



COUNTY WICKLOW HERITAGE PLAN 2009 - 2014

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I. FOREWORD



Message from the Chairperson of the Wicklow Heritage Forum

I am pleased and honoured, as Chairman of the Wicklow Heritage Forum, to be involved in the production of County Wicklow's second Heritage Plan. This is an ambitious Plan that seeks to complement and build upon the achievements of the previous five years, and to set out targets and practical actions for the next term up to 2014. In a time of economic uncertainty, I believe that this Plan provides us in Wicklow with a valuable framework in which we can take stock of our heritage assets, and work together to maximise benefits for all, particularly in areas such as quality of life, tourism, education and recreation.

The collaborative approach taken to producing this Plan, will I believe, be crucial to its success. This process has been very ably managed by Wicklow County Council's Heritage Officer, Deirdre Burns, and has involved participation of representatives from communities, local authorities, heritage groups, tourism bodies, farming, business and state sectors. The implementation of the previous plan and the work of implementing this current plan could not have happened without the assistance and support of Wicklow County Council and the Heritage Council. In my role as a member of the board of the Heritage Council, I have seen how the implementation of local initiatives in county heritage plans plays a key part in helping the achievement of national targets. Much credit is due to the members of the Heritage Forum who have assisted whole-heartedly in bringing this Plan to fruition, and to members of the public who took part in the various consultation processes.

I wish to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all those involved in the production of this Plan and I look forward to working together in the future to bring about a greater understanding and appreciation of the wonderful built, natural and cultural heritage of our county.

Mr. Noel Keyes
Chairperson of the Wicklow Heritage Forum

Teachtaireacht ó Chathaoirleach Fhóram Oidhreachta Chill Mhantáin

Tá áthas orm agus onóir, mar Chairman, Oidhreachta Chill Mhantáin Fóram, a bheith páirteach i dtáirgeadh an dara Chontae Chill Mhantáin Phlean Oidhreachta. Tá an Plean uailmhianach a iarraidh a chomhlánú agus tógáil ar na héachtaí de na cúig bliana roimhe sin, agus a leagan amach spriocanna agus gníomhaíochtaí praiticiúla maidir leis an téarma eile suas go dtí 2014. I am an neamhchinnteacht eacnamaíoch, creidim go soláthraíonn an Plean seo dúinn i gCill Mhantáin le creat luachmhar inar féidir linn a chur san stoc ar ár sócmhainní oidhreachta, agus ag obair le chéile le sochair a uasmhéadú do gach duine, go háirithe i réimsí cosúil le cáilíocht na beatha, an turasóireacht, oideachas agus caitimh aimsire.

Beidh an cur chuige comhoibrítheach a glacadh chun a tháirgeann an Phlean seo, creideann mé, a bheith riachtanach chun a rath. Tá an próiseas seo an-cumasach bhainistiú ag Oidhreachta Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin Oifigeach, Deirdre Burns, agus tá i gceist le rannpháirtíocht ionadaithe ó na pobail, údarais áitiúla, grúpaí oidhreachta, comhlachtaí turasóireacht, feirmeoireacht, gnó agus implementation sectors. The staid an Phlean roimhe sin agus an Ní fhéadfaí an obair a chur chun feidhme an phlean seo faoi láthair gur tharla gan an cúnamh agus tacaíocht ó Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin agus an Chomhairle Oidhreachta. I mo ról mar bhall de bhord an Chomhairle Oidhreachta, tá mé feiceáil conas a imríonn le cur chun feidhme na tionscnaimh áitiúla i pleananna oidhreachta Chontae ina cuid lárnach i cuidiú leis an bhaint amach na spriocanna Náisiúnta. Tá creidmheas leor mar gheall ar na baill ar an Fóram Oidhreachta a bhfuil cúnamh uile-heartedly a thabhairt sa Phlean seo i gcrích, agus do bhaill den phobal a ghlac páirt sna próis chomhairliúcháin éagsúla.

Ba mhaith liom an deis seo chun buíochas a ghabháil ó chroí leo siúd go léir a bhfuil baint acu le táirgeadh an Phlean seo agus táim ag tnúth le bheith ag obair le chéile sa todhchaí a thabhairt maidir le tuiscint níos fearr agus meas ar an iontach tógtha, oidhreacht nádúrtha agus cultúrtha an chontae.

Mr. Noel Keyes
Comhairleoir, Cathaoirleach Fhóram Oidhreachta Chill Mhantáin



Message from the Cathaoirleach

As Chairman of Wicklow County Council I am delighted to welcome Wicklow County Council's second Heritage Plan. We are rich in heritage in County Wicklow and we have a responsibility to protect it for future generations.

I would like to thank all the people who participated in this project, particularly the members of Wicklow Heritage Forum. Their experience and knowledge of Wicklow has been an invaluable asset.

I would also like to pay tribute to our Heritage Officer Deirdre Burns, her dedication and inclusive approach is very evident in this plan.

I wish the plan every success,

Le meas,

Mr. Pat Vance
Wicklow County Council

Teachtaireacht ó Chathaoirleach Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin

Is údar áthais domsa, mar chathaoirleach ar Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin, fáilte a chur roimh fhoilsiú an dara plean Oidhreachta de chuid Chontae Chill Mhantáin. Táimid saibhir ó thaobh na hoidhreachta de i gContae Chill Mhantáin agus tá freagracht orainn an oidhreachta sin a chosaint do na glúine a thiocthaid inár ndiaidh.

Is mian liom mo bhuíochas a chur in iúl do gach duine a bhí rannpháirteach sa tionscadal seo, go háirithe baill Fhóram Oidhreachta Chontae Chill Mhantáin. Acmhainn luachmhar amach is amach is ea a gcuid taithí ar agus a gcuid eolais faoi Chill Mhantáin.

Is mian liom aitheantas a thabhairt do dhúthracht agus do chur chuige cuimsitheach ár nOifigeach Oidhreachta, rud atá le feiscint go follasach sa phlean seo.

Guím gach rath ar an bplean seo,

Le meas,

Mr. Pat Vance
Comhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin



Message from the County Manager, Wicklow County Council

Given the wide range of responsibilities and functions of Wicklow Local Authorities, I believe that it is the ideal agency to take the lead in co-ordinating the production and implementation of a five year Heritage Plan for the County. As County Manager I am delighted that Wicklow County Council has once more spearheaded this process, through the role of our Heritage Officer, Deirdre Burns.

The production of the County's first Heritage Plan in 2004, demonstrated that the co-operation of time, effort and financial resources among various local and national bodies could produce significant achievements. That Plan saw the compilation and presentation to the public of information on aspects of our built and natural heritage that may have been previously overlooked. The Heritage Plan, through the generation of information also influences various Council strategies, and in turn the decision making process that flows from these.

The current Heritage Plan seeks to build upon the objectives and actions of the previous Plan in order to secure better understanding and management of our built and natural heritage in County Wicklow. It was produced through a partnership process involving Wicklow County Council, Bray, Arklow, Greystones and Wicklow Town Councils and relevant statutory bodies, business representatives, community and environmental groups and social partners. Following a process of public consultation, the Plan has been officially adopted and endorsed by the members of Wicklow County Council, with a commitment to deliver upon its implementation over its five year lifetime. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved in the preparation of the County Wicklow Heritage Plan 2009-14, in particular the Heritage Council for its continued support and guidance, the Chairman of the Heritage Forum, Noel Keyes, members of the Forum, as well as the many people who participated in other ways, through working groups, seminars and meetings, or through participation in the public consultation process. Finally, I would like to thank our Heritage Officer, Deirdre Burns for her input to the preparation and delivery of Heritage Plan actions and to Heritage matters generally in County Wicklow.

This Plan represents a new era of heritage management in County Wicklow, I look forward to its implementation over the next five years, and feel confident that it will bring many benefits for all those living in, working and visiting "The Garden of Ireland."

*Mr. Eddie Sheehy
County Manager, Wicklow County Council*

Teachtaireacht ó Bhainisteoir Contae Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin

I bhfianaise raon leathan na freagrachtaí agus feidhmeanna an Údarás Áitiúla Chill Mhantáin, creidim go bhfuil sé an ghníomhaireacht idéalach a ghlacadh i gceannas ar chomhordú a tháirgeadh agus a chur chun feidhme le cúig bliana Plean Oidhreachta an Chontae. Mar Bainisteoir Contae an-áthas orm go bhfuil Comhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin níos mó ná uair amháin spearheaded an bpróiseas seo, tríd an ról atá ag ár n-Oifigeach Oidhreachta, Deirdre Burns.

An táirgeadh an chéad Chontae Phlean Oidhreachta i 2004, léirigh go bhféadfadh an comh-oibriú an am, agus iarracht a acmhainní airgeadais i measc comhlachtaí áitiúla agus náisiúnta éagsúla a tháirgeadh éachtaí suntasacha. Plean sin chonaic a thiomsú agus cur i láthair don phobal ar eolas maidir le gnéithe d'ár hoidhreachta tógtha agus nádúrtha a d'fhéadfadh a bheith déanta cheana overlooked. An Plean Oidhreachta, trí ghlúin de thionchair eolas freisin straitéisí éagsúla na Comhairle, agus i ndiaidh an próiseas cinnteoireachta a sreafaí ó na.

Reatha an Phlean Oidhreachta ag iarraidh tógáil ar na cuspóirí agus gníomhaíochtaí de chuid an Phlean roimhe sin i fionn a áirithiú go tuiscint níos fearr agus bainistiú ár hoidhreachta tógtha agus nádúrtha i gContae Chill Mhantáin. Bhí sé a tháirgeadh trí phróiseas na comhpháirtíochta baint ag Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin, Bré, An tInbhear Mór, Na Clocha Liatha agus Chill Mhantáin Comhairlí Baile agus comhlachtaí reachtúla ábhartha, ionadaithe gnó, pobail agus grúpaí comhshaoil agus na comhpháirtithe sóisialta. Tar éis próiseas comhairliúcháin phoiblí, tá an Plean glactha go hoifigiúil agus formhuinithe ag na comhaltaí den Chomhairle Chontae Chill Mhantáin, le tiomantas a sheachadadh ar a chur chun feidhme le linn a saolré cúig bliana. Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thapú chun buíochas a ghabháil leo siúd go léir a bhfuil baint acu le hullmhú an Chontae Chill Mhantáin Phlean Oidhreachta 2,009-14, go háirithe, an Chomhairle Oidhreachta as a dtacaíocht leanúnach agus treoir, an Cathaoirleach ar an Fóram Oidhreachta, Noel Keyes, baill den Fóram, chomh maith le go leor daoine a ghlac páirt i slite eile, trí ghrúpaí oibre, seimineáir agus cruinnithe, nó trí rannpháirtíocht sa phróiseas comhairliúcháin phoiblí. Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil lenár Oifigeach Oidhreachta, Deirdre Burns, as a ionchur a ullmhú agus a sheachadadh Oidhreachta Phlean gníomhaíochtaí agus le cúrsaí oidhreachta go ginearálta i gContae Chill Mhantáin.

An Plean seo ionann le ré nua le bainistiúchtaí oidhreachta i gContae Chill Mhantáin, táim ag tnúth lena chur i bhfeidhm thar na cúig bliana amach romhainn, agus sílim muiníneach go mbeidh sé a thabhairt go leor buntáistí do chónaí go léir i sin, ag obair agus ag tabhairt cuairt "An Gairdín na hÉireann."

*Mr. Eddie Sheehy
Bainisteoir Contae, Comhairle Contae Chill Mhantáin*

II. INTRODUCTION



This is the second, five-year Heritage Plan for County Wicklow, prepared by the Wicklow Heritage Forum. It carries forward the overall aim from the previous Plan of “conserving the natural, built and cultural heritage of the county, and increasing awareness and enjoyment of it among all in Wicklow”.

For the purposes of the Plan, heritage is considered to include monuments, archaeology, heritage objects, architecture, flora, fauna, wildlife habitats, landscapes, seascapes, wrecks, geology, heritage gardens and parks and inland waterways, as set out in the Heritage Act 1995. In addition however, the Heritage Forum has decided to include elements of cultural heritage of importance in County Wicklow, in the form of written history, genealogy, placenames, traditional skills and crafts within the scope of this Plan. It is the diversity of heritage in County Wicklow that gives the county its unique character, distinguishing individual towns, villages and rural places, and offering direct benefits to all the people of Wicklow in terms a ‘sense of place’, quality of life, and economic well being. The new Heritage Plan aims to build upon the achievements of the first plan, while taking account of changes in the national and local environment since the publication of the first plan.

CONTEXT – NATIONAL AND LOCAL

The National Heritage Plan (2002) sets out a vision nationally for heritage management, a key part of which centres on the management of heritage locally, through the preparation of Local Heritage Plans. The major themes of the National Heritage Plan (placing heritage at the heart of public life, protecting heritage, acquiring knowledge and promoting awareness) are broadly parallel to those of the County Wicklow Heritage Plan. The central role of the County Heritage Forum and Local Heritage Plans is acknowledged in the National Heritage Plan.

The National Biodiversity Plan (2002) outlines the government’s strategy for biodiversity and calls for the development of biodiversity action plans by local authorities in consultation with local stakeholders. The County Wicklow Heritage Plan aims to deliver this objective through a commitment to prepare a Local Biodiversity Action Plan for County Wicklow and also by collecting data on biodiversity through research and surveys, and promoting awareness of its importance through events, seminars and training.

Both the National Heritage Plan and the National Biodiversity Plan recognise the role of Local Authorities as key partners in co-ordinating the translation of national objectives into local action, and in facilitating and supporting heritage development at a local level.

The County Wicklow Development Plan 2004–2010 is the legal and strategic land use management plan for the county. It provides the primary context in which decisions relating to management of Wicklow’s heritage resources are made. The actions undertaken through the Heritage Plan seek to increase our knowledge and inform management of the heritage resource, thereby strategically informing policies of the County Development Plan and the decision making process that flows from it.

Wicklow’s County Development Board Strategy, “Outlook 2002–12” sets out a shared vision for the economic, social and cultural development of the county. The Heritage Plan has an important role in complementing the cultural aspects of that Plan and in carrying out specific actions. The Heritage Plan also promotes the principle of local community involvement, which is very much at the heart of Local Agenda 21.

COUNTY WICKLOW HERITAGE PLAN 2004–08

The County Wicklow Heritage Plan 2004–08 was the first Heritage Plan for the county and was prepared by the Wicklow Heritage Forum and coordinated by the Wicklow County Council Heritage Officer. The setting up of the Heritage Forum with a widely representative composition from local authority, statutory, and non statutory environmental, local development, agricultural, community and business sectors in County Wicklow marked a new approach to heritage management and consultation in the county. That Plan set out a work strategy under the themes of; raising awareness of heritage at a local level; collection and collation of information; enhancement of heritage protection; and the encouragement of greater community participation.

Further information about actions implemented under the Heritage Plan 2004–08 can be found in Appendix 3, some of the key achievements under each of these themes are as follows;

Raising Awareness of Heritage: hosting of public events and training seminars on archaeology, architectural heritage, development of recreational trails, oral history recording, historic graveyards, development of bi-annual heritage newsletter, production of wildlife brochures and heritage calendars.

Collection & Collation of Information: Traditional buildings of rural County Wicklow survey, Mining Heritage of Wicklow publication, Guide to Archaeology in County Wicklow.

Enhancement of Heritage Protection: Local biodiversity area studies and urban habitat mapping, Architectural Conservation Areas studies, Public Realm Plan for Wicklow Town, Village Design statements.

Encouragement of greater community participation: Community Action Days, Tidy Towns training, introduction of heritage category into Annual Wicklow County Council Community and Heritage Awards scheme.

HOW THIS PLAN WAS PREPARED

This Heritage Plan was prepared following the Heritage Council’s methodology. The Heritage Forum was revised in January 2009, with new organisations invited to attend, and new individuals coming on board from the various nominating groups. (See Appendix 2 for full list of membership). The process was agreed, and the public invited to make submissions during a six-week period from February to March. A questionnaire template was made available as an optional format for making a submission, and the heritage officer contacted various groups and individuals directly. The process was widely advertised in local press and radio and featured in the Spring *Heritage Wicklow* newsletter. In total 30 written submissions were received.

Three working groups were set up consisting of members of the Forum and relevant outside expertise. The working groups were Natural Heritage, Built Heritage and Local Heritage and Culture. The working groups met two to three times each to review the various submissions received, discuss issues of relevance and to draft proposed actions for the Heritage Plan. The Heritage Forum met in May ’09 to hear reports from each working group, and agreed a set of actions. The steps involved in the process of preparing the Plan are summarised below.

Heritage Plan preparation process:

1. Advertise the intention to prepare a County Wicklow Heritage Plan 2009–14 and invite public submissions (February 10th - 26th March 2009).
2. Identify heritage issues and needs based on the information gathered (March - May).
3. Set up working groups to formulate objectives and specific actions (March - May).
4. Secure agreement from the Heritage Forum to the draft Heritage Plan (28th May).
5. Present the draft Heritage Plan to elected members of Wicklow County Council to approve (6th July).
6. Place the draft on public display and carry out public consultation (6th July - 20th August).
7. Consider submissions to the draft, and re-submit the amended plan to the elected members for adoption. (Adopted by Wicklow County Council 7th September 2009).



HOW THIS PLAN WILL BE IMPLEMENTED

The Heritage Plan is a five-year work plan for the period 2009–2014. The Wicklow Heritage Forum, Wicklow County Council and The Heritage Council are key partners in the delivery of the Plan. Each year a detailed work programme will be drawn up from the actions in this Plan, which will be submitted to the Heritage Council and other funding agencies listing priorities as appropriate.

Funding: The Heritage Council has agreed, in principle, to consider the Plan as a five-year strategic funding application. The Heritage Council will consider funding actions in the Plan, consistent with normal funding criteria, which are compatible with its objectives.

Wicklow County Council is committed to delivering the County Wicklow Heritage Plan in partnership with others over the next five years as resources permit. The Council will consider funding allocation for the delivery of the Plan in accordance with the annual budget. The Council will also support the delivery of the Plan through the work of its Heritage Officer and other professional staff.

The commitment of other key partners to funding actions in the Plan, will largely be dependant on their funding allocations and remits, and will be decided when work programmes are being drawn up.

Partners: As the annual work programme is agreed, commitments will be sought from relevant partners, including other additional partners (as the need arises) for implementing key actions. There will be ongoing consultation with other relevant organisations regarding participation in proposed actions. The lead partner responsible for ensuring the delivery of actions will be highlighted as part of the agreed work schedule.

Monitoring and Evaluation: The County Wicklow Heritage Plan sets out a series of actions to be achieved over a five-year period. The annual work programme will detail the projects to be undertaken, and the partners responsible for their delivery. The Wicklow Heritage Forum will monitor the annual work programme, and will meet a minimum of four times annually to review and evaluate progress. Working groups will be convened as needed for the purposes of achieving specific actions in the work programme.



III. THE PLAN: OBJECTIVES & ACTIONS

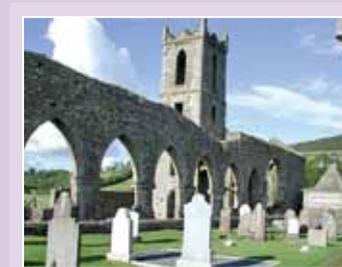
The overall aim of the County Wicklow Heritage Plan, as set out by the Wicklow Heritage Forum is

“To conserve the natural, built and cultural heritage of the county, and to increase awareness and enjoyment of it among all in Wicklow”

The actions in the Plan have been arranged under four main objectives as listed below. The actions in the Plan are the delivery mechanism through which the objectives can be achieved.

OBJECTIVES

1. To raise awareness and promote appreciation and enjoyment of heritage by all.
2. To develop and encourage best practice in order to deliver practical actions to enhance the protection of heritage in County Wicklow.
3. To compile information on County Wicklow’s heritage resource in order to better understand it and to ensure the effective use of heritage data in policy formulation and decision making in the county.
4. To encourage partnership and active participation among all for the benefit of heritage in County Wicklow.



ACTIONS

1. Raise awareness and promote appreciation and enjoyment of heritage in County Wicklow.

- 1.1 Enhance public awareness of heritage in County Wicklow through circulating a Heritage Office newsletter, holding public events and training courses, optimising heritage content of Wicklow Local Authorities website, and utilising local media.
- 1.2 Develop heritage notice boards at a selection of key community venues throughout the county, at which members of the public can access information.
- 1.3 Work in partnership with Wicklow County Tourism to produce and disseminate in various formats, promotional material on the heritage of County Wicklow and on specific sites to visit. Look at erecting plaques/ interpretation panels at selected buildings/houses of heritage interest in the county where appropriate.
- 1.4 Organise Heritage Open Days whereby selected buildings, normally not publicly accessible are opened to the public for a specified time.
- 1.5 Support efforts to promote heritage related tourism, in particular 'eco tourism' and genealogical based tourism, World Heritage Site status for Glendalough, and initiatives to highlight the heritage significance of the county's "Garden of Ireland" tourism.
- 1.6 Work with the Library Service to make relevant heritage collections (e.g. historic postcards, photographs, travel journals etc) accessible to the public online, and at new facilities such as the upcoming extension of Greystones library.
- 1.7 Make the most of opportunities offered by Heritage Week to promote the heritage of County Wicklow and encourage active participation by community based groups and members of the public.

- 1.8 Promote traditional skills in County Wicklow and provide opportunities for showcasing various traditional skills and practitioners through events and open days.
- 1.9 Explore the possibilities for developing a "Virtual Wicklow" web based project to provide a single repository for heritage information in the county, thereby promoting greater heritage awareness and appreciation, and encouraging heritage based tourism.
- 1.10 Investigate the development of a "Heritage Village" initiative scheme for County Wicklow. Use this scheme as a means to complement existing Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA's) in the county, acknowledge and reward local community efforts, and to increase local awareness, appreciation and tourist potential.
- 1.11 Develop with relevant partner organisations, an annual themed school education project/competition in the area of heritage in County Wicklow.
- 1.12 Explore the feasibility of developing a 'folk park' visitor facility in the county to promote a greater appreciation and awareness of vernacular buildings and styles in County Wicklow.
- 1.13 Develop an agreed approach to heritage interpretation in County Wicklow (loosely based upon the 'village panel signage' model developed by the Wicklow Uplands Council) to facilitate input from communities into developing local heritage signage and interpretation.
- 1.14 Encourage the publication of all national road scheme excavations carried out in County Wicklow, and hold a public event to highlight the significance of these archaeological discoveries.



2. Develop and encourage best practice in order to deliver practical actions to enhance the protection of heritage.

- 2.1 Produce information on the placenames of County Wicklow, and develop advice and guidance on naming new developments to reflect local heritage and culture.

- 2.2 Support the employment, as resources permit, of heritage related expertise in Wicklow Local Authorities, namely an Architectural Conservation Officer, Biodiversity Officer and Field Monument Advisor.

- 2.3 Produce guidance for the public on the protection afforded to various aspects of heritage in County Wicklow, include in this, procedures to follow and relevant contact details regarding reporting suspected unauthorised works or damage to protected structures, archaeological features, trees or other aspects of heritage.

- 2.4 Develop guidance, possibly a dedicated website to promote best practice for new buildings in the landscape – appropriate materials, siting, design, planting, etc.

- 2.5 Produce a Local Biodiversity Action Plan for County Wicklow to set out an agreed and prioritised set of actions to enhance the protection, management and appreciation of biodiversity.

- 2.6 Undertake targeted heritage training for Local Authority staff to ensure compliance with statutory obligations and application of best practice in all strategies, plans and decisions. Follow up with a review of council operations and incorporation of best practice into strategies and policies.

- 2.7 Support the development of a 'Green Corridors' strategy for the council, to identify and encourage integrity and connectivity between important sites and habitats such as waterways, woodlands, and coastline and to plan for adaptation measures to address climate change impacts.

- 2.8 Support the identification of Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) in towns and villages of County Wicklow to protect their special character.

- 2.9 Compile information on various aspects of County Wicklow's built and natural heritage to better inform planning policy and enhance protection.

- 2.10 Support initiatives such as Village Design Statements and Public Realm Plans that offer the opportunity for greater community involvement in identifying, appreciating and conserving the distinctive character of local areas. Promote the dissemination of information and guidance in this area.

- 2.11 Produce guidelines and provide advice to planning authorities, developers and landowners regarding a range of issues to do with the integration of bio-diversity conservation into the development process.

- 2.12 Support initiatives to control invasive flora and fauna species in County Wicklow (e.g. grey squirrel, Japanese knotweed), and to raise public awareness of this issue, which will become more urgent in light of changes to our climate.



3. Compile information on County Wicklow’s heritage in order to better understand it.

- 3.1 Support the production of an index of historical sources for County Wicklow to support historical research efforts. Include in this index, local journals, research projects, publications and other archival sources and relevant contacts.
- 3.2 Develop an initiative with local groups in County Wicklow to use oral history and written sources to collate information on field names in the County.
- 3.3 Carry out an audit of heritage sites in County Wicklow for tourism potential. The audit should look at issues such as site vulnerability, environmental sensitivities, car parking, visitor access, interpretation, links to public transport, and an assessment of the overall capacity of the site to operate as a tourist attraction.
- 3.4 Carry out a study in partnership with tourism and local development agencies, to evaluate the economic value of heritage to tourism in County Wicklow, include within the scope of this study consideration of the projected impacts of climate change on the heritage of coastal areas, and the ensuing economic implications.
- 3.5 Carry out an audit and interpretation of significance, of local heritage collections in County Wicklow, and national collections containing material of Wicklow interest. Seek and support the development of suitable facilities in the county for the public display of this material.
- 3.6 Carry out studies as resources permit, to identify locally important biodiversity areas, and local cultural heritage features in County Wicklow. Use the results from these to inform local authority plans, actions and strategies, particularly where such habitats and features are vulnerable to climate change effects, or where they may be incorporated into adaptation measures for dealing with climate change effects.
- 3.7 Investigate the possibility of carrying out a regional study with neighbouring counties, to identify and quantify the economic benefits of biodiversity.

- 3.8 Undertake a survey of bridges and relevant culverts in County Wicklow to identify fauna usage and assess whether any impediments to passage exist, particularly in light of ongoing changes in climate and rainfall patterns etc. Use this information to carry out retrofitting of features such as nest boxes, fish baffles and mammal ledges wherever possible.
- 3.9 Carry out an audit of geological heritage sites in County Wicklow in partnership with the GSI.
- 3.10 Support initiatives to enhance the statutory protection of sensitive and vulnerable landscape areas in County Wicklow through the compilation of baseline (landscape/cultural/ecological) information and/or management plans as needed to inform this process.
- 3.11 Carry out a survey of the coastline and intertidal zone in County Wicklow to identify cultural heritage features, habitats, and recreational amenities sensitive to the effects of climate change (such as increased storms, erosion and rising sea levels). Use this information to plan and prioritise actions in relation the protection of heritage and recreational amenity resources.



4. Encourage partnership and active participation.

- 4.1 Support the work of historical groups in County Wicklow by facilitating training on the collation, publication and digitisation of historical material. As a follow up, consider holding a County Wicklow historical seminar.
- 4.2 Support the work of Wicklow Local Authorities Archive and Genealogy services through the production of “A guide to carrying out family history research”, and “A guide to the County Wicklow archives.”
- 4.3 Support existing and new initiatives to enhance physical and intellectual access to, and interpretation of, heritage in County Wicklow, with an emphasis on the development of sustainable trails and walking routes as a means of achieving this.
- 4.4 Work in partnership with relevant stakeholders to foster a coherent approach to developing, managing and communicating about heritage in County Wicklow. Ensure that the principles of ‘Leave no Trace’ are incorporated into new interpretation material on trails and at specific sites to visit.
- 4.5 Promote the local history and archival programmes provided by the library service for secondary school students to encourage them to carry out primary research projects.
- Promote sustainable eco tourism initiatives, incorporating the needs of outdoor recreational users, heritage resources and local populations. Pursue a partnership approach to develop the East Coast Nature Reserve, the Red Kite Re-introduction Project, and specially tailored heritage/cultural tourism packages.
- 4.6 Pursue a partnership approach to working with other community and environmental related organisations in County Wicklow to support common objectives and facilitate the dissemination of heritage information. Liaise with the County Wicklow Volunteering Network to ensure the inclusion of ‘heritage’ as a category in their database.

- 4.7 Support the development of a County Wicklow Environmental Education Network, (in accordance with the aims of the Wicklow Outdoor Recreational Strategy) to carry out an audit of current education providers and services in the county, strengthen existing services and provide new programmes as needed.
- 4.8 Work in partnership with local groups in the county to pursue suitable opportunities for developing visitor and interpretation potential of County Wicklow’s Mining Heritage.
- 4.9 Promote take up of the Forest Service Neighbourhood and Native Woodland Schemes, subject to the availability of funding under both schemes.
- 4.10 Undertake annual involvement in Biodiversity Day, organising and promoting events in partnership with partner groups in the county.
- 4.11 In partnership with others, promote community involvement in biodiversity schemes, by promoting biodiversity elements of national schemes such as Tidy Towns, and the introduction of a ‘Pure Mile’ Competition for County Wicklow, ensuring a strong biodiversity emphasis.
- 4.12 Work in partnership with relevant education providers in County Wicklow to ensure the integration of biodiversity into programmes and educational material such as the “Green Schools” and the “Green Communities” initiatives co-ordinated by An Taisce.
- 4.13 Promote and support initiatives aimed at developing the multi-benefit nature of County Wicklow’s woodlands and forests, particularly in relation to wildlife and biodiversity, the protection of waterways, the production of timber and the development of sustainable recreational use.
- 4.14 Support a “Ballyknockan Granite Park” initiative and seek to develop this proposed pilot project along with relevant partners, in order to promote and increase appreciation of the local stone cutting tradition.
- 4.15 Ensure the greater participation of heritage specialists from County Wicklow on the “Heritage in Schools” Directory produced by the INTO/Heritage Council.

APPENDIX 1

THE HERITAGE PLAN PROCESS



Written submissions were received from the following as part of initial public consultation stage 11th February - 26th March.

01	Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
02	Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government
03	Geological Survey of Ireland
04	J. Callery, Environmental Awareness Office, Wicklow County Council
05	Donnachadh Byrne, Eastern Regional Fisheries Board
06	Roger Garland, Keep Ireland Open
07	Bord Gais
08	Department of Defence
09	Electricity Supply Board (ESB)
10	D. Little, Woodlands of Ireland
11	Simon Harris, Fine Gael Representative
12	Cllr. Caroline Burrell, Bray Town Council
13	John O Toole, Grangecon Tidy Village Community
14	Michael Carey, Newcastle
15	Nora Hickey, Mermaid Arts Centre, Bray
16	Sophie Preteseille, Irish Geological Heritage Programme, GSI
17	Department of Education and Science
18	Sarah Wright, Dunlavin Tidy Towns
19	Delgany Community Council, Laili De Buitlear
20	County Wicklow IFA
21	Blessington History Society
22	Cllr. Tom Fortune/Wicklow County Tourism
23	Coastal Concern Alliance, Helen Gelletlie
24	Rath Community Group
25	Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources
26	Damian Clarke, Red Kite Re-introduction Project Manager
27	Glendalough Mining Heritage Project Committee – J. Kavanagh
28	Ann C. Byrne
29	River Vartry Protection Society – Matthew Weiss
30	County Wicklow Partnership

Written submissions were received from the following as part of the second phase of public consultation 7th July - 20th August.

01	Wexford County Council
02	Environmental Protection Agency
03	Irish Geological Heritage Programme, Geological Survey of Ireland
04	Iaranrod Eireann
05	Lakeside Heritage Group, Lacken
06	Enniskerry Walking Association
07	Minister for Communications, Energy & Natural Resources
08	Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries & Food
09	An Bord Pleanála
10	Delgany Community Council, David J. Walsh
11	An Bord Gais
12	Enniskerry Forum, Colin Lawlor, Chairperson
13	Grange Con Conservation Society
14	Ian Doyle, Head of Conservation, The Heritage Council
15	Keep Ireland Open
16	Engineering Division of the Department of Communications, Energy & Natural Resources
17	Department of Transport
18	Michael Brady, Regional Tourism Development Officer, Fáilte Ireland
19	Pat Kavanagh, Friends of the Murrrough
20	Beatrice Kelly, Head of Policy & Research, The Heritage Council



Attendance at public meetings held as part of second phase of public consultation.

Bray Town Hall

Thursday 30th July @ 7pm

1	Tom Molyneux
2	Evelyn Cawley
3	Yanny Petters
4	Brian White
5	Lesley-Ann Hayden
6	Eddie Swaine
7	Cara Murray
8	Cllr. Kathleen Kelleher
9	D. Walsh
10	Deirdre Burns

Blessington Library

Saturday 8th August @ 2pm

1	Seamus Balfe
2	Stephen Bray
3	Helen Lawless
4	Pat Pidgeon
5	Aidan Cruise
6	Kathy Trant
7	Pat Conlon
8	Beth Halligan
9	John O Toole
10	Deirdre Burns

Wicklow's Historic Gaol

Tuesday 11th August @ 7pm

1	Tony Renshaw
2	Sheila Clarke
3	Catherine Wright
4	Patrick Keogh
5	James Keogh
6	Deirdre Burns



APPENDIX 2

MEMBERSHIP OF THE HERITAGE FORUM



Wicklow Heritage Forum 2009

01	Noel Keyes – Chair
02	Enda Mullen – Wicklow Mountains National Park/NPWS
03	Kevin Collins – Forest Service
04	Sharon Kelly – Architectural Heritage Unit, Department of Environment, Heritage & Local Government (DEHLG)
05	Donnachadh Byrne – Eastern Regional Fisheries Board
06	Cllr. Pat Byrne – Wicklow Town Council
07	Cllr. Bernie O Halloran – Arklow Town Council ¹
08	Cllr. Kathleen Kelleher – Greystones Town Council
09	Caroline Burrell – Bray Town Council
10	Robert Sheriff – Teagasc
11	Oran O Sullivan – Birdwatch Ireland
12	Martin Phillips – County Wicklow Vocational Education Committee (VEC)
13	Cllr. Tom Fortune – Wicklow County Tourism
14	Colin Murphy – Wicklow Uplands Council
15	John Medlycott – Roundwood Historical & Folklore Society
16	John Doyle – Chambers of Commerce Wicklow
17	Leslie Armstrong – Construction Industry Federation (CIF) ²
18	Siobhán Geoghegan – County Wicklow Partnership
19	Chris Corlett – Archaeologist (Individual)
20	Pat Pidgeon – Blessington & District Forum
21	Jean Costello – Coillte
22	Declan O Neill – Irish Farming Association (IFA)
23	Cllr. Pat Vance – Wicklow County Council (Planning Strategic Policy Committee)
24	Catherine Wright – Wicklow Family History Centre, Wicklow County Council
25	Brendan Martin – Wicklow Library Service, Wicklow County Council
26	Deirdre Burns – Heritage Officer, Wicklow County Council

¹Replaced Cllr. Pat Fitzgerald in June 2009

²L. Armstrong retired from Forum in June 09, currently awaiting new representative from CIF.

Membership of Working Groups

Built Heritage –

Meetings held 18th February, 7th April & 6th May 2009

- John Doyle – County Wicklow Chambers of Commerce
- Cllr Caroline Burrell – Bray Town Council
- Colin Murphy – Wicklow Uplands Council (WUC)
- Chris Corlett – Archaeologist, Dept of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government (DEHLG)
- Brendan Dunne – Planning Department, Wicklow County Council
- Deirdre Burns – Heritage Officer, Wicklow County Council
- Sharon Kelly – Architectural Heritage Advisor, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government (DEHLG)

Local Heritage & Culture –

Meetings held 23rd February, 29th April & 14th May 2009

- John Medlycott – Roundwood Historical & Folklore Society
- Siobhán Geoghegan – County Wicklow Partnership
- Lenka Mulligan – Wicklow Uplands Council (WUC)
- Pat Pidgeon – Blessington & District Community Forum
- Ciara Brennan – Wicklow Library Service
- Catherine Wright – Wicklow Family History Centre
- Moira Byrne – Environmental Awareness Officer, Wicklow County Council
- Deirdre Burns – Heritage Officer, Wicklow County Council

Natural Heritage –

Meetings held 3rd March & 23rd April 2009

- Oran O Sullivan – BWI
- Donnachadh Byrne – Eastern Regional Fisheries Board (ERFB)
- Enda Mullen – Wicklow Mountains National Park
- Helen Lawless – Wicklow Uplands Council (WUC)
- Kevin Collins – The Forest Service
- Jonathon Sexton – Environmental Services Department, Wicklow County Council
- Deirdre Burns – Heritage Officer Wicklow County Council



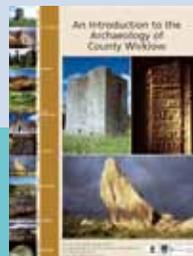
APPENDIX 3

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COUNTY WICKLOW HERITAGE PLAN 2004-2008

County Wicklow Heritage Plan 2004 – 2008



A portrait of a park designed by the Wicklow Heritage Trust.



A summary of key actions carried out

1. Raising the Heritage Profile in County Wicklow

- Study on Heritage Awareness in County Wicklow 2005/6 – Carried out in association with DIT to gather baseline information on heritage attitudes and awareness.
- Heritage Wicklow Newsletter – produced bi-annually since 2005, circulated free of charge.
- Public launches held of various projects, input to Heritage Council monthly e-zine, also Heritage Council newsletter.
- Heritage section on www.wicklow.ie website updated and improved, linking of Wicklow site to Heritage Council website, heritage content on www.visitwicklow.ie improved by Wicklow County Tourism.

Events, seminars, training courses

- Archaeological discoveries along N11 in County Wicklow – Conference 2003
- Historical re-enactments at Bray, Arklow and Wicklow 2004-5
- 'Access for All' training course held in 2005
- Oral history recording training evening – Blessington 2005
- Use of stone and lime training day at Festina Lente 2005
- Wicklow 400 Family Heritage Day 2006
- Annual Family Heritage Day at Avondale for Heritage Week, 06, 07, + 08
- Annual Heritage Week events – talks, walks
- Protected Structures Conference 2006
- Archaeology Day in Roundwood 2006
- Birdwatch Ireland East Coast Nature Reserve Family Day
- National Park Events (Biodiversity Day Events)
- Public seminars on graveyards 2006, 2008
- Recreational trail development courses 2006
- Conservation grants evening 2007

Exhibitions

- Mountains & Us Exhibition 2004
- Tree Week Exhibitions 2005 + 06
- Wildlife Exhibition 2005
- Umha Aois – Bronze Age Exhibition 2005
- Devils Glen Exhibition
- Shackleton Exhibition
- Vernacular Heritage of County Wicklow Exhibition 2008

A summary of key actions carried out (contd.)

2. Compilation of information on Heritage in County Wicklow

- “A Route through the Past” – publication on archaeology along the N11
- Introduction to Biodiversity of County Wicklow poster produced 2006
- Visitors Guide to The Murrough Wetlands 2006
- Coastline of Wicklow – 2007 (Wildlife in Wicklow Guide)
- Woodlands of Wicklow County Council – 2007 (Wildlife in Wicklow Guide)
- Mountains of Wicklow – 2007 (Wildlife in Wicklow Guide)
- Introduction to Archaeology in County Wicklow 2008 – Guide and Education pack
- Visitors Guide to Devils Glen*
- Visitors Guide to Newtownmountkennedy Wood*
- Visitors Guide to Kindlestown Wood* (**Produced under Neighbourhood schemes*)
- Developing a new walking route – a step by step guidelines for community groups 2006 – produced in partnership with Wicklow Sustainable Trails Network (WSTN)
- Mining Heritage of County Wicklow publication 2008
- Traditional Buildings of County Wicklow calendar 2009

3. Actions to enhance protection of heritage and partnership with other organisations

- Architectural Conservation Areas studies carried out for Rathdrum, Blessington, and Greystones
- Village Design Statements (VDS) produced for four villages 2004 –2006 Glenealy, Stratford on Slaney, Ballinaclash and Hollywood
- Public Realm Plan for Wicklow Town 2008
- Neighbourhood programmes successfully implemented in County Wicklow with involvement of Wicklow County Council (Bog Meadow, Devil’s Glen, Newtownmountkennedy, Kindlestown)

- Field Monument Advisor (FMA) pilot post established in 2006 for 1 year
- NIAH for County Wicklow 2005 – Architectural Calendar produced in 2006 using survey. NIAH linked on heritage page of Wicklow.ie website. Results from survey used to inform additions to RPS for Arklow, Wicklow towns and Wicklow County Council
- County Wicklow Graveyard Survey 2006
- Traditional Houses of Rural County Wicklow – representative building survey 2007
- Conservation works to Clock Tower, Enniskerry, Dunlavin Library, Enniskerry Library, Kilbride Mausoleum Arklow, Registrars Office, Arklow, Capt. Tarrant’s Farmhouse, Greystones
- Audit of Natural Heritage Collections carried out in 2005
- Support to Rare Plant survey 2006
- Support to Arctic Char survey 2005
- Support to Local Biodiversity Areas (LBA) methodology study 2005
- Mapping of Local Biodiversity Areas (LBAs) in Greystones/Delgany, Rathdrum and Blessington
- Urban habitat mapping of Bray, Wicklow and Arklow towns 2008

4. Support to community action

- Support to numerous projects through the introduction of the heritage category in WCC Community & Heritage (C&H) Awards, 2005-09. *Approx 90 projects assisted ranging from local Historical publications to setting up heritage trails, events, and wildlife enhancement projects*
- Village Signage Project 2007-2009 support in partnership with Wicklow Uplands Council (WUC) and local communities at 6 villages in Wicklow
- Tidy Towns Seminar – March 2008, 2009
- Community Action Days – Themed training events held over four Saturdays in 2008
- Tinahely Railway Walk – supported by Wicklow Rural Partnership (WRP), Wicklow County Council and Tinahely Area Development (TAD)

APPENDIX 4

GLOSSARY OF TERMS



Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs)

An Architectural Conservation Area (ACA) is a place, area, group of structures or townscape, taking account of building lines and heights, that is of special architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific or technical interest or that contributes to the appreciation of a protected structure, and whose character it is an objective of a development plan to preserve (as set out in section 81 of the Planning & Development Act 2000).

Biodiversity

The variability among living organisms on the earth, including the variability within and between species, or within and between ecosystems.

Birds Directive

The EU Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) requires each member state to designate “Special Protection Areas” for birds. The directive contains annexes, which are lists of birds, which require particular conservation measures (Annex 1), and also species, which may be hunted, and species, which may be sold.

Conservation Plan

A Conservation Plan is a document, which explains why a site is significant, and how that significance will be retained in any future use, alteration, development or repair.

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is an assessment of the likely influence a project may have on the environment. “Environmental Impact Assessment can be defined as: The process of identifying, predicting, evaluating and mitigating the biophysical, social, and other relevant effects of development proposals prior to major decisions being taken and commitments made.” (IAIA 1999). The purpose of the assessment is to ensure that decision-makers consider environmental impacts before deciding whether to proceed with new projects.

Field Monument Advisor Scheme (FMA)

The Field Monument Advisor Scheme is a programme run in partnership with Local Authorities and the Heritage Council to provide information, advice and support to landowners in the custodianship of monuments in their care. Wicklow County Council piloted the FMA scheme in 2006/07.

'Green Schools'

Green-Schools is an environmental education programme and award scheme that promotes and acknowledges long-term, whole-school action for the environment. An Taisce runs the Green Schools programme in Ireland in co-operation with local authorities.

'Green Communities'

Green Communities is a new environmental programme developed by An Taisce in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy. The programme is designed to encourage groups to actively enhance local biodiversity, while also minimizing the carbon footprint of their activities. This project is being supported by Wicklow County Council as one of the local authorities in the 'border' area between Wales and Ireland.

Heritage

Heritage is set out in the Heritage Act 1995 as including the following areas; Monuments, Archaeological Objects, Heritage Objects, Architectural Heritage, Flora and Fauna, Wildlife Habitats, Landscapes, Seascapes and Wrecks, Geology, Heritage Gardens and Parks, Inland Waterways.

Habitats Directive

The EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) was transposed into Irish Law in the European Union.

(Natural Habitats) Regulations, in 1997. The directive lists (Annex 1) certain habitats that must be protected through the establishment of Special Areas of Conservation. The directive also lists (Annex 2) species, which must be afforded protection. The directive seeks to establish "Natura 2000", a network of protected areas throughout the European Community.

Heritage Council

The Heritage Council was established as a statutory body under the Heritage Act 1995. Its role is to propose policies and priorities for the identification, protection, preservation and enhancement of the national heritage. The Council has a particular responsibility to promote interest, education, knowledge and pride in the national heritage.

Heritage in Schools Scheme

The Heritage in Schools scheme, operated by the INTO and the Heritage Council, offers a panel of heritage specialists who visit primary schools to work directly with children on heritage topics.

Leave no Trace

Leave No Trace is an Outdoor Ethics Programme designed to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research, and partnerships.

Local Agenda 21

Local Agenda 21 originated in the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (also referred to as the Earth Summit or the Rio Summit) held in June 1992. Local Agenda 21 (LA21) is an international sustainability planning process that provides an opportunity for local governments to work with their communities to create a sustainable future.

National Biodiversity Data Centre

The National Biodiversity Data Centre has been established in Waterford IT. It is the national centre for the collection and management of biological data within Ireland.

National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH)

The National Inventory of Architectural Heritage is a section within the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government. The work of the NIAH involves identifying and recording the architectural heritage of Ireland from 1700 to the present day.

National Monuments Section DEHLG

The National Monuments Section, a section of the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government is responsible for the identification and designation of sites through the Archaeological Survey of Ireland, assisting OPW in archaeological care of state properties, implementation of protective and regulatory controls including licensing of excavations under the National Monuments Acts and the provision of input and advice to planning and other authorities in respect of individual planning and other development applications, projects and plans.

National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS)

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is part of the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government and manages the Irish States nature conservation responsibilities under National and European Law. NPWS is charged with the conservation of a range of ecosystems and populations of flora and fauna in Ireland. In particular, the responsibility of NPWS is the designation and protection of Special Areas of Conservation (SACs), Special Protection Areas (SPAs), and Natural Heritage Areas (NHAs).

'PURE' project

PURE (Protecting Uplands and Rural Environments), is an environmental project established to combat illegal dumping/fly-tipping that occurs in the Wicklow/Dublin uplands. The PURE project is a regional initiative, the first of its kind in Ireland, which incorporates local authorities including; Wicklow County Council, South Dublin County Council, Dun Laoghaire Rathdown County Council, Dublin City Council, as well as Coillte, National Parks and Wildlife Service, ESB, and a number of non-statutory organisations represented by the Wicklow Uplands Council, to halt incidents of small scale illegal dumping/fly-tipping in the Wicklow/Dublin upland regions. The project makes educational resources available through its website.

'PURE mile'

'The PURE Mile' is an upcoming environmental initiative of the PURE (Protecting Uplands and Rural Environments) project which aims to foster a greater appreciation and awareness of our country roadscapes by rewarding and acknowledging local community efforts. This can be achieved through keeping a mile stretch of road (approx. 1.6 km), and the immediate environment litter/rubbish free, while simultaneously considering the preservation and careful maintenance of the flora and fauna, ditches, hedge-rows, and any other natural or man made features of the area. This project is due to be launched in Autumn 2009.

Record of Protected Structures (RPS)

The Record of Protected Structures is a list of Protected Structures entered by a planning authority which is part of the Development Plan. A Protected Structure is a structure, or part of a structure, that a planning authority considers to be of special interest from an architectural, historical, archaeological, artistic, cultural, scientific, social or technical point of view.

Special Area of Conservation (SAC)

Special Areas of Conservation (SAC) are prime wildlife conservation areas in the country, considered to be important on a European as well as Irish level. The legal basis on which SACs are selected and designated is the EU Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) transposed into Irish law in European Union.

(Natural Habitats) Regulations of 1997. The Directive lists (Annex 1) certain habitats that must be protected within SACs. There is also a list (Annex 2) of species, which must be afforded protection. The Directive seeks to establish "Natura 2000" a network of protected areas throughout the European Community, and it is the responsibility of each state to designate Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) to protect habitats and species, and which together with the Special Protection Areas (SPAs) designated under the EU Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) form "Natura 2000".

Strategic Environmental Assessment

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a system of incorporating environmental considerations into policies, plans and programmes. It is sometimes referred to as Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment, the specific term, Strategic Environmental Assessment relates to European Policy. The European SEA Directive (2001/42/EEC) required that all member states of the European Union should have ratified the Directive into their own countries law by July 2004. The Directive 2001/42/EC on the assessment of certain programmes on the environment was transposed into Irish Law by Regulation 435 and SI 431 of 2004. The objective of the directive is to provide for a high level of protection for the environment and to contribute to the integration of environmental considerations into the preparation and adoption of specified plans and programmes in promoting sustainable development.

Wildlife Act 1976

The Wildlife Act 1976 is the principal national legislation providing for the protection of wildlife and the control of some activities, which may adversely affect wildlife. The aims of the Wildlife Act 1976 are to provide for the protection and conservation of wild fauna and flora, to conserve a representative sample of important ecosystems, to provide for the development and protection of resources and to regulate their exploitation, and to provide the services necessary to accomplish such aims.



APPENDIX 5

RELEVANT HERITAGE LEGISLATION



National and EU Heritage Legislation

Heritage and Planning

- Planning and Development Act, 2000
- Heritage Act, 1995
- Environmental Impact Assessment (Council Directive 85/337/EEC, as amended)
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (Council Directive 2001/42/EC)

Built Heritage

- National Monuments Acts 1990–1994
- National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997
- Architectural Heritage (National Inventory) and Historic Monument (misc. provisions) Act 1999
- Planning and Development Act, 2000

Natural Heritage and Waterways

- Wildlife Act, 1976
- Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000
- European Communities (Natural Habitats) Regulations, 1997
- Birds Directive (Council Directive 79/409/EEC), 1979
- Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC), 1992
- Water Framework Directive (Council Directive 2000/60/EC), 2000

Museums and Archives

- National Cultural Institutions Act, 1997
- Local Government Acts 1994 and 2001

Landscapes and Heritage Gardens & Parks

- Planning and Development Act 2000

International Conventions and Agreements, which Ireland has signed and ratified

- UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage (ratified, 1992)
- European Convention on the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe. (Granada Convention), 1997
- Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention), 1971 (ratified, 1984)
- Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Berne Convention), 1979 (ratified, 1982)
- Convention of Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention), 1979 (ratified, 1983)
- Convention on Biological Diversity, 1992 (ratified, 1996)
- Agreement on Conservation of Bats in Europe (Bonn Convention), 1993 (ratified, 1995)
- International Tropical Timber Agreement, 1994 (1996)
- Agreement of the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds (AEWA) (Bonn Convention), 1996
- Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy (endorsed 1995)
- European Landscape Convention, 2000 (ratified, 2002)

Useful Sources of Information/Selected Websites

- www.wicklow.ie/heritage/familyhistory
- www.NPWS.ie
- www.archeology.ie
- www.environ.ie
- www.visitwicklow.ie
- www.antaisce.ie
- www.wicklowuplandscouncil.ie
- www.buildingsofireland.ie
- www.wicklowleader.ie
- www.teagasc.ie
- www.cfb.ie (Central Fisheries board)
- www.coillte.ie
- www.agriculture.gov.ie/forests-service
- www.biodiversityireland.ie
- www.heritagecouncil.ie
- www.wicklowmountainnationalpark.ie
- www.birdwatchireland.ie
- www.igs.ie (Irish Georgian Society)



