



# THE HERITAGE COUNCIL AILG

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## Heritage Officer Programme





# Heritage Council

- 14 staff
- Board of 17 (11)
- National remit
- Heritage Act 1995
- Established 1996
- Independent Semi state
- Based in Kilkenny
- Natural, Built and Cultural Heritage



# Functions

- Promote Heritage
- Protect, preserve and enhance national heritage
- Policy advice to Minister
- Co-ordination of heritage activities



# Heritage

- Heritage Act 1995 – heritage includes

Monuments

Archaeological Objects

Heritage Objects

Flora

Architectural heritage

Fauna

Landscapes

Wildlife Habitats

Seascapes

Geology

Inland Waterways

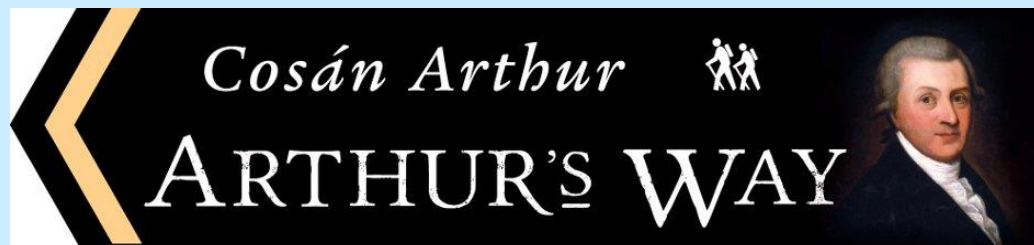
Wrecks

Heritage Gardens & Parks



# Value of Heritage

- Intrinsic Value
- Economic/Employment
  - Tourism
  - FDI
- Quality of Life
- Health





# Heritage and Local Authorities

- HOP - strategic and proactive approach
- Integration – not seeing “heritage” issues in isolation
- Inclusion – promoting partnership approaches



# Heritage Officer Programme

- Partnership Arrangement
- The Heritage Council of Ireland
- County and City Councils
- 28 Heritage Officers



# Heritage Officer

- Employed by local authority
- Supported by Heritage Council:
  - Training
  - Development
  - Network
  - Finance
  - Operational plans





# Heritage Officer Programme

- Local needs and requirements
- Heritage remit – broad
- Different professional backgrounds
- Heritage Training & Development Programme



# ROLE OF COUNTY HERITAGE OFFICER

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County Kildare Heritage Officer





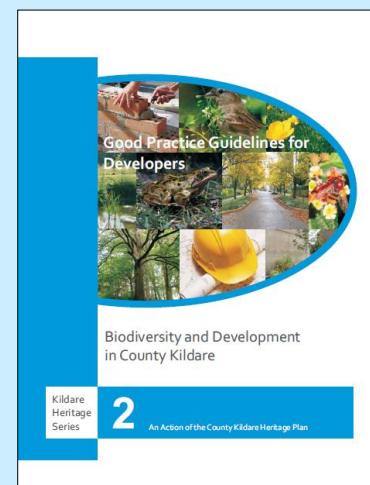
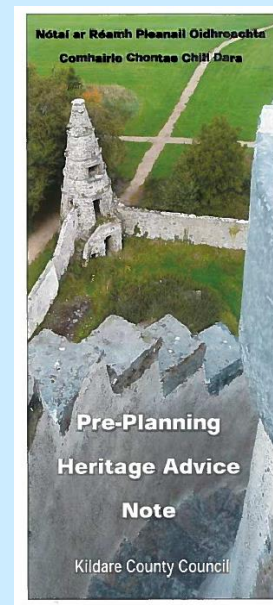
# Objective

- Facilitate a structured heritage service at county level
- Enhance and improve the status of heritage
- Promote greater understanding, conservation and protection of our heritage



# Role of the Heritage Officer

- Providing advice & training
- Collection of data
- Promote best practice
- Promote pride/awareness



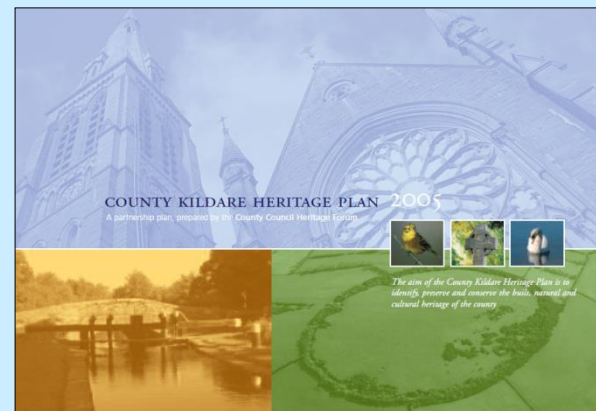






# County Heritage Plan

- Formulate and Implementate CHP
- Heritage Forum
- Government policy
- Identify & address local heritage issues
- Secure benefits for local heritage
- National funding channelled through plans
  - Heritage Council, LEADER etc



## FINGAL HERITAGE PLAN 2011-2017 We're looking for your help



Fingal County Council is preparing the second Heritage Plan for Fingal. The Heritage Plan will deal with all aspects of our natural and cultural heritage. This includes landscapes, flora, fauna, wildlife, archaeology, architectural heritage, local history and folklore.

- Can you help us to identify heritage issues and needs at local level?
- Can you suggest ways in which we can address these?

You are invited to attend one of four public meetings which will be held in the following venues:

**Wednesday 30th March 2011** - Carnegie Court Hotel, Swords, 7.30pm

**Thursday 31st March 2011** - Malahide Yacht Club, 7.30pm

**Monday 4th April 2011** - Crowne Plaza Hotel, Blanchardstown, 7.30pm

**Wednesday 13th April 2011** - Hamilton Room, Balbriggan Town Hall, 7.30pm

You can also make a written submission. Please email [heritage@fingalcoo.ie](mailto:heritage@fingalcoo.ie) or send your submission to the Heritage Officer, Fingal County Council, Main Street, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin.

**SUBMISSIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON FRIDAY 22ND APRIL 2011**

Please see [www.fingalcoo.ie](http://www.fingalcoo.ie)  
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for further information





# County Heritage Plans

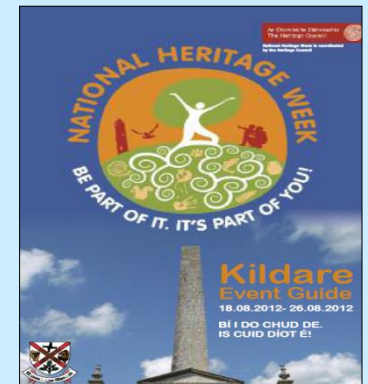
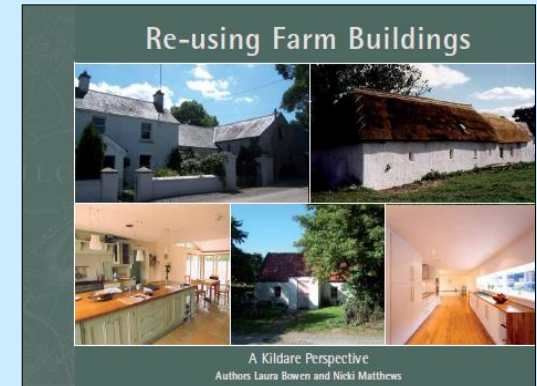
- Heritage Council funding of €700k (2016)
- €27k per county
- Matched by Local Authority
- €15 million County Based Heritage Projects since 2003
- Heritage Plan adopted by Councillors (RF)
- Annual budgets adopted by Councillors (RF)





# Activities of Heritage Officer

- County Development Plan/LAP
  - Collection of Heritage Data
  - Development of policy
  - Adoption of Plan (RF)
- Education and Awareness
  - Heritage Week
  - Talks, exhibitions
  - Seminars
  - Publications







# Activities of Heritage Officer

- Liaising with community
  - Training/advice
  - Securing Grants
  - Graveyard Projects
  - Conservation of Structures
  - Heritage Interpretation
  - Walled Town Network
  - Oral Recording projects
  - Commemorative Projects



# INVITATION



The Mayor and the members of Fingal County Council  
invite you to the launch of

## Martello Towers of Dublin

an exhibition at Rush Library, Chapel Green, Rush  
Thursday 30th June 2011 @ 6.30 pm

RSVP (regrets only) by June 27th 01-890 5771 | [heritage@fingalcoco.ie](mailto:heritage@fingalcoco.ie)





# Activities of Heritage Officer

- Liaising with agencies
  - Fisheries Boards
  - Government Depts.
  - National Museum
  - Fáilte Ireland
  - Transport Infrastructure Ireland
  - Waterways Ireland
- Liaising with Council committees
- Advocate for heritage at local level







Fingal County Council  
Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall



# FINGAL BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

2010-2015



Fingal County Council  
December 2010

Creating  
Connections for  
Wildlife and People



YOUR FINGAL – THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS

## CHAPTER 3 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

### AIM

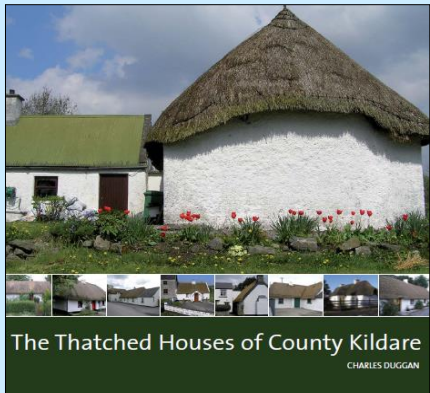
Create an integrated and coherent green infrastructure for the County which will protect and enhance biodiversity, provide for accessible parks and open space, maintain and enhance landscape character including historic landscape character, protect and enhance architectural and archaeological heritage and provide for sustainable water management by requiring the retention of substantial networks of green space in urban, urban fringe and adjacent countryside areas to serve the needs of communities now and in the future including the need to adapt to climate change.



FINGAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2007-2012



# Multi -faceted projects



The Thatched Houses of County Kildare

CHARLES DUGGAN

- Thatched Cottages of Kildare
  - Surveyed
  - Addition to RPS
  - Grant Pack
  - Funding
  - Publication
  - Seminar
  - Exhibition in National Stud



## In summary

Heritage Officers support the local authorities and councillors when helping communities to preserve and value natural and built heritage for future generations.





# Finally

- Heritage Officer - nearly universal
- Heritage Plan projects positive for county and communities
- Gratitude to all Councillors for support over many years
- Welcome Questions and Thank You