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## Foreword

The history of Ireland can quite literally be found in its Walled Towns. The Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN) was established by The Heritage Council in 2005 and currently comprises 22 walled towns and villages throughout Ireland. The role of the IWTN is to co-ordinate and support the strategic efforts of local authorities and their communities in the management, conservation and enhancement of historic walled towns in Ireland. This Action Plan provides a route to fulfilling these goals.

The IWTN is not a top down organisation. It was formed by communities from walled towns which recognise the intrinsic value of the medieval fabric in its own right and understand the link between the quality of the walls and bringing direct economic benefits. Accordingly, the various goals of the 2011-2013 Action Plan build upon and complement each other. They create circumstances whereby the walls are protected and promoted as an amenity for both locals and tourists alike. By enacting the Plan the quality of our tourism product, and the hospitality and craft sectors of each town can benefit. Similarly the livelihoods of the construction workers, small businesses and professionals that conserve and interpret the fabric will receive much needed support.

The Network and Action Plan would not exist without the extraordinary hard work of the existing and past IWTN committee members and the people in each town who help in driving the work programme forward.



Michael Starrett  
Chief Executive





## 1. Introduction

The Heritage Council established the *Irish Walled Towns Network* in April 2005 to unite and co-ordinate the strategic efforts of Local Authorities involved in the management and conservation of historic walled towns in Ireland, both North and South. The Irish Walled Towns Network is formally linked to the International Walled Towns Friendship Circle (WTFC), which is the international association for the sustainable development of walled towns, walled cities and fortified historic towns.

Walled towns and cities are an important national heritage asset. They link communities to their past, while shaping the current and future urban form and fabric of our modern settlements. The remaining walls or former sites/routes, when effectively conserved, managed and promoted help to create a 'unique sense of place, belonging and identity' and are an important long term source of civic pride and focus for tourism, cultural and economic development. The conservation and management of the historic walls also contribute to an enhanced quality of life for residents and visitors alike.

According to the international group the Walled Towns Friendship Circle (WTFC):

*'Walled towns are unique inheritances from times long past and should be treasured, maintained and safeguarded from neglect and destruction and passed on in perpetuity as irreplaceable Timestones of History'* (WTFC Piran Declaration 2003). The IWTN endorses the Piran Declaration and aims to ensure that the Walled Towns in Ireland are protected, conserved and managed for the benefit of existing and future generations.

### International and Irish Policy context

International charters and conventions have influenced government policy and legislation to protect the architectural and archaeological heritage, for example the *UNESCO Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage* (1972), the Council of Europe *Convention for the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe* (1985), and Council of Europe *Convention for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage* (1992). The conventions require states to identify, protect, conserve, present and transmit their cultural heritage to future generations. A number of ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) charters are also relevant to walled towns, such as the *International Charter on the Conservation of Historic Towns and Urban Areas* (1987). These documents and Irish legislation, policy and statutory guidance on the built heritage contain principles that should inform decisions about how the cultural value of the built environment is to be treated.

The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government has published a National Policy on Town Defences (2008). The policy declaration states:

*The known and expected circuits of the defences (both upstanding and buried, whether of stone or embankment construction) and associated features of all town defences are to be considered a single national monument and treated as a unit for policy and management purposes. There should be a presumption in favour of preservation in-situ of archaeological remains and preservation of their character, setting and amenity.*

*Urban settlements will and must continue to change and develop. However, this necessary continuum must recognise and preserve the character, setting and amenity of all upstanding urban defences and the archaeological evidence that survives, or may survive, below ground. Urban defences are to be considered of primary importance where they are found.*<sup>1</sup>

This policy supplements the existing policies *Framework and Principles for the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage* and *Policy and Guidelines on Archaeological Excavations* (both 1999) and statutory guidance *Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities* (2004). These documents set out principles and best practice for archaeology and architectural conservation in Ireland. In summary, the architectural, historical and archaeological significance of urban defences must be

<sup>1</sup>The Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government has published a National Policy on Town Defences (2008). [www.environ.ie/en/Heritage/BuiltHeritageandArchitecturalPolicy/PublicationsDocuments/FileDownload,18934,en.pdf](http://www.environ.ie/en/Heritage/BuiltHeritageandArchitecturalPolicy/PublicationsDocuments/FileDownload,18934,en.pdf)



identified (such as done by a conservation plan) and all works carried out to them must be the minimum possible to safeguard these qualities. The practice of conservation of urban defences requires the input of professional expertise and craft skills from several disciplines, from archaeologists and architects to engineers and masons. As urban defences are considered National Monuments, the National Monuments Acts 1930-2004 require that the Consent of the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government is obtained in order to carry out works which affect these monuments or parts of them that are in state or local authority ownership. Notification to the Minister must be made two months prior to carrying out work at or in relation to town walls which are not in state or local authority ownership.

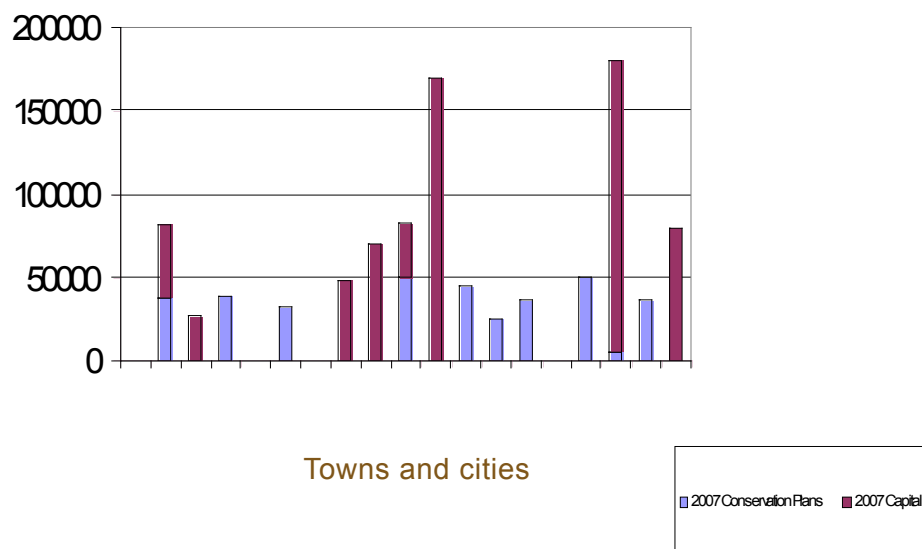
## 2. Report 2006-2010

Twelve towns were represented at the initial meeting in Athlone on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2005. Since then the membership has grown to 21, 19 towns in the Republic and 2 towns in Northern Ireland (Appendix 1). Bi-annual conferences have been held beginning in 2005 in Kilkenny, 2006 in Derry and Drogheda, 2007 in Youghal and Carrickfergus, 2008 in Athenry and Dublin and 2009 in Carlingford. A wide range of informative papers and practical demonstrations has been presented at these conferences. These, with the subsequent guided in-depth tours of each town and the net-working between individuals has cemented the Network.

Other notable points from this period have included:

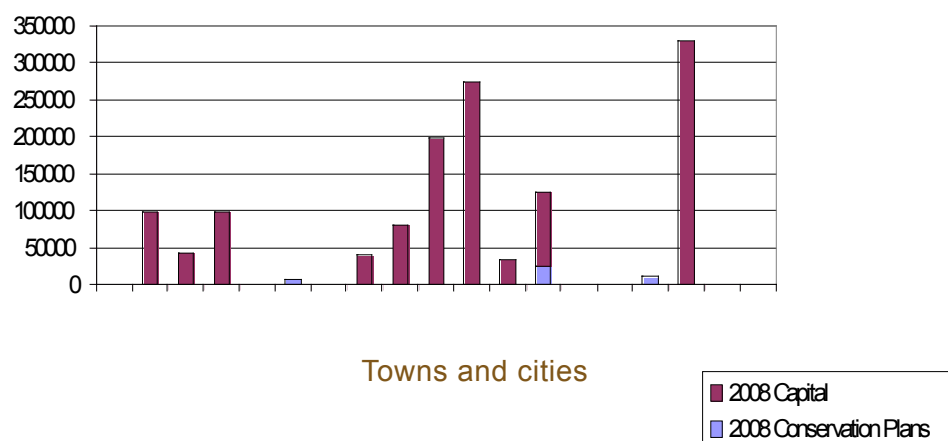
- In 2007 a budget of 2.016 million was announced by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government specifically for the IWTN fund.
- A series of Conservation and Management Plans and Public Realm Plans were commissioned. There are Conservation and Management Plans in place for all the member towns.
- A Conservation and Management Plan has become a criterion for eligibility for capital grant funding.
- A series of capital works were also financed between 2006 and 2010 through the same budget stream (Appendix 5).
- In 2007 it was agreed that a part time project manager should be recruited to assist the Heritage Council in co-ordinating the IWTN. The Heritage Council provides infrastructure and administration for this position.
- Local Authorities contribute an annual membership fee to provide revenue to finance the post of the project manager. The membership fee was set at €3,000 for members with significant amounts of standing walls and €1,500 for members with little or no above ground remains. These figures have since been reduced in the light of the current operating context (Appendix 4).
- In 2008 the book *Irish Walled Towns*, edited by John Givens and published by Liffey Press containing an overview of the history and development of 20 towns, was produced. Out of a print run of 1600, 1200 have been sold.
- Between 2006 and 2010 Irish Walled Towns Day has developed and is run on the Sunday of the first weekend of Heritage Week. This is celebrated by towns in a variety of ways from co-ordinated nationwide bell-ringing, guided walks to weekend long medieval festivals. Funding for Walled Towns Day is provided by the Department's grant allocation through the Heritage Council. (Appendix 6).

## 2007 IWTN funding for Conservation plans and capital works



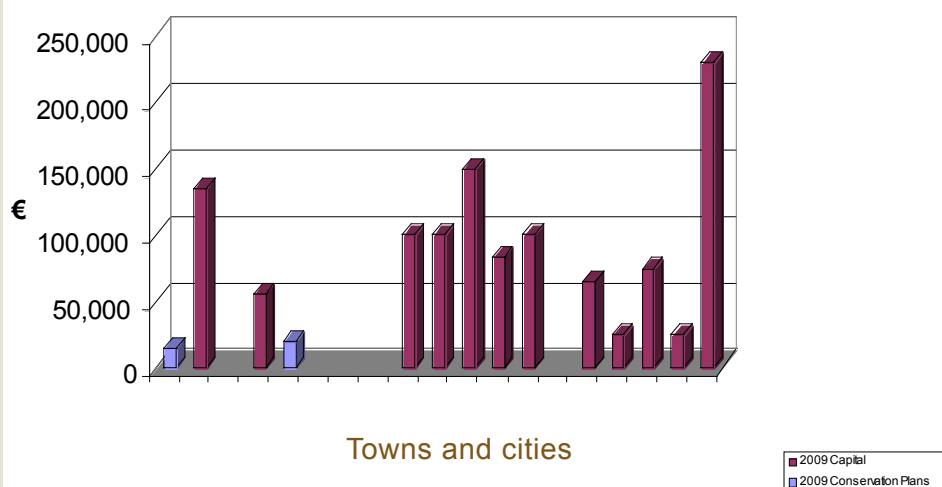
Please Note: Funding provided for Public Realm Plans for Athenry, Cashel, Drogheda, Fethard, Kilmallock, Waterford and Youghal are not included in the above tables.

## 2008 IWTN funding for Conservation plans and capital projects

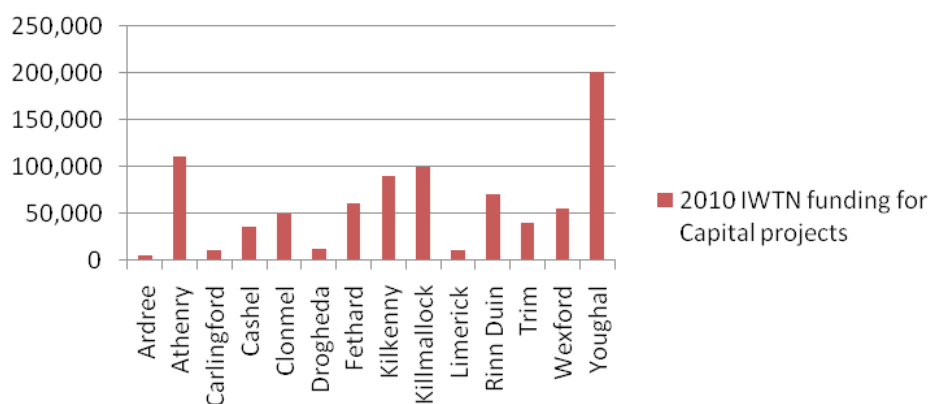


Please Note: No conservation plans were completed during 2010.

## 2019 approvals for Conservations Plans and capital projects



## 2010 IWTN funding allocation for Capital projects





### 3. Review of Action Plan 2006-2008

The actions devised for the first Action Plan were largely the outcome of a workshop held in Athlone in April 2005. Some of the proposed actions proved difficult or time consuming to implement and while good in intention and valuable in long term strategy, the problems for the Walled Town members tended to be more immediate. Foremost among which was establishing a 'champion' and gaining commitment from budget holders within each Local Authority. Some of these actions can be revisited when the fabric and setting of the town walls is secured. Other actions not achieved under the last Action Plan will be more easily carried out in the lifetime of this subsequent Plan as a result of the good foundation laid down over the last three years.

Eleven immediate (late 2005/2006) key actions were identified:

#### Key action 1

*Preparation of National Guidelines for the effective management, conservation and enhancement of walled towns in Ireland.*

The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government launched a policy document in November 2008 entitled *National Policy on Town Defences* as a result of which it is now practice to treat urban defences as National Monuments in the Republic of Ireland under the National Monuments Acts 1930-2004.

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#### Key action 2

*Establish IWTN website and brand logo*

The IWTN website is linked to Heritage Council website. To date there is no brand logo.

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#### Key action 3

*Preparation and implementation of Conservation and Management Plans for all Local Authority Members of the Irish Network (Southern Members) and to encourage the Environment and Heritage Service (EHS NI) to introduce a similar programme for members in Northern Ireland*

Three, Dublin (2004), Athlone and Kilkenny (2005) Conservation and Management Plans (commissioned by the various Local Authorities in partnership with the Heritage Council) had been completed or were in train prior to the establishment of IWTN. Since then, fifteen Conservation and Management Plans have been directly funded through the IWTN.

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#### Key action 4

*Formulation of National and Regional Tourism Development Strategies*

Not carried out.

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#### Key action 5

*Mid term review of Regional Planning Guidelines 2007*

Not carried out.

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## Key action 6

### *Education Awareness Programme*

1. Third level- establish formal links between IWTN and universities and colleges etc.  
Not carried out
2. Secondary level- members, in partnership with local schools, to design an Irish Walled Towns awareness programme that meets the requirements of the national curriculum.  
Not carried out.
3. Heritage in Schools Programme - members to develop an Irish Walled Towns element within the existing programme  
Not carried out.

## Key action 7

### *Heritage Week*

Walled Towns Day see key action 10.

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## Key action 8

### *Establish a National Walled Towns Photographic Gallery and Image Bank*

Photographic competitions ran successfully in 2006 and 2007.

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## Key action 9

### *Encourage the preparation of a policy paper on the protection of Walled Towns in Ireland by the Heritage Council/EHS (NI)*

This has been superseded by the production of the policy document by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government.

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## Key action 10

### *Establish National 'Irish Walled Towns Festival' on an annual basis.*

Walled Towns Day was developed and slotted into Heritage Week.

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## Key action 11

### *Establish Irish Walled Towns Public Awareness Campaign*

1. Devise detailed public awareness programme -  
Walled Towns Day has been established. Walled Towns book published.
  2. Raise awareness of Irish Walled Towns at key entrance points and gateways.  
Not carried out
  3. Design and undertake annual awareness surveys  
Not carried out
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Twelve further actions were identified under four main headings:

## Networking and lobbying:

1. *IWTN: establish programmes to ensure the widening and developing of the Irish Network and to seek to build formal links with EU partners*

2006-2010 eight IWTN conferences have been organised, these have been addressed by experts in Historic Town Planning and Public Realm largely from abroad. Representatives from English Heritage and the international group the Walled Towns Friendship Circle (WTFC) have also attended. The IWTN as a body has joined the WTFC and some individual members have also joined.

2. *Undertake an economic appraisal to determine the monetary and non-monetary benefits of Walled Towns in Ireland.*

The monetary benefits of the Walled Towns Day held in Youghal 2008 were the subject of a report by KPMG commissioned by the Heritage Council in conjunction with the Irish Walled towns Network. (see Appendix 6)

3. *Encourage attendance at International Walled Town Circle Conferences in order to build links and partnerships with other Walled Towns and Cities on an international level.*

Some attendance by members of the Management Committee.

## **Conservation and Management**

1. *Undertake an assessment of the National Monuments Act 1930-2004 to ensure Walled Towns are given specific protection, ie. recognised as one structure/monument rather than isolated structures.*

National Policy on Town Defences:

'Policy Declaration: The known and expected circuits of the defences (both upstanding and buried, whether of stone should be a presumption in favour of preservation in-situ of archaeological remains and presence or embankment construction) and associated features of all town defences are to be considered a single national monument and treated as a unit for policy and management purposes. Thervation of their character, setting and amenity.'

2. *Develop Walled Towns 'Champions', establish Walled Towns Societies in each member town/area to promote and champion the preservation and conservation of Walled Towns.*

The establishment of a Local Action Team became a criterion for eligibility for grant allocations.

3. *Ownership- determine ownership of historic Walls in each member town/area and provide a map on the Network and Local Authority websites showing private and public property.*

As part of the production of the Conservation and Management Plans landowners adjacent to the defences were identified. This is not a 'one size fits all' issue. Each town has a different set of circumstances and therefore will have to provide local solutions. Provision of owner mapping for public access could be construed as intrusive.

4. *Local Authority Development Contribution Schemes/Planning Agreements (NI). Ensure that Contribution Schemes, as required under Section 48 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, contain specific levies in relation to the protection and enhancement of Town Walls where relevant.*

Applications to the Development Fund may have been made. Contribution Schemes may have been applied. For best conservation practice to apply in a standard way consolidation of the fabric of the Town Walls became a function of the IWTN fund. Other areas, such as interpretative signage, seating, amenity enhancement within the setting of the walls could be catered for under Planning Conditions.

## **Joint Promotion and IT**

1. *Design events strategies for members (at an individual, regional and national level).*

SE Ireland Walled Towns Vintage Car Rally involving New Ross, Waterford and Wexford in 2006.

Ongoing RTE coverage of Walled Towns Day.

2. *Develop links to local museums and art galleries; devise programme for greater co-operation between members and their local museums.*

A meeting of curators took place at Carrickfergus.

3. *Ensure IWTN website is linked to websites for regional and national tourism bodies, local and national museums and local authority websites.*

Not carried out



## Education and Training:

1. *Traditional stonemasonry- develop and promote stonemason courses in Member towns/areas in partnership with FÁS.*

Not carried out.

2. *National curriculum: encourage the Department of Education and Science to ensure that Irish Walled Towns feature in the national curriculum at all key stages.*

Medieval town walls are included as part of the 'Archaeology in the Classroom' devised by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government (DEHLG) and which has been included in the national curriculum at primary level. A similar module dealing with archaeology (Time in Transition) is now included at secondary level for transition year students.



## 4. Three year Action Plan 2011-2013

Many valuable lessons have been learnt during the course of the previous Action Plan and diminishing resources have meant that the focus will be on actions which have immediate return with relatively little outlay. The actions seek to strengthen the excellent groundwork that has been established over the lifetime of the previous plan.

### Key action 1:

*Target the relevant Local Authority and include in the membership any remaining towns with substantial upstanding town defences.*

Lead: IWTN Management Committee/Heritage Council through the Project Manager.  
Budget: Revenue  
Benchmarking: 2013

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### Key action 2:

*Complete the suite of Conservation and Management Plans for existing and new members (formerly Action 3 2006-2008)*

Lead: Individual Local Authorities and IWTN.  
Budget: IWTN fund  
Benchmarking: 2013

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### Key action 3:

*Focus available funding on urgent projects in regard to the fabric of town defences and to other priority schedules identified in individual Conservation and Management Plans.*

Lead: Funding Committee  
Budget: IWTN fund  
Benchmarking: Projects delivered by 2013

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### Key action 4:

*Preparation of National Guidelines for the effective management, conservation and enhancement of Walled Towns in Ireland. (formerly Action 1 2006-2008)*

Lead: Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government  
Budget: DEHLG  
Benchmarking: Publication by 2011

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### Key action 5:

*Develop a series of best practice principles in relation to the protection and enhancement of town defences that can be applied to County Development Plans and Local Area Plans and circulate to Regional and Local Authorities. Ensure consultants and contractors conduct adequate research and planning before conservation works begin and conduct all actions according to international best practice as detailed in the Venice and Burra Charters.*

Lead: IWTN Management Committee and Sub Committee of Membership/Heritage Council and DEHLG.  
Budget: Not required  
Benchmarking: Review of current CDPs and LAPs.

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### Key action 6:

*Encourage local committees to link with all sections of the Education sector, by circulating a series of shared projects. Activate the research agenda of the Conservation and Management Plan.*

Lead: LATs/VEC/Boards of Management/Department of Education  
Budget: €5000 per town over the lifetime of the plan.  
Benchmarking: 2013

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### Key action 7:

*Establish Irish Walled Towns Public Awareness Campaign (formerly Key Action 11 (2006-2008))*

1. Raise awareness of Irish Walled Towns at key entrance points and gateways.

Prepare and design a brochure for circulation.

Lead: Fáilte Ireland/sub committee IWTN prepare a form for relevant information, other information is now available from the book Irish Walled Towns  
Budget: €25,000 for design and publication  
Benchmarking: Town Tourism Surveys

2. Design and undertake annual awareness surveys

Lead: Design Heritage Council/Fáilte Ireland, IWTN Management Committee, undertaken by members.  
Budget: Not required  
Benchmarking: Summary of information to be circulated

3. Prepare a consumer focussed website that will focus on the consumer benefits of visiting the towns, link to each of the towns' own local authority or tourism committee site for further details, as well as linking to/from other relevant external sites. This latter action may be tied in with the Irish Walled Towns Passport Initiative.

Lead: Heritage Council/Fáilte Ireland, IWTN Management Committee, undertaken by members.

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### Key action 8:

*Actively encourage and promote regionalisation amongst the members. This could take the form of sharing consultants and/or expertise. It could be holding small workshops on shared themes. It could be promoting a regional tourism package. It could be a competition at regional level.*

Lead: Individual members of the Management Committee within each region.  
Budget: €5000 per region over the life time of the plan.

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### Key action 9:

*Develop a promotional scheme that will encourage foreign and domestic tourists to visit the various towns in the network. This may take the form of a 'Walled Towns Passport' that would provide passport holders with incentives to visit member towns. Design multilingual website that will provide information on each town, their transport links, accommodation and restaurants.*

Lead: Individual Local Authorities, Fáilte Ireland, IWTN  
Budget: IWTN fund

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**Key action 10:**

*Encourage mobility between concentrations of Irish Walled Towns. The feasibility of conducting a pilot project linking Cashel, Fethard and Clonmel should be investigated.*

Lead: Individual Local Authorities and IWTN

Budget: Private Industry, Leader, Relevant Local Authorities, IWTN fund

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**Key action 11:**

*Expand Irish Walled Towns Day to include the promotion and interpretation of town wall remains using a variety of media.*

Lead: Individual Local Authorities and IWTN. IWTN sub-committee to collate relevant information

Budget: Individual Local Authorities and IWTN fund

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# Appendix 1

## Membership Contact Names

Town	Name	Position	Address	Contact
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## Appendix 2

### Constitution

Constitution  
of the  
Irish Walled Towns Network  
and  
Standing Orders  
for  
Management Committee meetings.

30<sup>th</sup> September 2010

## Introduction

1. The Heritage Council established the Irish Walled Towns Network (IWTN) in April, 2005 to unite and co-ordinate the strategic efforts of Local Authorities involved in the management and conservation of historic walled towns in Ireland, both North and South. The Irish Walled Town Network is formally linked to the international Walled Town Friendship Circle (WTFC) which is the International Association for the sustainable development of walled towns, walled cities and fortified historic towns.

### The Management Committee

2. A Management Committee shall be established to co-ordinate the affairs of the IWTN in relation to policy management and direction with representation from the Walled Town's Members, the Heritage Council, the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Fáilte Ireland and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency. The purpose of this Management Committee shall be to formulate Network Action Plans and accordingly to advise and assist the ongoing work programmes associated with implementing those Plans.
3. The Management Committee shall consist of 10 Members and shall be comprised of
  - i) Chairperson,
  - ii) Deputy Chairperson,
  - iii) Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government,
  - iv) Heritage Council,
  - v) Northern Ireland Environment Agency,
  - vi) Fáilte Ireland,
  - vii) Walled Town Representatives - Northern Ireland (1 member) and Walled Town Representatives - Republic of Ireland (3 members).

*The Network Project Manager shall be in attendance and will not be a member of the Committee.*

### Annual General Meeting

4. The IWTN shall hold an Annual General Meeting in January each year or on such date as the Management Committee decides.
5. The office of Deputy Chairperson, who must be a representative of a member town, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Chairman of the IWTN Management Committee will be appointed by the Heritage Council.
6. Nominations for Deputy Chairperson shall be made to the IWTN Project Manager at least seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting with the consent of the nominee. All nominations shall be seconded before or at the Annual General Meeting. Where two or more nominations are received for a single position and not subsequently withdrawn, an election shall take place at the Annual General Meeting. Annual General Meeting Where only one nomination is placed before the Annual General Meeting that person shall be elected.
7. Nominations from the Heritage Council, Fáilte Ireland, the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and Northern Ireland Environment Agency will be accepted before, at or after the Annual General Meeting.

8. The Secretary of the Network shall be the Project Manager as engaged by the Heritage Council. The Secretary does not have any voting rights. The Project Manager is to act as the P.R.O. for the Network.
9. Nominations to the remaining positions on the Management Committee shall be made seven working days prior to the Annual General Meeting. All nominations shall be seconded before or at the Annual General Meeting (4).
10. The Office of Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson may be held for not more than two consecutive terms (i.e. no more than four years).
11. Each Walled Town in the Irish Walled Towns Network shall have one vote, subject to payment of membership fees, on matters arising at the Annual General Meeting.
12. A quorum for the Annual General Meeting is one quarter of the paid up town members.

### Management Committee business

13. Ordinary meetings of the Management Committee shall take place in January, March, June, September and November or on such dates as maybe determined from time to time.
14. A quorum for the purposes of a meeting of the Management Committee shall be not less than 5 members, 3 of whom must be paid up town members.
15. The Management Committee shall have the sole right to appoint a Special Committee or Committees to advise the Management Committee on whatever matters it so decides. The recommendations of sub-committees shall not become binding until approved by the Management Committee. A Sub Committee shall be chaired by a member of the Management Committee and shall comprise of at least 3 members of the Irish Walled Towns Network.
16. Whenever a vacancy occurs on the Management Committee, it shall have the power to fill that vacancy by a co-option from the Irish Walled Town's paid-up members at the next Management Committee meeting. The co-opted person shall remain in office until the next Annual General Meeting.
17. Any member of the Management Committee who shall have been absented for 3 consecutive meetings of the Management Committee without reasonable explanation shall be deemed to have resigned from the Management Committee.
18. The Deputy Chairperson shall act in the absence of the Chairperson and shall carry out such other duties as may be assigned to the office by the Chairperson and/or the Management Committee.
19. The Project Manager, acting in their capacity as Secretary, shall record the minutes of all meetings of the committee, follow up on all correspondence arising from the activities of the committee and send out the agenda for each meeting, submit a report to the Heritage Council and to the Annual General Meeting of the activities of the network and carry out other such duties which may be assigned from time to time.
20. A minute of each meeting must be taken which records the decisions taken by the committee. The agenda, minutes and information on agenda items will be circulated in advance of meetings. Items may not be tabled on the day of a meeting unless previously agreed with the chairperson. The minutes shall include;
  - A) The date, place and time of the meeting.
  - B) The names of the members present at the meeting.
  - C) Reference to any reports etc. submitted to the members at the meeting.

- D) The number and names of members voting for and against proposed decisions and of those abstaining.
- E) Details of all decisions made at the meeting.
- F) Such other matters considered appropriate.

*A copy of the minutes of the meeting shall be sent or given by the secretary to each member of the Management Committee. Minutes of a meeting shall be submitted for confirmation as an accurate record at the next following meeting and recorded in the minutes of that meeting.*

#### Financial matters

- 21. The Management Committee shall have discretion over the revenue budget provided by the Heritage Council and shall ensure that any revenue budget provided by the Heritage Council is dispersed in accordance with the IWTN Action Plan. The Management Committee will have no remit in awarding grants but may make proposals to the Heritage Council regarding criteria and general detail.
- 22. Membership fees paid on behalf of the member towns and collected by the Heritage Council support the funding costs of the IWTN. A quarterly report shall issue to the Management Committee in respect of same. Government agency members are not required to pay a membership fee.
- 23. The Heritage Council will provide, on an annual basis, lists of grants and allocations as well as details of IWTN membership subscriptions and associated expenditure.

#### Other details

- 24. The provisions of the Constitution may be amended at an Annual General Meeting of the Network by a two-thirds majority providing 7 clear days notice shall have been given to the Secretary/Project Manager who shall circulate any proposed change to the membership. Each proposed change shall be nominated by a paid-up town member or by the Management Committee, and seconded in advance of the Annual General Meeting.
- 25. The offices of the Heritage Council can be considered as the principal address for the IWTN.



## Appendix 3

### IWTN Members Feedback Reports

#### Ardee

Ardee is a small, rural market town, at the cross-roads of the N2 (Dublin-Derry) with the N52 (Dundalk to Mullingar, Tullamore and beyond). It was on the Pale and is another Anglo-Norman foundation. It is overshadowed commercially by the much larger Louth towns of Drogheda and Dundalk and traditionally hasn't received as much interest from antiquarians or tourists as the other Louth walled towns of Carlingford and Drogheda.

The elected members of Ardee Town Council identified the Irish Walled Towns' Network as a possible route to 'do something' for their town and to increase awareness and respect for it. The town joined the network in 2009 and was granted funding for the development of a conservation and management plan (a CMP). At this point the only known standing remains of the mediaeval defences was a wall of one of the town gates (no arch).

Ardee Town Council has only just adopted its own conservation and management plan for the town wall. The CMP has contributed to the ongoing development of a new Local Area Plan for Ardee. The CMP process has found a lot of town wall that everyone seems to have forgotten about! Most of the western line of the town wall exists at or above ground level, though some of this is at serious threat from planning permissions given out years ago. There is also an earthen artillery rampart, probably built by French army engineers in 1689. We also seem to have found an earlier eastern line of the town wall, much of which is marked by an old, random rubble stone wall. This wall is the eastern boundary of the town's architectural conservation area.

Ardee also has Ireland's largest urban tower house which until recently housed the town's court. The county museum service is now developing a plan to provide an outreach from its Dundalk HQ to this venue. Lovely new panels on the walled town's history have already been provided, as well as to Drogheda

*Brendan McSherry, Heritage Officer, Louth County Council*

#### Carlingford

The mediaeval walled town of Carlingford, Co. Louth is a member of the Irish Walled Towns Network, under the aegis of The Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust. As a Heritage Trust our mission statement is 'to conserve and protect the medieval core of Carlingford'.

As a member of The Irish Walled Towns Network we feel we can seek advice and help with any projects on an ongoing basis. We have benefitted greatly from our attendance and participation at meetings and conferences of the Irish Walled Towns Network.

2010 marked the 800th anniversary of King John's Castle (Carlingford's oldest medieval building). It was decided by the Trust to commemorate this most important anniversary by organising heritage themed events during Heritage Week 2010 with the main focus on Walled Town's Day. The experiences of Fethard and the value of networking as per the Irish Walled Towns Annual Conference of 2009 were influential in our approach and decision making. A full programme of family targeted events was held. King John's Castle was lit up with an image of the King himself projected onto the walls. Activities included a heritage postal quiz, the design and creation of wooden town gates for the Tholsel, a falconry demonstration, minting commemorative coins, archery demonstrations, street theatre, guided walks, children's workshops and the local scouts fundraising activities were also included. Guided walks and heritage talks were expanded to include a bus tour and an archaeological talk. A photographic exhibition with an historical theme was prominently displayed throughout Carlingford.

To further an authentic medieval experience it was decided to house a medieval family in the vault of a 16th century Tower House, known locally as Taaffes Castle for seven days. This proved to be a very popular with locals and visitors alike, attracting huge media attention. The family known as the 'De Verdons' lived as they did in 1210, foraging for food and sleeping with their animals. The De Verdon's inhabited a medieval village where visitors and townspeople alike browsed amongst the professional and craft making stalls common at that time. These events would not have been possible without the support of the IWTN.

The Irish Walled Towns Network by its very existence is an indication of an awareness to conserve and restore the fragile physical fragments of its member towns. We look forward to working with the IWTN into the future to continue to restore, conserve and share the gifts, legacies and resources contained within our Medieval walls.

*Gavin O'Donoghue, Secretary, Carlingford Lough Heritage Trust*

## Cashel

Cashel is a picturesque town with a community of over 3,000 persons. Every year almost a quarter of a million visitors make their way to Cashel. However, most of the visitors come to see the Rock of Cashel and make very little time for the town of Cashel itself. The community know that Cashel is special due to the location of the Rock which overlooks the town. Recently however, the people of Cashel have begun to understand it has much more to offer than its association with the Rock alone.

Over the last three years determined efforts have been made to bring the old medieval fortifications of Cashel back into the consciousness of the community. The city walls have been exposed and restored both in the vicinity of St Paul's Cathedral and in the vicinity of the old pathway between the Rock and the Town Centre. The importance of the City Walls has been set out in the Development Plan for the Town, the Cashel Public Realm Plan and in the ITWN supported Conservation and Management Plan for the City Walls. Over the last three years an annual City Walls Day has been held with increasing success and patronage.

Membership of the ITWN has provided Cashel Town Council with expert advice on conservation, maintenance and on promotion of the City Walls as an important historical feature of Cashel that adds to the experience of visitors and the community alike. Membership of the ITWN has permitted a sharing of experiences among the other towns in the network in how they conserve and promote their medieval fortifications. Notably, membership of the ITWN has resulted in co-funding of works to the City Walls. These works have acted as a catalyst for the new focus on the City Walls by the community as each section of newly restored medieval wall comes into view.

*Marie Maher, Town Clerk, Cashel Town Council*

## Cork

As members of the IWTN, since 2006, Cork City Council is committed to protecting and managing its city walls in a sustainable and appropriate manner. As members of the IWTN Cork City Council has developed strong associations with other historic town and cities in Ireland. The annual conference provides an ideal opportunity to engage with national but also international organisations such as the Historic Towns Forum.

The Historic Towns Forum recently held a conference in Kilkenny and Cork City Council were invited to present at it (*Cork City Public Realm and Streetscape* – Ciara Brett). In addition, a walking tour was organised by Cork City Council for the conference delegates.

Cork City Council has received funding of €40,000 for the *Cork City Walls Management Plan* and €3,500 to carry out an event for Irish Walled Towns Day in 2009. Cork City Council can also apply for grant aid through the IWTN Capital Grants Programme. This fund aims to support the implementation of the Conservation and Management Plans through capital works to conserve, preserve and promote the historic town walls and their settings. Thus far this has not included support for specific public awareness actions, which are the primary actions recommended in Cork City's Management Plan.

The tourism potential of the IWTN is an area which is currently being promoted. It is anticipated that funding will be made available to carry out public awareness and tourism based actions in the coming years. Since joining the Network Cork City Council has benefited financially. However, it should be noted that currently the emphasis of the Grants Programme is on capital schemes such as conservation works, which are not widely applicable to Cork. It is hoped that public awareness actions will be promoted into the future particularly now that Fáilte Ireland are partners.

*Ciara Brett, Archaeologist, Cork City Council*

## Derry

We feel that there are a number of benefits from membership of the IWTN. For many members of the network the principle benefit may well be the funding and profile that has been provided for the conservation and increased access of their historic walls. In Derry the situation is slightly different as our walls are already a Monument in state care and have high levels of protection. Having said that we obviously recognize how important this function is, and indeed membership of the IWTN provided us with added incentive to further develop our own Walls Management and Conservation Plans, which are now fully operational.

For Derry the benefits relate more to the opportunities provided by IWTN for networking, development of partnerships, profiling and events. The Irish Walled Towns Day has been very successful in raising the profile of Ireland's walled towns, and indeed of built heritage generally. Derry has benefited by accessing grants which have allowed us to carry out a range of activities and events. In 2010 for example we received £7,500 which helped us deliver a programme which celebrated our status as one of Ireland's most 'complete' walled towns and engaged with the community, explored perceptions of the Walls in a divided society and widened access to a rich heritage offer. The IWTN conferences are excellent vehicles for developing partnerships and networking. They also offer the opportunity for learning from other towns' experiences. The Conferences are an essential part of the IWTN and we would actually welcome further opportunities for networking.

Overall, membership of the IWTN has been very rewarding. It has allowed a diverse range of individuals and groups to work together on a cross-border basis; raise the profile of our historic built heritage; increase access to that heritage; and most importantly to preserve it for future generations.

*Craig McGuicken, Head of Heritage and Museum Services, Derry City Council*

## Drogheda

The Borough of Drogheda, like Budapest, was founded as two separate towns, which only came together in 1412. Styled 'the County of the town of Drogheda' (it became part of Louth when the County Councils were set up in 1899) it was one of the major urban centres and ports of mediaeval Ireland. This status attracted the unwelcome attention of Oliver Cromwell and Drogheda shared the frightful fate of another coastal borough, Wexford.

Drogheda was one of the original, founding members of the Irish Walled Towns' Network in 2005 and hosted a network meeting in November 2006, just days after the council adopted their conservation plan.

The town walls conservation plan has made a substantial contribution to the current draft development plan for the borough. It has also helped with the 'positioning' and promotion of Drogheda as one of Ireland's most significant and important medieval towns and as the Gateway to the Boyne. The plan allowed us apply to the Irish Walled Towns Network for funding for a feasibility study on the use of the former Tholsel. It is now a high status, centrally-located tourist office, right at the crossroads of the town centre.

*Brendan McSherry, Heritage Officer, Louth County Council*

## Fethard

Most complete medieval circuit in Ireland. One third had been restored by a local group 'The Fiends of Fethard'. Because of IWTN the remaining two thirds have now been revealed. Works involved: clearing ivy, repointing, making the walls safe and presenting to the townspeople. The higher profile afforded to the walls has led to the funding and completion of a Public Realm Plan (PRP) and a Conservation and Management Plan (CMP). The works and plans have hugely raised public awareness. At present, the principles of the PRP and the CMP are being included in the Local Area Plan which is being finalised at present.

All this 'positive noise' has further inspired the Tidy Towns group to reorganise, galvanise and carry out major 'tidy ups' and ongoing maintenance of the public areas, especially the Valley Park along by the Town Wall.

Membership of the Network has led to Fethard being included in the list of 100 Historic Towns and receiving National standard signage and information boards funded by Fáilte Ireland. A renowned Medieval Festival on Walled Towns Day has been organised for the past four years. As a result of all these actions Fethard's fame as a tourist destination is growing.

*Terry Cunningham (Chairman, Fethard History Society) and Tim Robinson (Committee member FHS)*

## Kilkenny

Kilkenny has been a member of the Irish walled Towns Network since its inception. Over the past number of years and particularly since the Heritage Council set up the Network it has been possible to approach works to our walls in a more focused and strategic way.

The availability of funding through the IWTN and the process of applying for funding and reviewing actions has been very beneficial in terms of our own in-house work planning and coordination of activities. The need to prepare full application details, including work scheduling and timeframes has resulted in well managed projects.

In Kilkenny our concentration has been on the representation of Talbots Tower, a defensive 13<sup>th</sup> Century mural tower in the main walled circuit of Kilkenny City. The sharing of information through the Network has informed the manner in which the works to the tower were conducted. Furthermore, the walled towns grant funding has ensured that the project could be carried out on a phased basis.

The Network seminars and conferences are also very helpful in establishing contacts and in collecting and sharing best practice. The practical nature of the conferences means that the experiences of other walled towns can be learned and used in other places.

The practical support of the Heritage Council in the allocation of a Walled Towns Network Project Manager has also been very successful. The support and guidance from the Project Manager ensures that the aims of the IWTN can be met.

A significant knowledge deficit in public understanding of the existence, significance, and historical and social history of Kilkenny's City Walls has been addressed through IWTN supported publications and events which engage the public.

*Brian Tyrrell, Senior Executive Officer, Kilkenny Borough Council*

## Kilmallock

Membership of the Network has highlighted the importance of the medieval town walls of Kilmallock to both employees and members of Limerick County Council and to the wider population. It has raised awareness of the town's unique identity amongst its inhabitants and consequently has increased civic pride. The 2007 grants scheme initiated the Public Realm Plan and the Conservation and Management Plan and enabled these two crucial studies to go ahead. The results of both have fed into the Local Area Plan 2009-2015 and ensured further long term legislative protection for the town defences. In 2008 and 2009 under the capital grants scheme major vegetation control has been carried out, cutting back ivy growth and removing all trees in proximity to the wall. In 2009 and 2010 conservation projects have been undertaken on different sections of the wall. If funding continues it is hoped that the very extensive remains will be consolidated for future generations. When the structure has been consolidated public access will be facilitated and the entire environment and living experience will be improved through access to such important heritage amenities.

*Sarah McCutcheon, Executive Archaeologist, Limerick County Council*

## Rinn Duin

Rinn Duin has been a member of the IWTN for the past two years. The benefits have been immediate. Our heritage group, as a result of grants from the IWTN, has now been able to commence carrying out the requirements of the Heritage Council Rindoon Management Plan 1998 which stated that the structures within Rinn Duin were in imminent danger of collapse and should be stabilised. With grants of €135,000, two towers and 80m of wall have been saved from collapse. It is hoped to carry on the stabilisation of the town wall in 2011. Other grants have provided information boards and the stabilisation of the medieval Hospital and Parish Church and the two medieval graveyards.

Without a grant of €2300 from IWTN we would not have won Best Event by a Community Group for Heritage Week 2010. This has raised the profile of Rinn Duin and hopefully we will reap the benefits in the form of more grants in future years for the other sites within Rinn Duin. Our Heritage Day involved the enthusiastic help of over 50 helpers from the parish. This has never happened before. Previously there has been distinct lack of interest from the parish. We intend to maintain this enthusiasm in future years.

By attending IWTN meetings we are raising the profile of Rinn Duin amongst our peers, most of whom may never have heard of Rinn Duin. We are also able to benefit from their experience and knowledge.



The IWTN funds and other grants have resulted in one local being employed by the contractor. We are hopeful that one more locals will be able to be employed in 2011.

There is very little industry in Roscommon. Only about 2% of all tourists to Ireland visit our county. This year we opened a National Looped Walk, helped by Fáilte Ireland, around Rinn Duin. Over 2500 walkers have visited since April 2010. The IWTN stabilisation projects are already bearing fruit with increased business in the local pub and the local restaurant. 'Tracks and Trail', an RTE programme, may film in Rinn Duin. Their producer has already visited. It is hoped that as Rinn Duin becomes more of a visitor attraction, due to the walk and the repair of its sites, increased business will flow into South Roscommon. As a tourist site, it is already more developed than Rath Croghan, excluding its heritage centre, and will be on a par, as an attraction, with Clonmacnoise in future years.

The benefits of being a member of the IWTN are immense. We could not possibly have achieved the progress of the last two years without its help.

*Richard Collins, St. John's Parish Heritage Group*

## Wexford

Wexford Town has been a member of the IWTN since its inception. We recognised early on that there were advantages and benefits to be gained from membership. In the first instance, access to finance to put together the Wexford Town Wall Management and Conservation Plan. This plan was prepared by Alistair Coey & Co. and is a quality document which has now been incorporated into the Wexford Town and Environs Development Plan 2009 – 2015.

The Plan is the framework which informs Wexford Borough Council's planning of works to be carried out to the wall; it also provides the framework against which applications for funding for Capital Grants for the Town Walls are made. As the Plan is now part of the Development Plan, the value and importance of the Town Wall has been officially recognised and brought into the mainstream of planning applications and decisions. The members of the Local Authority have been very supportive of the Plan and are happy with the works being carried out to the wall.

The other benefit of membership is access to funding for the promotion of the Town Walls to the citizens of the town and as a tourist attraction.

Funding, however, is not the only benefit. Meeting with the other IWTN towns has given all of the participant's new ideas and new ways of looking at the town walls and their value as a tourism product. The Heritage Council continues to be a great help, having set up the IWTN initially and co-ordinating the activities of the towns, helping with grant applications, convening and servicing conferences, seminars and meetings of the Network.

Finally, there is now a great store of knowledge available throughout the country regarding the walls and their place in the history of our towns. All of the Towns in my experience are willing to help each other with advice, support and the storing of knowledge.

*Pat Collins, Town Clerk, Wexford Borough Council*

## Youghal

Since its inception in 2005 Youghal Town Council has been both a key contributor to, and benefactor of the Irish Walled Towns Network. Youghal Town Council's Town Clerk, Liam Ryan has held the position of both Chairperson and Vice-Chair of the Committee, and until this year has held a position on the Management Committee of the Network.

Youghal Town Council considers its walls as a significant tourist attraction, and as an iconic feature in its tourism product offering. Some of the outstanding benefits of membership of The Irish Walled Towns Network include:

### 1. Development of 'Shared Vision' for Walled Towns

Membership of the IWTN has allowed Youghal Town Council to develop a closer working relationship with other fellow members of the Network. This has resulted in information sharing, and in turn the delivery of 'best practice' methods of works to be undertaken. This shared vision has ensured Youghal's Town Walls will be protected and managed in a sustainable and appropriate manner in the long-term.

## **2. Support and Funding Following Collapse of Youghal's Town Walls**

In January 2008, following weeks of extreme adverse weather conditions, a section of Youghal's Town Walls experienced a major collapse. This was followed by a series of other collapses in other sections of the wall. In this scenario, Youghal Town Council initiated the strategy set out in its Conservation and Management Plan for its Town Walls and this was duly supported by the IWTN. In these extreme and unusual circumstances members of the IWTN Management Committee personally visited the site confirming the IWTN's supporting role. In 2009 and 2010, Youghal Town Council has received welcome substantial financial support through the IWTN's grant scheme for remedial works on its town wall.

## **3. Funding of Capital Works**

In addition to financial support for its town walls, the IWTN has supported Youghal Town Council's efforts in enhancing Youghal's status as a heritage town, funding various capital projects including eg: restoration of gun cannons, felling and pruning of trees (which would adversely affect the town walls).

## **4. Success of Irish Walled Towns Day**

In 2008 The Heritage Council of Ireland commissioned an Economic Impact Study to be undertaken on one of the Annual Irish Walled Towns Days; as part of the celebrations of National Heritage Week. Youghal was chosen as the town to study. Results showed that with an initial input of €16,000 investment (part funded by the Irish Walled Towns Network) the economic benefit to the town and region was €435,000. This annual celebration has been a major success in Youghal, and in 2010 attracted in excess of 8,000 visitors to the town. With the IWTN's initial financial input, subsequent support and workshops, this event has not only achieved in 'bringing heritage to life' to those attending the event, but also provides an annual welcome boost to the local economy – whose main industry is tourism.

## **5. Development of Closer Links with DoEHLG**

Membership of the IWTN has ensured that a national and regional approach has been adopted with regard to walled towns in Ireland which has resulted in the development of closer links with the DoEHLG.

## **6. Rise in Public Awareness and Improvement of Profile of Youghal as a Walled Town**

Membership of the IWTN has improved the public awareness of Youghal's status as a walled town among locals. It has also improved Youghal's profile on a national and international level as a key driver of the conservation and protection of its heritage in a sustainable way.

## **7. Assistance in the Identification of the Tourism Potential of Youghal as a Walled Heritage Town.**

With tourism being the number one industry currently in Youghal, the IWTN has assisted in the development and identification of Youghal's Heritage Tourism. This has been achieved through funding of capital infrastructure and recognition by the IWTN that funding of capital projects including town walls is vital in the development of the town's heritage offering to tourists.

*Aileen Aherne, Manager, Youghal Socio-Economic Development Group*

## Appendix 4

### IWTN capital grants allocated 2007-2010

#### Irish Walled Towns Capital Grants 2007

2007 Applicant Name	Project Title	Offer
Galway County Council	Athenry Conservation and Management Plan	€38,000.00
Galway County Council	Athenry Capital Works	€43,947.20
Louth County Council	Carlingford Management Plan	€14,515.16
Louth County Council	Carlingford Capital Works	€26,627.23
Cashel Town Council	Cashel Conservation and Management Plan	€39,933.60
Cashel Town Council	Public Realm Plan	€46,827.00
Cork City Council	Conservation and Management Plan	€31,683.12
Louth County Council	Drogheda Capital Works	€47,749.70
Dublin City Council	Isolde's Tower Presentation	€25,000.00
Dublin City Council	City Walls Signage	€25,000.00
Dublin City Council	Capital Works/Restoration to the Walls	€70,000.00
South Tipperary County Council	Fethard Conservation and Management Plan	€49,852.00
South Tipperary County Council	Fethard Public Realm Plan	€49,961.20
South Tipperary County Council	Fethard Capital Works	€32,400.52
Kilkenny Borough Council	Capital Works/Restoration to the Walls	€170,000.00
Limerick County Council	Kilmallock Public Realm Plan	€39,930.00
Limerick County Council	Kilmallock Conservation and Management Plan	€45,000.00
Limerick City Council	Limerick City Conservation and Management Plan	€25,000.00
New Ross Town Council	New Ross Conservation and Management Plan	€35,989.59
Meath County Council	Trim Conservation and Management Plan	€49,050.74
Waterford City Council	Waterford Management Plan	€5,000.00
Waterford City Council	Viking Quarter/Public Realm	€65,000.00
Waterford City Council	Capital Works	€175,000.00
Wexford Borough Council	Conservation and Management Plan	€36,000.00
Youghal Town Council	Public Realm Plan	€40,000.00
Youghal Town Council	Capital Works to Town Walls	€80,000.00
		<b>€1,257,505.86</b>

### Irish Walled Towns Capital Grants 2008

2008 App No	Applicant Name	Project Title	Project Description	Offer
16562	Cork City Council	Management Plan for Cork City Walls	Improve public awareness and make recommendations for the protection of the city wall. To provide a management programme which identifies elements of work to be carried out.	€8,316.88
16564	Youghal Town Council	Cannon Restoration	To restore Cannon within setting of town walls.	€20,000.00
16567	Youghal Town Council	Feasibility Study for the Youghal Clock Gate Tower	Consultants will be hired to carry out and produce a feasibility study on the potential uses and costs of refurbishing the Clock Gate Tower	€50,000.00
16568	Youghal Town Council	Conservation Works	Removal of vegetation along 700 metres plus remains.	€75,000.00
16545	Derry City Council	Derry City Walls - Western Perspective Project	To conserve key features, to enhance visual setting, improve access and gain a greater understanding of the archaeology of the walls.	€15,000.00
16551	Dublin City Council	Phase 1 - Detailed Design Phase and site preparation works for the Conservation, Management and Presentation of Isolde's Tower.	Detailed Design Phase and site preparation works for the Conservation, Management and Presentation of Isolde's Tower, Exchange Street, Dublin 2	€85,000.00
16553	Galway County Council	Public Realm Plan Athenry	Develop a public realm plan for the most effective presentation, management and development of Athenry's Public Realm with particular reference to the historic town walls.	€30,000.00
16554	Galway County Council	Conservation Works to the South - East Tower of Athenry's Town Walls	Removal of all vegetation from the tower, general repointing, tightening up of loose masonry elements with an appropriate mortar and grouting of deeper cavitations.	€125,000.00
16573	Kilkenny Borough Council	Kilkenny City Walls Conservation Works	To undertake further works.	€200,000.00
16558	Limerick County Council	Vegetation control from accessible sections of the town wall.	Cutback all vegetation growing on wall flush to the wall face or wall top. Identify, survey and cost all necessary future tree removal in proximity to the wall. Est. the practice of ongoing vegetation maintenance with 'owners' Est. a best practice methodology and train operatives. Expose most of the wall surface for detailed survey.	€22,700.00
16559	Limerick County Council	Advancing conservation on an 18m section of town wall in public ownership.	Archaeologically investigate the wall to establish rebuilding levels and carry out a detailed survey.	€22,957.00
16570	Limerick City Council	Conservation & Management Plan for Limerick City Walls	Completion of a Conservation & Management Plan	€25,000.00
16572	Limerick City Council	Conservation of City Wall near the Milk Market	Urgent conservation of section of city wall in poor condition.	€100,000.00



2008 App No	Applicant Name	Project Title	Project Description	Offer
16555	Louth County Council	Implementation of the conservation and management plan for Carlingford's town walls and other medieval monuments.	Appoint conservation architectural consultants to survey sites, produce drawings, specify and design works, apply for consents and permissions for the works proposed, run tenders and oversee works on the ground ( for both Carlingford and Drogheda ) In addition, these consultants would prepare for works to be carried out in 2009. Carry out conservation works at Taaffe's Castle, Tholsel and prepare Public Realm Plan.	€55,000.00
16557	Louth County Council	Repairs to Medieval Town Walls and Priory.	The relevant section of Medieval Town Walls run alongside Featherbed Lane from near the Barbican of St Laurence's Gate to the Blind Gate on Bachelor's Lane. The Priory of Saint Mary d'Urso stands over Old Abbey Lane, to the south of and parallel to Narrow West Street, the town's main thoroughfare.	€40,000.00
16574	Louth County Council	Public Realm Plan & Feasibility Study	Public realm plan for the walled town and adjacent areas and feasibility study for the Drogheda tholsel.	€70,000.00
16543	Meath County Council	Completion of Conservation and Management Plan for Trim Town Walls (Commenced in 2007)	Completion of Conservation and Management Plan for Trim Town Walls (Commenced in 2007)	€10,000.00
16544	Meath County Council	Conservation of west stretch of Trim Town Walls - Phase 1	The project will address survival of one of the longest uninterrupted stretches of Trim town walls through facilitating an accurate understanding of the precise nature of the upstanding remains.	€60,000.00
16546	South Tipperary County Council	Fethard Town Wall Capital Works 2008	To execute stabilization, repairs, repointing and flaunching of the 15th century town wall, to enhance the level of public access, and to enhance the historic status of the walls.	€197,000.00
16547	South Tipperary County Council	Feasibility Study for the Tholsel.	Feasibility study	€55,000.00
16549	Cashel Town Council	Feehan's Road/Cathedral Wall Phase 1	Conservation of Cashel City Walls	€100,000.00
16556	Waterford City Council	Conservation of Waterford City Walls and Towers	Complete Phase 5 of the Waterford Walls Conservation Management Plan in accordance with consent received on 15 September 2005.	€250,000.00
				€1,615,973.88

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2009 App No	Applicant Name	Project Title	Project Description	Offer
17502	Youghal Town Council	Shaping, Pruning and Wind sailing of trees adjacent to and impacting on Town walls	This project is the 2nd phase in an on going process which demands the treatment of now overly mature trees which pose an immediate threat of damage to the town walls. It involves the treatment and pruning of remaining overly mature trees that pose a threat to the town walls and the replanting of trees to replace felled trees	€20,000.00
17518	Youghal Town Council	Proposed works to secure structural integrity of collapsed section of Town Wall at Raheen Road Youghal Co Cork	In 2008 a section of Youghal's Town Wall collapsed. Youghal Town Wall is a national monument in the ownership of Youghal Town Council. Youghal Town Council intends to carry out baseline surveys, consolidation and conservation works to the area of collapse and its surround	€210,000.00
17524	Dublin City Council	Conservation works to Dublin City Wall - Cook Street	Conservation works to the section of the city wall at Cook Street, replacement of stonework, localised repointing, cleaning graffiti, staining and removal of biological growth	€100,000.00
17530	Galway County Council	Conservation Works to the North West Tower of Athenry's Town Walls	The project will address the following issues: complete plant removal and clean up, pin and point damaged masonry, consolidate loose masonry, site investigations, replace block wall, temporary steel support structure, capping of wall heads, miscellaneous masonry repairs and a steel gate to doorway	€135,000.00
17534	Kilkenny Borough Council	Kilkenny City Walls Capital Conservation Works (Talbot Tower & City Wall at Abbey Street)	Repairs to walls & parapet at Talbots Tower. Survey, analysis and stabilization of wall at Abbey Street	€150,000.00
17515	Limerick County Council	Vegetation control from the town wall	Cut back all vegetation growing on the wall flush to the face of the wall along the eastern town wall. Cut down and eradicate vegetation growing in proximity to the eastern wall. Complete the felling of larger trees in proximity to the western wall. Remove material accumulated inside the wall at various locations along the western wall and consolidate the boundary by temporary works	€24,000.00
17521	Limerick County Council	Kilmallock Town Wall Conservation Project	The proposed project seeks to conserve a portion of the medical town wall of Kilmallock. The work will stabilise circa 20m of medieval town wall that is almost completely defaced on the interior. This work involves rebuilding on the interior and pointing grouting and launching on both faces and the extant top of the wall. In addition it is proposed to underpin an additional circa 30m of town wall on the exterior	€60,000.00
17522	Limerick City Council	Limerick City Walls Conservation Programme	Conservation of 4 sections of the city wall classified as immediate and urgent in conservation and management plan. Also clearance of inaccessible section for evaluation of needs	€100,000.00
17505	Louth County Council	Development of a conservation and management plan for the walled town of Ardee, Co Louth	Engage consultants to develop a conservation and management plan for the walled town of Ardee	€15,000.00

2009 App No	Applicant Name	Project Title	Project Description	Offer
17509	Meath County Council	Conservation of Zone 2 section B of Trim Town Wall from Castle Street to Emmet Street	To remove the heavy overgrowth of ivy and other vegetation consolidate any masonry loosened by the ivy removal and repaint. Preparation of vegetative overgrowth, preparation of measured survey, consolidation of masonry and archaeological monitoring	€25,000.00
17510	St Johns Parish Heritage Group	Stabilisation of Tower 3 of the Rinn Duin Town Wall	This project is the first phase of an overall project to stabilise the Town Wall. In this phase we propose to stabilise tower 3 of the Town Wall remove ivy and re point the parts which are in a dangerous condition and to achieve the aims of the Heritage Councils Rindoon Management Plan 1998.	€65,000.00
17514	Cashel Town Council	Cashel City Walls - Restoration of section E including St Patrick's Rock Sally port	Stabilize restore and complete section E of Cashel City Walls including the restoration of last remaining Sally port in City Walls. This Sally port is central to attaining access between the Rock and the Main Street and originally would have permitted pedestrian access between the town and the Rock of Cashel. Also restore entire Section E of City Walls and historic 2-storey military structure that abuts the walls	€56,000.00
17531	South Tipperary County Council	Fethard Town Walls- Conservation based repair works	Execute stabilization, repairs, repointing and flaunching of the 15th century town wall as identified in the Fethard Town Wall Conservation and management plan. These works follow on from the conservation based repair works carried out during 2007-2008. Enhance the level of public understanding of the town wall together with enhancement of the town wall as a tourist product	€100,000.00
17533	Clonmel Borough Council	Clonmel Town Walls - Conservation & Management Plan	Clonmel Town Walls have surviving upstanding sections of approx 425m of an original 1566m which includes a magazine tower, two mural towers and a 19th century reconstructed West Gate. The proposed conservation management plan for the walls will further investigate the archaeological remains while primarily providing an implementation focus for remedial works, to be carried out in the future. The Plan will prioritize conservation works required and identify key access opportunities	€20,000.00
17507	Waterford City Council	Conservation of Waterford City Walls and Tower	To conserve the entire circuit, unifying this national monument and reinforcing Waterford's identity as a walled city. Conservation of two sections of the city walls C1-C4 to the front of the Bishops Palace and J1-J6 along Castle Street. Works would include removal of inappropriate render repointing and capping	€75,000.00
17508	Wexford Borough Council	Survey and Repair of 2 sections of Wexford's Town Wall	Removal of vegetation and overgrowth, preparation of digital and measured survey and repointing of the Town Wall in two of the most visible sections of the Wall	€25,000.00
				€1,180,000.00

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2010 App No	Applicant Name	Project Title	Project Description	Offer
W01016	Cashel Town Council	Cashel City Walls Capital Works Scheme 2010	This project consists of 2 parts: 1. Plant life removal, removal of free-standing block work accretions, consolidation, repointing and flaunching of Section F, adjoining the Courthouse Site. (section is 82 metres long, include internal side and cornertower) Flaunching of floor and insertion of railings into ground floor window of Military Structure, Section E, adjoining Courthouse Site. 2. Consolidation and repointing of Section K, at St Johns Cathedral. (circa 25 metres internal side)	€36,000
W01019	Youghal Town Council	Phase II of Works to Secure Structural Integrity of Youghal's Town Wall	Recording and Consolidation of section of Youghal Town Wall (Section K) including Tower, which incorporates 13th and 17th century construction. It is identified in the Youghal Town Wall Conservation and Management Plan 2008 as the most substantial unaltered portion of wall and in need of urgent work.	€200,000
W01020	St Johns Parish Heritage Group	Tower One and Wall Section - Rinn Duin	The stabilisation of Tower One is part of a five year plan for Rinn Duin, one of Ireland's best preserved deserted Norman Towns. Tower Three was stabilised successfully in Year one revealing battlements, arrow loops and a superb walkway. In 2010 we hope to achieve stabilisation of Tower One and 21 metres of wall which are in a very poor state of repair and in danger of collapse.	€70,000
W01021	Wexford Borough Council	Town Wall Zone 3	Wexford Borough Council intends to repoint & stabilise zone 3 of the Town Wall. This work is required following the works that were carried out under grant ref: 17508	€55,000
W01023	Trim Town Council	Trim Town Wall section D-E	The proposed works are an essential preliminary to the development of a public realm scheme for a walls promenade along the western section of Trim Town Wall, from the site of Water Gate in the north to the site of Dublin Gate in the south.	€40,000
W01024	Galway County Council	Athenry Town Walls 2010	To undertake Phase Two of the North West Tower and Guard House Conservation Works and to undertake rectified photography survey and conservation works to the Town Wall Section adjacent to the North West Tower and to undertake a survey and stone accurate drawings to the North Gate and make recommendations for its conservation.	€110,000



2010 App No	Applicant Name	Project Title	Project Description	Offer
W01034	Limerick County Council	Kilmallock Walled Town at Collegiate Church 2010	Capital works to preserve a 123m stretch of the surviving town wall of Kilmallock and to consolidate a further 30m of rebuilt wall.	€100,000
W01038	Louth Local Authorities	Carlingford Town Wall Capital Works 2010	To carry out necessary conservation works on the Tholsel, the sole surviving town gate of Carlingford, as identified by the Condition Assessment done with IWTN funding in 2008.	€10,000
W01026	Limerick City Council	Limerick City Walls Conservation 2010	Conservation of the exterior face of the city wall along the outside of the former St. Saviour's friary and the raising of small tower at northern end to ground level for public presentation.	€10,000
W01027	Kilkenny Borough Council	Kilkenny City Wall Capital Works 2010	The conservation and consolidation of Talbotts Tower and adjoining city walls.	€90,000
W01028	South Tipperary County Council	Fethard Town Walls Capital Works	Conservation based repair of Fethard Town Walls comprising works to the following sections: -Section of Wall to the East of the North Tower: -Further Works to the North Tower -Section at Watergate -Section at Mart Yard Works include (where necessary) removal of plantlife re-pointing of stonework, consolidation, repair and flaunching of the wall head. The works are to complete the previous conservation based repair programmes undertaken to the North gate and Watergate in 2008-2009.	€60,000
W01030	Louth Local Authorities	Ardee Town Wall Capital Project 2010	Conservation of the town walls of Ardee	€5,500
W01039	South Tipperary County Council	Clonmel Town Walls – Capital Works	Conservation based repair of the upstanding remains of the Clonmel Town Walls.Addressing sections identified in need of urgent repair in the Clonmel Town Walls Conservation & Management Plan.	€50,000
W01041	Louth Local Authorities	Practical conservation works on Drogheda Town Wall at St Mary's	Beginning the conservation of the large section of town wall around Saint Mary's churchyard in the south-east corner of "Drogheda-in-Meath". This is where Cromwell entered the town in 1649.	€12,000
				€848,500.00

## Appendix 5

### Walled Towns Day Grants 2007-2010

#### Irish Walled Towns Day Grants 2007

Applicant Name	Project Title	Project Description	Approved Amount
Galway County Council	Athenry Irish Walled Town Day Event	Historical re-enactment at Athenry castle	€2,500.00
Galway County Council	Athenry Irish Walled Town Day Event	Performance of music and storytelling on 26/08/07	€500.00
Galway County Council	Athenry Irish Walled Town Day Event	Performance of the Billy Holiday Show - Athenry	€500.00
Galway County Council	Athenry Irish Walled Town Day Event	Falconry display at Athenry Castle – IWT Day	€600.00
South Tipperary County Council	Fethard Walled Towns Day	2. No. flags for IWT Day Re: Fethard Historical Society	€214.78
South Tipperary County Council	Fethard Walled Towns Day	Expenses for Fethard Walled Towns Day 26/08/07	€6,000.00
Youghal Town Council	Youghal Walled Towns Day	IWT Day expense incurred by Youghal Town Council	€5,086.91
Derry City Council	Derry Walled Towns Day	Expenses incurred for IWT Day – 26 Aug 2007	€29,923.73
			€45,325.42

#### Irish Walled Towns Day Grants 2008

Applicant Name	Project Title	Approved Amount
Galway County Council	Athenry Irish Walled Town Day Event	€4,280.00
Louth County Council	Carlingford Walled Towns Day 2008	€10,500.00
Youghal Town Council	Youghal Medieval Fun Day	€12,270.11
Fethard Walled Town Medieval Festival Committee	Fethard Walled Town Medieval Festival	€10,000.00
Louth County Council	Drogheda Walled Town Day Festival 2008	€10,000.00
Derry City Council	Derry City Walled Town Day Celebrations	€17,500.00
Cork City Council	IWTD Fund	€200.00
Limerick County Council	Kilmallock Walled Towns Day Celebration 2008	€8,000.00
Cashel Town Council	Cashel Walled Towns Day Event 2008	€5,904.09
		€78,654.20

### Irish Walled Towns Day Grants 2009

Applicant No.	Project Title	Project Description	Approved Amount
17536	Galway County Council	Athenry Irish Walled Town Day Event	€5,597.78
17537	Carrickfergus Borough Council	Carrickfergus Walled Towns Day Event 2009	€6,181.44.
17538	Louth County Council	Carlingford Walled Towns Day 2009	€10,000.00
17539	Youghal Town Council	Youghal Medieval Fun Day	€8,000.00
17540	Fethard Walled Town Medieval Festival Committee	Fethard Walled Town Medieval Festival	€12,500.00
17541	Louth County Council	Drogheda Walled Town Day Festival 2009	€9,999.36
17542	Derry City Council	Derry City Walled Town Day Celebrations	€12,000.00
17543	Cork City Council	Cork City Medieval Day Event 2009	€3,213.15
17544	Clonmel Borough Council	Clonmel Walled Towns Day Celebration 2009	€5,000.00
17545	Cashel Town Council	Cashel Walled Towns Day Event 2009	€7,977.76
			€80,469.49

### Irish Walled Towns Day Grants 2010

Ref. Number	Organisation Name	Project Title	Description	Rec Award
WD01086	Youghal Town Council	Youghal Medieval Festival	Youghal Medieval Fun Day will take place on Sunday 22nd August 2010 in St. Marys Gardens, Emmet Place, Youghal as part of The Irish Walled Towns Network celebrations of Heritage Week. Highlights will include Battle Siege Re-enactments, food and craft fairs, fencing displays and many other activities.	€9,000
WD01104	Derry City Council Economic Development Section	Derry City Walled Town Day Celebrations	A celebration of the Walled City of Derry's unique historic and built heritage as part of the Irish Walled Towns Day celebration. Building on past success the programme will be developed with increased levels of community engagement, creative and innovative interpretation techniques and artistic flair. We have developed a rounded programme of events aimed at both the local visitor, exploring perceptions of the wall and challenging perceptions by uncovering our unique history.	€9,000
WD01132	Galway County Council	Athenry Walled Town Day Festival	Athenry Walled Town day is a family fun day where all sectors of the community can gain an awareness, appreciation and knowledge of Medieval Athenry Town Wall and the town itself. The are events programmed to suit all age groups and range from talks and walks to puppet shows, colouring competition, demonstrations archery, music, dance and performances.	€9,000
WD01137	Kilkenny Borough Council	Walled Towns Day	3 no. Events for Walled Towns Day	€2,000
WD01125	Louth County Council	Carlingford's Celebration of Walled Towns Day 2010	Carlingford's community will hold a variety of mediaeval-themed events in the town on Sunday 22nd August 2010	€9,500
WD01126	Drogheda Borough Council	Drogheda's Celebration of Walled Towns' Day 2010	To hold a successful public event to celebrate Drogheda's walled town heritage on Sunday 22nd August 2010.	€7,000
WD01138	County Museum, Dundalk	Ardee Story	The project is to develop an exhibition highlighting Ardee's medieval past and walled town character.	€9,000



Ref. Number	Organisation Name	Project Title	Description	Rec Award
WD01085	Limerick County Council	Kilmallock Walled Towns Day 2010	A range of family orientated activities to promote the town walls of Kilmallock	€1,400
WD01088	St John's Parish Heritage Group	Rinn Duin Heritage Day	Stone Wall building course The uses and making of different Lime mortars course, including an explanation of the rebuilding of Towers 1/3. Childrens' activities- competition Guided walk with a difference. There will be an appropriately dressed guide at each of the 8 sites ie Miller at the windmill, monk at the church, who will each explain his/her role within the context of Rinn Duin when it was occupied by the normans	€2,300
WD01128	Clonmel Borough Council	Clonmel Walled Towns Day	The following activities are proposed; 1.Lecture/ guided tour of town walls 2..Food and music event.-medieval costumes. 3.Hanging of banners/flags in town. 4..Organised workshops relating to medieval themes, 5.Craft demonstrations. 6..Publicity	€8,000
WD01134	South Tipperary County Council	Fethard Walled Town Medieval Festival	Organise the 4th annual community medieval weekend for the walled town of Fethard.	€10,000
WD01135	Cashel Town Council	Cashel Irish Walled Towns Day	A celebration of Cashel Town Walls and natural heritage in conjunction with Biodiversity Year and in accordance with South Tipperary County Council's biodiversity objectives	€10,000
WD01139 WD01140 WD01141	Wexford Borough Council	Film of Wexford's Town Wall with commentary & Arts Programme	1. Production of a film of Wexford's Town Wall with commentary for the promotion of Town Wall. 2. To hold an arts project for 200 children in the Westgate Heritage Centre with the theme being "The Town Wall" in the week prior to Wall Towns Day. 3. Art in the Open is a painting festival & Exhibition where invited artists are joined by many more artists from around the country to meet the challenge of painting on the spot many of Wexford's charming attractions.	€5,000
				€91,200

## Appendix 6

### Membership criteria

Membership criteria:

To date membership criteria has been inclusion in the Avril Thomas publication:

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Grant qualification core criteria:

- 1) Paid-up membership currently set at €2,000 for members with upstanding remains and €1,000 with no upstanding remains
- 2) For capital works projects Conservation and Management Plan must be in place for established members
- 3) An identified local authority officer with relevant experience and qualifications to act as Project Manager
- 4) The project must be completed within the annual deadline
- 5) All necessary permissions (Ministerial Consent) must be secured from DEHLG

## Appendix 7

### Survey of members

Table 1: Irish Walled Towns Activities

Table2: Existing legislative protection and visitor infrastructure

Town or City	Member	LAT	WTFC	WT Day '05/06/07/08	Attendance at IWTN Conferences 06/07/08	Photographic Competition '05/06/07/08	In receipt of IWTN grant Comment	Conservation Project Complete/Current	Suggested National Competition
Athenry	2005	Y	N	Y/Y/Y/Y	4 out of 5	Y/Y/Y/Y	ConMan Capital Works Short window	Current: SE Tower	Broader focus. Ir. Independent competition for schools
Athlone	No longer a member	N	N	N	None	N	N	The Council completed a conservation project	—
Bandon	2007	Y	N	N	1 out of 3	N	N	N	Would like to take part in the photographic competition
Carlingford	2006	Y	N	NA/Y/Y/Y Street entertainers and medieval festival 2008	5 out of 5	N/N/N/N	Y	Y surveys of some medieval buildings Y, just complete	"Fly your flag"
Carrickfergus	2006	N	Y	NA/N/Y/Y	4 out of 5	NA/N/Y/N	Y process fine	N	Photographic competition encourages participation from general public
Cashel	2006	Y	N	NA/Y/Y/Y Outdoor activities	5 out of 5	NA/Y/Y/Y	Y 2008 Too bureaucratic	Ongoing part of town wall 2009 application	Artistic all forms special category to different school levels
Clonmel	2006	Y	N	NA/Y/Y/Y Public lectures, guided tours, heraldic workshops	1 out of 5	NA/Y/Y/N	N	N	Essay competition to capture medieval & historical significance of the town and its walls

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Cork	2006	N	N	NA/Y/Y/Y	3 out of 5	N	ConMan Walled Towns Day too late to act on, system needs to be formalised	N	Cork's remains are below ground poetry/drawing
Derry	2005	N	N	Y/Y/Y/Y Pageantry, exhibitions, activities including a climbing wall	5 out of 5	N/N/N/N	Y Western perspective plan very beneficial to have endorsement by IWTN Plan to be completed by 2009	N	No comment
Drogheda	2005	Y	N	Y/Y/Y/Y Laurence's Gate open to the public; play specially written	5 out of 5	N/N/N/N	Y insufficient and mixed up with Carlingford	Y repair of town wall	-
Dublin	2006	N	N	N	4 out of 5	N/Y/Y/N	Y Essential as seed to generate further income	Y Sorting stone at Civic Offices Phases 1-3 Y Laser scanning & photogrametric survey	--
Fethard	2006	Y	N	N/Y/Y/Y/ Wkend Festival	5 out of 5	N/Y/Y/Y	Y Time frame too short	N Y for conservation to wall	Would like photo comp to stay Wall building



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Galway	2005	Y	Y	Y/Y/Y/Y Guided tours, , lecture, report in Heritage Magazine	1 out of 5	N/Y/Y/Y	N Applied was not successful. Advert Conservation Grants but had insufficient funds	N	Photographic competition
Kilkenny	2005	Y	Y	N/Y/Y/Y	3 out of 5	N	Y 2007 Y 2008	Y 1. Talbot's Tower 2. Abbey St 3. Black Friar's Arch	-
Kilmallock	2005	Y	Y	N/Y/Y/Y '06 2 day conference Wkend Festivals	5 out of 5	N/Y/Y/Y	Y ConMan & PR Vegetation Clearance Tender Documents	N  Y for 2009	Photographic competition should continue but could expand to include mixed media
Limerick	2006	Y	Y	N/N/Y/Y	5 out of 5	N/N/Y/N	Y ConMan time frame	N Y	
New Ross	2007	Y	Y	NA/NA/Y/Y 2007 Vintage Rally	1 out of 3	NA/NA/N/N	Slow process	N N	Schools' project
Trim	2005	Y	N	N/N/N/Y Tours Re-enact	4 out of 5	N/N/Y/N	Y	N Y Wall repair	--
Waterford	2005	N	Y	Y/Y/Y/Y	5 out of 5	N/Y/Y/N	Y -	Y Wall & Tower Y Phase 5 of ConMan Report	School's project
Wexford	2005	Y	N	Y/Y/Y/Y '07 Vintage Car Rally	3 out of 5	Y/Y/Y/N	Y ConMan	N N	Photographic or possibly art
Youghal	2005	Y	Y	Y/Y/Y/Y Wkend festival	5 out of 5	N/N/Y/Y	Y -	N Y Town wall repair	-

Table 1: Irish Walled Towns Activities

Town or City	Conservation & Management Plan Ratified	Public Realm Plan Ratified	Local Area Plan County/City Development Plan	Protected Structure	Objectives; Policies; Buffers	Walk of walls	Interpretative panels Printed piece for self-guided tours	Guided tours with experts
Athenry	2008 Y	Due Dec 2008	Y Y	Y	Y	N	-- Y	Y
Athlone	2005 Y	N	Y 2008-2014	N	Y	Y	N N	N
Bandon	N	N	Bandon Electoral Area LAP 2005-2011 Cork Co DP 2003-2009	N	N	N	N not for walls Y for general not for walls	Occasional by appointment
Carlingford	2007 Y 2008	2008 N	LAP & CDP CDP under review	Y	Y	N applied for	N not for walled town Y, needs up-dating	Y
Carrickfergus	N	N	N	Y by NIEA	Y by NIEA	N	N Y	Y
Cashel	2008 Y	2008 Y	Town Development Plan under review 2009 CDP	Y	Y	N	N Y	Y
Clonmel	N	N	Clonmel & Environs Development Plan 2008-2014	Y	Y	N	N N	Y
Cork	Due Dec 2008	N	N Y 2010-15 in prep	Y new sections in new plan	N but in new plan	N	Y but inadequate N	N
Derry	2007 N	Y N	2011	Y by NIEA	Y by NIEA	N but linked with NITB on visitor orientation & interpretation programme	Y Y	Y

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Drogheda	2006 Y	N Not wanted	Drogheda Development Plan 2005-2011	Y	N insufficient	N but funding offered	? ?	N not regularly
Dublin	2004 Y	Ship St. Werburgh St	Draft plan for Liberties Framework Plan Y 2005-2011	Y	Y	Y In planning stage	Y Y	Y
Fethard	2008 N	2008 N	Y 2005-2010 Y 2009-2015	Y	Y ZAP & Views	Y	Y Y	Y by appointment
Galway	Brief exists but not implemented due to lack of funds	N	City DP 2006-2011	Y (most of)	Y Heritage & Development Plans	in progress	N  N	During Heritage Week and Walled Towns Day
Kilkenny	2005 Y	N	LAP & City DP 2008-2012	Y sections	Y re ACA historic integrity	N	N but planned N brochure Archaeology Ireland	N
Kilmallock	2008 Y	2008 N	LAP 2009-2015 CDP 2005-2011	Y	Y Special Development control, buffers Rezoning	N	N Y for town	Y town walk
Limerick	2008 Y	N	N Y	?	N	N	N N	Y occasionally by appointment
New Ross	Y Y	N	?	Y	?	Y	N N	?

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Trim	Draft	N	Trim Town Centre 2004 Trim DP 2008-2014	Y	Y Preservation Order	N	N N	N
Waterford	2003 2007	N	N 2007-2013	Y	Y	N	Y Y	Y part of city walking tour
Wexford	2008 Y	N	Wexford Town & Environs DP 2002-08 New plan in draft	Y	Y ConMan Plan included in new draft Plan	Y	N N	N
Youghal	2007 Y	Y N	Y 2009	Y	Y	Y	Y Y	Y

Table 2: Existing legislative protection and visitor infrastructure



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