

Spaces and Places in Rowlestown: The aerial photograph shows incidental spaces numbered 1-9 and indicates key footpaths, marked A-E. Footpaths on the Main Road R125 connect with those leading to the village centre, B, C and the school, D. Incidental spaces at 2, 3, 5 and 8 are defined and evident on the ground, whereas 1, 4, 6, 7 indicate potential, needing further exploration and design to evaluate and confirm. The clustering of spaces 1 to 6 suggests that immediate focus on these areas will help to connect and consolidate the quality of the village centre.

1.82 Footpaths

In addition there are the footpaths which people use in and around the village. They provide connection between different destinations, and are preferred if they are convenient and safe. The key footpaths are listed here, with comment about convenience and safety.

- A** Along R125. Necessary for local access but unpleasant to use because of; traffic being too close; noise; air pollution
- B** Between R125 and Church Road. Important connector, plenty of space for safe and pleasant walking, and connected to the spaces at graveyard, bus stop and bridge.
- C** Along Church Road, the axis of the village, pleasant and varied between the bridge and the church. School traffic may generate some danger to pedestrians.
- D** Along Rowlestown Drive, to the school. Open and safe.
- E** Within housing groups (semi private). Pleasant and safe.
- F** Lane in northwards direction, past Rowlestown House. There is no footpath here, nor is any needed, yet it is one of the most attractive walking/ cycling lanes, where ensuring reduced traffic speeds would be desirable.



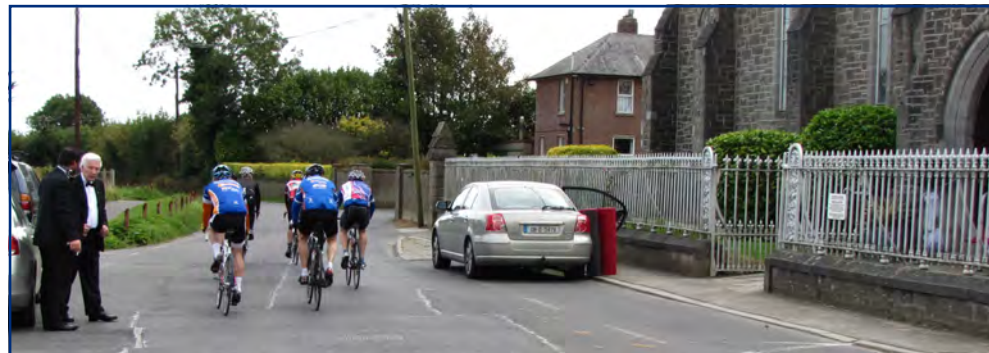
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Top, left: ICA tables being loaded up after produce sale in the community centre

Top right: On Church Street the roadway is wide and traffic light, allowing for relaxed pedestrian ways.

Centre, left: Bus stop for Rowlestown at Killossery; a pleasant space which needs to be kept tidy.

Below: Unrolling the red carpet for a wedding as the bicycle club rides by

Rowlestown has a mainly road traffic designed circulation system. Where traffic is light, it does not represent a problem, but the situation is unsatisfactory along the R125. Some of the school traffic seems to be in a rush with some risk to safety.





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Footpaths on the R125

Top, left, arriving from western villages and Ashbourne, and **below, left**, commercial vehicle arriving from Swords and **below, centre**, R125 passes old school. Footpaths along the R125 might also be designated as cycleways.

Top, right: gathering place outside the school as parents wait for their children.

Bottom, right: Dappled sunshine and deep shade under the trees at the junction of Church Road and connection to bridge.

