

Heritag(e)-News

ISSUE NO: 1

April 2008

Tá fáilte romhat to this edition of Clare Heritage News. The newsletter is an update on heritage projects, initiatives and developments across County Clare.

The Clare Heritage Forum is a non-statutory advisory group. The Forum has been established to advise, develop and implement the [County Clare Heritage Plan](#). The current Cathaoirleach is Cllr. Pat Hayes.

Find out more about the Clare Heritage Forum at <http://www.clarecoco.ie/Heritage/HeritageForum.html>

The Clare Biodiversity Group is dedicated to the implementation of the broad ranging and ambitious Local Biodiversity Action Plan, launched in 2006. The group have been active in conducting several projects aimed at increasing awareness of Clare's rich Biodiversity heritage. These include, the Clare Cuckoo, Bluebell, Leisliers Bat and Hedgehog surveys, the development and implementation of habitat and species action plans as well as education programmes across the county with community groups and schools. Since 2005 Clare County Council and the Heritage Council have jointly funded the provision of a Biodiversity Officer and a Biological Records Centre Manager to help with the development of the above

For more information see www.clarebiodiversity.ie

Clare Heritage Plan Projects 2007

Review

The Clare Heritage section of Clare County Council has progressively implemented the ambitious objectives of the Clare Heritage Plan 2003-2007 over the last number of years. This has been achieved through the adoption of a cooperative ethos, which has involved working with the people of Clare in order to activate local communities as the ultimate custodians of our heritage.

In 2007 the Clare Heritage Section conducted two Placename Surveys in Miltown Malbay and Kilkee as well as Ireland's first countywide antique Farm Machinery audit.

A Clare Heritage Collections Education Strategy was established, in which heritage, museum and educational experts contributed. Work has continued with the Clare Biodiversity Group in progressive implementation of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan. The Clare Field Monument Adviser Programme has also progressed considerably during 2007. For more info on the latter see www.clarecoco.ie/Heritage/HeritageMonument.html

Clare Heritage Conference 2008

In order to commence to preparation for the new Clare Heritage Plan, 2008-2013, a major heritage conference has been arranged for April 24 & 25 at the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis. The 'community action' themed conference will discuss areas like funding, community groups and networking. To book please contact Marie Lynch at mlynch@clarecoco.ie or 065 6846381. Submissions to the new Clare Heritage are welcome at heritage@clarecoco.ie

Heritage Publications

The following are available at bookshops and Clare County Council area offices.

- **Buds of the Banner**, *A Guide to Growing Native Trees and Shrubs in County Clare*
- **Rian na Manach**, *Ecclesiastical Trail of Clare*
- **The Living Farmland**, *A Guide to farming with nature in Clare*
- **Clare Hedgehog Survey Results**
- **Clare Farm Machinery Study Booklet**
- **Spot the 101 Habitats and Species in Clare**
- **Clare Species and Habitats Action Plans (10)**
- **Clare Heritage Plan 2003-2007**
- **Clare Local Biodiversity Action Plan**
- **Name your place! Clare Placenames Project**

The Clare Heritage Section is delighted to be associated with the [Ennis Tidy Towns Biodiversity Award](#) and [Clare Biodiversity Group Vodaphone Award](#)

[Heritage Contacts](#)

- **Clare County Council - Heritage and Conservation**
- 065 6821616

National Parks and Wildlife Service (Clare)

- **Seamus Hasset (DO) 065 6822711**
- Emma Glanville (North Clare) 065 6822694
- Penny Bartlett (North West Clare) 065 6822642
- Sinéad Biggane (East Clare) 065 6823125
- David Lyons (South East Clare) 065 6822662
- **National Monuments Service**
- Christine Grant - 091 758432
- **The Forest Service** - Kevin Keary - 065 6865986
- **Waterways Ireland (Scariff)** - 061 922033
- **Regional Fisheries Board** - 061 300238

Clare Antique Farm Machinery Study

Clare Heritage Plan Projects, 2008

- **Clare County Council and the Coiste Logainmneacha an Chlair are establishing a countrywide structure for the collections of local Placenames. Any groups or individuals interested are asked to contact Tomás Mac Conmara tmacconmara@clarecococ.ie**

Clare Traditional Currachs and Boats Study

Traditional Currachs and Boats across the county will be studied and a priority list for conservation established. Contact would be welcome from any individuals or groups involved in any area of boating or currach heritage. For further info email tmacconmara@clarecococ.ie

Clare Industrial Heritage Survey

Following the successful coastal architecture project in 2006/7, an industrial Heritage Survey studying mills, bridges, mines, workhouses, railway structures, kilns etc. will be carried out throughout 2008. For further info email Gráinne O'Connor at gaoconnor@clarecoco.ie

Go raibh maith agaibh!

Clare County Council would like to thank all individuals and groups, who in supporting our various projects, continue to contribute to the preservation and promotion of Clare's heritage. Congella McGuire and Tomás Mac Conmara, Clare Heritage Office.