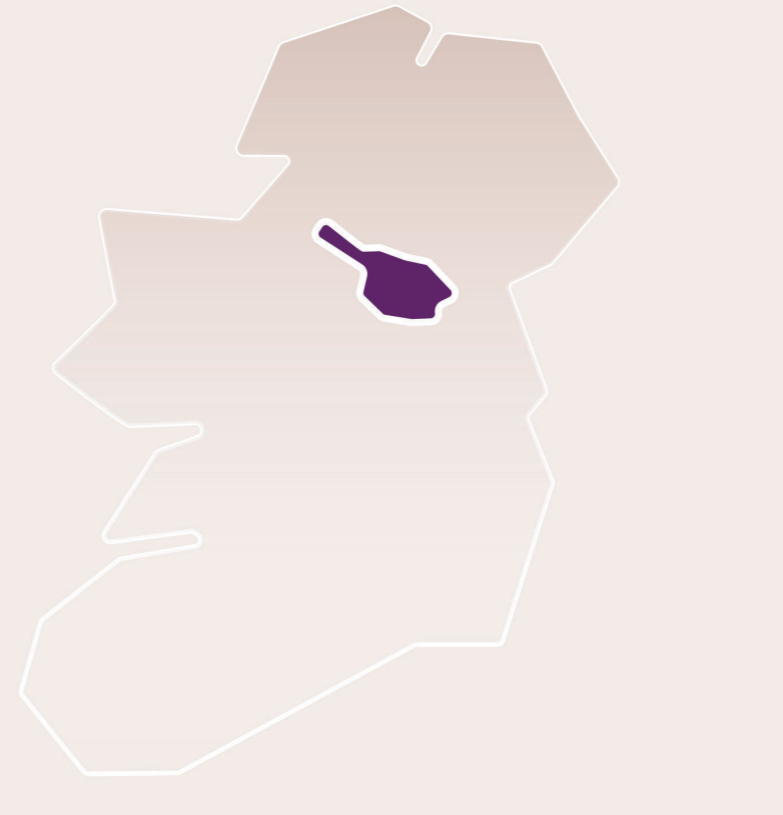


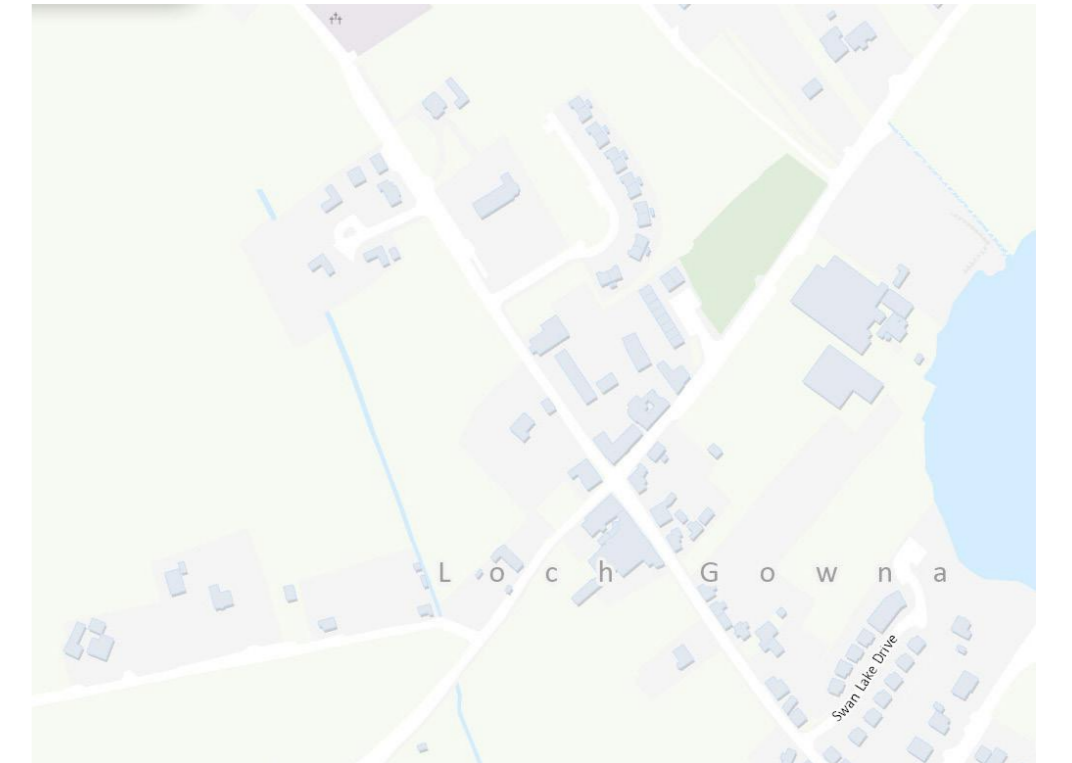
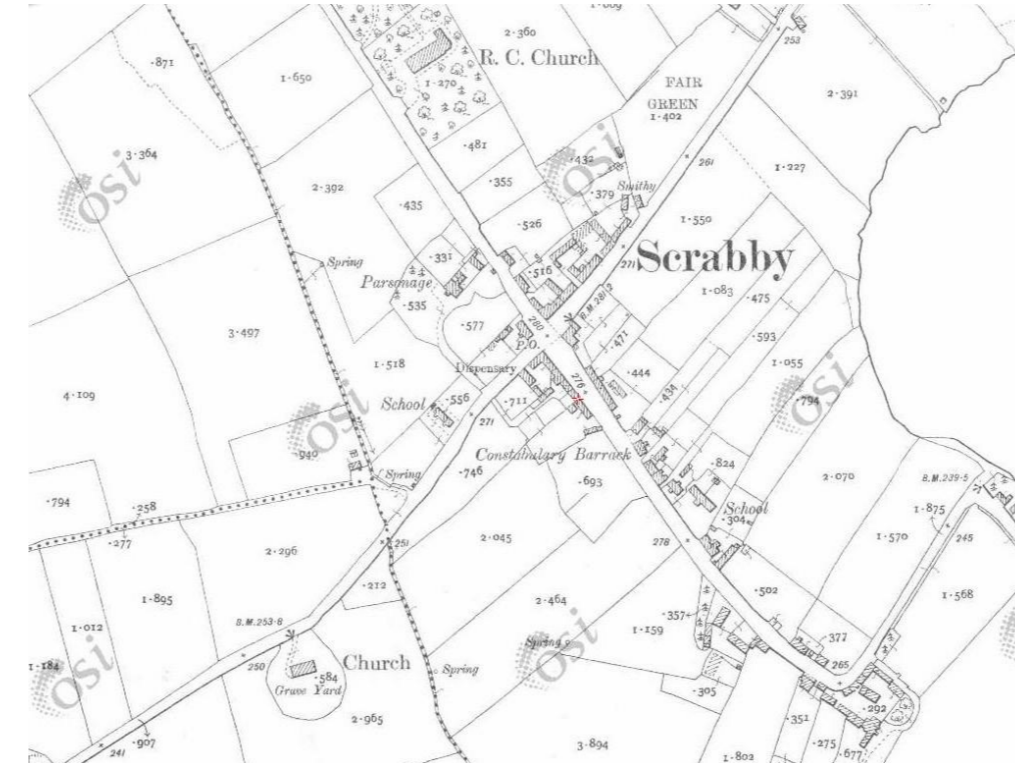
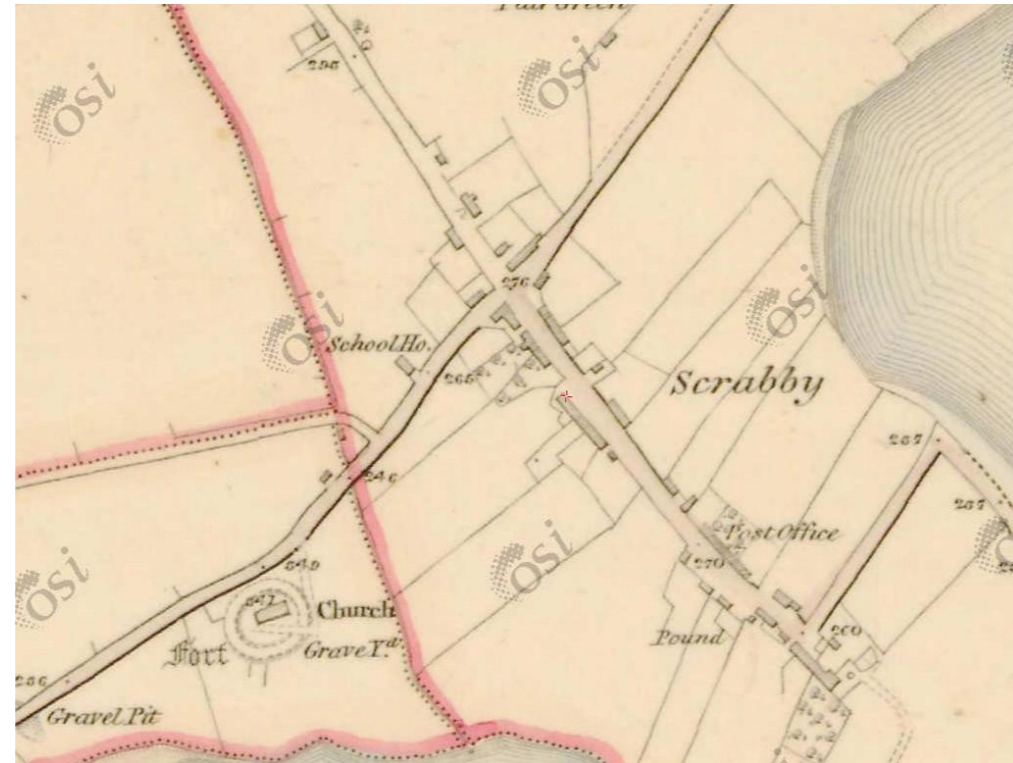
# GOWNA

## Revitalising Cavan's Towns and Villages



### History

The lake contains one large island in the south-western part, *Inchmore* (*Inis Mór* in Irish, meaning "Big island"), which was the site of a monastery founded in the sixth century by Saint Colmcille. The monastery was raided by the Vikings in 804, being burned and looted. During the twelfth century, the abbey conformed to Augustinian rules and remained there until the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII in 1543.



Maps from 1800, 1900 and 2017



### Precedents



Low impact water-sports and fishing on the lake



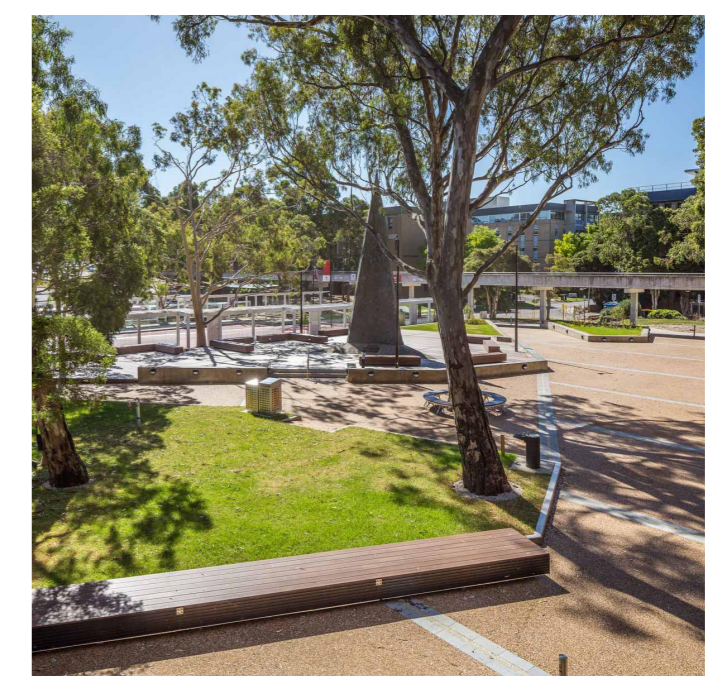
Community landscaping initiatives



Create pleasant public space



Seating in the public realm



Trees and grass in the village centre

## Constraints

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**Weaknesses**

- 1 // Abandoned buildings in the village centre create a sense of dilapidation and create a disincentive for investment.
- 2 // The out-of-service telephone box in the village centre is an eye sore which could be fixed or re-purposed as a 'defibrillator phone box'.

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**Threats / Challenges**

- 3 // The main street appears to be lined with cars on both sides of the road, which for a quiet village would suggest there is not enough parking given that there is no public transport to/from the village.
- 4 // There is next to no planting in the village centre.



Abandoned buildings



Telephone box out of service



Limited parking / too many cars on street



Lack of planting in the urban areas street

## Opportunities

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**Strengths**

- 1 // The St Brigid Community Centre is an asset to the community and should be supported as much as possible.
- 2 // The playground is also important community infrastructure and should be maintained.

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**Opportunities**

- 3 // The re-purposing of the boat as a plant bed is the type of creative bottom-up community intervention that should be encouraged and facilitated as it gives character/identity to the village and builds community ties.
- 4 // The popularity of coarse fishing in the village (being surrounded by three lakes) should be capitalised on and should be supported to boost the tourism it generates and the positive externalities it can generate for the local community.



Community centre



Playground



Planting



Coarse fishing tourism