

TOWNLAND NEWS

Facts

Adavoyle is a townland in county Armagh and the 33rd largest in the county.

Adavoyle is in the civil parish of Killeavy.

In Irish it is Achadh an Dá Mhaoil.

Adavoyle means the field of 2 hornless cows.

Alternatively, another closely related word is 'maoil' which means a 'rounded summit, hillock or knoll'. If you look at Adavoyle from Slieve Gullion Forest Park there are two rounded, circular hillocks which are plainly visible, just behind from what is known as the 'Spellig' (Speilg – Steep Rock, Crag) in Adavoyle. Therefore, a more probable meaning is: Achadh an Dá Mhaoil - The field of the two rounded Summits.

It's neighbouring townlands are...

- Dromintee
- Annahia
- Meigh
- Foughill Otra
- Foughill Etra.

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BREAKING NEWS: Adavoyle railway station to be re-opened

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Adavoyle station is being reopened but the station and platform needs rebuilt. This will take a long time but we expect it to be done by next year.

This station was open from 1892-1933, with several major incidents occurring during the War of Independence.

In June 1921 the IRA derailed a train carry-



The ruins of the Adavoyle station

ing British Soldiers 4 people were killed, and 20 wounded.

In 1924 Eamon de Valera, who was to later become prime minister of Ireland,

was deported at the station.

The station was closed for financial reasons but now it is being re-opened in 2021.

Adavoyle

Adavoyle is the birthplace of Francis Berry. On 14 August 1852 Berry was convicted and executed in Armagh Gaol for his involvement in the attempted murder of judge and landlord Meredith Chambre. Chambre lived in what is now Slieve

Gullion's courtyard, playground and the Giant's lair.

Chambre was returning home from court in Forkill when the attack happened near what is now The Three Steps pub, Chambre was badly

injured and lost an eye in the attack.

Adavoyle is also the home of Dromintee Gaelic Football club, formed in 1884 and was the first club in county Armagh to be affiliated to the GAA.