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County Mayo Heritage Plan

A partnership plan, prepared by the County Mayo Heritage Forum

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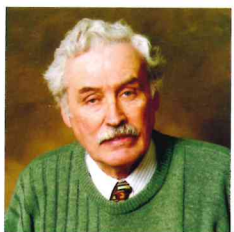
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Foreword

Cllr Johnny Mee - Chairperson of County Mayo Heritage Forum



Mayo is a county with a rich and vast tapestry of heritage which deserves to be recorded for future generations. In this plan every effort has been made to ensure that this heritage will be documented. The work of the Heritage Forum has been carried out in a professional and dedicated manner. Much painstaking effort has gone into the project. People with knowledge of their own area have come forward with valuable information which would have otherwise been lost to the people of our county.

Mayo is a vast county made up of many facets. Our rugged coastline, our woods, lakes, mountains and valleys make our county one of the most attractive in the Republic. Our towns have grown enormously in recent years and they contain many nuggets of our industrial past, which played such an important part in the economy of our country.

Each townland and parish has their own story to tell. Some facets of our heritage may seem unimportant at first sight, but they are an integral part of our past. Woven together they make up an historic picture of our past which will give the people of our county an immense pride in their own place.

In the early years of the 21st century, in an age of huge developments in communications and other spheres, it would be easy to overlook our heritage and consign it to the past. But the past shapes our future and our heritage, customs and traditions are now more important than ever in a fast-moving and complex world.

Because of this the recording of our heritage lays down a template for future generations. This plan aims to preserve many of the most important aspects of our heritage and will serve as an excellent guide for all those with an interest in our county and its varied past. The compilation of this plan has drawn together many threads from different parts of Mayo who have come together as a team to produce this excellent document. Special thanks is due to Deirdre Cunningham, Heritage Officer, for her leadership qualities and deep interest in all matters relating to Mayo's heritage; Des Mahon, County Manager; Joe Loftus, Directors of Services, Corporate Affairs; members of the Heritage Forum; Forward Planning Section, Mayo Co. Council; members of the Cultural, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs SPC and the various groups and individuals who have lent their advice and local knowledge to this project. A special word of thanks is due to the elected members of Mayo Co. Council for endorsing and supporting this plan.

Mr Des Mahon - County Manager



I am delighted to welcome the publication of this, the first Heritage Plan for Co. Mayo. Mayo has a rich and diverse heritage, encompassing our lakes, rivers, coastline and mountains, our towns and villages, our monuments, customs, language and traditions. It is this rich and unique heritage which makes Mayo such a special place in which to live and work, and to visit.

The publication of this plan is a realisation of objectives of both the County Mayo Development Plan 2003-2011 and the 10-year Integrated Strategy of the Mayo County Development Board.

The aim of the plan is to set out a framework for the conservation, management and enhancement of heritage in the county over a five year period. The implementation of the plan will involve a partnership approach between Mayo local authorities, state agencies, development agencies and local communities.

I would like to thank all those involved in the preparation of this plan; the Heritage Council for their continued support, Cllr. Johnny Mee, the chair of the Heritage Forum, Deirdre Cunningham, Heritage Officer and members of the Heritage Forum and associated Working Groups.

I look forward to the implementation of the plan over the next five years which will bring many benefits for both the heritage and people of Mayo.





INTRODUCTION

Mayo has a rich heritage encompassing a myriad of diverse elements. This heritage includes our landscapes, shaped by geological processes over millions of years, which have inspired authors and artists alike. It includes our countryside, mountains, rivers, lakes, our wildlife, evolved over thousands of years, and a diverse coastline, the longest in the country, with its many habitats ranging from sea cliffs and rocky shores to sandy beaches and Ireland's only fjord, Killary Harbour. It encompasses our offshore islands, inhabited and uninhabited, and their associated traditions. It includes our archaeological sites and monuments, our towns and villages, our historic buildings and vernacular architecture. It encompasses our history, language, place names and customs. All of these disparate elements combine to give Mayo its own unique distinct character.

The importance and value of this heritage cannot be overstated. It is this heritage that gives us our sense of identity, enriches our lives and enhances our everyday existence. In addition to its intrinsic value, educational and cultural benefits, it is of enormous economic value, underpinning Mayo's vitally important tourist industry.

Mayo's heritage is a dynamic resource that is constantly evolving. There are greater pressures on our heritage resource today than at any time in the past. Whether we are aware of it or not, we are constantly making choices about what aspects of our heritage should be kept and what is expendable. These decisions are often unconscious but are always informed by our own values and understanding of that heritage. Heritage management is the process of making conscious and informed decisions about the future of our heritage. While it is neither possible nor desirable to preserve everything, it is important to balance the need for change with the desire for conservation. Our heritage, once destroyed, cannot be replaced.

The preparation of the first ever County Mayo Heritage Plan signals a new approach to heritage management in the county. The plan is the product of widespread consultation, developed through a partnership approach, bringing together communities, local authorities, elected representatives, government departments and agencies, local heritage groups and interested individuals. This is the first time that all these different interests have come together to develop a plan of action for heritage in the county. The development and implementation of the County Mayo Heritage Plan will facilitate a greater understanding of our heritage and enable us to make the most informed decisions possible concerning the future of our shared heritage.

The Heritage Plan in Context

The importance of our heritage has been recognised by the government with the publication of the National Heritage Plan in April 2002. The aim of this plan is 'to ensure the protection of our heritage and to promote its enjoyment by all'. The plan recognises that conservation and management of our heritage plays an essential role in maintaining a high quality of life. It also recognises that heritage is of economic importance, in particular through tourism. The National Heritage Plan sets out a comprehensive strategy and framework for the protection and management of heritage and a key action identified in the plan is the call for the preparation of Local Heritage Plans at county and city level.

The preparation of the County Mayo Heritage Plan is a response to this initiative and is a response to the requirements of the National Biodiversity Plan, developed in parallel with the National Heritage Plan. The preparation of the County Mayo Heritage Plan also fulfils an objective of the County Development Plan, 2003-2009 and the Mayo Corporate Plan 2005-2009. The formulation of a Heritage Plan is also listed as a priority in the County Development Board Integrated Strategy for the Economic, Social and Cultural Development of Co. Mayo 2002-2012.

Formulating The Heritage Plan

The County Mayo Heritage Plan has been formulated by the County Mayo Heritage Forum, an advisory group established by Mayo County Council to assist the council in the preparation and implementation of the Plan. The Forum represents a partnership of elected representatives, council officials, and representatives from state agencies, local development, community groups and farming and education sectors and local heritage groups. The Forum established three working groups namely, Built Heritage, Natural Heritage/Biodiversity and Archaeological/Cultural Heritage. The membership of the working groups comprises members of the Forum and additional relevant people with appropriate knowledge and expertise (Appendix I). The working groups considered submissions received from the consultation process to identify key issues and formulate actions for inclusion in the plan. The recommendations of the working groups form the basis of this plan.

Implementing The Heritage Plan

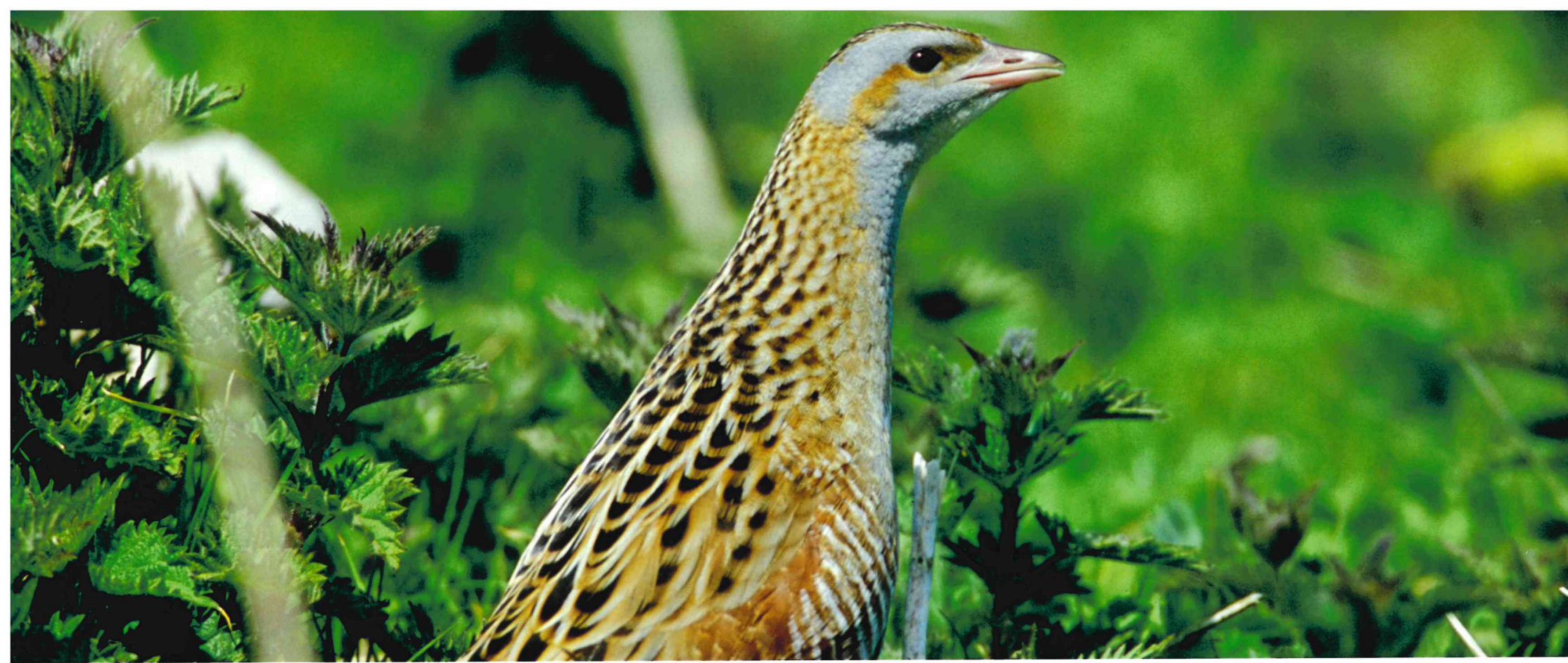
The County Mayo Heritage Plan represents a vision for the management and conservation of Mayo's heritage over the coming five years. In this, the first decade of the new millennium, the Heritage Plan affords us an opportunity to take stock of our heritage resource. Through extensive consultation, heritage priorities and objectives for the county have been identified and measures needed to achieve these have been set out, to be undertaken over the five-year period of the Plan.

Key objectives of the County Mayo Heritage Plan are to raise awareness of our heritage, collect and disseminate heritage information and promote best practice in heritage management in the county. The Plan contains 90 actions, categorised under these three main themes. While the plan is ambitious, every effort has been made to ensure that the actions set out are realistic and achievable over the lifetime of the plan.

The Heritage Plan is neither a statutory plan nor a policy document. Heritage policy is set out in other documents such as the County Development Plan, which sets out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the county. Rather, the Heritage Plan compliments the County Development Plan, and other statutory plans, by aiming to promote objectives contained in these plans, by setting out practical measures that can be taken to identify, protect and manage our heritage at the local level.

The publication of the County Mayo Heritage Plan represents a beginning, not an end. The plan seeks to build on and compliment the work of the many different agencies, organisations, communities, groups and individuals currently being undertaken in the county. Implementation of the plan represents a major challenge and will require the co-operation and continued involvement of all if our ambitions are to be realised.





Objectives and Actions

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Objective 1 – Promotion of Awareness and Appreciation of our Heritage



	Action
1.1	Promote the County Mayo Heritage Plan and its implementation through the Mayo County Council heritage website, local media, seminars and newsletters
1.2	Expand, maintain and continually update the Mayo County Council heritage website www.mayococo.ie/heritage
1.3	Host regular public heritage information seminars, talks and exhibitions to highlight and raise awareness of heritage issues
1.4	Develop annual county heritage awards scheme
1.5	Produce an annual heritage newsletter
1.6	Produce a series of heritage leaflets on various aspects of the built, natural and cultural heritage of the county
1.7	Develop a County Mayo Heritage Forum logo
1.8	Develop a County Mayo Heritage Network
1.9	Produce a Protected Structure information pack
1.10	Produce and distribute heritage education packs for primary and secondary schools
1.11	Raise public awareness of the importance of maintaining an effective septic tank (regular maintenance, limiting use of biocides and strong detergents etc.)
1.12	Increase awareness of heritage issues in the Tidy Towns competition and promote best practice in the management of biodiversity and built heritage
1.13	Develop an education and awareness campaign in relation to the destruction caused by alien invasive species
1.14	Promote the Birdwatch Ireland Countryside Bird Survey
1.15	Develop 'Birds in the Schoolyard' project



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	Action
1.16	Encourage and assist existing heritage centres and museums in the county, in co-operation with local communities, to develop, where possible, local natural heritage exhibitions
1.17	Encourage and support heritage centres and museums in coastal locations to develop maritime exhibitions
1.18	Compile a list of woodlands in the county open to the public and publish in brochure/on Mayo County Council Heritage website
1.19	Promote and encourage participation in National Tree Week and National Tree Day
1.20	Develop and promote a Harry Clarke stained glass window trail in the county (linked to Action 2.20)
1.21	Support the work of the NIAH to foster greater knowledge and appreciation of Mayo's architectural heritage
1.22	Develop an 'Open Door Day' in partnership with custodians during heritage week to promote fine examples of the county's architectural heritage
1.23	Identify and publish possible sources of funding for heritage projects
1.24	Promote the INTO/Heritage Council 'Heritage in Schools' Scheme
1.25	Host seminar on field and place names covering the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- current interest and identification of extant collections of minor place names- basic field-training in mapping and recording- registering / coordinating current research- exploration of issues in relation to storing, academic examination and publication
1.26	Host seminar on publishing local heritage and history publications (linked to Action 3.25)
1.27	Encourage the publication and dissemination of archaeological excavation reports
1.28	Develop a 'Shipwrecks of Mayo' website
1.29	Provide support for a publication initiative of the Museums of Mayo Network



Objective 2 – Collection and Dissemination of Heritage Information



	Action
2.1	Publish and regularly update a web-based County Heritage Directory
2.2	Compile a detailed database of current positive actions for the protection and conservation of heritage resources within the county
2.3	Produce an inventory of significant tree specimens in the county
2.4	Commence a habitat survey of the county
2.5	Collate existing natural heritage datasets in the county and make this information available. Identify information gaps
2.6	Compile a comprehensive database of scientific papers relating to the natural heritage of the county
2.7	Identify and highlight habitats and species of special significance in Mayo, with a view to publication
2.8	Identify sites of geological and geomorphological interest and importance in the county with a view to developing geological trails
2.9	Create 'The Rock Foundations of South Mayo: A Three-dimensional Model of Early Heritage'
2.10	Compile an inventory of heritage trails and walks in the county and co-ordinate their promotion (linked to Actions 3.4 & 3.5)
2.11	Carry out a hedgerow survey of the county
2.12	Conduct a survey of vernacular architecture in the county
2.13	Compile an inventory of thatched buildings in the county
2.14	Compile an inventory of industrial heritage in the county
2.15	Carry out pilot studies of the geographic distribution of the various stone wall styles in the county. Produce a poster of the stonewall styles of the county
2.16	Compile an inventory of historic bridges in the county
2.17	Compile an inventory of Mayo's railway heritage



Objective 2 – Collection and Dissemination of Heritage Information

	Action
2.18	Identify existing published and unpublished information relating to the built heritage of Co. Mayo and make a catalogue of this available on the County Mayo Heritage website
2.19	Undertake audit of heritage sites in Mayo County Council ownership
2.20	Compile an inventory of stained glass in churches and other related building types (linked to Action 1.20)
2.21	Create a database of existing published and unpublished archaeological research and studies in the county and make this information freely available
2.22	Compile a list of all Mayo County Council and Mayo County Council-funded heritage publications, and make available on heritage website
2.23	Compile an inventory of cillins and other previously unrecorded monuments throughout the county e.g. holy wells, shrines, mass rocks etc.
2.24	Create a database of all EIS and archaeological reports produced in the county and ensure that all such reports are lodged with the County Library and accessible to the public
2.25	Compile an archive of traditional Mayo music, song and dance
2.26	Support the recording of traditional Mayo craftspeople
2.27	Revisit the 1938 Folklore Commission project on a pilot basis
2.28	Record testimonies of World War II veterans and veterans of other conflicts who are native of or residing in Co. Mayo



Objective 3 – Promotion of Best Practice in Heritage Management and Conservation

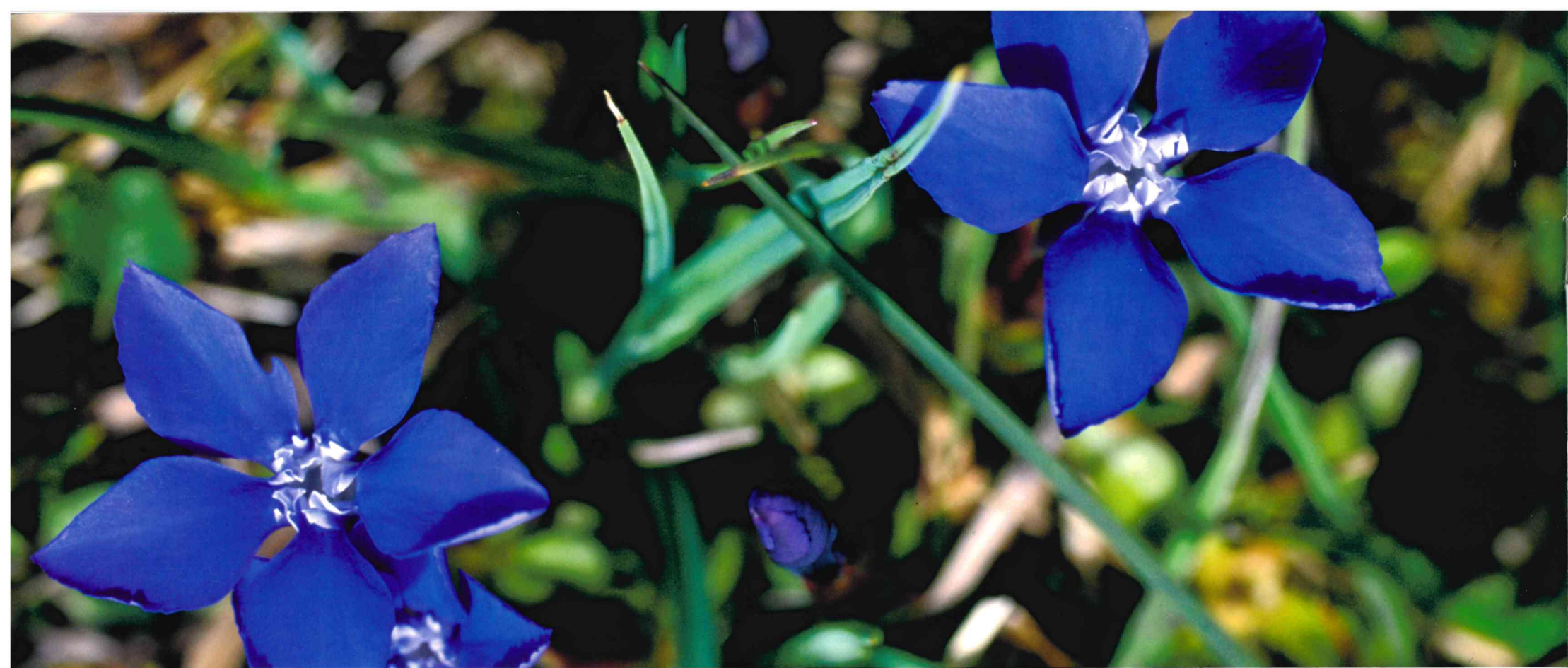


	Action
3.1	Prepare a County Biodiversity Plan
3.2	Produce a Register of Skills for the county, to include traditional building skills and crafts practitioners
3.3	Compile and make available appropriate training material on the proper care and management of natural heritage (existing resources in REPS training DVD, videos on water quality etc.)
3.4	Support the preparation of a walking strategy for the county (linked to Actions 2.10 & 3.5)
3.5	Develop a scheme to enable communities to develop local heritage trails and walks (linked to Actions 2.10 & 3.4)
3.6	Establish and develop a 'Golden Mile' competition within the county
3.7	Provide in-house training for local authority engineers and planners in all aspects of heritage conservation
3.8	Encourage the uptake of the Neighbourhood and Native Woodland Scheme to enhance existing woodlands or create new ones
3.9	Investigate the possibility of introducing bye-laws to prevent the spread of alien invasive species known to pose threats to ecosystems (linked to Actions 1.13 & 3.10)
3.10	Liaise with the Galway Heritage Forum Zebra Mussel Initiative (linked to Actions 1.13 & 3.9)
3.11	Provide and promote training opportunities for the public, community groups, contractors and local authority staff in traditional skills such as dry-stone walling, stone cutting, thatching, lime rendering, hedgerow establishment and management
3.12	Produce guidelines and provide advice to developers, planning authorities and the public on the integration of biodiversity conservation into the development process
3.13	Establish Mayo place names committee to advise Mayo local authorities on the naming of new developments
3.14	Promote the use of Irish language on townland signs and in names of new developments
3.15	Ensure that provision is made through conditions attached to the development control process for the protection and, where possible, enhancement of heritage
3.16	Promote the planting of native species, and preferably Irish seed sources and local provenances, in developments, amenity projects and along roads

Objective 3 – Promotion of Best Practice in Heritage Management and Conservation

	Action
3.17	Promote the development of an Integrated Coastal Zone Management Strategy for Mayo
3.18	Promote corncrake preservation
3.19	Develop best practice guidelines and provide training for those involved in river bank maintenance works
3.20	Work with the Forward Planning section of Mayo County Council to pilot Village Design Statements for selected villages in Co. Mayo, in partnership with local communities
3.21	Seek the appointment of a Conservation Officer
3.22	Promote the improvement of settings and management of monuments and archaeological sites in the county
3.23	Organise seminars and workshops on the care and conservation of traditional buildings, for owners of protected structures and others with an interest in conserving historic properties
3.24	Prepare a checklist of heritage features for use on site by planners in assessment of development applications
3.25	Provide support to local community groups undertaking local heritage publications (linked to Action 1.26)
3.26	Prepare a conservation plan for the Inishkea Islands
3.27	Pilot a project on graveyard care, maintenance and recording with 3 local communities and develop a model of best practice (linked to Action 3.28)
3.28	Host seminar on the care and conservation of historic graveyards (linked to Action 3.27)
3.29	Seek the establishment of a County Archive
3.30	Promote the Heritage Council's Museum Standards Programme for Ireland
3.31	Support the organisation of an annual training event for those working in, or associated with collecting, preserving, displaying or publishing Mayo heritage, based on the themes of the Heritage Council's Museum Standards Programme for Ireland





Statement of Strategy

2006 - 2011

This section addresses how the County Mayo Heritage Plan will be delivered over the coming five years.

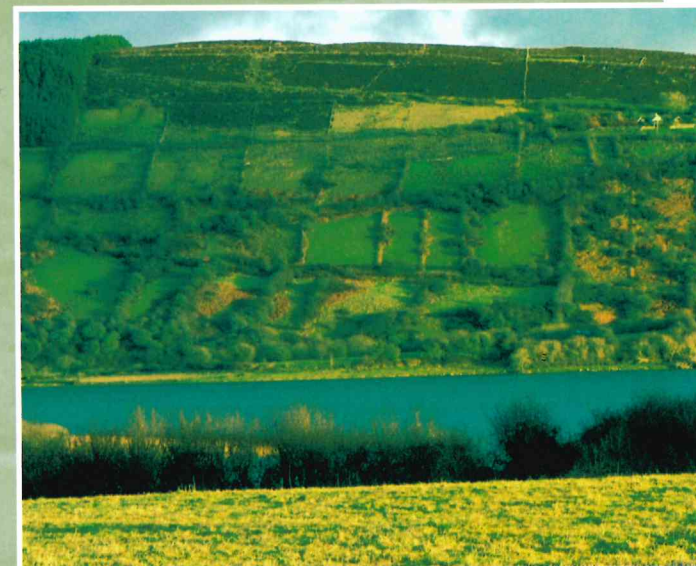
The County Mayo Heritage Plan is a countywide plan with many partners responsible for its implementation. While Mayo County Council is a key partner and the Heritage Officer will in many cases act as co-ordinator for projects, the Heritage Forum will seek the participation of key partners in implementing the actions identified in the Heritage Plan. As this Heritage Plan is a first for the county representing a new approach to heritage care and management, it will be important to allow for flexibility when it comes to implementing actions as the new structure evolves.

A budget of approximately €500,000 is estimated for the delivery of actions over the lifetime of the plan, excluding staff costs. This requires an average annual budget of €100,000. It should be recognised that some actions will require minimal funding, while others, although supported by the Heritage Forum, fall outside the remit of the plan to deliver.

The National Heritage Plan, published in 2002, indicates that a budget of €12.7m will be made available over a 5-year period for the implementation of Local Heritage Plans. There has been no indication to date from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, that funding allocations will be made available to support the delivery of Heritage Plans in 2005.

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 that are compatible with the objectives of the Heritage Council.

The Plan sets out actions for the five-year period, 2005-2010. A detailed work programme will be drawn up each year outlining actions, partners, sources of funding and timeframes. The County Mayo Heritage Forum will propose the annual work programme following consultation with all partners. The County Mayo Heritage Forum will monitor the annual work programme each year and will evaluate the implementation of the Plan in year three.





Appendices

Appendix I – Membership of the County Mayo Heritage Forum

Name	Sector	Agency / Body
Cllr Margaret Adams	Local Government	Mayo County Council
Cllr Henry Kenny	Local Government	Mayo County Council
Cllr Eugene Lavin	Local Government	Mayo County Council
Cllr Johnny Mee	Local Government	Mayo County Council
Cllr Jarlath Munnely	Local Government	Mayo County Council
Cllr Pat McHugh	Local Government	Mayo County Council
Cllr Aidan Crowley	Local Government	Castlebar Town Council
Cllr Peter Flynn	Local Government	Westport Town Council
Cllr Johnnie O' Malley	Local Government	Ballina Town Council
Mr Joe Loftus	Mayo County Council	Director of Service, Corporate Affairs
Dr Deirdre Cunningham	Mayo County Council	Heritage Officer
Ms Kitty O'Malley	Mayo County Council	Senior Executive Planner
Mr Austin Vaughan	Mayo County Council	County Librarian
Dr Susan Mannion	Mayo County Council	County Museum Curator
Mr Gerry Walsh	Mayo County Council	Senior Archaeologist
Mr Dennis Strong	Government Department	DoEHLG (NPW)
Mr Tom Kavanagh	State Agency	Forest Service
Mr Declan Cooke	State Agency	NWRFB
Mr Ruaidhri de Barra	State Agency	WFB
Mr Seamus O'Mongain	State Agency	Teagasc
Ms Rosa Meehan	State Agency	National Museum of Ireland-Country Life
Dr Seán Lysaght	Education	GMIT
Mr Michael Biggins	Social Partner	IFA
Mrs Maura King	Social Partner	ICMSA
Ms Jo Ortelli	Local Development	Mayo Leader Group
Mr David Breen	Local Development	Mayo Co Development Board
Mr Jim Henry	Social Partner	Mayo Chamber of Commerce
Mr P.J. Lynn	Community and Voluntary	Mayo Community Forum
Mr Fiachra Mc Gabhann	Social Partner	Trade Union
Ms Gearoidin Ní Ghrúineil	Heritage Society	Mayo Historical Society



Appendix I – Membership of Heritage Working Groups



Built Heritage

Clr Johnny Mee	MCC
Clr Henry Kenny	MCC
Clr Margaret Adams	MCC
Clr Eugene Lavin	MCC
Clr Pat McHugh	MCC
Clr Jarlath Munnally	MCC
Clr Johnnie O'Malley	Ballina Town Council
Clr Peter Flynn	Westport Town Council
Ms Kitty O'Malley	Senior Executive Planner, Forward Planning, MCC
Mr Gerry Walsh	Senior Archaeologist, Regional Design Office, MCC
Ms Geeta Keena	Senior Architect, Architects Section, MCC
Mr Tony McNulty	Senior Engineer, Regional Design Office, MCC
Dr Deirdre Cunningham	Heritage Officer, Forward Planning, MCC
Mr Michael Biggins	IFA
Ms Jacqueline Donnelly	Architectural Heritage Advisory Unit, DoEHLG
Mr Michael Horan	Conservation Architect
Ms Maura King	ICMSA
Mr John Mayock	Westport Historical Society

Natural Heritage / Biodiversity

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Mr Michael Lyons	Senior Executive Engineer, Road Design Office, MCC
Dr Deirdre Cunningham	Heritage Officer, MCC
Mr Tom Kavanagh	Forest Service
Mr Dennis Strong	NPWS, DoEHLG
Mr Declan Cooke	NWRFB
Mr Ruaidhri de Barra	WRFB
Mr Seamus O'Monghain	Teagasc
Dr Sean Lysaght	GMIT
Ms Jo Ortelli	Leader
Mr David Breen	Mayo County Development Board
Mr Derek McLoughlin	Birdwatch Ireland
Prof Mike Williams	NUIG
Mr Michael Biggins	IFA

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Archaeological / Cultural Heritage

Cllr Johnny Mee	MCC
Cllr Margaret Adams	MCC
Mr Gerry	Walsh, Senior Archaeologist, MCC
Mr Jim Henry	Mayo Chambers of Commerce
Mr P.J. Lynn	Mayo Community Forum
Mr Fiachra McGabhann	Castlebar District of Trade Unions
Mr Austin Vaughan	Senior Librarian, MCC
Dr Susan Mannion	County Museum Curator, MCC
Ms Rosa Meehan	National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park
Ms Gearoidin Ní Ghruinel	Mayo Historical Society
Ms Jane O'Shaughnessy	National Monuments Section, DoEHLG
Dr Deirdre Cunningham	Heritage Officer, MCC

Abbreviations

MCC	Mayo County Council
NPWS	National Parks and Wildlife Service
DoEHLG	Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government
NWRFB	North Western Regional Fisheries Board
WRFB	Western Regional Fisheries Board
GMIT	Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
NUIG	National University of Ireland, Galway
IFA	Irish Farmers Association
ICMSA	Irish Creamery and Milk Suppliers Association



Appendix II – The Heritage Plan Process



Feb 2004	Approval secured from Mayo County Council management team for Heritage Plan methodology and membership structure of Mayo Heritage Forum.
Feb 2004	Approval secured from Planning and Economic Development and Culture, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs Strategic Policy Committees for Heritage Plan methodology and membership of Heritage Forum.
March 2004	Heritage Plan process presented to Mayo County Council and membership of Heritage Forum approved. Elected members nominated to serve on Forum.
March 2004	Heritage Plan process presented to Town Councils; an elected member from each council is nominated to serve on Forum.
April 2004	Heritage Plan process presented to County Development Board and representative requested to serve on Forum.
June 2004	Mayo Heritage Forum formally established.
Oct 2004	First Meeting of the County Mayo Heritage Forum. Three working groups established; Built, Natural and Archaeological/Cultural Heritage.
Oct-Dec 2004	Public consultation process initiated with submissions invited through newspaper advertisements. Public meetings were held in each electoral area.
Feb-May 2005	Each working group met three to five times to review submissions and formulate actions for the plan.
June 2005	Second Meeting of the County Mayo Heritage Forum to consider Draft Heritage Plan.
June 2005	Draft Heritage Plan presented to Culture, Education, Heritage and Corporate Affairs SPC for agreement.
July 2005	Draft Heritage Plan presented to Planning and Economic Development SPC for agreement.
July 2005	Draft Heritage Plan presented to Mayo County Council for adoption.
Sept-Nov 2005	Public consultation on draft plan with submissions invited through newspaper advertisements. Public meetings were held in each electoral area.
May 2006	Third meeting of Heritage Forum to consider submissions and agree final plan.
May 2006	Plan presented to Culture, Heritage and Education SPC for approval.
June 2006	County Mayo Heritage Plan 2006 - 2011 adopted by elected members of Mayo County Council.



The process was informed by The Heritage Council's 'A Methodology for Local Authority Heritage Officers on the Preparation of County/City Heritage Plans'.

Appendix III – Public Consultation



Submissions received from:			Attendance at Public Consultation Meetings		
Individuals	Organisations		Castlebar, Ballina, Ballinrobe, Claremorris, Westport, Swinford, Achill, Belmullet		
Margaret Sweeney	Roger Garland	Keep Ireland Open	Mary Boyle	Heather Kelly	Cllr Jarlath Munnelly
John Moran	Brian Hoban	Mayo Rambler Tours	Sean Boyle	Rob Kennan	Micheal Murphy
Owen Hughes	Heather Kelly	Clogher Community Council	Jim Brown	Ann Kirrane	Martin Neary
C Stark	Wendy Stringer	Birdwatch Mayo	Monica Browne	Paddy Leech	Rita Nolan
Liam Sadler	Shirley Piggins	Westport Civic Trust	Aiden Clarke	Bernie Lynn	Noel O'Neill
Oliver Murphy	Dermot Keane	Neale Heritage & Development Association Ltd	P.J. Clarke	P.J. Lynn	Rory O'Neill
Shirley Piggins	Sarah Fields	Irish Wildlife Trust	Ray Cooper	Susan Mannion	Jo Ortelli
Gerry Kennedy	Sean Carolan	MurrCo Conservation and Development Ltd	Colm Cronin	Katherine Mangan	Ger Padden
John Handel	Tom Kavanagh	Forest Service	Jarlath Dunford	Fintan Masterson	Shirley Piggins
Sonia Kelly	Orla Fahy	Forest Service	Linus Fahy	John Mayock	Wendy Stringer
Michael Viney	Seamas MacPhilib	National Museum of Ireland - Country Life	Billy Freeley	Ian Mac Aindriú	Pat Warde
David Shaw-Smith	Caroline Hurley	IPCC Bog of Allen Nature Centre	Thomas Gallagher	Sean McGrath	
Cllr Joe Mellett	Maura Ryan	Achill Archaeological Field School	Bill Galloway	Marian McHugh	
Cllr Frank Chambers	Bairbre Ni Fhloinn	Department of Irish Folklore, UCD	Iris Galloway	Sally McKenna	
Prof Peter Harbison	Declan Little	Woodlands of Ireland	Jim Gilvarry	Cllr Michael McNamara	
Cllr Willie Nolan	Kate McAney	The Vincent Wildlife Trust	Brian Hoban	Dominic Moran	
Peter Jordan	William Hoff	Mills and Millers of Ireland	Breege Hyland	Imelda Moran	
Audrey Chapman	P.F. Nolan	Department of Defence	Jim Hyland	John Moran	
Jarlath Dunford	Brendan Delany	ESB Archives and Heritage Manager			
Jarlath Sweeney	Prof John Bracken	Aquens			
Tom King	Nancy Smith	Michael Davitt Museum			
Carina Dingerkus	John Farragher	IFA			
Breege O'Brien	Robert Meehan	Institute of Geologists of Ireland			
	Getry Collins	Quiet Man Heritage Centre, Cong			
	Sean Lysaght	GMIT @ Castlebar			
	James Reddiough	Age Action Ireland			
	Museums of Mayo Network				
	Mayo Abbey Heritage Society				

Appendix IV – List of Relevant National and EU Legislation



Archaeological Heritage

National Monuments Acts 1930-2004
National Cultural Institutions Act 1997

Architectural Heritage

Planning and Development Acts 2000-2004
Architectural Heritage (National Inventory) and Historic Monuments (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1999

Heritage and Planning

Planning and Development Acts 2000-2004
Heritage Act 1995
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive (Council Directive 85/337/EEC) 1985
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (Council Directive 2001/42/EC)

Landscapes

Planning and Development Act 2000

Museums and Archives

National Cultural Institutions Act 1997
Local Government Act 2001
National Archives Act 1986

Natural Heritage

Wildlife Act 1976
Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000
Fisheries (Consolidation) Act 1959
Fisheries (Amendment) Act 1999
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
Freshwater Fish Directive (Council Directive 78/659/EC) 1978

International Conventions and Agreements *which Ireland has signed and ratified*

Archaeology

European Convention on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (Valletta Convention) 1997

Architecture

European Convention on the Protection of the Architectural Heritage of Europe (Granada Convention) 1997

Cultural and Natural Heritage

UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage

Natural Heritage

Convention on Biological Diversity 1992

European Landscape Convention 2000

Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Berne Convention) 1979

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention) 1979

Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention) 1971

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) 1973