2 major holding pools in the Gubbin and the Mullindaragh. The Gubbin is a productive pool to the spinner and fishes to the fly if there is good water. The ‘Car’ Pool can also fish well. There is no worming permitted from the neck of Ward’s pool to the bottom of Beat 5.

**BEAT 6:** Beat 6 runs from the New Bridge below the Gubbin to the Turf Bridge below Carry Pool. The Carry Pool is a popular pool with local worm fishermen. Archie’s Pool produces a lot of fish each year. Other prolific pools include the Yellow Banks and the Battery. There is no worming permitted from the top of Beat 6 to the tail of Archie’s Pool.

**BEAT 7:** Beat 7 runs from the Turf Bridge downstream of the ‘Trees’. There is a fair amount of slow & deep water towards the bottom of beat 7 which needs fairly high water levels to fish to the fly. There is nice fly water at the head of the beat and around the Coarse Stream and Sally’s Pool. Kelly’s is a deep pool and always holds some big fish. The Lugguog and downstream of this, Teague’s and Breslin’s, can fish well in fairly high water.

**BEAT 8:** Beat 8 runs from the metal footbridge at the bottom of 7 to the metal footbridge at the car park below Whingarden Pool. It is a very popular beat and has some very productive pools. There is some lovely fly water on this beat. The most famous pool is probably Bryan’s Pool. It is a deep holding pool that always holds fish. Other productive pools include Gavigan’s, Billy’s, Sandy and McGill’s Long Pool.

**BEAT 9:** Beat 9 runs from Poul-a-Tuarn (below metal footbridge) to the Owenea Road Bridge at the tail of Finn’s Pool. Beat 9 has good fly water also interspersed with some deeper pools. Finn’s Pool at the bottom of the beat, backs up with a high tide and can fish well as fish come in on the tide. Other productive pools include Boyle’s and Boyle’s Small pool. At the top of the beat Poul-a-Tuarn can fish well and is popular with worm fishermen. Also Ferny Pool & Holly Bush down to Boyle’s are worthy of close attention.
April

The fishery opened as usual on the 1st April. The month was very dry overall giving a monthly gauge average of 0.14 metres. We did receive good floods on the 1st (.059m), 3rd (0.44m) and the 7th (0.28m) but thereafter the river fell to low levels and remained there for virtually the rest of the month. The fishery was very quiet with no visitors fishing at all over the month!

May

May showed a similar pattern with decent water early on with a floods on the 2nd (0.54m) and 3rd (0.26m) but then low water all month except for a decent flood (0.36m) on the 21st. The gauge average for the month was low at 0.14 metres. The fishery was very quiet with only 18 visiting rods fishing for the whole month! The first salmon of the season was recorded on the 4th. This was a 9lb fish caught by local angler Neil Gallagher on a fly from beat 8. On the 8th, Michael McCrory reported an 8¾lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 7 and John Northridge accounted for a 10lb 6oz salmon caught on a fly from beat 8. This gave an average size of 9.38lb though the sample was only 3 fish!

June

June continued the trend and was also a very dry month overall with only a couple of good floods occurring on the 24th (0.40m) and the 29th (0.32m). The gauge average for the month was low again reading only 0.14 metres. The fishery was fairly quiet with only 42 visitors fishing over the month. Most salmon were caught in the latter half of the month which is understandable given the rainfall over the month. On the 4th, John Northridge recorded a 9¾lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 5. On the 12th, Alan Watson reported a 10lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 8 and Dessie Coyle accounted for a 5½lb grilse caught on a fly from beat 6. On the 13th, Henry Patterson logged an 8lb salmon caught on a spinner from beat 8. On the 15th, John Ward recorded a 9lb salmon caught on a spinner from beat 6. On the 19th, Alan Watson logged a 10½lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 8. On the 23rd, Mick Kolbohm reported a 5lb 3oz grilse caught on a fly from beat 7. On the 25th, Martin Harvey registered a 15lb salmon caught on a spinner from beat 8. On the 26th, Adraina Whelan recorded a 5½lb grilse caught on a fly from beat 9. Billy Blair reported a 12lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 8 & John Boyle logged an 8lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 3. On the 27th, Michael McCrory recorded a 10lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 8. Donal McMenamin logged an 8lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 7 & John Ward registered a 4½lb grilse caught on a spinner from beat 5. On the 28th, Dessie Coyle recorded a 13lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 7. On the 29th, Donal McMenamin reported a 9lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 7. On the 30th, Ethan Ward logged an 11lb salmon caught on a spinner from 5. John Boyle registered two grilse weighing 3 & 4lb caught on a fly from beat 2 & Michael McCrory accounted for two grilse weighing 5 & 6½lb caught on a fly from beat 5. Average size of salmon for the month was good at 8.22lb (see Average Salmon Sizes Chart & Graph below).

July

July was a more active month with nice water conditions on a good number of days, more salmon about and more anglers. Angling attendance was nowhere near other seasons however with only 163 visiting anglers fishing over the month. The gauge average for the month was much healthier at 0.24 metres. Catches were too numerous to mention all here but given here are selection of the catches taken from the Catch Register. On the 3rd, John Ward registered a 10¾lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 5. On the 7th, Micky McLaughlin recorded a 12lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 7 & Michael McCrory reported two grilse of 4 & 6lb caught on a fly from beat 5. On the 10th, Finn McCrory recorded a 6½lb grilse caught on a fly from beat 5 & Frankie Byrne accounted for two grilse weighing 3 & 4lb caught on a fly from beat 5. The 11th was the best day of the month and we have 20 salmon recorded for the day in the register. Dietrich Bohnhorst recorded a 16lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 7. Adrian Whelan reported a 12lb salmon caught on a spinner from beat 8. Davy Sullivan registered a 6lb grilse caught on a spinner from beat 8. Michael McCrory logged a 6½lb grilse caught on a fly from beat 3. Henry Patterson recorded an 8lb salmon caught on a spinner from beat 9. Shane McCole reported 3 grilse weighing 4, 5 & 6lb caught on a spinner from beat 6 and Micky McLaughlin accounted for 4 grilse weighing 4, 4, 4 & 5½lb caught on a spinner from beat 7 with one of these being released. On the 12th, there were 6 salmon recorded. On the 13th a further 12 salmon recorded. Henry Patterson recorded a
7lb salmon caught on a spinner from beat 8. Tommy Corr reported two grilse weighing 3 & 6lb caught on a spinner from beat 9 & Fergal Mallon accounted for 4 grilse weighing 3, 4 5, & 5lb caught on a fly from beat 5 with 2 of these being released again. The other fish were all grilse weighing from 3 to 6lb caught on fly & spinner from beats 6, 7 & 8. On the 15th, John Northridge recorded a 12½lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 2, Fergal Mallon caught & released a 4lb grilse on a fly from beat 5 and Federico Ortiz accounted for a 7½lb salmon caught on a spinner from beat 5. On the 16th, 13 salmon were recorded. Liam Faulkner recorded a 5lb grilse caught on a fly from beat 9. Raymond Crawford reported a 5lb grilse caught on worm from beat 8 & Billy Blair accounted for 3 grilse weighing 3, 3 & 6lb caught on a fly from beat 8 with the two smaller fish being released. The other salmon were all grilse weighing from 3½ to 5lb caught on fly and spinner from beats 5, 6 & 9. On the 18th, John Ward caught & released two grilse weighing 3 & 6lb grilse on a spinner from beat 4. On the 22nd, Paul Brennan recorded a 4½lb grilse caught on a soinner from beat 9. Jim McLean reported a 5lb grilse caught on a spinner form beat 8. Ethan Ward logged a 5½lb grilse caught on a spinner from beat 5. On the 27th, John Northridge recorded 4 grilse to 6½lb caught on fly from beats 6, 7 & 8 with 3 of these being released again. On the 29th, 10 salmon were recorded. Hugh Frazer recorded a grilse caught on a fly from beat 3. Willfie Foster reported a 4½lb grilse caught on a fly from beat 6. John Gilfillan logged a 6lb grilse caught on a fly from beat 9. Alan Watson recorded 2 grilse weighing 2½ & 3lb caught on a fly from beat 8 with both of these released & John Boyle accounted for 2 grilse weighing 3 & 4lb and a 2lb sea trout caught on a fly from beats 3 & 4 with all of these being released. On the 31st, Denis Bonnet recorded a 10lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 8. Average size of salmon for the month was 4.93lb (see Average Salmon Sizes Chart & Graph below).

**August**

August gave some good floods in the first half of the month but the last two weeks only brought minor floods with gauge never exceeding 0.24 m. The gauge average for the month was 0.21 metres. The fishery was reasonably well attended with 128 visitors fishing but this is well down on numbers we would have seen in previous years. Catches were variable and below what would normally be expected though with reduced attendance as compared to other years, catches were bound to be lower. Plus the grilse run was fairly poor. Given here are some of the catches taken from the Catch Register. On the 3rd, Billy Blair reported two grilse weighing 3lb each caught and released on a fly from beat 8. On the 4th Hugh Frazer recorded a 5½lb grilse caught on a fly from beat 4. Dessie Coyle registered a 5lb grilse caught on a fly from beat 7. Tommy Corr recorded a 6lb grilse caught on a spinner from beat 9. Jim McLean logged two grilse weighing 4½ lb each caught on a spinner from beat 8 & Bill Murray accounted for two grilse weighing 4 & 6lb caught on a fly from beat 5. On the 5th, Dessie Coyle recorded a 6½lb grilse caught on a fly from beat 7 & Eoin McManus accounted for two grilse weighing 3 & 5lb caught on a fly from beat 8 with one of these being released again. John Ward recorded 5 grilse weighing from 3 to 7lb caught for the month on spinner from beats 5, 6, 8 & 9 with 3 of these being released. Neil Gallagher logged 5 grilse weighing from 3 to 6lb caught for the month on a spinner from beats 5, 6, 7 & 9 with 2 of these being released. Average size of salmon for the month was lower than normal at 4.36lb (see Average Salmon Sizes Chart & Graph below).

**September**

The month brought some fair conditions at times with nice water conditions with around 6 decent extended floods. The gauge average for the month was good at 0.25 metres. The fishery was fairly quiet however and only 67 visiting rods attended the fishery for the month. There were a few salmon caught, all grilse, but catches were poor given the low angler attendance and poor grilse runs. Given here are some of the catches taken from the Catch Register. On the 3rd & 4th Olivier Martel a 3lb grilse caught on worm from beat 9. On the 10th Neil Gallagher reported a grilse of 5lb caught on a spinner from beat 5 & John Ward accounted for a 6lb grilse caught on a spinner from beat 5. On the 11th, Neil recorded a further grilse of 5½lb caught on spinner from beat 4. On the 22nd, Thomas Corr recorded a 4lb grilse caught on spinner from beat 9 & John Joe Doherty accounted for a 5½lb grilse caught on a fly from beat 4. On the 25th, Kevin O’Neill reported a 7½lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 5. On the 26th, Neil Black logged a 6½lb salmon caught on a fly from beat 5. On the 27th, Bill Murray recorded 2 salmon weighing 2½ & 12lb caught on a fly from beat 5 with the smaller of these being released. On the final day of the season, father and son Neil & Joe Black landed a grilse apiece weighing 5 & 4lb respectively fly from beat 5 with the larger of these being released.

And so another season passed us by. It was disappoointing to see a poor grilse run once again in August & September. The early season saw the river fishing well however with fair numbers of double figure fish. Overall, angling attendance was low once again which is probably symptomatic of the low grilse runs, the economy and a lack of young people taking up the sport. We look forward to the coming season ad seeing familiar faces again after the winter.
RECORDED CATCH RETURNS/WATER LEVELS/VISITOR NUMBERS 2016

APRIL 2016 - WATER LEVELS, VISITOR NUMBERS & VISITOR ROD CATCHES

MAY 2016 - WATER LEVELS, VISITOR NUMBERS & VISITOR ROD CATCHES

JUNE 2016 - WATER LEVELS, VISITOR NUMBERS & VISITOR ROD CATCHES

JULY 2016 - WATER LEVELS, VISITOR NUMBERS & VISITOR ROD CATCHES
As usual, fly fishing was the most popular and successful method last season with 57.5% of salmon caught by this method. The most popular fly patterns were all shrimp patterns with the most popular of these being: Curry’s Red shrimp, Claret shrimp, John Anthony shrimp, Foxford shrimp, Bann Special shrimp and Ally’s Cascade’s. Spinning was the second most popular method with 39.5% of the salmon caught by this method. By far the most popular spinner was the Flying ‘C’ in various colours with red & black being the most used. The remaining salmon, 3%, were all caught on the worm.

ILLEGAL METHODS
Anglers are reminded that shrimp, prawn and roe baits are illegal. Any angler found using illegal baits will be fined and/or prosecuted.
The overall gradual upward trend in average salmon size continues although the average in 2016 dropped sharply from last year’s average. With the poor grilse runs we are receiving, the earlier larger salmon make up a higher proportion of the total run of salmon.

CATCH & RELEASE & CATCH RETURNS

Catch returns are central to the successful operation and long-term stock assessment of the fishery and records of every fish caught, even if returned alive, are essential. Local Anglers and visiting anglers alike are asked to contribute to the management of their fishery by giving details of catches to the Fishery Office by phone or in person, whichever is more convenient. All anglers are of course welcome to personally fill out their catch details on the day or following days in the catch register at the Fishery Office. In these days of conservation limits, fishery closures etc. it is paramount that we have accurate information on fish stocks in rivers.

This season, 25.4% of the rod caught salmon were released. This was up on last season’s figure of 12.6% and on a par with the percentage we normally see released.
The figures given below are calculated from fully recorded salmon caught by visiting/associate anglers. (Many more fish were caught on each beat by local anglers or the fish or beat not recorded). This allows us to assess how each beat fished relative to each other and also lets us calculate the C.P.U.E., which gives a truer indication of the productivity of a beat. The C.P.U.E. is the Catch per Unit Effort. This is calculated by dividing the number of Salmon caught by visiting & associate anglers, by the number of those anglers fishing that beat, over the months of April to September inclusive.

Unusually Beat 3 came out as the most productive beat though this was based on a statistically small sample of 3 salmon & 10 rods. Beat 5 was the second most productive beat. Unusually beat 4 was the third most productive beat though this is based on a small sample once again. The most popular beat, 8, was ranked 4th.

There were 15 double figure salmon recorded in the catch register. This was well down on last season’s figure of 31. The best fish of the season weighed 16lb and was caught by Dietrich Bohnhorst on the 11th June on a fly from beat 7.

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**TOP CATCH REGISTER RODS FOR THE 2016 SEASON**

This is calculated based on salmon officially recorded in the Owenea Fishery Catch Register at the Angling Centre.

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**SALMON TAGGING SCHEME**

All anglers are legally required to tag and record all salmon and any sea trout over 40cm in length. Each angler will be issued with plastic gill tags and a logbook when they purchase a salmon & sea trout rod licence. All salmon and any sea trout over 40cm in length caught and killed, must be tagged immediately and recorded in the logbook. Any farmed salmon caught by an angler is considered to be a “wild fish” and should be tagged. It is an offence to be in possession of an untagged salmon (or sea trout over 40cm) on the riverbank or elsewhere. Tags must be inserted through the gills and mouth and securely fixed. The tag number, size of fish and catch location must be entered into the logbook. Logbooks must be made available to authorised fisheries officers on request. Extra tags are issued when an angler produces their logbook detailing their catch & usage of tags. If a logbook or tags are lost or damaged this must be reported to an authorised distributor.

Anglers found with untagged fish or failing to produce a logbook or licence on request will be issued with an on the spot fine or prosecuted. Logbooks and unused tags must be returned to I.F.I. within a period of 21 days from the date of the expiry of the license.

**CONSERVATION of SALMON / SEA TROUT STOCKS & ROD ANGLING QUOTAS**

**All Salmon & Sea Trout of over 40cm**

There is an angling bag limit of 10 fish per angler of salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per season. Subject to the maximum annual bag limit of 10 fish an angler may take:

- A total of 3 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) from the start of the season to May 11th and the Daily Bag Limit for this period is 1 fish per day.
- 3 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day from May 12th to August 31st.
- 1 salmon (any size) or sea trout (over 40cm) per day from the September 1st to the end of the season on 30th September.

After the daily bag limit has been taken, anglers are permitted to fish catch and release using single, barbless hooks and there is a ban on the use of worms.

This basically means that anglers are limited to killing 10 salmon per year or less if sea trout of more than 40cm are killed since these are included in the 10 fish allowed per year.

**Sea Trout Bag Limit**

There is a national angling bag limit of 3 sea trout of any size per angler per day. This includes fish under 40cm. This means anglers are allowed to kill up to 3 sea trout per day (any size). Any sea trout killed of over 40cm must be tagged.
SALMON REDD COUNTS

These figures are indicative only, since taking redd counts depends wholly on weather conditions. When the river is in flood, redds cannot always be seen or counted. It follows that a wet winter generally means lower redd counts. Also, even in ideal conditions, not all redds are observed due to a number of fish spawning in small pockets of gravel all over the fishery. This year’s redd counts were low due to the river being too high during the counting period. The redds cannot be seen or are flattened by the time the river drops again.

The last 23 years counts are as follows:

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Years when counts were low due to prevalent conditions

DISABLED ANGLING

Since the end of 2001 we have been able to provide disabled angling adjacent to the Angling Centre in Glenties. This includes 500m of wheelchair accessible riverbank with safety rails and fishing stands along a section of Beat 3 with wheelchair accessible office and toilet facilities. These facilities will hopefully prove to be invaluable to our less able bodied brethren who often struggle to find locations where it is possible for them to fish in safety. If any information on the same is required, please do not hesitate to contact us (details below).

RIVER INFRASTRUCTURE

This year once again we had 2 Donegal Development Association TÜS schemes on the river that were managed jointly by IFI, Glenties & Ardara angling clubs. This gave us a far higher Development staffing level and great work was carried out improving access along the river. Many walkways, walkovers, stiles etc were constructed with large sections of banks selectively cleared. This is of great benefit to anglers and walkers alike. The TÜS lads deserve a big ‘Pat on the Back’ and we are all grateful for the great work they achieved on the river this year. Well done!
**Permits available:** 1-Day Permit – Adult & Juvenile. Weekly Permit (7 Day) – Adult & Juvenile.

**Off season Information & Bookings (1st October – 30th April) contact:**
I.F.I. Ballyshannon,
Station Road, Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal.
Phone (071) 9851435. Fax (071) 9851816.
Email: **ballyshannon@fisheriesireland.ie** Website: **www.fishinginireland.info**

**In Season Information & Bookings (1st April – 30th September) contact:**
Owenea Angling Centre,
Glenties Fishery Office,
Glenties,
Co. Donegal.
Phone (074) 9551141. Fax (074) 9551444.

The Fishery Office at Glenties hatchery opening times are:
9.00am to 1.00pm every day from 1st April – 31st May
7.00am to 1.00pm every day from 1st June – 30th September.

Bookings can be taken in advance on full payment of permit. Fishing can be booked at through the Angling Centre or online at **www.donegalanglingholidays.com** Rods will be assigned beats on a first come first served basis and will be rotated through beats thereafter if demand is high. Visa and MasterCard accepted and debit cards.

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**ACCOMMODATION**

**BED & BREAKFAST**
- Brennan’s B&B, Main Street, Glenties, Co. Donegal Tel: 074 9551235.
- Auntie B’s, Portnoo Road, Ardara, Co. Donegal Tel: 074 954953.
- Mrs. M. Regan, Ardmann, Mill Road, Glenties, Co. Donegal. Tel: 074 9551271.
- Mrs. M.McLoone, Marguerite’s, Lr. Main St., Glenties, Co. Donegal. Tel: 074 9551699.
- Ms. Rosaleen Campbell, Lisnamar, Mill Road, Glenties, Co. Donegal Tel: 074 9551800.
- Mrs. Marian Bennett, Bayview Country House, Portnoo Rd., Ardara, Co. Donegal. Tel: 074 9541145.
- Ms. Norah Molloy, Brae House, Front Street, Ardara, Co. Donegal. Tel: 074 9541296.
- Madeline Boyd, Castle View House, Kilcashel, Loughros Point, Ardara, Co. Donegal. Tel: 074 9541212.
- Ms. M. Feeney, Drumbrannon House, Drumbrannon, Ardara, Co. Donegal. Tel: 074 9541200.
- Susan McConnell, Rosewood Country House, Killybegs Road, Ardara, Co. Donegal. Tel: 074 9541168.
- Mrs. Mary Boyle, Avalon, Glen Road, Glenties, Co. Donegal Tel: (074) 9551292.

**SELF-CATERING**
- Brennan’s B&B, Main Street, Glenties, Co. Donegal Tel: 074 9551235.
- Owenea Lodge. Kieran & Nooreen Kelly. Mill Road, Glenties, Co. Donegal. Tel: 074 9551900 Mob: 087 9879546
- Granny Kate’s Cottage, Stephen McCahill, Ardara, Co. Donegal Tel: 074 9557060 Mob: 087 2424590.
- Meagh Cottage, Ardara, Co. Donegal. Elizabeth. Tel: 087 7734267.
- Mountain View House, Portnoo Rd, Ardara, Co. Donegal. Ms. Dina Gallagher, Tel 074 9541239.
- Joseph & Meabh Gallagher, Portnoo Road, Ardara, Co. Donegal. Tel 074 9541472.
- Mrs. Mavis Goodall, Crannog Cottage, e/o Doherty’s Bar, Front St. Ardara, Co. Donegal. Tel: 074 9541304.
- Bernadette Shovlin, Beagh Cottage, Beagh, Ardara, Co. Donegal Tel 074 9541444.
- Rose Cottage, Mill Road, Glenties, Co. Donegal. Mary Nichols. Tel: 074 9551970.

**HOTELS**
- Highlands Hotel, Glenties, Co. Donegal. Tel: 074 9551111.
- Nesbitt Arms Hotel, Main Street, Ardara, Co. Donegal. Tel: 074 9541103.