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The Kilcar community is working hard to restore the Irish language and traditions. Michael O' Donnell who is shop steward in the Kilcar factory is now leader of the parish council. What is it doing about restoring the language?

MICHAEL O' DONNELL

Well we attack that on many fronts. First we set up a cultural organisation in the parish which would look after all the aspects and the cultural line. For instance take the language now. We did see that of course the language as the life of Ireland, that is the heart of Ireland in a way, and for that reason we had to do something about a language that appeared to be slipping a bit over the last few years.

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However much the Irish language might be slipping the area itself has been revitalised. Emigration has been stemmed and the local population is increasing for the first time in living memory. The new synthesis of economy and culture's in the making. There are formidable problems on both fronts, whether the Irish language remains a living part of this synthesis, only time will tell.

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