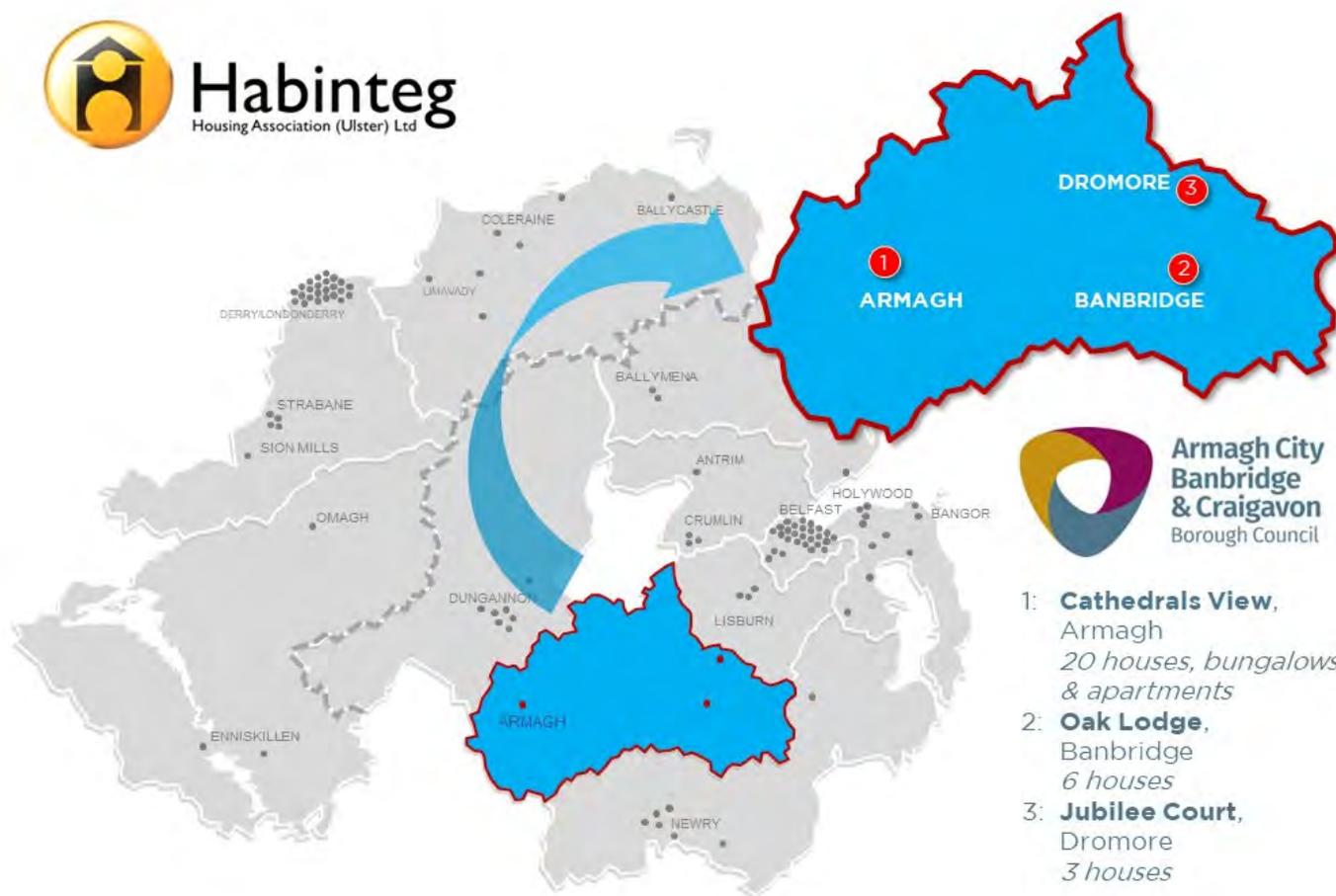


# Showcasing Habinteg Homes Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon



**Habinteg**  
Housing Association (Ulster) Ltd



**Armagh City  
Banbridge  
& Craigavon**  
Borough Council

- 1: **Cathedrals View,**  
Armagh  
*20 houses, bungalows  
& apartments*
- 2: **Oak Lodge,**  
Banbridge  
*6 houses*
- 3: **Jubilee Court,**  
Dromore  
*3 houses*

There are three Habinteg schemes in the Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon Council area.

The Housing Officer responsible for this area is Declan Gregory and Asset Management Officer is Ross Henderson. Tom Cummings is the Community Involvement Officer. Please contact the officers by phoning the Hollywood office on 028 90427211



# Around the district

## Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon

In this issue we are going to look at the many attractions within Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon.

### Armagh

Armagh is home to lots of things to see and do, it's impossible to list them all but the first place to start would be Armagh Observatory and Planetarium – a great day out for all the family. In the Digital Full Dome Theatre you can take a tour of the night sky and universe and can touch a meteorite in the Exhibition area! Afterwards, take a leisurely walk around the 14 acres of grounds to let the vastness of what you have just experienced sink in. It is essential you pre-book, and allow 2-3 hours for your visit.



A little more down to earth, but no less impressive, is Navan Centre & Fort, an archaeological site of major importance dating back at least 2,000 years. There is so much to see and do here for all the family, from dressing up in Celtic costumes, Audio Visual Shows, Archaeology Discovery room, guided Mound tours, ecology trails etc. and there is also a resident clan who will tell you of their past and present, and invite you to see their period dwelling house. What's keeping you? Go there now!

If you are of a literary bent, a visit to the Armagh Robinson Library should be right up your street. Located at 43 Abbey Street, there is no need to pre-book here, just press the buzzer at the main door and in you go. There is lots to discover here and one of the many amazing books on display is Jonathan Swift's own copy of Gulliver's Travels from 1726, with his corrections visible in his own handwriting! Admission is free but guided tours can be booked at £2.50 per person.

If after all that culture you just fancy a day out in the mountains, and some fresh air, why not visit South Armagh and the Slieve Gullion Drive and Forest Park, starting at Drumintee Road, a few miles outside Newry. The view from the summit, at 573 metres, is incredible. Another great day out for all the family!



# Around the district

## Armagh, Banbridge & Craigavon

### Banbridge

Banbridge is not historically a town so well known for visitor attractions however the Game of Thrones Studio Tour located at the Linen Mill Studios has made this a must see for anyone with even the slightest interest in the series. The studios are located at The Boulevard, Cascum Road in Banbridge and a shuttle bus will transfer you from there to the tour proper. Be warned, it isn't a cheap day out, but if you want to earn massive brownie points with the Game of Thrones fans in your life, this is how you will do it! Tickets can be pre-booked online.

If you fancy a spot of retail therapy, The Boulevard is also home to the Outlet Shopping Complex. If you want to connect with your inner artist then a trip to Mount Ida Pottery at Mount Ida Road in Banbridge is a must! You can buy their beautiful ceramics and also try your hand at their various pottery classes through the year, if you fancy yourself as the next Clarice Cliff!

### Craigavon

With the weather improving all the time, Craigavon is the perfect destination for the nature lovers and is home to the Oxford Island National Nature Reserve, with great facilities on offer including walking trails, bird watching hides, Lough Neagh Discovery Centre and The Gallery Cafe and best of all, it is free! If you don't fancy eating in the cafe, there are plenty of picturesque picnic spots available too.

If you want to see animals other than birds, then a trip to C & J's Animal Park at Derryall Road, Portadown is the place for you. It has a wide range of animals, from a Nile Crocodile to a Giant African Land Snail, snakes, spiders etc. The younger kids will love the rabbits, chipmunks, guinea pigs, micro pigs and ponies and don't forget to bring some bread to feed the birds!

For the adrenaline junkies, Craigavon is also home to the Alltrak Rally/Karting Club at Moyraverty West Road. If you like driving fast, and not necessarily in a straight line either, you will love this place!

Next up is Craigavon Golf and Ski Centre on Turmoyra Lane. If skiing is not for you, and let's face it, there are cheaper ways to break a leg, why not try a game of golf on their 15 or 18 hole courses or you might fancy 18 holes of Footgolf, just be careful how you say it though. Be sure to check out their website for children's parties, coaching and restaurant availability.

