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**Great Western Greenway**



## The Great Western Greenway a Sustainable Destination

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## Ireland's Scenic Sustainable Corridor



# Moving Through Time: Heritage Along the Route

## Cultural

- Built under the Light Railways 1894 (131 Years ago)
- Closed in 1937 (88 Years ago) due to decline in the area's population





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# Moving Through Time: Cultural Heritage Along the Route

## Mulranny Station House – Tourism Information Office





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# Reviving the Past: Heritage-Inspired Infrastructure





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## Sustainability Through Preservation: Building on Forgotten Footprints



## Sustainability Through Preservation: Eco-Friendly Low-Impact Infrastructure Choices





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# Sustainable by Design: Embracing the Circular Economy

## Wind Turbine Blades Products by Blade Bridge





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I'm made from a  
retired wind  
turbine blade

I came from Barnesmore windfarm in Donegal after generating electricity for over 20 years. I was 20 meters long and weighed over 1 tonne and now I am substituting other new materials as furniture.

**BladeBridge**  
Repurposing Solutions



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# Community-Led Design: Listening to Local Voices

## Regeneration – Achill Sound Village





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## Fuel, Fitness, and Fresh Air: Activating the Greenway

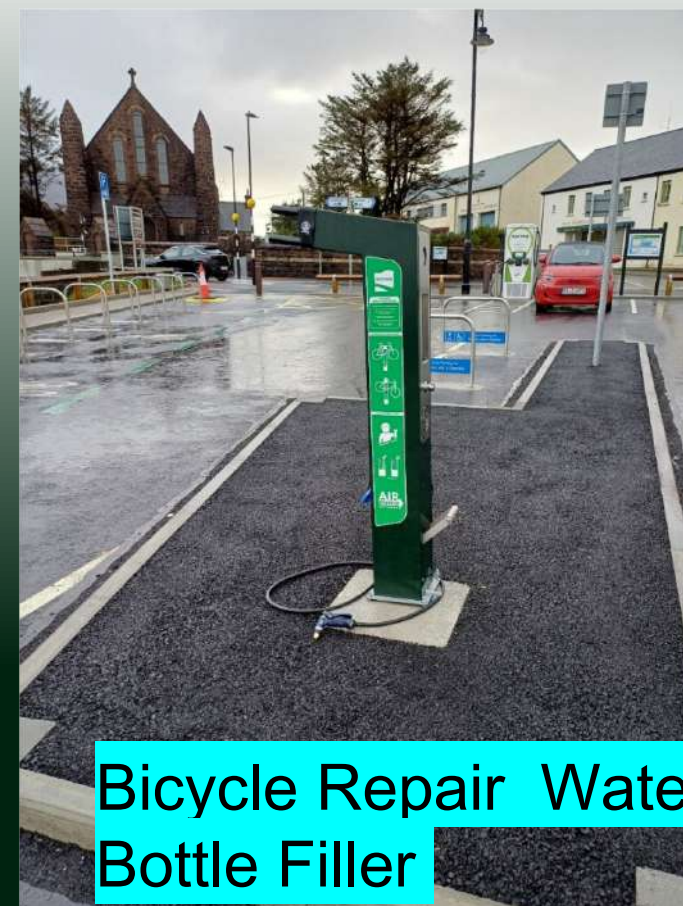
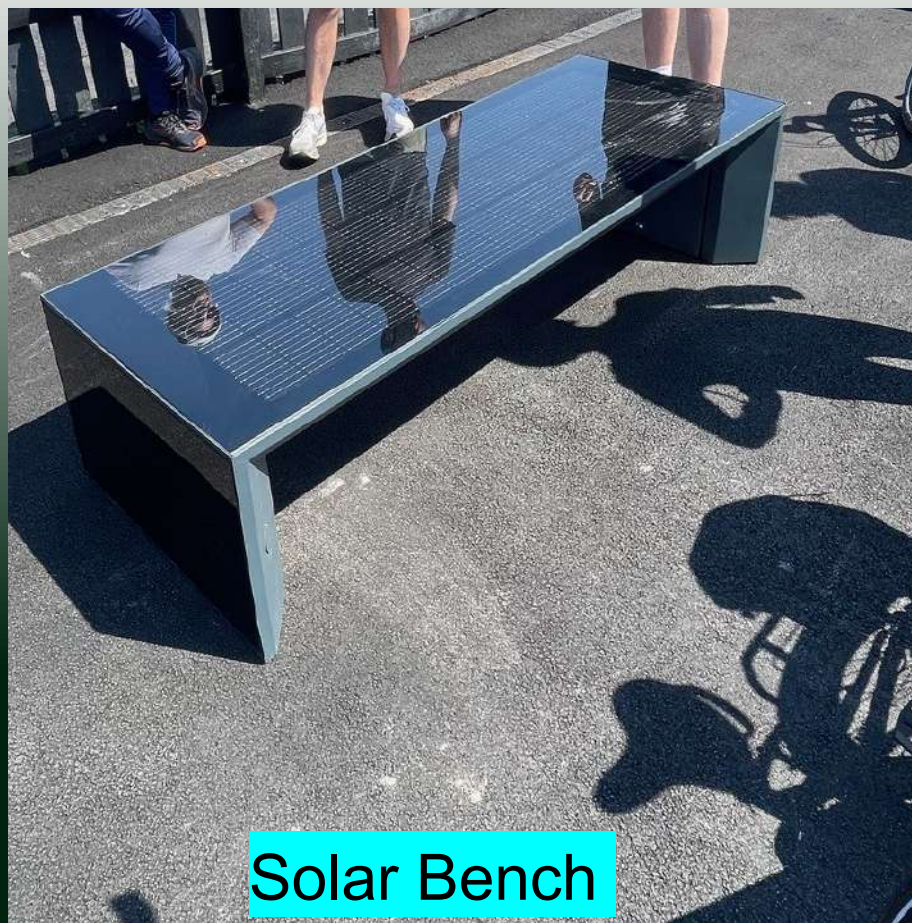


- Pole Walkers
- Gourmet Greenway Tours
- Weekly Park Runs



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## Future-Proofing the Greenway: Resilience, Technology, and Community





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Department of Transport



Bonneagar Iompair Éireann  
Transport Infrastructure Ireland



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Future



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Tuaithe agus Pobail  
Department of Rural and  
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