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CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME



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In line with the Government decision to reduce the size of the Heritage Council Board from 16 to 11, 2013 saw us lose five Council Members who will not be replaced. Those Members, Grainne Shaffrey, Helen O'Carroll, Kealin Ireland, Ian Lumley and Henry Lyons gave freely and unstintingly of their time and expertise. I thank them for all their work on behalf of Council. Council is less well equipped for the future without their considered input.

The perennial cuts in budget and failure to secure sanction to replace posts that are within our Employment Control Framework continues to diminish our capacity to maintain even existing levels of service, never mind undertake essential development work. Up until now the members and staff of the Council have been very adept at papering over the cracks in terms of capacity, but as demands from communities of heritage interest for the type of service provided by Council continue to increase, it is increasingly frustrating to hold such demands at bay. The strains are really becoming apparent and need to be addressed sooner rather than later.

In looking to the immediate future we need to be ambitious not just on behalf of the Heritage Council, but for the heritage sector as a whole. My commitment is to do just that in partnership with all interested parties during 2014.

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Conor Newman
Chairman





CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT 2013

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This has been an exceptionally difficult year. We continue to lose resources in terms of funding, staff and Council members and yet seem to find the wherewithal and innovation to keep the show on the road. My first task is to thank all the Council members and our partners who continue unselfishly to put their shoulders to the ever spinning wheels. My second duty is to thank the Heritage Council staff who, against all odds, continue to provide an open and accessible public service to the extent that our capacity allows.

I must pay tribute too and thank the many communities, networks, individuals and agencies that work with us for their continued support, and indeed understanding.

2013 saw us gain international and national recognition for a number of aspects of our work. Such recognition in such straightened circumstances is all the more significant as it gives encouragement to continue along a very particular and valuable path. It is also surely a catalyst for support to be increased to allow us to continue developing this work and not just maintaining what we do at present.

We have successfully in this year reintroduced one of our grant's programmes that had to be suspended due to lack of funding, we have added to our list of best practice guidance and influenced national policy through substantive submissions on the new Rural Development Plan (RDP) and the development of Renewable Energy in Ireland. Those essential aspects of heritage infrastructure that have been carefully and assiduously built over a period of years have continued to deliver significant parts of our programmes, and despite the strains and stress of the cuts we have had to impose on them, they remain ready and primed to benefit from what surely must be better times ahead.

Reflecting on our achievements in 2013, we can look forward to 2014 with much credibility intact and perhaps even a spring in our step!

”

Michael Starrett

Michael Starrett
Chief Executive



ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT 2013

ACA	Architectural Conservation Area.
CDPs	County Development Plans.
CHPs	County/City Heritage Plans.
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.
DoAFM	Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine.
DoAHG	Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.
DoCENR	Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources.
DoECLG	Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government.
DTTAS	Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport.
EHL	European Heritage Label.
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment – the process.
EIS	Environmental Impact Assessment – the output.
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency.
EU JPI CH	European Union Joint Programme Initiative on Cultural Heritage.
FDI	Foreign Direct Investment.
HTI	Historic Towns Initiative.
IBM	International Business Machines.
ICOMOS	International Council on Monuments and Sites.
ICRI	Institute of Conservators-Restorers in Ireland.
INSTAR	Irish National Strategic Archaeological Research Programme.
LAHOP	Local Authority Heritage Officers Programme.
LCA	Landscape Character Assessment.
MSPI	Museums Standard Programme for Ireland.
NIA	Northern Ireland Assembly.
NIAH	National Inventory of Architectural Heritage.
NLS	National Landscape Strategy.
NPWS	National Parks and Wildlife Service.
NSDS	National Spatial Data Strategy.
OPW	Office of Public Works.
RPS	Record of Protected Structures.
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment.
SEAI	Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland.
SMEs	Small and Medium Enterprises: Small Enterprises defined as 0<50 employees and has either an annual turn-over/balance sheet total not exceeding €10m. Medium Enterprises defined as 50-249 employees and has either an annual turnover not exceeding €50m or an annual balance sheet total not exceeding €43m.
VAS	Visitor Attitude Surveys produced annually by Fáilte Ireland.



HERITAGE COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS AND STAFF 2013



Council Board Members

1.	Mr. Conor Newman (Chairman)
2.	Dr. Ciara Breathnach
3.	Prof. Gabriel Cooney
4.	Mr. Ted Creedon
5.	Dr. Brendan Dunford (M)
6.	Dr. Caro-lynn Ferris
7.	Ms. Catherine Heaney (M)
8.	Ms. Kealin Ireland (Term ended June 2013)
9.	Ms. Mary Keenan
10.	Mr. Ian Lumley (Term ended June 2013)
11.	Dr. Henry Lyons (Term ended June 2013)
12.	Ms. Fidelma Mullane
13.	Ms. Helen O'Carroll (Term ended June 2013)
14.	Dr. Kieran O'Connor
15.	Mr. Michael Parsons (M)
16.	Ms. Gráinne Shaffrey (Term ended June 2013)

(M) - Missing from photograph

Staff

1.	Michael Starrett (Chief Executive)
2.	Anne Barcoe
3.	Gerard Croke
4.	Ian Doyle
5.	Paula Drohan (M)
6.	Alison Harvey
7.	Beatrice Kelly
8.	Martina Malone (M)
9.	Anna Meenan
10.	Colm Murray
11.	Cliona O'Brien (until July 2013)
12.	Amanda Ryan
13.	Christena Ryan
14.	Isabell Smyth
15.	Liam Scott

Project Consultants

1.	Lesley-Ann Hayden
2.	Liam Mannix
3.	Eimear O'Connell

Work Experience

1.	Jane Coe (M)
2.	Julieanne Morgan (M)

Graduate Interns

1.	Kate Moloney (M)
2.	Geni Murphy (M)



THE HERITAGE COUNCIL – 2013 IN FIGURES



14

STAFF AND
3 PROJECT
CONSULTANTS



11

BOARD MEMBERS



3

INTERNATIONAL &
NATIONAL AWARDS
RECEIVED



28

LOCAL AUTHORITY
HERITAGE OFFICERS
AROUND THE COUNTRY



12

POLICY ADVICE
SUBMISSIONS TO
NATIONAL AND LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

INVESTED IN 2013

€2.1M

INVESTED IN NATIONAL GRANT
PROGRAMMES IN 2013

€1.91M

INVESTED IN HERITAGE
INFRASTRUCTURE
IN IRELAND, E.G.
BURRENBEO.

€416,595

INVESTED BY THE HERITAGE
COUNCIL THROUGH THE
LOCAL AUTHORITY HERITAGE
OFFICERS PROGRAMME

63

LOCAL AUTHORITY
HERITAGE PROJECTS
UNDERTAKEN
WITH LOCAL
COMMUNITIES

HERITAGE IN SCHOOLS

€158,531

INVESTED IN HERITAGE IN SCHOOLS SCHEME

20%

INCREASE IN VISITS TO
SCHOOLS BY HERITAGE
EXPERTS COMPARED
TO 2012

74,941

PUPILS AND 756
SCHOOLS TOOK PART

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK 2013

387,026

PEOPLE TOOK PART IN
NATIONAL HERITAGE
WEEK 2013

25%

INCREASE IN PEOPLE
TAKING PART
COMPARED TO 2012

20%

OF ORGANISERS
IN 2013 WERE
TAKING PART
FOR THE FIRST TIME

98%

OF PEOPLE WOULD
RECOMMEND
NATIONAL HERITAGE
WEEK EVENTS TO A
FRIEND

HERITAGE WEEK CREATES

10,000

BED NIGHTS NATIONWIDE,
WORTH **€1.4M** TO LOCAL
ECONOMIES.

FACEBOOK ACTIVITY

147%

INCREASE IN FACEBOOK ACTIVITY
DURING 2013

77%

OF OUR FACEBOOK
ACTIVITY IS IN
IRELAND.

18%

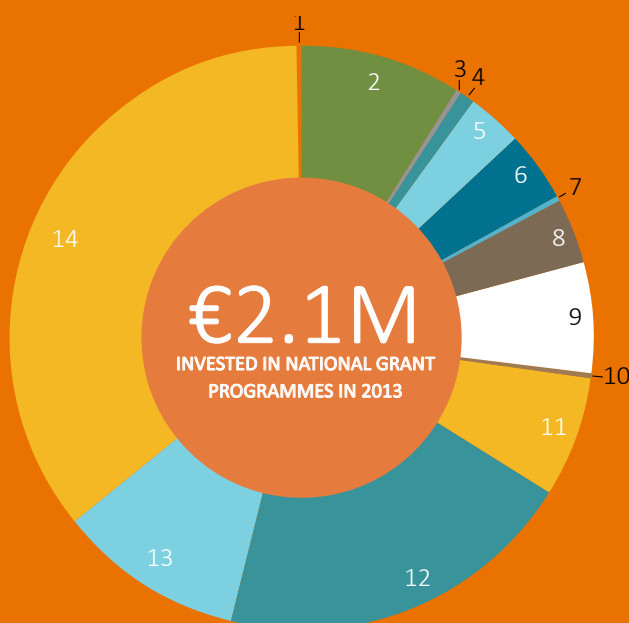
OF ACTIVITY IS FROM THE
UNITED STATES AND THE
UNITED KINGDOM.

5%

OF OUR FACEBOOK
ACTIVITY IS IN CANADA,
SPAIN, AUSTRALIA, FRANCE,
GERMANY, ITALY AND
PORTUGAL.

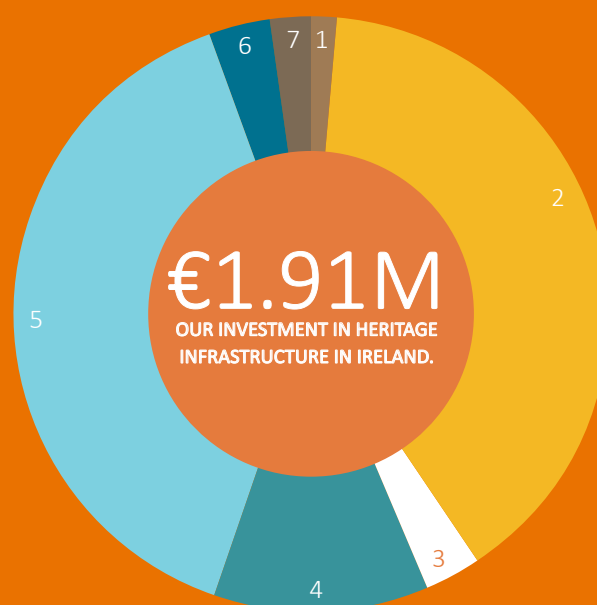


SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL HERITAGE GRANT PROGRAMMES



	€
1 Buildings at Risk	5,000
2 Irish Walled Towns Network	187,145
3 Research Grants	2,000
4 Education Grants	21,145
5 Management & Conservation Grants	61,491
6 Conservation Led Plan Grants	84,105
7 Museum Standards Programme of Ireland Commemoration Conservation Grants	5,598
8 Landscape Policy Grants	75,290
9 Valuing Heritage Policy Grants	130,787
10 Material Culture Policy Grants	5,000
11 Infrastructure Grants	140,000
12 County Heritage Plan Grants	416,595
13 Irish Landmark Trust Ltd.	220,000
14 Discovery Programme Ltd.	750,000
TOTAL	2,104,156

SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL AND REGIONAL HERITAGE INFRASTRUCTURE IN IRELAND – ALLOCATION OF FUNDS



Heritage Infrastructure	Heritage Element	Location/Base	HC Funding in 2013 (€)
1. Burrenbeo Trust	Cultural Landscapes and Biodiversity	Kinvara, Galway	29,145
2. Discovery Programme	Archaeology	Dublin	750,000
3. Ireland Reaching Out	Genealogy	Loughrea, Co. Galway	59,099
4. Irish Landmark Trust	Built Heritage	Dublin	220,000
5. National Biodiversity Data Centre	Biodiversity	Waterford	749,318
6. Wicklow Uplands Council	Cultural Landscapes	Roundwood, Co. Wicklow	65,000
7. Woodlands of Ireland	Native Woodland Species	Murrough, Co. Wicklow	40,000
TOTAL			1,912, 562



1 BACKGROUND TO HERITAGE & THE HERITAGE COUNCIL – STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES, RESOURCES AND SUSTAINABILITY

Valuing Ireland's Heritage – A 'National Asset'

Ireland's world-renowned National Heritage i.e. built, cultural, and natural heritage, has an intrinsic socio-economic, environmental and cultural value within Irish society and the Irish diaspora worldwide. Our National Heritage is what we inherit, but more specifically heritage is what we retain of this inheritance¹. Effective and innovative on-going management of our national heritage strengthens and enhances:

- **Socio-economic, scientific and cultural growth, innovation and development;**
- **Social, cultural and building capital;**
- **Natural capital ecosystems and green infrastructure (GI); and**
- **Tourism activity² i.e. from both domestic and overseas markets.**

Critically, valuing and promoting our national heritage helps to create vibrant communities and distinctive places, transforms lives, contributes to our overall quality of life, health and well-being and unique sense of belonging and sense of place. In addition, Heritage can play a key role in urban and rural revitalisation and community renewal, as well as the development of heritage and cultural tourism opportunities and the enhancement of a village, town or city's public image.

The Heritage Act 1995 – Role of the Heritage Council - An Chomhairle Oidhreacht

The Heritage Council - An Chomhairle Oidhreacht - is a national public organisation and statutory 'prescribed body'³ based in the former Bishop's Palace in the heart of medieval Kilkenny City. The council was established by the Irish Government under the *Heritage Act 1995* in order to⁴:

- *Propose policies and priorities for the identification, protection, preservation and enhancement of the national heritage;*
- *Promote interest, education, knowledge and pride in, and facilitate the appreciation and enjoyment of the national heritage;*
- *Cooperate with other bodies in the promotion of its functions; and*
- *Promote the coordination of all activities relating to its functions.*

Ireland's National Heritage is defined in the *Heritage Act 1995*, as including:

'monuments, landscapes, archaeological objects, seascapes, heritage objects, wrecks, architectural heritage, geology, flora, heritage gardens and parks, fauna, inland waterways, and wildlife habitats.'

Heritage Council Strategic Plan 2012-2016



Since its inception almost twenty years ago, the Heritage Council has played a leading role in imagining, supporting and creating an innovative and participative heritage management system and infrastructure in Ireland.

Community engagement/participation and development is at the very heart of all the Heritage Council's operations and programmes. Through innovative partnerships in the community, the Heritage Council ensures that socio-economic empowerment and opportunity is linked to Ireland's unique built, cultural and natural heritage and environment. Although a very small organisation in terms of resources (i.e. staff and funding), it is the Heritage Council's Vision *'that the value of our national heritage is enjoyed, managed and protected due to the significant contribution it makes to our sense of identity, quality of life, and future well-being'*.



WHAT IS IRELAND'S NATIONAL HERITAGE?

Ireland's rich and varied National Heritage is made up of what is known as built, cultural and natural heritage - in other words – historic landscapes and seascapes (both urban and rural); unique habitats including rivers and loughs, plants and animal species native to Ireland; and museum collections, archives and historical papers, artefacts and objects.

Heritage also includes tangible heritage, i.e. something that you can touch and see, for example a medieval town wall, market square or historic village green, and intangible heritage i.e. a process or skill, including folklore/mythology, storytelling and traditional skills such as thatching, stonework and the making of musical instruments. Our National Heritage is an invaluable and finite resource which generates wide-reaching economic, social and community benefits both at home and abroad.



DID YOU KNOW?

Ireland's unique national heritage:

- Contributes significantly to sustainable economic recovery, growth and innovation;
- Creates distinctive environments that are vibrant places where people want to live, work and visit;
- Acts as a focus for community development and voluntary activity thereby strengthening social capital, social cohesion and a collective sense of belonging;
- Constitutes an invaluable educational and research tool for lifelong learning by all age groups e.g. Heritage in Schools in 2013;
- Plays a fundamental role as a key visitor attraction promoting 'Ireland Inc.' overseas in existing and developing tourist markets, e.g. in 2012 most overseas visitors stated that the opportunity to enjoy beautiful scenery and engage with friendly and hospitable people were the most important factors when considering Ireland for a holiday;
- Supports and attracts inward investment (both public and private) e.g. research by the IBM Institute has shown that Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is attracted to quality environments and places.

Strategic Objectives (4 No.)

Under the current Heritage Council Strategic Plan 2012-2016⁵, the Heritage Council has four key strategic objectives, as follows:

- 1. Supporting employment and job creation;**
- 2. Supporting education and awareness;**
- 3. Supporting heritage-based tourism; and**
- 4. Supporting modern frameworks and mechanisms.**

In pursuit of its overall Objectives (4 no.), the Heritage Council is also committed to working in close partnership with international bodies, all levels of government in Ireland – north and south, local communities, the private sector – particularly SMEs and micro-enterprises⁶, and heritage-based NGOs, to enhance and promote Ireland's world-renowned national heritage for the benefit of existing and future generations of Irish citizens living in Ireland and further afield, and also for the benefit of visitors to the island of Ireland. The Heritage Council complements and, importantly, builds on the work of other state heritage bodies that have primary responsibility for the care of sites and property in state ownership and for the designation and sustainable management of protected areas. Through collaborative partnerships and shared stewardship, the Heritage Council ensures that socio-economic and cultural activities, and opportunities are linked to our national heritage.

Heritage Council Board

The current Membership of the Heritage Council is listed at the start of the annual report. The Heritage Council Board met formally in Kilkenny on six occasions during 2013, as follows:

- 1. February 7th 2013**
- 2. April 18th 2013**
- 3. June 6th 2013 (Durrow, Co. Laois)**
- 4. July 25th 2013**
- 5. October 3rd 2013**
- 6. December 6th 2013**

As a result of the Government's Review of the Heritage Council in 2012, the Heritage Council Board was reduced from 16 to 11 members in 2013⁷ – legislation to put this change on a statutory footing will be introduced in 2014. A further change, as a result of the government review, was that the Heritage Council's Standing Committees closed down. The decision by national government to reduce the size of the board coincided with the appointment term ending for five board members. Their overall service contribution to the Heritage Council Board is shown in the table below.

What does your national heritage mean to you?
- let us know -
by visiting our Facebook page, Tweeting us on Twitter, taking part in National Heritage Week, or by getting involved in a Heritage Group in your local neighbourhood.



Name of Board Member	Location	Period of Service	Length of Service
1. Keelin Ireland	Leitrim	23 July 2008 - 23 July 2013	5 years
2. Ian Lumley	Dublin	23 July 2008 - 23 July 2013	5 years
3. Henry Lyons	Kerry	23 July 2008 - 23 July 2013	5 years
4. Helen O'Carroll	Kerry	23 March 2010 – 23 June 2013	3 years
5. Grainne Shaffrey	Dublin	23 July 2008 - 23 July 2013	5 years
TOTAL			23 years

Heritage Council - Number of Board Members in 2013 compared to 2012



As a result of the review, these board members were not replaced. Feedback from departing Heritage Council Board Members is set out below:

Keelin Ireland

"Serving on the Heritage Council was a privilege and an eye opener. The period that I spent on the Council mirrored the time of the deepest recession Ireland has ever experienced. Despite these challenging circumstances and dramatically-reduced investment, the Council still managed to punch above its weight and continue its important work. This is attributable to the skills and commitment of the Board members and Michael's unstinting focus and determination. The Heritage Council deserves every credit."

Henry Lyons

"Membership of Council for five years was a most rewarding experience. It was a privilege to have a role in developing policies and initiatives relevant to the Heritage sector in Ireland. Although my term coincided with the worst economic depression in living memory, the Heritage Council managed to maintain its core activities during that period and succeeded in creating additional sustainable employment in various locations throughout the island."

Helen O'Carroll

"Working in the heritage sector it can be very easy to stay within your own little bubble and see heritage from one perspective only. Serving on the Heritage Council was a wonderful opportunity to broaden that perspective. It gave me a great insight into how heritage all fits together and how a coordinated approach to heritage can give a strong voice to the sector."

Grainne Shaffrey

"It has been a privilege to be part of the Heritage Council for the last five years and, over this time, my understanding and respect for what Council does has grown enormously. This includes the diversity of heritage which is considered, the depth of thinking and level of commitment given to what it takes on, and the general manner in which Council's business is carried out."



Board Members and Staff visit the Rock of Dunamase (Dun Masc) with Laois Heritage Officer Catherine Casey and Dominic Reddin, Tourism Officer, Laois County Council, June 2013.



DID YOU KNOW?

Between 2008 and 2013, the Heritage Council's annual budget was reduced from €21,615,073 to €6,096,000 – a staggering reduction of 72%.

This reduction has had an enormous impact on the Council's ability to plan and deliver much-needed community, education, heritage-related tourism, and physical programmes and initiatives.



Heritage Council – Staff and Staff Training in 2013

Staff (14 no., as of end of 2013)

In accordance with the provisions of existing and proposed national heritage legislation, the Heritage Council started 2013 with a very small team consisting of 15 full time employees. This includes administrators, technical staff, a financial officer, and a Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The Heritage Council also had a number of graduate interns throughout 2013, who were appointed through the JobBridge Scheme⁸.

The Heritage Council lost a second permanent team member in mid-2013 (i.e. ended the year with 14 full time employees). The Heritage Council's Wildlife Officer Ms Cliona O'Brien, who had been with the Council for six years, took up the post of Head of Ecological Assessment at the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), based in Ely Place, Dublin, in July 2013. The Wildlife Officer has not been replaced due to the on-going freeze on public sector appointments, which has been in place since 2008.

It should also be highlighted that the post of the Heritage Council's Museums Officer, formerly filled by Dr Hugh Maguire, has also remained unfilled since the officer's departure in 2009 - again due to the recruitment freeze.

These core staff reductions, coupled with the substantial reduction in the annual budget, as noted above during 2008-2013, have had an enormous knock-on effect on policy formulation, programmes, and initiatives aimed at the promotion, conservation, and protection of Ireland's built, cultural and natural heritage.

Project Consultants (3 no., as of end of 2013)

Due to its diminished budget and staff numbers, the Heritage Council has appointed three consultants who project manage the following heritage programmes and initiatives:

1. All-Island Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN) – established by the Heritage Council in April 2005;

2. All-Island Museum Standards Programme for Ireland (MSPI) – established by the Heritage Council in 2006; and
3. EU Joint Programme Initiative on Cultural Heritage (JPI CH) – established by the EU in 2010- co-ordination action was set up in 2011.



irishwalledtownsnetwork.ie



www.jpi-culturalheritage.eu

Staff Training in 2013 – Investing in People

The Heritage Council is committed to continuing professional development (CPD) for all staff and to protecting and enhancing staff welfare on a day-to-day basis. Internal and external staff training undertaken in 2013 focused on a wide range of topics, as follows:

- Appropriate Assessment (AA) and National Biodiversity Policy;
- First Aid;
- Information Technology (IT);
- Landscape management;
- Planning law;
- Renewable energy; and
- Urban planning and regeneration.

Sustainability - 'Dual Use' of Heritage Council HQ Building and Overview of Energy Usage in 2013

'Dual Use' of HQ Building

The Heritage Council's national headquarters – *Áras Na hOidhreachta* (formerly the Church of Ireland Bishop's Palace) is a national landmark building and protected structure⁹ on an elevated historic site in Kilkenny City Centre within the medieval Cathedral Quarter. The HQ building plays an important role in the daily life of Kilkenny City and is available for use throughout the year by the local community and public bodies as a venue for meetings and events, both during the day and in the evening.



A list of organisations that used the Heritage Council facilities in 2013 include (in alphabetical order):

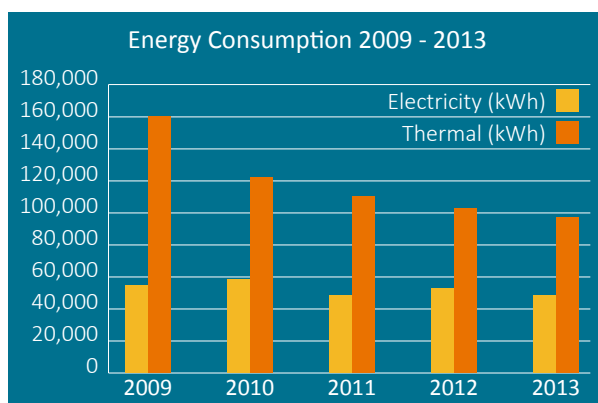
- Allegro Community Orchestra;
- Barnstorm Theatre;
- HSE Health Promotion Department;
- Kilkenny Arts Festival;
- Kilkenny Scouts;
- LEADER Groups;
- Mountaineering Ireland;
- The Butler Gallery; and
- RCB Bishop of Cashel & Ossary, the Right Reverend Michael Burrows.

HQ Building - Overview of Energy Usage in 2013

The Heritage Council's headquarters are housed in the former Bishop's Palace, a period building whose earliest form dates from the 14th century. The restoration of the building during 2007 took great care in preserving and protecting as much of the original fabric of the building as possible. It is difficult to introduce modern energy conscious materials to a building of this kind whilst protecting its history. In 2013, The Heritage Council consumed 144.91 MWh of energy, consisting of **49.55 MWh of electricity and 95.36 MWh of fossil fuels**.

Heritage Council Building - Energy Actions Undertaken in 2013

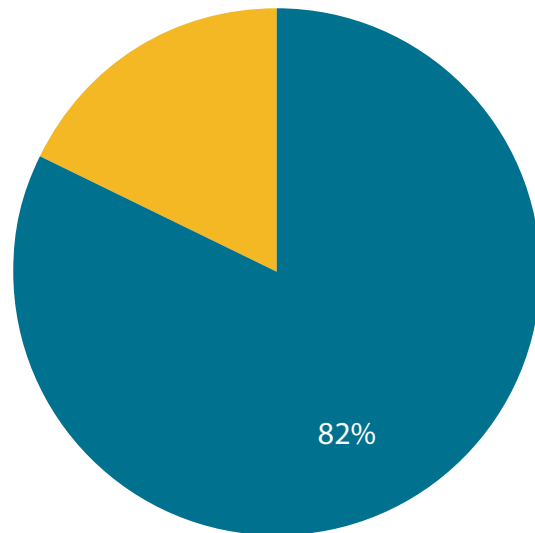
In 2013, the Heritage Council undertook actions to improve energy performance including replacing all 250w bulbs in existing light fittings with 100w bulbs which resulted in 2.34 MWh of annual savings. A summary of HQ's energy usage during the 2009-2013 period is illustrated below.



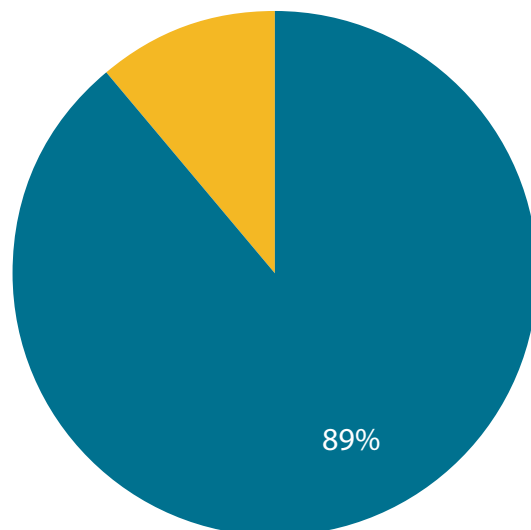
In 2014, the Heritage Council intends to further improve energy performance by carrying out a full energy audit on the HQ building and commencing an energy awareness programme with staff, which will save 10MWh annually.

Sustainable Travel - Heritage Council Travel to Work Area (TTWA) and Mode of Travel

The Heritage Council has a travel to work area (TTWA) which includes County Wicklow and County Carlow in the east, Wexford Town in the south east, and Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, in the south.



- 82 % of the Heritage Council Team (14 out of 17 staff members and project consultants) walk, cycle, or get a lift to work either all year or during part of the year;



- 89% of the Heritage Council Team (8 out of 9 staff members and project consultants) who live in Kilkenny City walk, cycle or get a lift to work.

The number of overall Heritage Council staff cycling to work has increased substantially in recent years due to the *Cycle to Work Scheme*, which was introduced by the Irish Government in 2009.





2013 AT A GLANCE

JANUARY

- ▶ Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht sets up 'Pilot' Historic Towns Initiative (HTI) in partnership with the Heritage Council and Fáilte Ireland. Listowel, Westport, and Youghal chosen as 'pilots'.
- ▶ Carlow County Museum & Kerry Writers Museum, Listowel, join the all-island Museum Standards Programme Ireland (MSPI) Programme.
- ▶ Local Authority County/City Heritage Plan funding assessments for 2013.
- ▶ Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) in Ireland: Best Practice Guidance published.
- ▶ Work commences on policy submission to the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine in relation to the EU Rural Development Programme.
- ▶ Council adopts National Principles for Open Access Policy Statement.

FEBRUARY

- ▶ CITES meetings in Brussels and Bangkok, Thailand.
- ▶ Industrial Heritage Association of Ireland Ltd. Awards – Heritage Council conferred with Outstanding Leadership Award.
- ▶ Heritage Council Board Meeting – formal approval of grants for 2013.
- ▶ Heritage Week 2012 Awards take place in the Heritage Council HQ in Kilkenny.
- ▶ MSPI Orientation in Kilkenny for New Members/Museums.
- ▶ MSPI Workshop in the Chester Beatty Library, Dublin Castle – 'Writing Education Policies'.

MARCH

- ▶ CITES meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.
- ▶ Policy submission to the County Offaly Development Plan 2014-2020.
- ▶ Greater Horseshoe Bat species discovered in Ireland as a result of survey work for the Traditional Farm Building Grants Scheme.
- ▶ Local Authority Heritage Officers Training, Tullamore - stress management, function Change, and Heritage Viewer.
- ▶ Irish Walled Towns Annual General Meeting/AGM takes place in Dublin.
- ▶ Irish Walled Towns Network launches stand-alone website in the Custom House, Dublin.
- ▶ MSPI Advisory Group Meeting at Dublin Civic Trust.

APRIL

- ▶ Assessment of IWTN 2013 Grant Applications.
- ▶ Joint Programme Initiative on Cultural Heritage meeting in the Netherlands.
- ▶ Policy submission to the South Tipperary County Development Plan 2014.
- ▶ Meeting with 3rd Level institutes (north and south) to establish Landscape Character Assessment courses in Ireland¹⁰.
- ▶ MSPI Workshop: Focus on Caring for Furniture and Paper Based Objects with Institute of Conservators-Restorers in Ireland.
- ▶ Response to Moore Street 1916 Houses, Dublin City Centre, requested by the Minister for Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

MAY

- ▶ Taoiseach Enda Kenny T.D. launches Beara-Breifne Way Heritage Stamps and Walking Passport (Cork-Cavan) in partnership with the National Trails Office.
- ▶ Policy submission in relation to the County Kerry Development Plan 2015-2021.
- ▶ Heritage Council involved in NPWS Biodiversity Conference in Louth.
- ▶ MSPI Meeting in Kilkenny: Applying for Accreditation in 2013 and presentation on strategy, planning and policies.
- ▶ IWTN Training on new stand-alone IWTN website and genealogy tourism.

JUNE

- ▶ Heritage Council Board reduced by 5 Members.
- ▶ Annual Report 2012 submitted to Minister of AHG.
- ▶ Heritage Officers Training in Drogheda - Communications & Biodiversity Action Plans.
- ▶ Work continues on policy submission for new EU Rural Development Programme (RDP).
- ▶ Submission on conservation courses at the proposed technical university for the South East.
- ▶ MSPI: Applications for 1st Assessment.
- ▶ IWTN receives EU Europa Nostra/Cultural Heritage Award in Athens, Greece.





2013 AT A GLANCE

JULY

- ▶ MSPI Awards Ceremony at the Irish Architectural Archive, Dublin: presentation of Certificates to 2012 applicants made by the Director of The National Gallery of Ireland.
- ▶ Visit from Historic Scotland personnel to Heritage Council HQ in Kilkenny.

SEPTEMBER

- ▶ Heritage Council Briefing Day in Buswells Hotel, Dublin for members of the Oireachtas.
- ▶ Call for Funding Applications for the Traditional Farm Building Grant Scheme (TFBGS) for 2014.
- ▶ National Tidy Towns Heritage Award 2013 – sponsored by the Heritage Council – won by St John's Parish Heritage Group, Rindoon.
- ▶ Heritage Council stand at National Ploughing Championship in Laois in partnership with the Department of Arts, Heritage, and the Gaeltacht.
- ▶ MSPI Workshop in Kilkenny: Financial Planning; Writing a Strategic Plan.
- ▶ MSPI: 1st Assessment site-visits.
- ▶ MSPI: Applications for Accreditation.

NOVEMBER

- ▶ Policy Report- Planning in Harmony with Heritage submitted to the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources re. Renewable Energy Export Policy and Development Framework (with a spatial dimension) and DoECLG re. review of Section 28 Wind Energy Guidelines (2006).
- ▶ Traditional Farm Buildings Course delivered in Offaly in partnership with Teagasc (approx. 40 people attended).
- ▶ MSPI Advisory Group Meeting in Dublin.
- ▶ MSPI: Accreditation site-visits.
- ▶ Detailed submission to Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine on Food Harvest 2020 Environmental Assessment.
- ▶ Heritage Maps (GIS) goes Live!
- ▶ Detailed submission on EU ERDF Structural Funds to Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.
- ▶ IWTN-sponsored Town Wall conservation work completed in five historic walled towns.

AUGUST

- ▶ National Heritage Week 2013 – 17th-25th August – 'Discover the Past. Build the Future'.
- ▶ 1,715 events held as part of National Heritage Week 2013, many for the first time.
- ▶ 387,026 people take part in National Heritage Week in 2013.
- ▶ Public Tours of the Heritage Council HQ in Kilkenny as part of Heritage Week 2013.
- ▶ IWTN Walled Towns Day attracts over 43,200 people - the highest number ever!
- ▶ Detailed submission on proposed development on Lambay Island, Co. Dublin.

OCTOBER

- ▶ Heritage Council delivers conference paper on its Traditional Farm Buildings Programme at the CIAV ICOMOS Conference, Portugal.
- ▶ Local Authority Heritage Officers Training in Clonmel – World Heritage Sites, Tourism Policy Review and Green Infrastructure (GI).
- ▶ European Walled Towns Symposium held in Derry in conjunction with the IWTN.
- ▶ Publication of the Heritage Council's detailed policy recommendations and research reports (Vols 1 & 2) entitled – The Onshore Wind Farm Sector in Ireland – Planning in Harmony with Heritage.
- ▶ MSPI Workshop in Kilkenny – Digital Marketing in partnership with Fáilte Ireland.
- ▶ Heritage Council chairs Irish Georgian Society's Westport House Study Day.
- ▶ IWTN Conference on meanwhile uses.

DECEMBER

- ▶ National 'Pilot' for Community-led Village Design Statements – Julianstown, Co. Meath takes part in the International Liveable Communities Award Finals, Xiamen, China.
- ▶ Local Authority Heritage Officers Training in Kilkenny: Heritage Viewer, Heritage in Schools Programme, Interpretation Plans/ IWTN.
- ▶ Detailed submission on archaeological practice on Bord na Móna bogs.
- ▶ MSPI: Drogheda Museum Millmount – Introduction to Caring for Collections.
- ▶ IWTN workshop on pop-up museum and/or exhibition.
- ▶ Detailed submission to the Northern Ireland Assembly's Environment Committee Inquiry into Wind Energy.



2 OUR PERFORMANCE IN 2013 - INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL AWARDS RECEIVED BY THE HERITAGE COUNCIL

The Heritage Council was conferred with the following international and national awards in 2013:

1. **Industrial Heritage Association of Ireland (IHAI) Ltd. Annual Awards, February 2013;**
2. **European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage/ EU Europa Nostra Awards, Greece, June 2013; and**
3. **International Liveable Communities Awards, Xiamen, China, December 2013.**

1. Industrial Heritage Association of Ireland (IHAI) Ltd. Annual Awards, February 2013

The ESB-sponsored Industrial Heritage Association of Ireland (IHAI) Annual Awards, were held in the ESB Headquarters in Dublin on the evening of the 13th February 2013 – Mr Naoise Ó Muiri, Dublin Lord Mayor, was guest of honour. The IHAI conferred the Heritage Council with the Award for Outstanding Leadership in recognition of “the outstanding

leadership of The Heritage Council and its network of County and City Heritage Officers in promoting awareness and positive action in the conservation of Ireland’s industrial heritage”. The Heritage Council’s CEO Michael Starrett and Board Member Grainne Shaffrey represented the Heritage Council at the Awards in Dublin.



For further information on the Industrial Heritage Association of Ireland, please follow the link below:
www.ihai.ie

Photo L to R: Brid Horan (Executive Director Services & Electric Ireland), Mr Michael Starrett (Chief Executive, The Heritage Council) and Grainne Shaffrey (Heritage Council Board Member), and Lord Mayor of Dublin Naoise Ó Muiri.



2. European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / EU Europa Nostra Award, Greece, June 2013

In June 2013, the all-island Irish Walled Towns Network/IWTN's Education Programme received Europe's most prestigious heritage award - The European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage otherwise known as the Europa Nostra Award.



Winning the education, training and awareness-raising category, the IWTN programme combines training with research along three distinct strands, all of which complement and support the other. The jury's citation stated that Europa Nostra 'strongly recommends the initiative of the Irish Walled Towns Network as an example to other European Towns in how to organise their common interests in tourism, economic development, and the maintenance of their built heritage'.

The Heritage Council's Board Member Grainne Shaffrey and IWTN Project Manager Liam Mannix represented the Heritage Council at the Awards Ceremony.



Opening of the awards ceremony at the base of the Arcopolis.

For further information on the EU Europa Nostra Awards, please follow the link below:

www.europanostra.org

3. International Awards for Liveable Communities (LivCom), Xiamen, China, December 2013

Julianstown Village, Co. Meath, the chosen location for the Heritage Council's *National Community-led Village Design Statement (CLVDS) 'Pilot' Project*, which was set up in late 2009¹¹, was nominated by the All-Island Pride of Place organisation in July 2013 to represent Ireland at the International Awards for Liveable Communities (LivCom). The award finals, which involved over 100 groups participating from around the world, were held in Xiamen, China, during late November and early December 2013. The LivCom Award finals were streamed live from Xiamen on the internet.

The Julianstown Team designed two A0 exhibition boards and an exhibition stand, made a 30 minute group presentation (assisted by Powerpoint and a short film), and took part in a 30 minute questions and answer (Q&A) session in front of an international panel of judges. The LivCom International Judges awarded the Julianstown Group 'Silver' under Category A: Populations up to 20,000 People.



For further information on the International Awards for Liveable Communities, please follow the link below:

www.livcomawards.com

Photo L to R: Clare Burke, Jackie O'Shea, Niamh Bn. Ui Loinsigh (all Julianstown and District Community Association/ JDCA), and Alison Harvey, Heritage Council.
Photograph courtesy of Tom Dowling.



3 2013 KEY HIGHLIGHTS – POLICY ADVICE, PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

Despite budgetary and staff reductions in 2013, the Heritage Council continued to support, promote, and enhance Ireland's unique, world-renowned national heritage by focusing on its four key objectives of supporting employment and job creation, education and awareness, supporting heritage-based tourism, and modern frameworks and mechanisms. Information on key highlights in 2013 is provided below.

Objective No. 1 - Supporting Employment and Job Creation

The Heritage Council invested €2.1m in the Heritage Council National Grants Programme in 2013.

In 2013, the Heritage Council supported 63 heritage-related projects undertaken by Local Authority Heritage Officers in partnership with local stakeholders - these projects totalling €416,595 gave significant support to local economic and community development throughout the state.

Building on the successful inaugural colloquium in 2012, Council established a **Traditional Building Skills Working Group** in 2013 which seeks to revive and safeguard traditional building skills and competencies in Ireland.

Council continues to advocate for fiscal support for Ireland's unique built heritage. In 2013, Council completed a detailed **Assessment of Possible Fiscal Incentives in Relation to the Built Heritage in Ireland's Towns** - the report will be formally launched in early 2014.

Council also continued to invest in the enhancement and promotion of Ireland's historic medieval walled and fortified towns through the all-island Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN). During 2013, €187,145 was allocated to 31 walled town projects.

Approximately €700,000 was invested in the **REPS 4 Traditional Farm Buildings Grant Scheme in 2013** to ensure that traditional farm buildings, which play such a positive role in the scenery and landscape of our country, continue to be used to serve as cultural and economic assets for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

Objective No. 2 - Supporting Education and Awareness (Objective No. 2)

Council invested €158,531 in the Heritage in Schools Scheme (HIS) in 2013. Over 750 schools took part during February 2013-December 2013 and the scheme involved 74,941 pupils and 1,334 school visits by heritage experts – up from 1,108 visits in 2012 - a 20% increase.

Collaboration with **Third Level Institutes in the north and south** continued throughout 2013 with the Heritage Council working to progress the design & delivery of multi-disciplinary Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) and conservation courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, including the proposed Technical University for the south east.

In October, the all-island **Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN)** launched the Historic Towns Research Awards¹². The awards aim to reward student projects, encourage targeted research, create an arena where decision-makers in the public sector can engage with academics and students, and to bring relevant research to the attention of those tasked with managing and promoting Irish towns.

Through its continued involvement in the **EU Joint Programme Initiative (JPI) on Cultural Heritage** during 2013, the Heritage Council funded a research team at University College Dublin (UCD) to collaborate on a trans-national research project titled SHUC: A Sustainable Future for the Historic Urban Core.

The Heritage Council continued to support five **Conservation Internships** in The National Gallery of Ireland, The National Library of Ireland, Chester Beatty Library, Old Library, and Trinity College. Council also supported a partnership between the National Archives of Ireland and the Valuation Office.

Objective No. 3 - Supporting Heritage-based Tourism

National Heritage Week 2013 experienced an overall increase in activities for the seventh year in a row despite a reduced budget. In total, 1,715 events took place - up from 1,588 events in 2012 – an 8% increase. Interestingly 20% of event organisers in 2013 were taking part for the first time. Attendance was up 25% in 2013 from 2012 - 387,026 people took part in Heritage Week 2013. Heritage Week 2013 supported the global event - The Gathering Ireland.





Collaboration on the management and promotion of historic towns for the benefit of both locals and visitors continued in 2013 with all three of the **Historic Towns Initiative's** pilot projects in Listowel, Westport and Youghal preparing HTI Action Plans. The HTI is a partnership between the Heritage Council, the Department of the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, and Fáilte Ireland.

Irish Walled Towns Days festivals and celebrations across the island in 2013 were the largest yet with 43,200 people taking part. Six training workshops and seminars were held on genealogy tourism, meanwhile/pop up uses, and urban regeneration – 200+ people attended IWTN training events in 2013. The IWTN was awarded the EU Europa Nostra Award in Greece in June 2013.

Museums Standards Programme of Ireland (MSPI) saw two new museums, Carlow County Museum and Kerry Writers Museum, Listowel, join MSPI in 2013; bringing the total number of participating museums on the island of Ireland to 54 by the end of 2013.

The **MSPI Decade of Commemorations Group** met on two occasions in 2013 to guide support for conservation projects relating to forthcoming exhibitions to mark the Decade of Centenaries.

Objective No. 4 - Supporting Modern Frameworks and Mechanisms

Through its continued involvement in the **EU Joint Programme Initiative (JPI) on Cultural Heritage**, the Heritage Council was instrumental in the finalisation of its Strategic Research Agenda for Cultural Heritage in Europe in 2013.

Council continued to roll out the **Community-led Village Design Statement (VDS) Toolkit** in 2013 at a national, regional and local level. Local Authorities, LEADER and Tidy Towns Groups, Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI), and EirGrid are using the 100 page step-by-step Toolkit.

Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) Best Practice Guidance was published by Council in early 2013. HLC contributes to practical landscape management by considering how monuments and landscape patterns are related and interact.

Promotion of emerging technologies continued in 2013 with further investment in the **Heritage Map Viewer**, a web-based geographical information system (GIS) for spatial heritage data, i.e. built, cultural and natural, around Ireland and offshore.

In relation to the planning and development of renewable energy (specifically onshore wind farms), the Heritage Council prepared a policy report, entitled *Planning in Harmony with Heritage*¹³. The wind farm policy reports and recommendations were submitted in late 2013 to the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in relation to the *Renewable Energy Export Policy and Development Framework*, the DoECLG's review of the Section 28¹⁴ *Wind Energy Guidelines (2006)*, and the *Northern Ireland Assembly's Wind Energy Inquiry*.

Council made a detailed policy submission in 2013 to the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in relation to the public consultation as part of the formulation of a new **Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2014-2020**.

National, Regional and Local Policy Submissions were prepared in relation to the formulation of:

- A National Tourism Policy;
- Food Harvest 2020 (Environmental Assessment);
- *South Tipperary County Development Plan 2014-2020*;
- *Offaly County Development Plan 2014*;
- *Kerry County Development Plan 2015-2021*; and
- Archaeological Practice on Bord na Móna Bogs.

Submissions were also made to the Minister for the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and Fingal County Council, in relation to development proposals for Moore Street 1916 Houses (Dublin City Centre) and Lambay Island (Co. Dublin), respectively.

The Heritage Council's **Social Media Activities (i.e. Facebook and Twitter)** and hence Council's global reach, increased substantially during 2013. For example, the recorded 'likes' on the Heritage Council's Facebook page went from **1,636** at the start of the year to **4,045** by year end – **an enormous increase of 147%** during 2013.



4 SUPPORTING EMPLOYMENT AND JOB CREATION (OBJECTIVE NO. 1)

The Heritage Council's day-to-day operations and activities focus on the strategic objectives of supporting employment and job creation, education and awareness, heritage-based tourism, and supporting modern frameworks and mechanisms. An overview of core activities undertaken in 2013 in relation to **supporting employment and job creation** are set out below.

4.1 Local Authority Heritage Officers Programme (LAHOP)

The Local Authority Heritage Officers Programme has been a tremendous success since its inception in the late 1990s. The national programme enables the Heritage Council to provide a well-structured and co-ordinated heritage service at a county and local level in partnership with 28 local authorities. Heritage Officers are employed in local authorities throughout the country, giving the Heritage Council a much-needed interface and connection with local community and environmental groups in accordance with the UNECE Aarhus Convention.

Local authorities have formally adopted county and city heritage plans (CHPs) and their formulation and implementation is co-ordinated by heritage officers in conjunction with county heritage forums (fora). In 2013, the Heritage Council supported 63 heritage-related programmes and projects, which were project managed by Local Authority Heritage Officers in partnership with local stakeholders - these projects - totalling €416,595 - gave significant support to local economic and community development throughout the state. A sample of county and city heritage programmes and projects supported by the Council in 2013 included:

- Built Heritage Awareness Programmes, e.g. Dublin City and Cavan;
- Community Fieldname Recording Projects, e.g. Kilkenny;
- Exploring Biodiversity 2013 – Public Biodiversity Events – all counties;
- Green Infrastructure (GI) Plans, e.g. Ennis Green Infrastructure Plan;
- Heritage Awareness and Schools Programmes including Heritage Week 2013 – all counties;
- Heritage Guide for Bridges, e.g. the Historic Bridges of County Cork – Heritage Guide;
- Promoting Cultural Heritage Learning Initiatives, e.g. Meath.

- Sea to Shore – Ireland and the Wider World – Exploring our Maritime Heritage, e.g. Galway;
- Schools Heritage Discovery Projects, e.g. Cork City; and
- Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC) of County Donegal as part of county-wide Landscape Character Assessment (LCA).

In addition, numerous Local Authority Heritage Officers' programmes and projects supported The Gathering 2013.

4.2 REPS 4 Traditional Farm Buildings Grant Scheme

The hugely popular REPS 4 scheme, which was set up in 2008, is managed by the Heritage Council in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. The programme recognises the significance and value that traditional farm buildings, often of humble construction, make to the unique character and distinctiveness of the Irish landscape. When repaired, the beneficial effects of the scheme includes positive support for the management of our landscape, conservation of a cultural and economic asset, and the fostering of traditional building and skills as well as the protection of natural habitats.

4.3 Traditional Building Skills Working (TBSW) Group

The Traditional Building Skills Working Group (TBSWG) was set up by the Heritage Council in the summer of 2013 after two colloquia, which brought together the principal stakeholders interested in training and education for construction craft skills in Ireland. The Working Group is chaired by Council member Fidelma Mullane, and includes representatives of the Office of Public Works, Solas, a private-sector skills training provider, the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, ICOMOS Education and Training National Scientific Committee and the construction sector interests. A representative from the Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht is kept informed of the proceedings.

A key aim of the group is to research and document skills training which is available in Ireland, whether accredited or not, along with courses that raise awareness and appreciation of construction craft skills. Research is also being undertaken to update the Ecorys Report (2012) estimation that 17,000 people are employed in the historic environment sector in Ireland. The group intends to research opportunities for training programmes to receive European Union funding support.



4.4 Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN)

The Heritage Council established the all-island Irish Walled Towns Network in April 2005 to unite and co-ordinate the strategic efforts of local authorities involved in the management, conservation and enhancement of historic walled towns in Ireland, both North and South. The IWTN is formally linked to European Walled Towns, the international association for the sustainable development of walled and fortified towns and cities. In 2013 the IWTN funded six major conservation projects. This helped to directly support the jobs of 32 conservation practitioners. All six conservation projects were obliged to conduct at least three community information actions including open days, press releases, signage, and social media updates

4.5 Assessment of Possible Fiscal Incentives in Relation to the Built Heritage in Ireland's Towns

A detailed fiscal/tax incentive support study was completed in 2013 to establish the societal benefits such financial supports could yield and how effective support could be directed to the historic environment in straitened economic times. The study evaluated various methods of fiscal support including: reducing VAT on building conservation work (e.g. professional fees and works contracts); rebates and/or exemptions on commercial rates and property tax; and a more general tax relief similar to provisions made in the *Taxes Consolidation Act 1997*. The research also considered the heritage value of historic towns and urban 'places', as distinct from individual buildings and structures. Recommendations are being progressed with the DoAHG and Department of Finance.

4.6 Supporting Innovative National and Regional Heritage Infrastructure in Ireland

Council continues to support a number of important innovative heritage organisations at a national and regional level that are dedicated to the creative management, promotion and enjoyment of our National Heritage.

These organisations contribute to productive employment in the public, private and voluntary sectors and include:

4.6.1. Burrenbeo Trust www.burrenbeo.com

Burrenbeo Trust is dedicated to the promotion and sustainable management of The Burren and its people. The Trust works inclusively, 'to unlock the potential of the Burren as Ireland's ultimate learning landscape and outdoor classroom'. It relies on membership fees, donations, grants, and on over 90 active conservation volunteers¹⁵ to carry out an extensive programme promoting the unique landscape and place, local traditions, and heritage of the Burren. Key aspects of activities in 2013, i.e. local community and economy, advocacy, awareness and education, and information and publications are summarised below.

Local Economy and Networks

Local suppliers and local businesses, are promoted by the Trust through its dedicated website and newsletters. In 2013, the Trust spent circa €90,000 in the local economy (75% of total expenditure) and employed one full-time and two part-time staff. **The estimated value, i.e. social capital, of total professional input/voluntary hours contributed by volunteers (aside from conservation volunteers) to the work of the Trust in 2013 was €121,000.**

Burrenbeo Trust's Learning Landscape Network (LLN) in July 2013, for approx 60 people, grew out of the hugely successful inaugural Learning Landscape Symposium in 2012, entitled *Apathy to Empathy: Reconnecting People with Place*. The 2013 event helped to build towards the planned symposium for 2014. A highly successful community-led Burren Winterage Weekend was organised for the second year in a row during October 25th-27th. The weekend included walks and talks, a panel debate e.g. *Farming on the Edge*, displays and demonstrations of local traditions, food markets and fayres, and stories and song.

Information and Publications

Burrenbeo's information events in 2013 included monthly heritage walks in the Burren. The 5th Issue of the high-quality annual magazine *Burren Insight*¹⁶ was published along with a series of *Field Guides*, on archaeology and biodiversity in the Burren; it required a second print run i.e. 2,000 copies in total. A free monthly e-Newsletter was also distributed to over 4,000 people. The Trust's website is a critical knowledge, information and promotion tool. In 2013, the Trust experienced a huge increase in activity on social media outlets such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Social media is also an excellent way to communicate with volunteers.

HERITAGE INFRASTRUCTURE	HERITAGE ELEMENT	LOCATION/BASE	HC FUNDING IN 2013 (€)
1. Burrenbeo Trust	Cultural Landscapes and Biodiversity	Kinvara, Galway	29,145
2. Discovery Programme	Archaeology	Dublin	750,000
3. Ireland Reaching Out	Genealogy	Loughrea, Co. Galway	59,099
4. Irish Landmark Trust	Built Heritage	Dublin	220,000
5. National Biodiversity Data Centre	Biodiversity	Waterford	749,318
7. Wicklow Uplands Council	Cultural Landscapes	Roundwood, Co. Wicklow	65,000
6. Woodlands of Ireland	Native Woodland Species	Murrough, Co. Wicklow	40,000
TOTAL			1,912, 562



Advocacy – e.g. UNESCO World Heritage Site (WHS) Proposal¹⁷

Burrenbeo promotes the Burren regionally, nationally and internationally. The Trust, as lead partner in the *Burren Community Charter*, has also been instrumental in making representations and preparing written submissions to government in collaboration with its partners, on behalf of the Burren community.

A special Burren Resource Clinic was organised by the Trust in November 2013, which included a preliminary discussion on the inclusion of the Burren as a World Heritage Site (WHS).

Awareness and Education

As well as delivering orientation sessions and workshops for numerous visiting and touring groups, (in the Trust's Centre and in the Burren), the Burrenbeo Trust runs educational initiatives for children and young adults focusing on local heritage, local traditions and place-making. A summary of the educational initiatives is provided in *Appendix B*.

4.6.2. Discovery Programme - www.discoveryprogramme.ie

The **Discovery Programme** was established in 1991 to advance research into Irish Archaeology. The programme works by identifying gaps in the knowledge of the Irish past and appointing an expert project team to pursue the topic in question. The Discovery Programme is required to communicate the results of its projects to the scientific community and to the general public. This is achieved through scholarly publications, outreach communications, and community events. The programme is governed by a nine-person Directorate and is primarily funded by an annual core grant from the Heritage Council.

In April 2013 Minister Deenihan T.D. launched *Excavations at Dún Aonghasa and Dún Eoghanachta* by Claire Cotter - the first two of five volumes to be published as part of the Discovery Programme's Western Stone Forts Project. The Late Iron Age and 'Roman' Ireland (LIARI) project moved into its second phase during 2013 and the results of the first phase will be published in *Discovery Programme Reports* 8 in early 2014. In 2013, the LIARI project, directed by

Dr Jacqueline Cahill Wilson, in collaboration with a wide network of institutions in Ireland and Britain, established the first all-Ireland network for isotope studies in archaeological research. The Irish Isotopes Research Group (IIRG) aims to foster collaboration between scientific researchers working in fields such as archaeology, geology and medical sciences throughout the country.

The Discovery Programme continued to expand on the work emerging from EU-funded surveying and scanning projects. The 3D-ICONS project aims to survey UNESCO World Heritage monuments and other monuments of outstanding cultural value throughout Europe. The Ogham in 3D project involves a partnership between the Discovery Programme, Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, and the National Monuments Service. The Archaeolandscapes project consists of an extensive network of European institutions working on modern surveying and remote sensing techniques within archaeology Monastic Ireland, and is a major research and tourism project relating to the archaeology, architecture and history of the monasteries and friaries of medieval Ireland. In October 2013, Minister Deenihan T.D. also launched the **Discovery Programme Strategic Plan 2014-2017**. The overall focus for the programme's work over the next three years will be guided by the theme *Discovering Ireland's Ancient Peoples and Landscapes*.

4.6.3. Ireland Reaching Out – www.irelandxo.com

Ireland Reaching Out (Ireland XO) was founded in South-East Galway in 2009 and aims to reconnect 70 million Irish diaspora back to their place of origin in Ireland. The aim of the programme is to promote the idea of *place and people* through the concept of reverse genealogy. The programme has been funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Heritage Council, Atlantic Philanthropies, the Ireland Funds, Galway County Council, Galway Rural Development (GRD) and private Irish-American funds.

During 2013, Ireland XO continued to recruit and develop its networks of national and international volunteers – 3,500+ and 50+, respectively, who are active on a daily and weekly basis, assisting the Irish Diaspora by answering queries on the Ireland XO message board. A volunteer training course



to entitled – My People, My Place, My Heritage – has been designed and delivered along with a free Roadshow aimed at spreading the word about the initiative and what sources are available to the public in relation to practical aspects of reverse genealogy and local history.

4.6.4. Irish Landmark Trust - www.irishlandmark.com

Irish Landmark Trust's main aim is the protection of threatened historic buildings in Ireland. The non-profit Trust promotes, for the public benefit, the enjoyment and celebration of these living buildings. Projects are selected against carefully considered criteria, which include the architectural merit of a building, the type of building, its place in the social history of its location, and potential to successfully deliver positive results against Irish Landmark's aims. The Trust uses the best available conservation architects, artisans, builders and craftspeople and offers opportunities to revive and safeguard traditional skills that might otherwise be lost.

Properties range from lighthouses and schoolhouses, to castles and gate lodges. The impact is far reaching, e.g. conservation projects can enhance morale and civic pride of local communities and the tourist revenue accrued from Irish Landmark guests brings cash injections and new energies to areas in which the historic properties are located. Key activities in 2013 included:

- Substantial increase in holiday letting activity - **up 20% from 2012**;
- A new website was launched in August 2013 – www.landmark.com;
- Fundraising throughout 2013 under the 'Irish Landmarker' programme despite difficult economic conditions;
- As an educational trust, the continued delivery of seminars and open days – involving and inspiring people of all ages with an interest in built heritage; and
- After 15 years at Eustace Street, the Trust moved in August 2013 to larger offices on Parnell Square, Dublin City Centre.

4.6.5. National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) - www.biodiversityireland.ie

The **National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC)** is a national organisation for the collection, collation, management, analysis and dissemination of data on Ireland's biological diversity. The Heritage Council established the NBDC in 2007 and it is currently funded by the Heritage Council and the DoAHG. The NBDC's new *Strategic Plan 2013-2017* sets out the objectives and priority work areas for the plan period. Priority areas were identified through the review of the previous work of the Data Centre, engagement with partners, launch of the second *National Biodiversity Plan*¹⁸, and the strategic infrastructural and data needs of a variety of sectors, including heritage, resource management, planning, research and education.

The National Biodiversity Database is a shared e-government service through its presentation and accessibility to biodiversity data for the government, educational institutions, NGOs, and the public. The service contains 2,862,818 records of 13,727 species in 99 database - a 20% increase since 2012. In 2013, 470,000 plant records were added bringing the total above 1 million records for the first time. All data is mapped on a state-of-the-art online data portal – Biodiversity Maps – please see NBDC website.

National Biodiversity Targets (Aichi Biodiversity Targets) and Indicators have been developed at a global level as a means of assessing whether public policy is effectively conserving biodiversity or leading to its further degradation/loss. The NBDC, in partnership with the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), developed a set of national biodiversity indicators in 2013: 8 thematic indicators and 87 sub-indicators. These indicators will become operational in 2014 along with a National Biodiversity Indicators website.

The NBDC has produced national standards for the collection/storage of biological records and vegetation data. In 2013, the first of a new report series to assist national biodiversity data standards and guidelines was published: *Ireland's Red Lists – a National Standard*, which proposes a uniform approach to the International Union for



Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List criteria in Ireland. The NBDC also provided all data on protected species to the NPWS in 2013, in order for the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht to complete its second report on the conservation status of species and habitats, under Article 17 the *EU Habitats Directive*.

Significant research and monitoring of invasive species in Ireland was undertaken in 2013. This research forms the basis of the first report to investigate overall trends, which will be published in 2014. In addition, the establishment of an Early Warning System across Ireland and Britain was the subject of discussions at a British-Irish Council workshop in London in May 2013. This involved a presentation of the Early Warning System for Ireland, which is co-ordinated by the NBDC. Collaboration and co-ordination, including sharing of all records of new non-native species between administrations in Ireland and Britain, is continuing apace.

4.6.6. Wicklow Uplands Council - www.wicklowuplands.ie

In 2013, the Wicklow Uplands Council (WUC) entered the third year of its three-year *Strategic Plan 2011-2013* and continued to engage with its members, project partners and the general public to address some of the challenges faced in the Wicklow Uplands. Given the limited resources available, the WUC has actively engaged in the development of projects and policies mostly through voluntary involvement. Projects and initiatives undertaken in 2013 include a Study to Identify Best Management of Upland Habitats in County Wicklow and a submission to the new Rural Development Programme.

Wicklow Uplands Council continues to administer Protecting Upland and Rural Environments (PURE) in partnership with Wicklow County Council, Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and Coillte, to provide a single, well-resourced response to littering and dumping in the Wicklow/Dublin Uplands.

In addition, PURE WICKED and PURE ANIMATION are two week environmental/animation training programmes for teenagers that introduce students to important

environmental issues that are related to The PURE Project such as illegal dumping, litter, fly-tipping, recycling and pollution. With the guidance of professional animators the students learn how to produce, direct and create their own short animated films. Wicklow Uplands Council also launched a new Twitter account @wicklowuplands and a new Facebook page www.facebook.com/wicklowuplandscouncil in 2013. This enables WUC to grow its online presence and to reach supporters in all locations.

4.6.7. Woodlands of Ireland - www.woodlandsofireland.com

In 2013 Woodlands of Ireland (Wol) continued to promote a variety of native woodland initiatives despite the difficult economic circumstances. The Forest Service approved 258 hectares of new native woodland under the Native Woodland Scheme (NWS). A number of factors have led to increased interest in the NWS. Early in 2013, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved a proposal to allow applications to create new woodlands under the NWS to proceed without water testing. This proposal, based on a study of the effects of old native woodland on in-stream invertebrates, was carried out by the Forest Service (FS) in co-operation with Inland Fisheries Ireland and Woodlands of Ireland (Wol).

In effect, this means that the NWS is the only forestry scheme that operates in Acid Sensitive Areas (ASA), which account for c. 10% of the land area. To underpin and promote this initiative, Wol and the FS held two NWS training courses targeted primarily at NWS accredited foresters, contractors and relevant state agencies. These courses were held in Delphi, Leenane, Co. Mayo and Glencar, Co. Kerry and 50 people in total attended. Both locations are in ASAs and are Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) for Freshwater Pearl Mussels (FPM). As Wol was also involved in developing the forestry mitigation measures for an EU LIFE + application on FPM in 2012/2013, these training courses also complimented the LIFE+ application.

Wol also lobbied for native woodlands in a number of policy-related sectors, including via the Forestry Liaison Group and via submissions to the upcoming Rural Development



Programme and the final draft of the *Forestry Bill*. WOI also represented the Heritage Council at the Dáil Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture in 2013 in relation to the proposed sale of harvesting rights in Coillte, which was subsequently dropped by the government. A number of projects were completed in 2013, including:

- An Assessment of the Natural Capital Values (NCVs) of Native Woodlands;
- Development of a National Hedgerow Database and a Hedgerow Appraisal System; and
- Development of a website - *Ecolandscapes: Landscaping with Native Irish Species*.

Native woodland capital values attributes such as amenity, biodiversity, health, timber and carbon sequestration contribute circa €140m annually to the Irish economy. The report will be used to lobby government for more funds to be directed at native woodlands. The Hedgerow Project collated all County hedgerow surveys into a database housed at the National Biodiversity Data Centre at www.biodiversityireland.ie.

The project launched in November 2013 received extensive media coverage from RTE Morning Ireland Interview, Irish Times, Irish Independent, and Agriland19. The new eco-friendly website www.ecolandscapes.ie to promote the use of native species in urban, semi-urban, and rural locations went online in early 2013 and was formally launched along with the Hedgerow Project in the Royal Irish Academy (RIA) in November 2013.

4.7 Heritage Council Support for Professional Institutes in Ireland - North and South

In addition to ongoing support for heritage infrastructure at a national and regional level, the Heritage Council is fully committed to supporting the ongoing programmes and activities of a number of all-island and/or national professional institutes in Ireland. These institutes represent practitioners involved in heritage management, spatial planning, landscape management, and archaeology and are listed in alphabetical order in the table below.

These professional institutes also represent a significant number of Irish expatriates who are currently living and working abroad in the UK, Australia, New Zealand and Canada. On-going support from the Heritage Council includes:

- Board members and staff being involved in National Executive Councils and sub-committees,
- Preparation of national policy submissions to government,
- Organising and presenting papers at national conferences and seminars,
- Organising and taking part in CPD training courses and site visits, and
- Writing heritage and planning-related articles for institute Ezines and journals.

Institute	No. of Members	Website
Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland (IAI)	287	www.iai.ie
Irish Landscape Institute (ILI)	166	www.irishlandscapeinstitute.com
Irish Planning Institute (IPI)	680	www.ipi.ie

(Source: Heritage Council.)



5 SUPPORTING EDUCATION AND AWARENESS (OBJECTIVE NO. 2)

As noted above, effective and innovative on-going management of Ireland's national heritage strengthens and enhances socio-economic, scientific and cultural growth, innovation and development. The Heritage Council continues to deliver a number of innovative national, regional and local education and awareness programmes to encourage people of all ages to explore Ireland's unique national heritage, thereby enabling them to develop a deep appreciation and understanding of heritage values in Ireland, and in order to preserve heritage assets for future generations.

5.1 Heritage in Schools (HIS) Scheme 2013

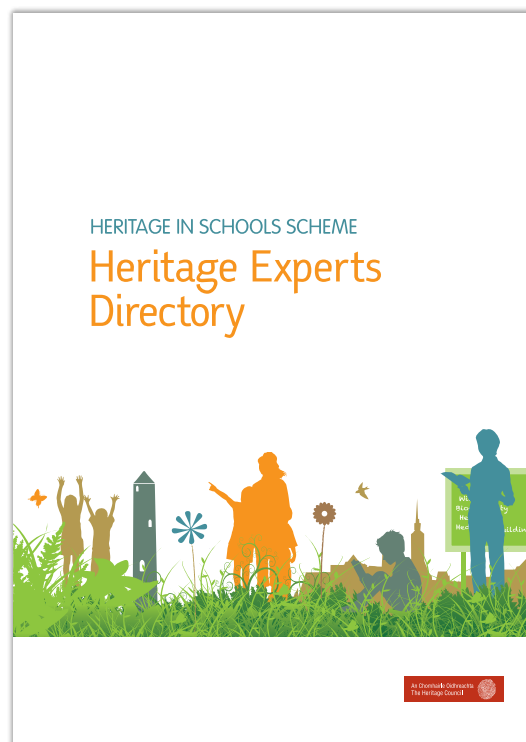
The Heritage in Schools Scheme has grown exponentially since it was set up by the Heritage Council in 1999. The scheme provides an additional educational resource for teachers and supports the State's aims and objectives of the Irish Primary Curriculum (1999) with regard to pupils' interaction and engagement with their local learning environment. The Heritage Council opened the Heritage in Schools scheme to new bookings under its own administration in February 2013 - administration had previously been handled by the Irish National Teachers Organisation (INTO). In total, 756 schools took part during February 2013-December 2013 and the scheme involved **74,941 pupils and 1,334 school visits by heritage experts – up from 1,108 visits in 2012 - a 20% increase.** The spatial distribution and percentage of visits in 2013 is illustrated in the map on the following page:

Schools are incentivised to organise multiple visits with the same expert, e.g. the fifth visit is free.

During 2013, the Heritage Council finalised the panel for the scheme (consisting of 176 heritage experts), undertook training for new members, distributed a new and up to date directory to all schools, put in place an online booking and claims system, and identified potential partners to help expand the scheme and ensure it continues to grow in the future.

In December 2013, training for the panel of experts was provided at the Heritage Council HQ covering topics such as:

1. Child Protection Guidelines²⁰;
2. Working with the SESE Curriculum;
3. Creating Creative Classroom Plans;
4. Garda Vetting and new procedures and policy; and
5. Payments and the online system.



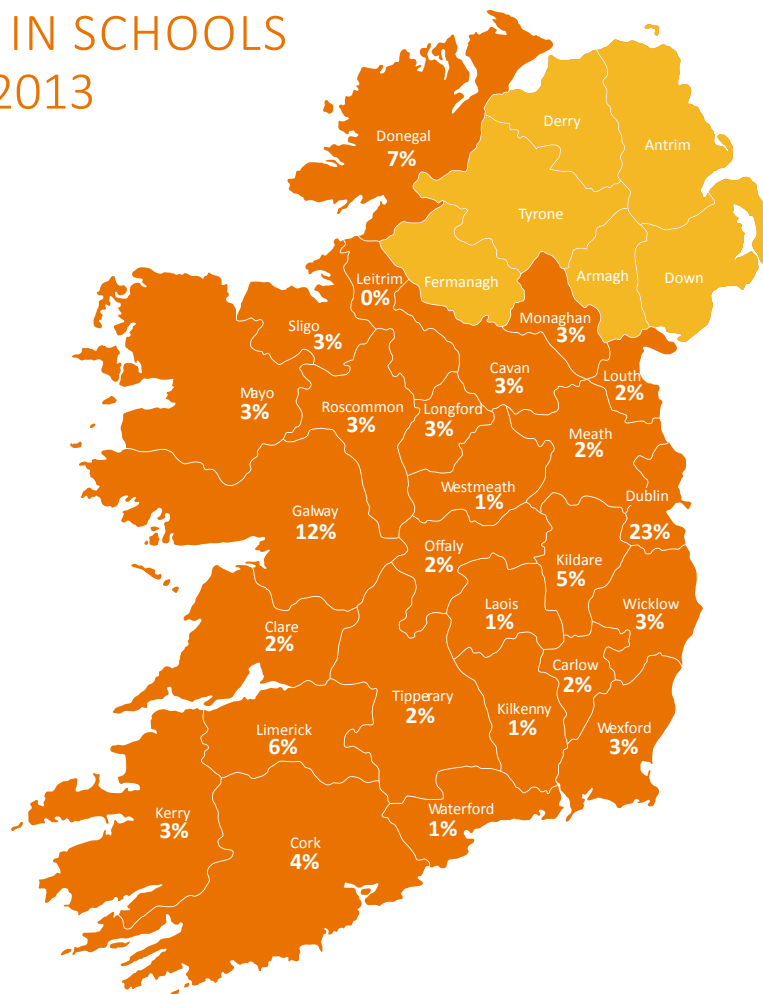
Given increasing demand year on year for the scheme, **it is highly unlikely that the Heritage Council will be able to meet demand for the scheme in 2014, due to budgetary constraints.**

5.2 Irish National Strategic Archaeological Research (INSTAR) Programme

The Heritage Council has consistently advocated for collaborative archaeological research between the consultancy sector ('industry') and the higher education and the state sectors. The Irish National Strategic Archaeological Research (INSTAR) Programme aims to address key archaeological issues, build research capacity, and address the issue of unpublished archaeological excavations. Due to reduced funding, it has not been possible to expand the programme beyond one rolling three-year project. In 2013, the joint Queens University Belfast/University College Dublin Early Medieval Archaeology Project (EMAP) entered its final phase. A range of monographs publications dealing with this important period in Ireland are expected from this in 2014.



HERITAGE IN SCHOOLS ACTIVITY 2013



**GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD AND NUMBER OF VISITS PER COUNTY 2013 -
TOTAL 1,334 VISITS**

Carlow	21	Kerry	44	Louth	13	Tipperary	9
Cavan	21	Kildare	46	Mayo	49	Waterford	23
Clare	40	Kilkenny	10	Meath	20	Westmeath	13
Cork	65	Laois	8	Monaghan	25	Wexford	87
Donegal	136	Leitrim	2	Offaly	15	Wicklow	47
Dublin	232	Limerick	64	Roscommon	41		
Galway	208	Longford	61	Sligo	34		



5.3 All-Island Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN)

The IWTN conducted a series of exploratory meetings with a number of third level institutes during 2013. The objective was to encourage institutes and their students to utilise IWTN member towns as places of research. The findings of the research would then be passed on to the key decision-makers in the relevant walled towns. As a result, in 2013 the Geography Department at NUIM used Trim, Co. Meath as their focus for final year research projects.

In October 2013 the IWTN launched the inaugural *Historic Towns Research Awards*. The research awards aim to reward student projects, encourage targeted research, create an arena where decision-makers in the public sector can engage with academics and students, and finally, to bring relevant third level institute research to the attention of those tasked with managing and promoting Irish towns. The *Historic Towns Research Award* will be conferred by the Irish Walled Towns Network to one final year degree and one taught masters student whose dissertations have skilfully explored issues into making Ireland's historic towns better places to live, work or visit. The Awards are open to 2013-2014 final year students and taught masters students from universities and institutes of technologies on the island of Ireland. Research relevant to historic towns may include:

- Creation of community development structures;
- Enhancing a town centre's attractiveness as a destination;
- Infill development and reuse of historic buildings;
- Interpreting the historic urban centre;
- Marketing historic towns as a destination for tourists and companies;
- Spatial Planning and Public spaces;
- Tourism in historic towns and night time economy; and
- Using heritage as a resource.



The above list is not exhaustive and applications that demonstrate the research project's ability to enhance Ireland's historic towns will be considered. The inaugural Historic Towns Research Awards ceremony will be held in November 2014.

5.4 Third Level Institutes (north and south)

Collaboration with **Third Level Institutes (north and south)** continued in 2013 with the Heritage Council working with University College Dublin (UCD), Dublin Institute of Technology (DIT), University of Ulster (UU), and Queen's University of Belfast (QUB), to progress the design & delivery of multi-disciplinary Landscape Character Assessment (LCA) courses at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Building on the Heritage Council's award-winning multi-disciplinary LCA CDP course, which ran twice a year during 2009-2011²¹, it is envisaged that new landscape character-related courses (including CPD courses) will commence in late 2014 and 2015.

Council has also worked with Waterford Institute of Technology (WIT) in developing its new BSc course in Applied Conservation Skills and with UCD's Masters in Urban and Regional Planning on Landscape and Conservation modules.

5.5 National Cultural Organisations - Conservation Internship Scheme

The Heritage Council continued to support five internships in conservation departments of the following cultural organisations during 2013:

1. National Gallery of Ireland;
2. National Library of Ireland;
3. Chester Beatty Library;
4. Old Library; and
5. Trinity College.

Council also supported a partnership between the National Archives of Ireland and the Valuation Office.

5.6 EU Joint Programme Initiative on Cultural Heritage (JPI CH)

Through its continued involvement in the EU Joint Programme Initiative (JPI) on Cultural Heritage during 2013, the Heritage Council funded a research team at University College Dublin (UCD) to collaborate on a trans-national research project titled SHUC: A Sustainable Future for the Historic Urban Core. International partners in the project are Delft University of Technology, Netherlands and Newcastle University, England. The results of the study are due to be published in 2014.



NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK 2013 'DID YOU KNOW?' COME ON LET US SHOW YOU AROUND...



1,715

EVENTS WERE
HELD IN 2013 –
UP 8% ON 2012

387,026

PEOPLE TOOK PART
AROUND THE COUNTRY –
UP 25% FROM 2012

20%

OF ORGANISERS
IN 2013 WERE
TAKING PART FOR
THE FIRST TIME

89%

RATED THEIR
SATISFACTION AS
'EXCELLENT' OR 'VERY
GOOD', 10% 'GOOD'
& 1% POOR (4 PEOPLE)

98%

OF PEOPLE "WOULD
RECOMMEND
NATIONAL HERITAGE
WEEK EVENTS TO
A FRIEND"



PARTICIPANTS SPEND ON AVERAGE **€23.43** ON FOOD AND BEVERAGE

9% OF DOMESTIC PARTICIPANTS BOOK OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION, SPENDING AN AVERAGE OF **€150**, WORTH A TOTAL OF **€1.4M** THESE ACCOUNT FOR 10,000 TOURIST BED NIGHTS NATIONWIDE.



6 SUPPORTING HERITAGE-BASED TOURISM (OBJECTIVE NO. 3)

Tourism is one of the fastest growing global economic sectors and the contribution of tourism to economic well-being depends on the quality and revenues of the tourism offer (Source: United Nations World Tourism Organisation/ UNWTO). Ireland's national heritage is unique to Ireland and forms part of our comparative advantage over other international tourism destinations. As a result, effective and innovative on-going management of our national heritage strengthens and enhances tourism activity, both from domestic and overseas markets. According to the UNWTO, these dynamics have turned tourism into a key driver for socio-economic progress and growth. The Heritage Council's activities in relation to supporting Irish heritage-based tourism in 2013 are summarised below.

6.1 Heritage Week 2013 – Come on let us show you around...

The Heritage Council set out five key aims of Heritage Week 2013 (17th-25th August) in early 2013, as follows, to:

1. *Ensure that Heritage Week 2013 maintains and grows its wide public appeal and participation;*
2. *Raise the national profile of Heritage Week 2013;*
3. *Act as a platform for key messages and issues impacting on Ireland's heritage;*
4. *Leverage additional funding for heritage through sponsorship where possible; and*
5. *Grow Heritage Week's tourism potential and market.*

Key Outcomes of Heritage Week 2013

Heritage Week 2013 continued its upward trend and experienced an overall increase in activities for the seventh year in a row. A total of 1,715 events were organised in 2013 - up from 1,588 events in 2012 – an increase of 8%.

Interestingly, 20% of event organisers in 2013 were taking part for the first time. Attendance was also up in 2013 – 387,026 people of all ages took part in Heritage Week 2013 – up 25% on 2012.

There has been a substantial growth in the use of social media and online information to access information on Heritage Week 2013 and on the history and heritage of the locations and venues for events. Use of the Heritage Week app also grew substantially and it is expected that the trend for non-print media information will continue, significantly reducing print costs in the future (we return to the issue of Social Media in the following section). National TV and radio coverage was higher in 2013, with greater exposure on TV3, Nationwide, and Morning Ireland. In addition, the majority of participants in Heritage Week 2013 were aged 24 years plus.

In addition, Heritage Council staff i.e. the Architecture Officer and IWTN Project Manager, gave guided public tours of the historic HQ building throughout Heritage Week 2013.

6.2 Heritage Week 2013 Awards

As with previous National Heritage Week events, local heritage groups are central to the delivery of unique and innovative heritage events throughout the state. The annual Heritage Council Heritage Week Awards aim to recognise the role of local communities in the week-long celebrations of our national heritage and also to recognise the enormous, often years-long commitment, and energy that goes into organising HW events. The winner of the Heritage Week 2013 Best Overall Event and Most Innovative Event was awarded to the Centenary Commemoration of the plane crash at Loughshinny Bay of the renowned pioneer aviator Mr Harry Hawker on 28th August 1913. See photograph on following page.

Other Heritage Week 2013 winners included:

Winner - Best Children's Event - Kids Shipwreck and Dig Workshop organised by Heritage House Museum, Abbeyleix;
Winner – Best Community Group – Youghal Medieval Festival organised by Youghal Heritage Committee;
Winner - Best Interactive Event - Cork Heritage Open Day organised by Cork City Council.

Further information on Heritage Week Awards 2013 is provided at Appendix C.

6.3 Tourism Policy Submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS)

In November 2013, the Heritage Council made a submission to the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport as part of the public consultation process on the development of a tourism policy. This submission put forward the case for a tourism strategy that recognises heritage as a core element of Ireland's visitor offering and also sought the setting up of a Heritage Tourism Forum to enable heritage to contribute more effectively to tourism policy and to facilitate a more 'joined-up' approach with improved communication between the various heritage and tourism organisations. The submission also sought a stronger policy context for World Heritage Sites (WHs) in Ireland, greater levels of investment in heritage, and finally research on the relationship between heritage and tourism, including monitoring and evaluating the impact of tourism on heritage assets.



6.4 Collaborative Public Realm Plan (CPRP) Programme for Historic Towns and Cities

Council continues to promote and support programmes and projects, which facilitate the collaborative and innovative spatial planning, sustainable management and promotion of historic towns and cities in Ireland. One initiative includes the Heritage Council's Collaborative Public Realm Plan Programme for Historic Towns and Cities, which was set up in 2006, initially through the IWTN, but was expanded due to its success to other historic towns in Ireland. In 2013, activities focused on the implementation of public realm plans for historic towns that were prepared during 2006-2012 including:

- *Athenry*
- *Balbriggan*
- *Birr*
- *Cashel*
- *Fethard*
- *Granard*
- *Wicklow*

In addition, the *Roscrea Town Centre Enhancement Plan* was launched in May 2013.

A significant public realm plan capital project, which was progressed in 2013, was the refurbishment of the derelict Tholsel in Fethard, Co. Tipperary. The historic Tholsel (c. 1600), was identified as the 'key flagship project' and visitor gateway for the historic walled town in the collaborative Fethard Public Realm Plan launched in 2008. On foot of the Fethard PRP, funding for €300,000 was secured in 2013 from LEADER and the local authority – the Tholsel, one of the largest medieval civic buildings in Ireland, which has been closed since the 1970s, will reopen to the public and visitors in 2016. As recommended in the PRP, there will be direct access from the Tholsel, via the original gateway to Holy Trinity Church (c. 1200 AD) and the Medieval Town Wall Walk and Battlements, thereby enhancing overall visitor management within the historic core.

6.5 Historic Towns Initiative (HTI)

The Historic Towns Initiative (HTI) continued to evolve and develop in 2013. A range of projects were funded under this initiative in the pilot towns of Listowel, Westport and Youghal. In undertaking this Council and its partners in Fáilte Ireland and the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht as well as the relevant local authorities, are seeking to combine the conservation and protection of the built and natural heritage of the historic towns participating in the initiative through effective urban renewal, while maximising the socio-economic value of tourism in these towns.

Actions in 2013 included: the painting of prominent historic buildings, repair of historic windows, public realm improvements, and the design of animation-type tour events and signage strategies.

Market research was also commissioned to examine the attitudes of visitors, residents and business owners in each of the three pilot towns. During 2013 each town started work on a HTI Action Plan - these plans will be formally launched in 2014.

6.6 All-Island Museums Standards Programme of Ireland (MSPI)

The All-Island Museums Standards Programme of Ireland (MSPI) saw two new organisations, Carlow County Museum and Kerry Writers Museum, Listowel, join the MSPI in January 2013; bringing the total number of participating museums on the island of Ireland to 54 by the end of 2013. Over half of these are at some stage of accreditation: 20 have full accreditation, of which five were awarded their status in 2013. Ten are at the interim stage, with four certificates awarded in 2013.



Winners of Best Overall Event and Most Innovative Event for Heritage Week 2013 Centenary Commemoration of the crash in Loughshinny Bay of renowned pioneer aviator Harry Hawker on August 28th 1913. Loughshinny Group. From L to R: Gerry Clabby, Heritage Officer, Fingal County Council, Colette Murray, Kevin Murray, Cepta Butler and Vera Stone. Missing from photo: Cllr Ciaran Byrne and David Ryan.



Two organisations were awarded maintenance of full accreditation certificates in 2013; there are now eight museums that have held full accreditation for three years or more. Eight organisations applied for full or interim accreditation in September 2013; successful applicants will be announced in 2014. Seven training workshops were held in 2013 with over 130 people taking part. MSPI workshops are also open to those considering applying to join the Programme.

6.7 MSPI Decade of Commemorations Group

Chaired by former Heritage Council Board Member Helen O'Carroll, the MSPI Group has representatives from the Heritage Council, the institutions on the MSPI including: Pearse Museum Rathfarnham, Trinity College Dublin, Glasnevin Museum Trust, The National Print Museum; along with colleagues from other cultural institutions such as The National Museum of Ireland and The National Library of Ireland. Three decades of commemoration conservation projects were selected for funding by the Heritage Council in 2013, as follows:

1. National Print Room towards a conservators report on the Wharfedale press, the type of press on which the 1916 Proclamation of Independence was printed;
2. Pearse Museum, Rathfarnham - conservation of scientific instruments for use in a reconstructed Scoil Eanna Classroom, Kerry County Museum;
3. Understanding of 1916 at Kerry County Museum – creating a legacy of conserved objects relating to Roger and Aud Casement.

20 SITES HAVE ACHIEVED FULL ACCREDITATION:

1. Butler Gallery*;	11. Cavan County Museum;
2. Donegal County Museum;	12. The GAA Museum;
3. Knock Museum*;	13. South Tipperary County Museum;
4. Monaghan County Museum*;	14. Lewis Glucksman Gallery, University College Cork;
5. Muckross House*;	15. Farmleigh, OPW;
6. Muckross Traditional Farms*;	16. Kerry County Museum;
7. Muckross Archival Library*;	17. Drogheda Museum Millmount;
8. National Print Museum*;	18. Castletown House, OPW;
9. National Gallery of Ireland*;	19. Old Library, Trinity College Dublin;
10. Waterford Museum of Treasures;	20. The Pearse Museum, OPW.

*Maintained Full Accreditation

10 SITES HAVE ACHIEVED INTERIM ACCREDITATION:

1. Músaem Chorca Dhuibhne;	6. Donaghmore Workhouse and Agricultural Museum;
2. Limerick City Gallery of Art;	7. County Museum, Dundalk;
3. Rothe House – Kilkenny Archaeological Society;	8. Museum of Free Derry;
4. Foynes Flying Boat Museum;	9. Allihies Copper Mine Museum;
5. Athy Heritage Centre-Museum;	10. The Zoological Museum, Trinity College Dublin.



7 SUPPORTING MODERN FRAMEWORKS AND MECHANISMS (OBJECTIVE NO. 4)

Creativity, innovation and the modernisation of systems, processes and services are at the core of the Heritage Council's operations and activities. An overview of a wide range of activities undertaken in relation to **supporting modern frameworks and mechanisms** in 2013 are set out below.

7.1 EU Joint Programme Initiative on Cultural Heritage (JPI CH)

Through its continued involvement in the **EU Joint Programme Initiative (JPI) on Cultural Heritage**, the Heritage Council was instrumental in the finalisation of its Strategic Research Agenda for Cultural Heritage in Europe in 2013. The Heritage Council again convened a National Consultation Panel on Cultural Heritage in 2013. This panel represents a first step in establishing a coordinated cultural heritage research network in Ireland, which will liaise closely with partners in other EU Member States.

7.2 Community-led Village Design Statement (CLVDS) Toolkit

The participative community-led Toolkit (70 pages plus 8 Fact Sheets), which is being rolled out at a national, regional and local level, was shortlisted by the Irish Planning Institute (IPI) for a national award for innovative planning in November 2013 (the awards ceremony will be held in early February 2014). The Toolkit has been prepared in accordance with the UNECE Aarhus Convention and the European Landscape Convention. In addition, Council held preliminary talks with the South East Europe Change Network (SEECN) in Dublin in July 2013 in relation to setting up a 'pilot' community-led VDS project in Bosnia, in partnership with the Green Council of Sarajevo, using the Irish Community-led VDS Toolkit. Unfortunately, the Heritage Council was unable to deliver its second Multi-disciplinary Toolkit Training Workshop (for 100 people) in 2013 due to a lack of resources.

7.3 Heritage Council Best Practice Guidance on Historic Landscape Characterisation (HLC)

Council also published Best Practice Guidance on undertaking Historic Landscape Characterisation, also known as HLC, in early 2013. HLC is not concerned exclusively with particular sites or monuments, but considers the whole of the area or the living landscape. The concept contributes to practical landscape management by considering how monuments and landscape patterns are related. HLC contributes to the overall environmental evidence base by complementing other historic environment records such as the Record of Monuments and Places (RMP) and the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH), which focus mainly on individual heritage assets and areas rather than general landscape character. HLC complements and contributes to general Landscape Character Assessment (LCA), enhancing its consideration of historic aspects of the landscape.

7.4 Onshore Wind Farm Sector Policy Research Reports – Planning in Harmony with Heritage (Vols 1 & 2 and Recommendations Report)²²

As a 'prescribed body' the Heritage Council seeks to ensure that the spatial planning/development of the renewable energy sector in Ireland be carried out in harmony with our unique national heritage. Entitled *Planning in Harmony with Heritage*²³, the report was prepared in consultation with the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government's Planning Unit, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the SEAI. Irish planning policy was compared with policy in Scotland and Northern Ireland and international renewable energy case studies from Denmark and Australia were examined. Seven Key and 16 Further Recommendations are currently being progressed with partners.

The onshore wind farm policy reports and recommendations were formally submitted by the Heritage Council in late 2013 to the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources in relation to the Renewable Energy Export Policy and Development Framework, the DoECLG's review of the Section 28²⁴ *Wind Energy Guidelines (2006)*, and the *Northern Ireland Assembly's Wind Energy Inquiry*.



7.5 Moore Street, Dublin City Centre - 1916 Houses

In 2013, Council made a detailed submission to the Minister for the Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, as part of the public consultation on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the National Monument at numbers 14-17 Moore Street, Dublin 1. This terrace of houses provided the final headquarters for the IRA GPO Garrison during the Easter Rising in 1916.

Council's views were intended to ensure the best possible presentation of the National Monument to the public and visitors in time for the 1916 Centenary, to safeguard the structural integrity of the National Monument, and to deliver the best outcome in terms of the setting and amenity of the National Monument during the course of any planned construction works and after their completion.

7.6 Heritage Map Viewer

Heritage Map Viewer acts as a one-stop shop /participative tool, as it provides access to heritage data along with contextual data from a wide range of sources. Participating local authorities increased from eight in number in 2011 to 24 in 2013, highlighting the demand for access to accurate heritage data for improved decision-making. The Viewer links to other national data portals including www.Myplan.ie and is available to all on our website – www.heritagecouncil.ie.

7.7 Landcover and Habitat Mapping

A national working group of public bodies was established in 2012 to progress the development of a national landcover and habitat map. The group includes representatives of the Heritage Council, Environmental Protection Agency, Ordnance Survey of Ireland, National Parks and Wildlife Service, Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine and Teagasc. All parties agreed on the merits of working on a joint proposal for the development of a national landcover mapping programme in light of the emerging National Spatial Data Strategy (NSDS). The technical specifications for a national landcover mapping programme have been developed using County Roscommon as a case study.

7.8 Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2014-2020

As part of the preparations for the new EU Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food undertook a public consultation on the new Rural Development Programme (RDP). Council recommended that effective elements of previous programmes should be maintained, such as the REPS 4 Traditional Farm Buildings Scheme. The submission also focused on areas for improvement, such as on support for high nature value farming, archaeological heritage and community-led landscape management. Council also recommended that knowledge transfer and innovation on heritage and environmental issues are fostered, for the benefit of agriculture and the rural population and environment; and that LEADER funding for heritage is used as effectively as possible in order to make the most of the opportunity presented by the new RDP.

7.9 Proposed National Landscape Strategy (NLS)

Council continued its involvement in the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht's emerging National Landscape Strategy (NLS) by attending meetings of the steering group and by commenting on draft texts during the course of 2013. The development of the Heritage Map Viewer and other Heritage Council initiatives including the Heritage Council's *Proposals for Ireland's Landscapes 2010*, can also be seen as key elements of this emerging national strategy.

7.10 Food Harvest 2020 Policy Submission

In early 2013, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DoAFM) invited comments on the Environmental Assessment of the new agri-food programme Food Harvest 2020. This national programme is intended to provide a strategic framework for the development of Irish agriculture and the agri-food sector up until 2020. The Heritage Council's detailed submission highlighted the need for careful consideration of cultural heritage, as set out in the EU Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive, and the need for a stronger assessment of the potential for landscape impact. A more robust commitment to allowing the results of any monitoring to influence the ongoing development and/or implementation of *Food Harvest 2020* was also addressed.



7.11 Communicating by Social Media - Facebook and Twitter

The Heritage Council's Facebook page and Twitter accounts were both set up in 2011 and aim to bring interesting daily heritage-related news and anecdotes gathered from around Ireland to the general public in Ireland and further afield. We share news stories from local and national media on our Facebook page and also inform people of nationwide heritage events including: Heritage Week, festivals, training, heritage programmes and projects, jobs, tender opportunities, recent publications/studies, and funding opportunities. From time to time, we run competitions where people can win books and vouchers!

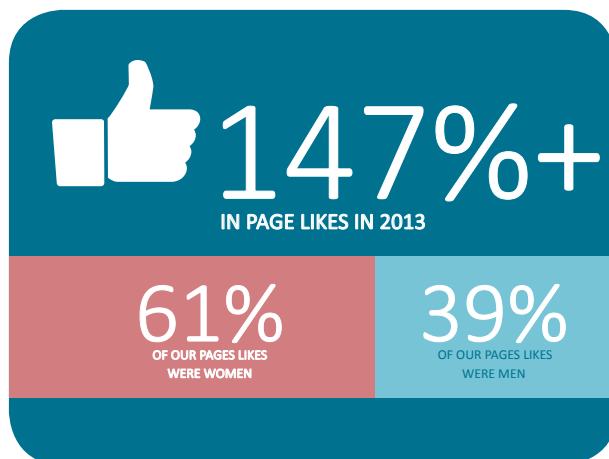
In 2013, the recorded 'likes' on the Heritage Council's Facebook page went from 1,636 at the start of the year to 4,045 by year end - **an enormous increase of 147% over the year.**

The majority of our 'likes' in 2013 were from people resident in Ireland – 77%, with the USA coming in second at 12%, followed by the UK at 6%. Canada and Spain had a 1% share each (i.e. 2%) and the remaining 3% of 'likes' originated from Australia, France, Germany, Italy and Portugal. These figures clearly indicate that Ireland's national heritage has a significant global reach, as illustrated below.

The core age profile of people who 'like' our page is aged between 35-44 years; followed closely by the 25-34 year old age group.



From L to R: The Heritage Council's Social Media Team – Martina Malone and Christena Ryan.



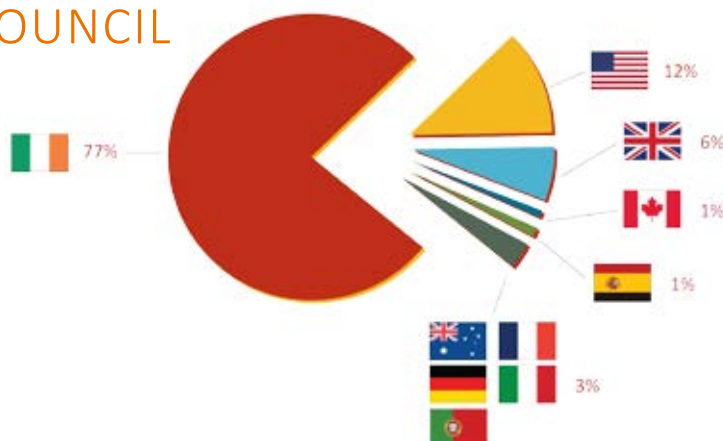
NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK 2013 FACEBOOK

Year	Likes	% Difference
2013	4760	28%
2012	3726	49%
2011	2500	89%

The Heritage Council will undertake further work in 2014/2015 on the development of our global market, in order to ensure that this audience continues to grow and that it is also linked to the Irish heritage tourism sector, particularly in rural areas.

The Heritage Council is also on Twitter @Heritageoutlook. We had 1,921 followers on our Twitter page by the end of 2013. The Heritage Council will be further developing our Twitter account in 2014 in collaboration with local heritage groups and schools. In addition, the Heritage Council produces a bi-monthly Ezine, which is currently sent out to over 6,000 subscribers nationally and internationally. The Ezine contains information on Heritage News, Events, Tenders & Job/Employment opportunities. Sign up now on our website – www.heritagecouncil.ie

THE HERITAGE COUNCIL ON FACEBOOK



8 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Heritage Council's policy is to maintain the highest standards of corporate governance, in line with generally accepted policies and practices. The Council is committed to complying with the relevant provisions of the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies published by the Department of Finance in 2010.

The Heritage Council has established a Finance and Audit Committee, which regularly reviews the system of internal control and engages external expertise in the carrying out of its functions, including the internal audit function as appropriate. The Heritage Council complies with Government guidelines for the appraisal and management of Capital Expenditure in the public sector. Government policy on pay and directors' fees is also complied with. The Heritage Council is fully tax compliant and does not engage in 'offensive' tax avoidance transactions.

Prompt Payments

The Heritage Council is required to Comply with the requirements of the European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations, 2002 and its predecessor, the Prompt Payment of Accounts Act, 1997 (collectively the 'regulations'). The Council's standard terms of credit taken, unless otherwise specified in contractual arrangements, are 30 days from the receipt of the invoice.

Procedures have been implemented which provide reasonable assurance against material non-compliance with the Regulations. While the procedures are designed to ensure compliance with the Regulations, they can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance against material non-compliance with the ACT.

A review of all payments made during the year ended December 31st 2013 shows seven payments totalling €14,371.43 giving rise to an interest penalty of €468.33 under the above regulations.

With effect from July 1st 2011, the Heritage Council was required to comply with Government Decisions S29296 of May 19th 2009 and March 2nd & 8th 2011 in relation to the 15 day prompt payment rule. The disclosures required in the memorandum for government supporting the above decisions are now detailed below.

Period Covered: 01.01.2013 to 31.12.2013

Details	Number	Value (€)	Percentage (%) of total number of payments made
Number of payments made within 15 days	1394	1,718,658	92.69
Number of payments made within 16 days to 30 days	80	217,171	05.32
Number of payments made in excess of 30 days	30	21,756	01.99
Total payments made in Period	1504	1,957,585	100.00
¹ Disputed Invoices	0	N/A	N/A

¹Invoices received during the final quarter of 2013 and still under dispute at the end of the period.



9 HERITAGE COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR 2014

Despite the severe budgetary cuts of recent years and the knock on effect on staff and programme resources, the Heritage Council is endeavouring to focus on the following key priorities in 2014:

1. Heritage Bill 2014

The critical review that was undertaken by the Government in 2012 has resulted in a number of significant changes to the Heritage Council's operations, most notably the permanent reduction in the board size, which was originally established through provisions in the *Heritage Act 1995*. This change requires national legislation to put the much reduced board on a statutory footing. As such, the Heritage Council continues to work with the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht (DoAHG) to ensure that The Heritage Bill 2014 is drafted to fully reflect the recent changes implemented by government.

2. Mid-Term Review of the Heritage Council's Strategic Plan 2012-2016

As a result of the severe budgetary cuts and staff reductions, a review of the Heritage Council's Strategic Plan 2012-2016 is necessary, and indeed critical, in 2014. This mid-term review will determine the Heritage Council's ability and capacity to deliver on the Plan objectives, as referenced throughout this Annual Report. This review will be guided by the Heritage Council Board.

3. National Heritage Week 2014

National Heritage Week, which continues to grow significantly year on year, is a much-valued national showcase for the heritage tourism and community development sectors in Ireland. The week-long event provides a unique forum to celebrate and communicate our world-renowned built, cultural and natural heritage to local, national, regional and international audiences.

The Heritage Council is committed to the ongoing development of this event in partnership with the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht, the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport, the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation and Failte Ireland.

Social media plays an increasingly important role in raising awareness of National Heritage Week and Council's on-going activities throughout the year. Council will focus on increasing the engagement and understanding of our younger citizens at home and abroad, as to the wide-ranging socio-economic, environmental and cultural benefits of best practice heritage management systems and processes in Ireland and further afield.

4. HQ Energy Audit and Staff Energy Awareness Programme

Council is striving to continue implementing energy saving methods at its Headquarters in Kilkenny, which it has already accrued in recent years and to encourage sustainable modes of travel by its staff and contractors. In pursuit of reducing its overall annual energy consumption, Council will introduce an Energy Audit and Staff Energy Awareness Programme in 2014 to support national and EU climate change and energy policy.

5. Planning for Celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Heritage Council in 2015

Finally, the Heritage Council will celebrate its 20th Anniversary during 2015, twenty years after the introduction of the *Heritage Act 1995*. Planning for this year-long celebration of all things heritage will be designed and put in place by Council during 2014 and an announcement of the national programme will be made in late 2014. To take part in the Heritage Council's 20th Anniversary Celebrations during 2015, please get in touch – Tel 056 7770777 or visit our Facebook and Twitter pages.





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REPORT OF COMPTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL

REPORT FOR PRESENTATION TO THE HOUSE OF THE OIREACHTAS

The Heritage Council

I have audited the financial statements of the Heritage Council for the year ended 31 December 2013 under the Heritage Act 1995. The financial statements, which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein, comprise the accounting policies, the income and expenditure account, the statement of total recognised gains and losses, the balance sheet and the related notes. The financial statements have been prepared in the form prescribed under Section 21 of the Act, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in Ireland.

Responsibilities of the Members of the Council

The Council is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, for ensuring that they give a true and fair view of the state of the Council's affairs and of its income and expenditure, and for ensuring the regularity of transactions.

Responsibilities of the Comptroller and Auditor General

My responsibility is to audit the financial statements and report on them in accordance with applicable law.

My audit is conducted by reference to the special considerations which attach to State bodies in relation to their management and operation.

My audit is carried out in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) and in compliance with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Council's circumstances, and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made in the preparation of the financial statements, and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements

I also seek to obtain evidence about the regularity of financial transactions in the course of audit.

In addition, I read the Heritage Council's annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies I consider the implications for my report.

Opinion on the financial statements

In my opinion, the financial statements, which have been properly prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in Ireland, give a true and fair view of the state of the Council's affairs at 31 December 2013 and of its income and expenditure for 2013.

In my opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Council. The financial statements are in agreement with the books of account.

Matters on which I report by exception

I report by exception if

- I have not received all the information and explanations I required for my audit, or
- my audit noted any material instance where money has not been applied for the purposes intended or where the transactions did not conform to the authorities governing them, or
- the information given in the Heritage Council's annual report is not consistent with the financial statements, or
- the statement on internal financial control does not reflect the Council's compliance with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies, or
- I find there are other material matters relating to the manner in which public business has been conducted.

I have nothing to report in regard to the other matters upon which reporting is by exception.

Patricia Sheehan
For and on behalf of
Comptroller and Auditor General
30 June 2014



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STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNCIL

Section 21(1) of the Heritage Act, 1995 requires the Council to prepare financial statements in such form as may be approved by the Minister for Arts, Heritage & Gaeltacht after consultation with the Minister of Finance.

In preparing the financial statements, the council is required to:

- ▶ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- ▶ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- ▶ prepare financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate
- ▶ to presume that the Heritage Council will continue in operation
- ▶ state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements

The Council is responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Council and which enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with section 21(1) of the Act. The Council is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Heritage Council and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.



Catherine Heaney
Council Member
26th June, 2014



Michael Parsons
Council Member
26th June, 2014



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STATEMENT ON INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROL

On behalf of the members of Council I wish to acknowledge our responsibility for ensuring that an effective system of internal financial control is maintained and operated.

The system can only provide reasonable and not absolute assurance that assets are safeguarded, transactions authorised and properly recorded, and that material errors or irregularities are either prevented or would be detected within a timely period.

Key Control Procedures

i) The council has taken steps to ensure an appropriate control environment is in place by:

- ▶ Agreeing a detailed work programme for each year, monitoring and evaluating progress against the work programme
- ▶ Implementing financial procedures to control the significant financial elements of The Heritage Council's business
- ▶ Maintaining a comprehensive schedule of insurances to protect The Heritage Council's interest
- ▶ Reviewing and approving all Council policies and procedures
- ▶ Establishing an Audit and Finance Committee to review the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control. The Committee met on five occasions in 2013. They reviewed reports from management on Procurement, Prompt Payments, Chair & CEO credit card expenditure, Self review of taxes (as requested by Revenue), 2012 Financial Statements, budgets and matters raised by the C&AG arising from his audit. All suppliers with turnover in excess of €5,000 per annum with Council were also reviewed in detail.
- ▶ Production of regular management information, segregation of duties and a system of delegation and accountability
- ▶ Compliance with Department procedures as regards reporting and draw down of funds
- ▶ Immediate and positive response to all items drawn to Council's attention in management letters from the Comptroller and Auditor General.

ii) The system of internal financial controls is based on a framework of regular management information, a system of delegation and accountability, a set of financial procedures, administrative procedures including segregation of duties, and rigorous checks of the finance function. In particular it includes:

- ▶ Restricting authority for authorising disbursement of Council monies to designated officers.
- ▶ Modern computerised Financial Accounting, Payroll and Fixed Asset Register software systems to underpin the internal financial controls of The Heritage Council.
- ▶ Detailed procedures for engaging consultants.

iii) The Council will develop a strategy for internal audit in 2014.

iv) The Heritage Council is in the process of adopting the 2009 Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies and the adoption of same is tabled at Council meetings from time to time.

The Heritage Council is in the process of adopting a Code of Business Conduct for directors and employees in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Practice.

Annual Review of Controls

The Council did not conduct a review of the effectiveness of the system of internal financial control in 2013.

The review took place in June, 2014.



Conor Newman
26th June, 2014



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GENERAL AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Heritage Council was established under the Heritage Act, 1995. The general function of the Heritage Council is to propose policies and priorities for the identification, protection, preservation and enhancement of the national heritage and to promote its appreciation.

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. Accounting basis

The financial statements are prepared under the accruals method of accounting, except as indicated below, and in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles under the historical cost convention. Financial Reporting Standards recommended by the recognised accountancy bodies are adopted, as they become operative.

2. Oireachtas Grants

Oireachtas Grants are accounted for on a cash receipts basis.

3. Other Income

Other income is recognised when the right to receive the income has accrued to The Heritage Council.

4. Grant Payments

The Heritage Council offers grants to various bodies and individuals to carry out works under its heritage grant schemes. When a grantee accepts the terms and conditions of a grant offer from Council, Council enters into a commitment with that grantee. That commitment is recognised as an accrual only when the grantee is seen to have fulfilled the full terms and conditions of the grant offer. Details of grant commitments at 31 December 2013 are given in note 16.

5. Tangible Fixed Assets

Fixed assets of the Heritage Council are shown at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated in order to write off the cost of tangible assets over their estimated useful lives by equal annual instalments.

The depreciation rates used are:

Buildings	2.50%	Office Furniture	10%/20%
Leasehold	10.00%	Computers	25%
Office Equipment	20%	(Hardware & Software)	
Works of Art	0%	Reference Material and	20%
Motor Vehicles	20%	OSI Licences	
Plant & Equipment	20%/10%		

6. Capital Account

The capital account comprises income allocated for the purchase of fixed assets. It is amortised in line with the depreciation of the related assets.

7. Stock

Stock comprising stationery and publications is written off in the year of purchase.

8. Leasing

Assets acquired under finance leases are capitalised and included in tangible fixed assets and depreciated in accordance with the Council policy.

9. Pensions

The Council operates a defined benefit pension scheme which is funded annually on a pay as you go basis from monies provided by the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht and from contributions deducted from staff salaries. Pension costs reflect pension benefits earned by employees in the period and are shown net of staff contributions which are retained by the Council. An amount corresponding to the pension charge is recognised as income to the extent that it is recoverable, and offset by grants received in the year to discharge pension payments. Actuarial gains or losses arising on scheme liabilities are reflected in the Statement of Recognised Gains and Losses and a corresponding adjustment is recognised in the amount recoverable from the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht. Pension liabilities represent the present value of future pension payments earned by staff to date. Deferred pension funding represents the corresponding asset to be recovered in future periods from the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht.



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

THE HERITAGE COUNCIL
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Notes	2013 €	2012 €
Income			
Oireachtas Grant	1	6,096,000	6,766,000
Other Income	2	260,865	352,118
Net deferred funding for pensions	8 (c)	424,000	356,000
Transfer from Capital Account	3	<u>248,542</u>	<u>289,964</u>
Total Income		<u>7,029,407</u>	<u>7,764,082</u>
Expenditure			
Grants	4	2,104,156	3,786,987
Policy Development	5(a)	769,927	975,264
Support for Heritage Infrastructure	5(b)	1,528,584	1,482,355
Administration			
Council members' honoraria & expenses	6	65,785	99,509
Committee members' expenses		504	1,955
Staff costs	7	1,318,922	1,274,714
Establishment expenses	9	217,290	209,188
Office supplies and administration	10	160,979	206,631
Depreciation	11	<u>267,738</u>	<u>290,764</u>
Total Administration		<u>2,031,218</u>	<u>2,082,761</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>6,433,885</u>	<u>8,327,367</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		<u>595,522</u>	<u>(563,285)</u>
Balance at 1st January, 2013		<u>413,376</u>	<u>976,661</u>
Balance at 31 December 2013		<u>1,008,898</u>	<u>413,376</u>

The results for the year relate to continuing operations.

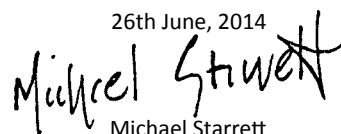
The statement of Accounting Policies, Notes 1 to 20 and Schedule 1 form part of these financial statements.



Catherine Heaney
Council Member
26th June, 2014



Michael Parsons
Council Member
26th June, 2014



Michael Starrett
Chief Executive
26th June, 2014



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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS & LOSSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

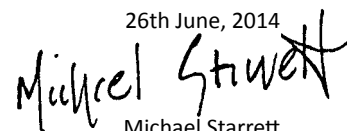
	2013 €	2012 €
Surplus/(deficit) for year	595,522	(563,285)
Experience gains/ (losses) on pension scheme liabilities	267,000	1,000
Changes in assumptions underlying the present value of pension scheme liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>(372,000)</u>
	862,522	(934,285)
Adjustments to Deferred Pension Funding	<u>(267,000)</u>	<u>371,000</u>
Total Recognised Gain/(Loss) for the year	<u>595,522</u>	<u>(563,285)</u>



Catherine Heaney
Council Member
26th June, 2014



Gabriel Cooney
Council Member
26th June, 2014



Michael Starrett
Chief Executive
26th June, 2014



THE HERITAGE COUNCIL 2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2013

	Notes	2013 €	2012 €
Tangible fixed assets	11	7,047,507	7,296,049
Current Assets			
Debtors and Prepayments	12	249,447	203,545
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>1,341,929</u>	<u>781,259</u>
Total Current Assets		1,591,376	984,804
Current Liabilities			
General Creditors and Accruals		525,939	571,428
Grants Outstanding		<u>56,540</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Current Liabilities	13	582,479	571,428
Net Current Assets		<u>1,008,898</u>	<u>413,376</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities Before Pensions		<u>8,056,405</u>	<u>7,709,425</u>
Deferred Pension Funding	8(d)	3,880,000	3,723,000
Pension Liabilities		<u>3,880,000</u>	<u>3,723,000</u>
		<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		<u>8,056,405</u>	<u>7,709,425</u>
Represented by:			
Capital Account	3	7,047,507	7,296,049
Income and Expenditure Account		<u>1,008,898</u>	<u>413,376</u>
		<u>8,056,405</u>	<u>7,709,425</u>

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26th June, 2014



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26th June, 2014



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

Note 1: Oireachtas Grants

The amount of €6,096,000 comprises Grants from the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht as follows:

	2013	2012
	€	€
Administration Grants (Department of Arts Heritage & Gaeltacht Vote 33, Subhead B.3.1)	1,395,000	1,500,000
Capital Grants (Department of Arts Heritage & Gaeltacht, National Monuments Service)	50,000	55,000
Non Capital Grants (Environment Fund: Natural Heritage)	400,000	400,000
Capital Grants (Department of Arts Heritage & Gaeltacht Vote 33, Subhead B.3.1) (National Lottery funded)	1,781,000	1,969,000
Non-Capital Grants (Department of Arts Heritage & Gaeltacht Vote 33, Subhead B.3.2) (National Lottery funded)	1,270,000	1,342,000
Capital Grant (Environment Fund : Built Heritage)	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>6,096,000</u>	<u>6,766,000</u>

Note 2: Other Income

	2013	2012
	€	€
Deposit Interest	182	14,796
Seminars	0	4,300
Heritage Week	7,343	6,230
Dept. of Agriculture Contribution towards Traditional Farm Buildings Scheme	65,753	67,353
Environment Protection Agency contribution to National Biodiversity Centre projects	0	24,500
Faite Ireland - Grant to Support Heritage Week	29,000	29,000
Irish Walled Towns Membership Fee & Seminar Income	47,345	42,740
Contribution of Local Authorities to Heritage Viewer Project	27,000	30,000
Joint Programme for Cultural Heritage - Communications Element	74,865	113,611
European Union Support for Promotion of Cultural Diversity in Kosovo - Delegation Visit to Ireland	0	8,410
Heritage in Schools	2,100	4,604
National Parks and Wildlife Service - Refund of Costs incurred in relation to attendance at Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species meetings	2,284	5,093
Publications	220	580
Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland support in relation to Conservation Plan Seminar	0	330
Miscellaneous	<u>4,773</u>	<u>571</u>
TOTAL	<u>260,865</u>	<u>352,118</u>

Note 3: Capital Account

	2013	2012
	€	€
Balance at 1 January	7,296,049	7,586,013
Transfer (to)/from Income and Expenditure Account		
Amount allocated to fund fixed asset purchases	19,196	800
Less: Amortisation in line with depreciation	<u>(267,738)</u>	<u>(290,764)</u>
	<u>(248,542)</u>	<u>(289,964)</u>
Balance at 31 December	<u>7,047,507</u>	<u>7,296,049</u>



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

Note 4: Grants	2013	2012
	0	Total
	€	€
Buildings at Risk	5,000	10,000
Places of Worship	0	12,098
Irish National Strategic Archaeological Research	0	55,000
Irish Walled Towns Network	187,145	450,119
Research Grants	2,000	190,154
Education Grants	21,145	207,184
Management & Conservation Grants	61,491	830,652
Conservation Led Plan Grants	84,105	0
Museum Standards Programme of Ireland Commemoration Conservation Grants	5,598	0
Landscape Policy Grants	75,290	53,000
Valuing Heritage Policy Grants	130,787	85,704
Material Culture Policy Grants	5,000	2,000
Infrastructure Grants	140,000	198,236
County Heritage Plan Grants	416,595	722,840
Irish Landmark Trust Ltd. Note 14	220,000	220,000
Discovery Programme Ltd. Note 15	<u>750,000</u>	<u>750,000</u>
TOTAL	<u><u>2,104,156</u></u>	<u><u>3,786,987</u></u>

Schedule 1 contains details of grants payable during the year.



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

Note 5 (a): Expenditure by Key Policy Area	2013 Total €	2012 Total €
Landscape Policy		
Seminars	0	12,010
Articulation of Heritage in National Landscape Policies	11,825	25,925
Burren Charter	<u>0</u>	<u>25,000</u>
	<u>11,825</u>	<u>62,935</u>
Valuing Heritage Policy		
Heritage in Schools	158,531	247,562
Heritage Week	259,953	246,702
Communciation of Council activities	117,393	87,867
Research & Studies	316	37,038
Publications	22,366	29,718
Joint Programme for Cultural Heritage - Communications Element	<u>74,866</u>	<u>113,611</u>
	<u>633,425</u>	<u>762,498</u>
Climate Change Policy		
Impact of climate change on Heritage	<u>0</u>	<u>246</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>246</u>
Material Culture Policy		
Conservation Internships	50,000	40,000
Promotion of Preventative Maintenance and Research on Thatch Styles	73,820	108,508
Conservation Plans and Centrality of Place	857	892
Intern Travel & Subsistence	<u>0</u>	<u>185</u>
	<u>124,677</u>	<u>149,585</u>
Total	<u>769,927</u>	<u>975,264</u>

Staff costs in respect of Traditional Farm Buildings Reps 4 project administration is also included in "Promotion of Preventative Maintenance and Research on Thatch Styles" of €73,820 which is part of expenditure incurred under Material Culture Policy.

Note 5(b): Heritage Infrastructure	2013 Total €	2012 Total €
National Biodiversity Data Centre	749,318	655,315
Field Monument Advisors database development	2,140	2,140
Museum Standards Programme	114,288	116,602
Heritage Officer Programme	514,320	532,201
Heritage Viewer	71,095	97,093
Promotion of Cultural Diversity in Kosovo - Delegation Costs	0	7,983
Irish Walled Towns Network Administration	<u>77,423</u>	<u>71,021</u>
Total	<u>1,528,584</u>	<u>1,482,355</u>



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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2013

Note 6: Council Members Fees & Expenses

	Fee	Expenses Claimed	Accommodation & Meals Provided	Total
	€	€	€	€
Conor Newman	0	3,157	388	3,545
Caro Lynne Ferris	5,985	2,549	613	9,147
Gabriel Cooney	0	1,083	55	1,138
Mary Keenan	3,706	230	0	3,936
Brendan Dunford	5,985	828	135	6,948
Kealin Ireland	3,338	562	80	3,980
Henry Lyons	3,338	1,128	413	4,879
Grainne Shaffrey	0	0	298	298
Ian Lumley	3,338	0	80	3,418
Helen O'Carroll	0	0	361	361
Michael Parsons	0	1,369	255	1,624
Catherine Heaney	5,985	147	0	6,132
Fidelma Mullane	5,985	2,924	432	9,341
Ted Creedon	5,985	2,704	717	9,406
Ciara Breathnach	0	0	0	0
Kieran O'Connor	0	1,346	286	1,632
Total	<u>43,645</u>	<u>18,027</u>	<u>4,113</u>	<u>65,785</u>

Certain civil and public servants are not entitled to fees as Council members of The Heritage Council

Note 7: Staff Costs

The average number of staff employed by the Heritage Council for the year was 15. This is comprised of The Heritage Council complement of 14 staff together with contract staff employed for specific projects. (2012 -15).

	2013	2012
	€	€
Staff salaries and wages	894,341	918,557
Pension Costs	364,000	293,000
Staff Well Being & Settlements	2,750	470
Travel and Expenses	53,872	55,468
Training	3,959	7,219
	<u>1,318,922</u>	<u>1,274,714</u>

€61,396 was deducted from staff by way of pension levy and was paid over to the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht.

CEO Remuneration Package

The CEO received salary payments of €113,123 in 2013. No bonus payments were made to the CEO. The CEO received recoupment of travel and subsistence expenses of €6,136. The CEO is a member of an unfunded defined benefit public sector scheme and his pension entitlements do not extend beyond the standard entitlements in the public sector defined benefit superannuation scheme.



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Note 8: Superannuation Scheme

There was a defined contribution scheme with Scottish Provident in operation until 1 February 2003. In accordance with Section 20 of the Heritage Act 1995 the Council sought to establish a superannuation scheme for all permanent staff in line with the public sector model. Accordingly, two defined benefit schemes were approved by the Minister for Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht with effect from 1 February 2003 on an operational basis and apply to staff employed at that date in respect of qualifying past service. The Schemes are the Heritage Council Employee Superannuation Scheme, 2003 and the Heritage Council Spouse's and Children's Contributory Pension Scheme, 2003. These schemes are unfunded.

(a) Analysis Of Total Pension Costs Charged To Expenditure

	2013	2012
	€	€
Current Service Cost	269,000	217,000
Interest on Pension Scheme Liabilities	160,000	144,000
Employee Contributions	(65,000)	(68,000)
Total	<u>364,000</u>	<u>293,000</u>

(b) Movement in Net Pension Liability during the financial year

	2013	2012
	€	€
Net Pension Liability at 1 January	(3,723,000)	(2,996,000)
Movement in year:		
Current Service Cost	(269,000)	(217,000)
Interest Cost	(160,000)	(144,000)
Actuarial gain/(loss)	267,000	(371,000)
Pension Payable	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Net Pension Liability at 31 December	<u>(3,880,000)</u>	<u>(3,723,000)</u>

(c) Deferred Funding Asset For Pensions

The Heritage Council recognises these amounts as an asset corresponding to the unfunded deferred liability for pensions on the basis of the set of assumptions described below and a number of past events. These events include the statutory basis for the establishment of the superannuation scheme, and the policy and practice currently in place in relation to funding of public service pensions including the contributions by employees and the annual estimates process. The Heritage Council has no evidence that this funding policy will not continue to meet such sums in accordance with current practice.

The Net Deferred Funding for Pensions recognised in the Income and Expenditure Account was as follows:

	2013	2012
	€	€
Funding Recoverable in respect of current year	429,000	361,000
Pension Payable	(5,000)	(5,000)
Total	<u>424,000</u>	<u>356,000</u>

The deferred funding asset for pensions at 31 December 2013 amounted to €3.880m (2012: €3.723m)

(d) History Of Defined Benefit Obligations

	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
	€000	€000	€000	€000	€000
Defined Benefit Obligations	3880	3723	2996	2291	1924
Experience Gains/ (Losses) on Scheme Liabilities	267	1	51	69	253
Percentage of Scheme Liabilities	6.88%	0.03%	1.7%	3.01%	13.15%

The cumulative actuarial loss from 1 January 2003 to date recognised in the Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses amounts to €225,000



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Note 8: Superannuation Scheme contd.

(e) General Description Of The Scheme

The pension scheme is a defined benefit final salary pension arrangement with benefits and contributions defined by reference to current "model" public sector scheme regulations. The scheme provides a pension (one eightieth per year of service), a gratuity or lump sum (three eightieths per year of service) and spouse's and children's pensions. Normal Retirement Age is a member's 65th birthday, and pre 2004 members have an entitlement to retire without actuarial reduction from age 60. Pensions in payment (and deferment) normally increase in line with general public sector salary inflation.

The valuation used for FRS 17 disclosures has been based on an actuarial valuation at 31 December 2013 by a qualified independent actuary to take account of the requirements of FRS17 in order to assess the scheme liabilities at 31 December, 2013

The principal actuarial assumptions were as follows:

Assumptions	31/12/2013	31/12/2012
Discount Rate	4.00%	4.00%
Salary escalation	1% for two years, 3.5% thereafter	1% for three years, 3.5% thereafter
Increases to state pensions	0% for two years and 2% thereafter	0% for three years and 2% thereafter
Increase to Salary Grade	0% for two years and 2.5% thereafter	0% for three years and 2.5% thereafter
Inflation	2.00%	2.00%
Mortality Rates		
Year of attaining age 65	2013	2012
Life Expectancy - Male	87	87
Life Expectancy - Female	90	90

Note 9: Establishment expenses

	2013	2012
	€	€
Rent and service charge	27,907	30,066
Power, heat and light	22,397	16,813
Canteen, catering and cleaning	30,121	30,406
Meetings	15,697	14,309
Repairs, maintenance & security	89,305	84,470
Insurance	<u>31,863</u>	<u>33,124</u>
	<u>217,290</u>	<u>209,188</u>

Note 10: Office supplies and administration

	2013	2012
	€	€
Telephone and postage	28,898	27,019
Stationery, printing & office equipment repairs	14,181	13,039
Library and newspapers	1,459	1,853
Computer supplies and maintenance	76,482	120,366
Professional fees	9,122	5,400
Sundry	6,071	-116
Legal Fees	3,716	14,700
INSTAR Grant Scheme Administration	0	0
Subscriptions	7,211	7,643
Audit fee	9,900	9,870
Bank Interest & Charges	2,084	1,665
Gifts	<u>1,855</u>	<u>5,192</u>
	<u>160,979</u>	<u>206,631</u>



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Note 11: Tangible Fixed Assets

	Buildings	Leasehold	Office Furniture	Office Equipment	Plant & Computers Equipment	Reference Material & OSI Licences	Motor Vehicles	Works of Art	Total
	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€	€
COST									
As at 1 January 2013	8,064,752	429,417	222,496	181,614	14,790	752,112	457,204	20,703	10,346,305
Additions	0	0	0	695	0	18,501	0	0	19,196
Disposal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
As 31 December 2013	8,064,752	429,417	222,496	182,309	14,790	770,613	457,204	20,703	10,365,501
Accumulated Depreciation									
As at 1 January 2013	1,150,514	286,279	209,630	175,446	9,012	741,550	457,122	20,703	3,050,256
Charge for year	201,619	42,942	6,932	3,881	1,839	10,443	82	0	267,738
On disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1,352,133	329,221	216,562	179,327	10,851	751,993	457,204	20,703	3,317,994
NET BOOK AMOUNTS									
As at 1 January 2013	6,914,238	143,138	12,866	6,168	5,778	10,562	82	0	7,296,049
As at 31 December 2013	6,712,619	100,196	5,934	2,982	3,939	18,620	0	0	7,047,507

Note 12: Debtors and Prepayments

	2013	2012
	€	€
Debtors	20,642	7,797
Prepayments & other debtors	<u>228,805</u>	<u>195,748</u>
	<u>249,447</u>	<u>203,545</u>

Note 13: Creditors and Accruals

	2013	2012
	€	€
Creditors	262,575	275,813
Accruals	<u>319,904</u>	<u>295,615</u>
	<u>582,479</u>	<u>571,428</u>



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Note 14: The Irish Landmark Trust Ltd.

The Irish Landmark Trust Ltd was established in 1992 as a non profit company with the objective of saving historic buildings that were abandoned or at risk. This is achieved by giving them a useful and viable function as short-term holiday accommodation, which would secure their long-term future. The level of Council funding each year is determined by reference to Council's Five-Year Plan, the Irish Landmark Trust's Corporate Plan, and Council's overall budgetary position.

Note 15: Discovery Programme Ltd.

The Council funds the Discovery Programme that was established in 1991 and was registered as a company, limited by guarantee on 15 January 1996. The Council is responsible for appointing the chair of the Discovery Programme and three of its directors. The Chief Executive or his nominee is one of Council's representatives on the Board of the Discovery Programme. The level of Council funding each year is determined by reference to Council's Five-Year Plan, The Discovery Programme's Corporate Plan, and Council's overall budgetary position.

The purpose of the programme is to enhance our understanding of Ireland's past through research and archaeological excavations.

Note 16: Grant Commitments

At 31 December 2013 the Council had entered into grant commitments in connection with activities due to take place after that date. The amount involved of €253,247 is not reflected in these Financial Statements.

	2013	2012
	€	€
Grants committed at 1 January	163,072	433,394
Approvals in year	2,289,558	4,070,100
Grants decommitted & write offs	(95,227)	(553,435)
Grant expenditure in the year	<u>(2,104,156)</u>	<u>(3,786,987)</u>
Grant Commitments at 31 December	<u>253,247</u>	<u>163,072</u>

Note 17: Council Members Disclosure of Interest

In the normal course of business the Council may approve financial assistance to undertakings in which the Council members are employed or otherwise have an interest.

The Council adopted procedures in accordance with guidelines issued by the Department of Finance in relation to the disclosure of interests by Council members and these procedures have been adhered to during the year.

No members disclosed an interest in organisations to which financial assistance was approved in the year.

Note 18: Going Concern

The Council draws funds from the Department of Arts, Heritage and Gaeltacht as and when required. It recognises this income on a cash receipts basis but recognises expenditure on an accruals basis. The Council believes that the department will continue to fund its approved activities and on this basis it is appropriate to prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Note 19: Premises

The Heritage Council operates from a premises at Áras na hOidhreachta, Church Lane, Kilkenny which it occupies and owns.

Note 20: Approval of Financial Statements

The Financial Statements were approved by Council on 10th April, 2014.



SCHEDULE 1 TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



BUILDINGS AT RISK				
Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
D03726	Conor Brennan	Urgent Repairs to Thatch, Kilmanagh, Co Kilkenny	Kilkenny	5,000.00

WALLED TOWNS NETWORK GRANTS				
Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
WD03680	Wexford Borough Council	Guided walking tours of Wexford's Town Wall	Wexford	100.00
WD03681	Trim Town Council	Trim Walled Town Festival 2013	Meath	3,500.00
WD03682	Castledermot Local History Group & Tidy Towns Committee	Castledermot Medieval Festival	Kildare	3,800.00
WD03683	Wexford Borough Council	Wexford's Town Wall its History & Archaeology & an Interactive Childrens Day	Wexford	1,500.00
WD03685	Wexford Borough Council	A Day in the Life of the Normans-Festival Event	Wexford	2,000.00
WD03690	Youghal Town Council	Youghal Medieval Festival	Cork - Cork County	8,000.00
WD03694	Galway City Council	Installation of information panels for section of Town Walls	Galway - Galway City	1,292.97
WD03698	Cashel Town Council	Cashel Walled Towns Day 2013	Tipperary - South Tipperary	7,000.00
WD03699	Cashel Town Council	The Medieval Scriptorium	Tipperary - South Tipperary	1,400.00
WD03708	Galway County Council	Athenry Walled Towns Day 2013	Galway - Galway County	7,000.00
WD03709	Buttevant Heritage Group	Buttevant Walled Towns Day	Cork - Cork County	4,370.00
WD03710	Clonmel Borough Council	Clonmel Walled Towns Day 2013	Tipperary - South Tipperary	7,500.00
WD03711	Galway County Council	Athenry Town Walls:The Legacy-awareness and schools project	Galway - Galway County	1,500.00
WD03712	Wexford Borough Council	A social analysis of the preliminary results of the DNA study of Wexford surnames to show if there was a DNA homogeneity in the town at the time the walls were built.	Wexford	159.00
WD03718	Limerick County Council	Kilmallock's Walled Town Day 2013	Limerick - Limerick County	3,390.66
WD03721	Bandon Walled Towns Festival Committee	Bandon Walled Town Festival 2013	Cork - Cork County	6,000.00
WD03723	Holywell Trust	The Walls 400! Up the Walls Weekend	Ireland - Northern	6,500.00
WD03725	Cork City Council	Cork City Medieval Day 2013	Cork - Cork City	2,700.00
WD03519	Derry City Council	Irish Walled Towns Weekend	Ireland - Northern	6,500.00
WD03520	Athy Heritage Centre-Museum	South Kildare Medieval Festival	Kildare	2,932.00



WALLED TOWNS NETWORK GRANTS CONTINUED				
Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
W03677	Cashel Town Council	Cashel City Walls Conservation Programme 2013	Tipperary - South Tipperary	20,000.00
W03684	Youghal Town Council	Phase V of Works to Secure Structural Integrity of Youghal Town Walls	Cork - Cork County	30,000.00
W03695	South Tipperary County Council	Fethard Town Walls- Emergency Repair Works	Tipperary - South Tipperary	10,000.00
W03704	St. John's Parish Heritage Group	Urgent Conservation and Stabilisation works of wall between gatehouse and tower 2 at Rin Duin	Roscommon	30,000.00
W03706	Galway County Council	Athenry Town Walls Capital Project 2013	Galway - Galway County	20,000.00
TOTAL				187,144.63

RESEARCH GRANTS				
Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
R02959	University College Dublin	Identification of Potamogeton hybrids in Ireland using genetic analysis	All of Ireland	2,000.00

EDUCATION GRANTS				
Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
E02390	Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland	'So you think you know...' pilot programme	Dublin - Dublin City	1,500.00
E02573	Railway Preservation Society of Ireland	To dismantle, assess and begin repair on a unique mainline Steam Locomotive No. 171	Ireland - Northern	5,000.00
E02754	Tullahought Community Development ITD.	Heritage week activities	Kilkenny	500.00
E02911	Coiste Baile Slachtmhar an Spidéil	Daoine agus Dúlra: Biodiversity training and plan for An Spidéil 2012	Galway - Galway County	3,000.00
E02930	Irish Wildlife Trust	SAC Watch Training Course 2012	Ireland - Republic of	5,000.00
E02993	OWLS - The Children's Nature Club	'OWLS Activity' Nature Camps	Dublin - Dublin City, Dublin - South Dublin, Dublin - Fingal	4,000.00
E03211	Irish Wildlife Trust	Green Voices	Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary - South Tipperary, Waterford - Waterford City, Waterford - Waterford County, Wexford	2,145.00
TOTAL				21,145.00



MANAGEMENT GRANTS				
Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
M02491	Clare County Archives	Conservation of Board of Guardian Minute Books	Clare	5,000.00
M02719	Michael Davitt National Memorial Association Ltd.	Conservation & Preservation Of Artefacts	Mayo	2,700.00
M02739	Rosaleen Humphreys	Roof repair works to building at Charlie's Farm, Roshin, Dunfanaghy	Donegal	10,000.00
M02804	Kirsty Pilkington	Conservation Works at Muckamish Fort Martello Tower, Co. Donegal	Donegal	12,000.00
M02810	Kevin Farry	Newhall Estate Gate Lodges - Emergency Repairs to secure fabric	Clare	14,000.00
M03084	Coillte	The Ongoing Development of the Ballinasloe Collaborative Deer Management Group	Wicklow	4,000.00
M03119	Brian Mahon	Rethatching at Ballydownan Cottage, Geashill, Co. Offaly	Offaly	3,000.00
M03173	University College Dublin	National Folklore Collection - Conservation of Schools' Folklore Collection Manuscripts (1937-38)	Dublin - South Dublin	7,000.00
D03784	BirdWatch Ireland	Inishee Island, Predator Proof Fence – maintenance	Galway - Galway County	3,791.00
TOTAL				61,491.00

CONSERVATION LED PLAN GRANTS				
Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
D03067	Maeve & Joe O'Connell	Essential Conservation Works to Church of St Nicholas, Newtown Jerpoint	Kilkenny	27,624.30
D03752	Dublin City Council	Essential Works to Pigeon House Precinct 2013	Dublin - Dublin City	15,000.00
D03753	Offaly County Council	Essential Works to Church of St Carthage, Rahan 2013.	Offaly	19,290.46
D03757	Rothe House & Garden	Building Survey & accompanying drawings, photographs and archaeological monitoring	Kilkenny	4,380.00
D03770	Kilkenny Borough Council	Conservation Works to Tombs at St Mary's Graveyard	Kilkenny	17,810.00
TOTAL				84,104.76



MUSEUM STANDARDS PROGRAMME COMMEMORATION CONSERVATION GRANTS				
Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
MS03761	Kerry County Museum	Understanding 1916 at Kerry County Museum - Creating a legacy of conserved objects	Kerry	3,495.00
MS03762	National Print Museum	Reviving the Wharfedale Stop Cylinder Press	Dublin - Dublin City	570.00
MS03763	Office of Public Works / Pearse Museum	Conservation of scientific instruments for use in a reconstructed Scoil Éanna Classroom	Dublin - South Dublin	1,533.00
TOTAL				5,598.00

LANDSCAPE POLICY GRANTS				
Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
D03591	European Forum for Nature Conservation and Pastoralism	High Nature Value Farming Project	Galway - Galway County	290.00
D03687	Burrenbeo Trust	Further work on the Burren Community Charter	Clare	5,000.00
D03672	European Forum on Nature Conservation and Pastoralism	High Nature Value Farming Project 2013	Galway - Galway County	35,000.00
D03760	European Forum on Nature Conservation & Pastoralism	High Nature Value Farming Project	Galway - Galway County	35,000.00
TOTAL				75,290.00

VALUING HERITAGE POLICY GRANTS				
Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
D03439	Ireland Reaching Out	Ireland Reaching out Project	All of Ireland	23,549.12
D03549	Burrenbeo Trust	Education and Information Programme activities	Clare	4,145.20
D03686	Burrenbeo Trust	Education & Information activities	Clare	20,000.00
D03688	Ireland Reaching Out	Provision of Genealogical Services for 2013	All of Ireland	35,549.76
D03727	National Association of Principals and Deput Principals	Development of heritage awards on the Creative Engagement project	All of Ireland	10,000.00
D03758	The Childrens Cultural Centre Ltd, t/a The Ark	Awaking Science Project 2012	Dublin - Dublin City	2,500.00
D03785	Susan O'Donoghue	Heritage in Schools - Binoculars for Bird Watching	Clare	620.00
D03795	BirdWatch Ireland	Bird Atlas 2007-11: Mapping Britain & Irelands Birds	All of Ireland	9,923.00



VALUING HERITAGE POLICY GRANTS CONTINUED

Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
D03759	The Institute of Conservator-Restorers in Ireland	Conservator-Restorers CPD Bursaries & Accrediation 2013	All of Ireland	6,000.00
D03729	Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland	Funding for CPD Co-ordinator and Administrator with the IAI	All of Ireland	10,000.00
D03794	Irish Museums Association	Core funding for Irish Museums Association Work Programme 2013	All of Ireland	8,500.00
TOTAL				130,787.08

MATERIAL CULTURE GRANTS

Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
D03584	Crafts Council of Ireland	Audit of Irish Lace	All of Ireland	5,000.00

INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS

Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
D03728	High Nature Value Services Limited	Field Monument Advisor 2013	Clare	15,000.00
D03730	Wicklow Uplands Council	Wicklow Uplands Council Core Funding 2013	Wicklow	65,000.00
D03731	Bere Island Project Group	Implementation of Bere Island Conservation Plan	Cork - Cork County	20,000.00
D03732	Woodlands of Ireland	Core Funding for Woodlands of Ireland Work Programme 2013	All of Ireland	40,000.00
TOTAL				140,000.00



COUNTY HERITAGE PLAN GRANTS				
Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
C03588	Laois County Council	A series of events throughout 2013 to raise awareness of heritage throughout County Laois	Laois	9,000.00
C03590	Louth County Council	Survey of Irish Geological Heritage sites in Cavan, Louth and Monaghan	Cavan, Louth, Monaghan	5,000.00
C03593	Cork City Council	South Main Street Archaeological Monograph	Cork - Cork City	8,842.50
C03594	Cork City Council	Heritage Open Day and Heritage Week Events	Cork - Cork City	4,000.00
C03595	Cork City Council	Discover Cork Schools Heritage Project	Cork - Cork City	5,000.00
C03597	Clare County Council	Ennis Green Infrastructure Plan 2013	Clare	12,822.75
C03599	Clare County Council	Biodiversity Officer 2013	Clare	20,000.00
C03600	Waterford County Council	Heritage and Biodiversity Week events	Waterford - Waterford County	817.29
C03604	Cavan County Council	'Looking Forward' - A Strategy for Cavan Golden Mile	Cavan	4,332.56
C03605	Waterford County Council	Medieval Dungarvan- An illustrated introduction to the medieval archaeology of Dungarvan	Waterford - Waterford County	2,137.50
C03607	Kerry County Council	Kerry Raptor Conservation Project	Kerry	3,750.00
C03608	South Tipperary County Council	Adopt a Monument / Green Space 2013	Tipperary - South Tipperary	4,875.00
C03611	Offaly County Council	Scaled architectural drawings and condition reports of follies in Offaly	Offaly	6,000.00
C03612	Cavan County Council	Survey of Irish Geological Sites in Cavan, Louth and Monaghan	Cavan	5,363.00
C03613	Waterford County Council	Waterford Wetlands Seminar 2013	Waterford - Waterford County	2,111.62
C03614	Offaly County Council	Offaly Archives phase 1	Offaly	7,476.25
C03615	Galway County Council	Field Monument Advisor Project 2013	Galway - Galway County	15,000.00
C03616	Offaly County Council	Heritage Awareness activities for County Offaly	Offaly	4,600.00
C03617	Cork County Council	The Bridges of County Cork - Heritage Guide	Cork - Cork County	6,000.00
C03618	Cork County Council	Portfolio of Cork County Council's Priority Heritage Assets	Cork - Cork County	9,000.00
C03619	Kerry County Council	Graveyard Surveys	Kerry	1,125.45
C03620	Kerry County Council	IMA Museums basics course	Kerry	3,000.00
C03621	Galway County Council	'People and Nature' Galway County Biodiversity Project 2013	Galway - Galway County	20,000.00
C03622	Waterford County Council	Historic Waterford Trail Guide	Waterford - Waterford County	4,717.50
C03623	Kilkenny County Council	Heritage Awareness activities for County Kilkenny	Kilkenny	4,500.00
C03624	Monaghan County Council	Survey of Geological Heritage Sites in Cavan, Louth and Monaghan	Monaghan	3,093.75



COUNTY HERITAGE PLAN GRANTS CONTINUED

Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
C03625	Galway City Council	Bohermore Cemetry Survey, Booklet and Information Leaflet	Galway - Galway City	6,354.75
C03626	Cavan County Council	Cavan's Built Heritage	Cavan	3,941.25
C03627	Galway County Council	Ecclesiastical Heritage Audit for Connemara Electoral Area Phase 2- 2013	Galway - Galway County	12,000.00
C03633	Fingal County Council	Grassland Management Project Baldoyle Estuary	Dublin - Fingal	8,041.76
C03634	Kilkenny County Council	Vernacular forged wrought iron gates survey and awareness project	Kilkenny	11,000.00
C03635	Clare County Council	Lough Derg Heritage Trail booklet, CDs and smart phone app and conference. Further work Lough Derg Plan	Clare	5,000.00
C03636	Kerry County Council	Children's Dingle Peninsula Guide	Kerry	3,184.87
C03637	Roscommon County Council	2013 - Book on the Geological Heritage of Roscommon	Roscommon	4,000.00
C03638	Kilkenny County Council	Community Fieldname Recording Project	Kilkenny	3,500.00
C03639	Laois County Council	Increasing Accessibility of Laois Local Studies Collection	Laois	6,000.00
C03641	Wicklow County Council	Industrial Heritage Conference	Wicklow	2,000.00
C03642	Kildare County Council	Maintenance and improvement guidelines for Local Authority Cottages	Kildare	10,000.00
C03644	Roscommon County Council	2013 Kiltrustan Church Conservation Project	Roscommon	15,000.00
C03645	South Dublin County Council	Traditional Building and Conservation Skills Exhibition	Dublin - South Dublin	4,200.00
C03647	Donegal County Council	Heritage & Habitat in Your Community (Action 4.3)	Donegal	5,000.00
C03648	North Tipperary County Council	Heritage Week 2013 Events and Guide	Tipperary - North Tipperary	4,000.00
C03649	Dublin City Council	Built to Last: Improving Energy Efficiency Upgrade in Dublin's Historic Residential Building Stock	Dublin - Dublin City	9,500.00
C03651	Fingal County Council	Field Monuments Advisor 2013	Dublin - Fingal	15,000.00
C03653	Wicklow County Council	Wicklow's Wonderful Wetlands- Raising general awareness about the importance of wetland habitats in Wicklow	Wicklow	3,453.59
C03654	Longford Local Authorities	County Longford Schools Local Heritage Education Project 2013	Longford	3,694.05
C03655	Monaghan County Council	Heritage Awareness activities	Monaghan	8,120.00
C03656	Galway County Council	Lough Derg Heritage Trail booklet, CD's and smart phone App and conference. Further work Lough Derg Plan.	Galway - Galway County	5,000.00
C03657	Dublin City Council	Archaeology GIS Project (Phase 2) 2013	Dublin - Dublin City	9,500.00
C03658	Louth County Council	Biodiversity enhancement plans for Louth Tidy Towns groups	Louth	4,000.00



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Ref. Number	Recipient Name	Project Title	Local Authority Areas	Amount Paid €
C03659	South Dublin County Council	SDCC Industrial Heritage Mills Survey	Dublin - South Dublin	4,159.68
C03661	Louth County Council	Little Tern Conservation Project at Baltray, Boyne Estuary SPA	Louth	10,000.00
C03662	North Tipperary County Council	Lough Derg Heritage Trail booklet, CDs and smartphone app and conference. Further work Lough Derg Plan.	Tipperary - North Tipperary	5,000.00
C03663	Wicklow County Council	Heritage Week activities in Wicklow	Wicklow	2,999.13
C03664	Longford Local Authorities	Invasive Species Android Smartphone App	Longford	1,297.00
C03666	Longford Local Authorities	Longford Writers Exhibition	Longford	1,960.80
C03667	Meath Local Authorities	Heritage Awareness activities	Meath	8,925.00
C03668	Mayo County Council	Mayo Heritage Communication & Awareness Programme 2013	Mayo	14,000.00
C03669	Mayo County Council	Mayo's Geological Heritage Publication	Mayo	5,000.00
C03792	Donegal County Council	The Historic Landscape Characterisation for County Donegal	Donegal	7,000.00
C03793	Cork County Council	Heritage Guide on the Bridges of County Cork (Additional to C03617)	Cork - Cork County	2,000.00
C02807	Waterford County Council	Geological Heritage of County Waterford	Waterford - Waterford County	5,197.95
C03130	Galway County Council	Field Monument Advisor Scheme	Galway - Galway County	15,000.00
TOTAL				416,595.00



APPENDIX A:

REFERENCES AND NOTES TO THE ANNUAL REPORT 2013

- 1 Valuing the Priceless: The Value of Historic Heritage in Australia, Research Report No. 2, 2005 – Prepared for the Heritage Chairs and Officials of Australia and New Zealand.
- 2 Tourism, an abstract export industry, is included in the invisible balance of the national balance of trade, which measures the relationship between our national imports and exports – i.e. whether we operate what is termed a trade surplus or a trade deficit.
- 3 Under the provisions of Irish Planning Legislation.
- 4 See Section 6 of the Heritage Act 1995 – <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1995/en/act/pub/0004/index.html>
- 5 The Heritage Council's Strategic Plan 2012-2016 is available at – www.heritagecouncil.ie
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- 7 Current legislation provides for a maximum of 17 board members.
- 8 For example, the graduate planning intern who worked for the Heritage Council since May 2012 secured paid employment in early December 2013.
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- 10 i.e. Full-time, part-time and continuing professional development (CPD) courses. See: <http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/planning/initiatives/landscape-character-assessment-training/>
- 11 The Heritage Council's National 'Pilot' Community-led Village Design Project was undertaken with the Julianstown village community and Meath County Council, and features in the Community-led Village Design Statement Toolkit (and Toolkit Training Workshop), in October 2012.
- 12 http://www.heritagecouncil.ie/architecture/news/view-article/article/call-for-nominations-for-the-historic-towns-research-awards/?tx_ttnews%5BbackPid%5D=144&cHash=ed76217f05a8fb86b1b1fa1e7d231ed0
- 13 Report researched and written by A. Harvey and K. Moloney, 2013.
- 14 Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended by Section 20 of the P&D (Amendment) Act 2010.
- 15 Burrenbeo has over 200 registered volunteers, in 2013 over 90 were involved in monthly active conservation including stone walling, archaeological surveys, insect monitoring, excavations, scrub control and spring cleans.
- 16 <http://www.burrenbeo.com/burren-shop/products/burrenbeo-publications/burren-insight-magazine-issue-5-2013>
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Irish Times www.irishtimes.com/culture/heritage/plan-to-protect-400-000km-of-irish-hedgerows-launched-1.1608000
Irish Independent www.independent.ie/irish-news/species-could-die-out-with-ancient-hedgerows-29786890.html
Agriland www.agriland.ie/news/irelands-400000-hedgerows-go-digital/
- 20 http://www.dcy.gov.ie/viewdoc.asp?fn=/documents/child_welfare_protection/childfirst.htm
- 21 Approx. 200 people from Ireland, the UK and Australia successfully completed the Heritage Council and Partners' Multi-disciplinary LCA CPD Course during 2009-2011.
- 22 www.heritagecouncil.ie/planning/news/view-article/article/new-report-on-the-onshore-windfarm-sector-in-ireland-produced-by-the-heritage-council/?L=pilsrxcikqddzct%2Feventc%2F%3FL%3Dpilsrxcikqddzcd&tx_%5D=264&cHash=338e9a8272973d3bc2192a92753e820f
- 23 Report researched and written by A. Harvey and K. Moloney, 2013.
- 24 Section 28 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, as amended by Section 20 of the P&D (Amendment) Act 2010.



APPENDIX B:

BURRENBEO TRUST EDUCATION PROGRAMMES IN 2013

INITIATIVES IN 2013	TIMESCALE/PARTICIPANTS	OVERVIEW
Ecobeo Young Burren Schools Programme (100% free to local schools – started in 2008)	7 months – until June 2013 (i.e. Nov 2012) 4 Burren schools & 88 pupils – Newquay NS, Ballyvaughan NS, Kilfenora and Mol an Óige, Ennistymon Steiner School. 900 children involved in Ecobeo since 2008.	4 schools selected & 10 study modules undertaken (including field trips) with local experts, on geology, biodiversity, cultural heritage, built heritage and conservation. Newsletters, interactive activities and projects are also utilised. Each school puts together a family-attended graduation involving student presentations through drama, poetry, posters, puppets and 3D models.
Áitbheo 'Pilot' – Transition Students	Feb-June 2013: 25 students from Gort Community School took part in the 'Pilot'. Aims to connect and develop a strong sense of place in the students, which they carry into their adult lives.	Interactive modules on landscape, built heritage, people and places in history, culture, biodiversity, conservation and biomimicry. Dedicated online blog created to enable students to showcase their local area and new found knowledge. Minister Ciaran Cannon T.D. attended the Place Heroes – Laoch Áite graduation ceremony in 2013.
Summer School Tours	First Burren-based tours taking local children out for a fun-filled day	Focus on children learning about their surroundings through games and activities.
Burren in Bloom 2013 – 8th Festival	The month-long festival was held in May 2013. 700 people attended.	Talks, walks, musical trails, art exhibitions, weekly set dancing and music events, e.g. Irish composer Fiona Linnane's 'Bells Across the Burren'.



APPENDIX C:

NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK AWARDS 2013

...COME ON LET US SHOW YOU AROUND...

Five National Heritage Week 2013 Awards were presented by the Heritage Council, as follows:

1. Best Overall Event;
2. Most Innovative Event;
3. Best Children's Event;
4. Best Event organised by a Community Group;
5. Best Interactive Event.

National Winner – 1. Best Overall Event and 2. Most Innovative Event – two awards were presented to Loughshinny and Rush Historical Society for their Centenary Commemoration of the plane crash at Loughshinny Bay, Co.Dubin, of the renowned pioneer aviator Mr Harry Hawker on the 28th August 1913.



From L to R: David Ryan, Vera Stone, Kevin Murray, Colette Murray, Cllr. Ciaran Byrne and Cepta Butler from the Loughshinny and Rush HS receive their awards for the Best Overall Event and Most Innovative Event from Conor Newman, Chairman of the Heritage Council.

3. National Winner - Best Children's Event – awarded to the Heritage House Museum, Abbeyleix, Co. Laois for their Kids Shipwreck and Dig Workshop.



From L to R: Richard Reed and Sinead Marshall from the Heritage House Museum in Abbeyleix receiving their award for Best Children's Event during Heritage Week 2013 from Conor Newman, Chairman of the Heritage Council. Missing from photo – Catherine Casey, Laois County Council Heritage Officer.

4. National Winner Best Event organised by a Community Group – was awarded to Youghal Heritage Committee for organising the annual Youghal Medieval Festival 2013 – its 7th Year.



From L to R: Conor Newman with Catherine Desmond, Cllr Sammy Revins, Mayor of Youghal, Cllr Mary-Linehan Foley & Tessie Andersson, all members of Youghal Heritage Committee.

5. Best Interactive Event – was awarded to Cork City Council for their Cork Heritage Week Open Day, which featured the Cork Folklore Project's DVD "If The Walls Could Talk".



From L to R: Conor Newman presenting the award for Heritage Week 2013 Best Interactive Event to organisers Louise Madden O'Shea and Niamh Twomey of Cork City Council.



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