

# JOEY DUNLOP MBE OBE 1952-2000

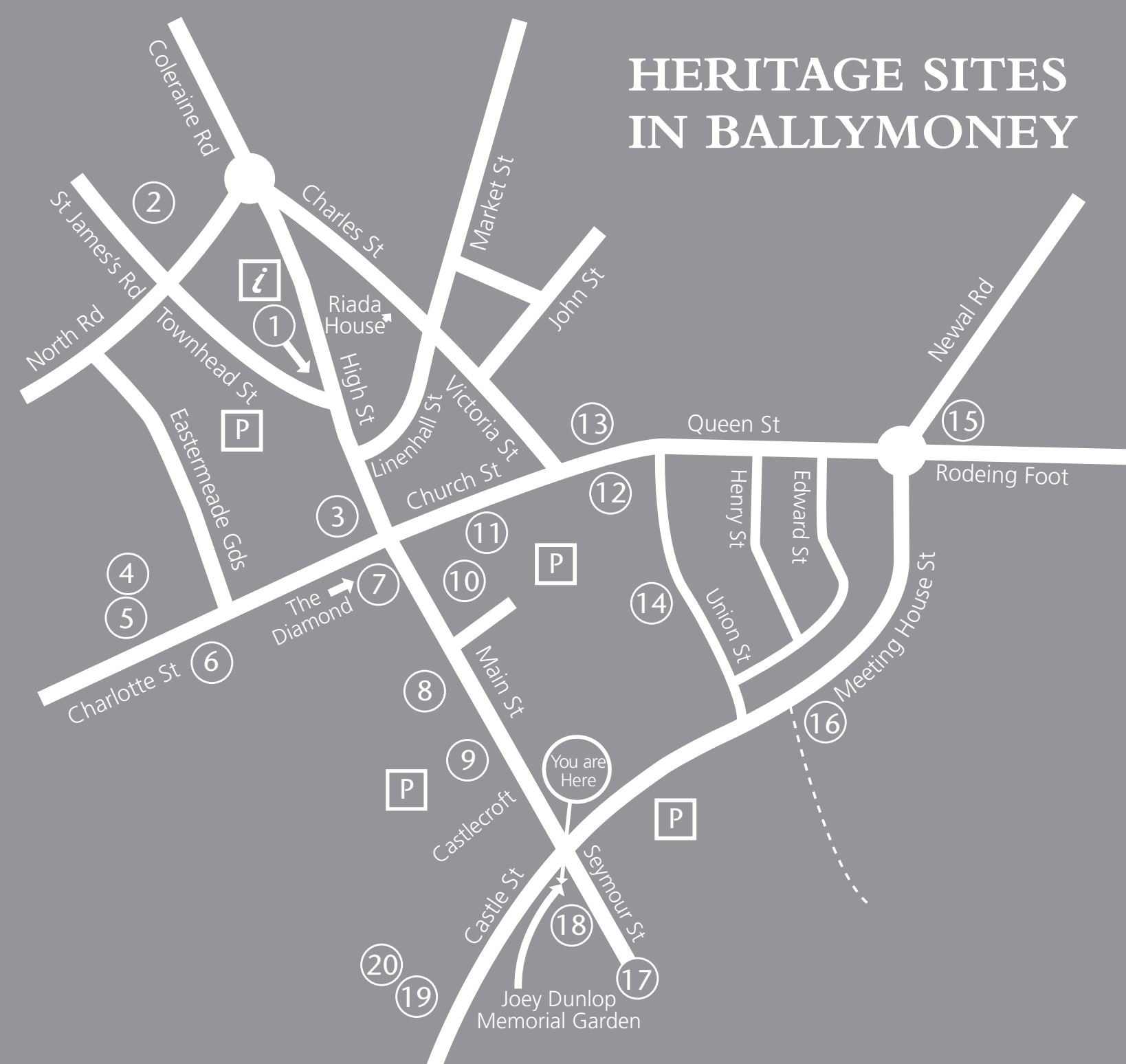
Joey Dunlop was born near Ballymoney on 25 February 1952. He began racing motorcycles at the age of 17 at the Maghaberry circuit in Co. Armagh. Soon he was racing alongside his brother Jim and his close friends Mervyn Robinson and Frank Kennedy. Together they became known as the “Armoy Armada” and were popular favourites at all the local races.

Joey proved himself to be a determined and skilful rider. At the peak of his sporting career he dominated motorcycle racing across the world. When not on his bike he was working tirelessly for charities, both here and abroad. In recognition of all his achievements, Joey was honoured by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II with an MBE and subsequently an OBE.

His home town also acknowledged his significant achievements making

him an Honorary Freeman of the Borough in September 1993.

In July 2000, shortly after winning a record 26th race at the Isle of Man TT, Joey was killed in a tragic accident while racing in Estonia. Joey Dunlop, “The King of the Roads”, was one of the most remarkable men of his generation. This garden commemorates his life and we ask that visitors pay their respects with dignity.



## HERITAGE SITES IN BALLYMONEY

### Key

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| 1 Ballymoney Town Hall  | 11 The Old Bank House                   |
| 2 St James's Presbyterian Church  | 12 Old Church Tower                     |
| 3 Belfast Bank Building   | 13 St. Patrick's Parish Church          |
| 4 Ballymoney Reformed Presbyterian Church   | 14 Birthplace of comedian James Young   |
| 5 Old Court House   | 15 Trinity Presbyterian Church          |
| 6 Charlotte Street  | 16 Ballymoney First Presbyterian Church |
| 7 Masonic Hall & Town Clock   | 17 Ballymoney Railway Station           |
| 8 Home of 1798 Rebellion Magistrate George 'Bloody' Hutchinson                                | 18 Ballymoney Methodist Church          |
| 9 Home of renowned playwright George Shiels   | 19 Kirgan Monument                      |
| 10 Samuel Robinson, founder of the Robinson Memorial Hospital, served his apprenticeship here | 20 Church of Our Lady & St. Patrick     |

For more information on the history of Ballymoney, please visit the Tourist Information Centre & Museum in Ballymoney Town Hall.



View of Church Street, c.1910

The town of Ballymoney began to grow rapidly four centuries ago. Many settlers arrived from Scotland and others were attracted here by the thriving agricultural markets and the prospect of work. The modern town still reflects the layout found on early maps, with the busy thoroughfare of Main Street connected to Church Street, Pyper Row (now Charlotte Street), Castle Street and Meeting House Lane. The oldest surviving building in the town is the Old Church Tower which has been standing since 1637.