

I.T.A. TOPOGRAPHICAL AND GENERAL SURVEY

HOLIDAY AMENITIES AND GENERAL INFORMATION.

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SEASIDE RESORTS.

BARONY OF Burnishole

RESORT Keel PARISH Achill COUNTY Mayo

Location and brief description of town or village. Population 441

This village is approximately 9 mls from Achill Sound and 36 mls from Westport. It is near the West end of the island. It is mainly made up of neat cottages nearly every one facing in a different direction. There are some shops and hotels.

Description of beach (? Length, sandy, shingle, safe, currents, &c.):

The beach is 2½ mls long and consists of fine sand for its whole length. The last half mile at the E. end, i.e. from Keel to the cliffs is not safe for bathing. There is a strong circular current which makes swimming here very dangerous. The Western 2 mls is perfectly safe.

Public right of way to beach or swimming places? yes, several roads & paths.

Bathing, swimming and diving facilities. State if mixed bathing allowed, and quote bye-laws (if any) relating to bathing places. Include swimming pools, bathing boxes, surf-riding, &c.

Mixed bathing is allowed. No bye laws. No swimming pools, bathing boxes - no surf riding. There are no arrangements for divers but when tide is in, use can be made of Porteen pier. There is no diving board.

Shelters? none Lavatories? none Seats? none

Parking place for cars? cars may be parked everywhere Charge? free

Life-saving corps? none Beach attendant? none

Swimming Club? none Secretary —

Sea water baths? none Proprietor —

Boats (type) available for pleasure trips? Two 30 ton inboard motor boats.

Amusements Park and games provided:

none

Dance Halls and names of Proprietors:

Keel Dance Hall

Proprietor T. Vesey, Esq., Keel.

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Skating Rink? none Proprietor —

Is there a Town Hall? none Location —

Parks, Gardens and Recreation Grounds. Brief description:

none

Brief comments on water supply and sewerage:

No official public water supply scheme or sewerage.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Nearest station Westport Distance 3.6 mls Bus Service? yes

Public lighting by—Electricity? None Gas? none

CINEMAS AND THEATRES

Cinemas none Pictures shown
(nights)

Theatre none Kind of shows
(Drama, Comedy &c.)

LIBRARIES

Public Libraries none

Private Lending Libraries none

CHURCHES AND SERVICES

Church St. Patrick's Catholic Ch., Pollagh Services (Sundays) 9 or 11 alternate Sundays.
(1 ml from Keel)

DUKINELLA

Dukinella Catholic Church

9 or 11 alternate Sundays.

(1 1/4 mls from Keel)

POSTAL FACILITIES

Location of Post Office Main Road and in centre of Village.

Business (? M.O. Telegraph, Telephone) All business transacted

BANKING

Banks None. Nearest Bank at Westport.

SPORTS AND PHOTO SUPPLIES, &c.

Sports Dealers none

Photographic Stores Some of the shops sometimes keep film.

SOCIAL CLUBS, CULTURAL SOCIETIES, &c.

Social Clubs *none*

Cultural Societies *none*

INDUSTRIES AND HANDCRAFTS

Industries *St Colman's Knitting Industry. This is a branch of the parent industry at Doagh. Visitors always welcome and purchases may be made in the showroom there.*

Handcrafts or Cottage Industries (Give names of craftsmen, employer, &c.):

None

PUBLIC MONUMENTS

(Brief description; inscription to be quoted)

none

IMPORTANT PUBLIC BUILDINGS

(Give brief notes on architectural features)

none

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

National schools for Boys & Girls

HOSPITALS

none nearest at Castlebar

FAIRS AND MARKETS ; HALF-HOLIDAY

Monthly fairs and markets Last Thursday of every month

Weekly market day none Half-holiday none

GARAGES AND PETROL STATIONS

Miss Blackham, Amethyst Hotel - petrol station
John McNamara, Achill Head Hotel, Pollagh - petrol station.

CONVEYANCES FOR HIRE (Owners) :

Taxis Patrick Joyce, Keel
Miss Blackham, Amethyst Hotel.

Motors (Touring) none

Boats (State type) Two 30 h.p. open inboard motor boats.
Owners: John MacNamara, Keel village.
John MacNamara, Achill Head Hotel.

Bicycles none

Caravans None

Horses none

CAMPING SITES

Location Camps may be pitched Landowner
anywhere along sea front.
permission not necessary.

Local Improvements Committee none

Secretary —

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(Signed) M. J. B. O'Callaghan
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