

County Mayo Heritage Plan 2011 – 2016



A partnership plan,
prepared by the
County Mayo Heritage Forum

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Foreword

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Teachtairacht ó Bainisteoir Chomhairle Chontae Mhaigh Eo

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1. Introduction

This *County Mayo Heritage Plan 2011-2016* is the second Heritage Plan for County Mayo. The Plan represents a vision for the management and conservation of Mayo's heritage over the coming six years. The new Heritage Plan affords us an opportunity to identify heritage priorities and objectives for the county, through extensive consultation, and to set out measures needed to achieve these objectives, to be undertaken over the six-year period of the Plan.

This plan seeks to build on and compliment the achievements of first Heritage Plan. It also seeks to build on the work currently being undertaken in the county by the many different agencies, organisations, communities, groups and individuals. 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.

The key objectives of promoting best practice in heritage management, raising awareness and collection and dissemination of heritage information, which were identified for the first plan, are carried forward into this plan. This Plan contains 59 actions, categorised under these three main themes. Every effort has been made to ensure that the actions set out are realistic and achievable over the lifetime of the plan.

Heritage is considered to include those elements set out in the Heritage Act 1995, monuments, archaeology, heritage objects, architecture, flora, fauna, wildlife habitats, landscapes, seascapes, wrecks, geology, heritage gardens and parks and inland waterways. In addition however, the Heritage Forum has decided to include other elements of cultural heritage of importance in the county within the scope of this Plan, including folklore and traditional skills and crafts.

It is the wealth and diversity of heritage in Mayo, natural, built and cultural that gives Mayo its unique identity and character. This heritage also contributes to the economic and cultural well being of the county.

The Heritage Plan runs from 2011 to 2016, and as such it was considered that the Plan should encompass the Mayo 1916 Centenary Commemoration and include an action in relation to the centenary.

1.1 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 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, a key element of which is heritage management locally through the establishment of Heritage Fora and preparation of County Heritage Plans.

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. 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 major themes of the National Heritage Plan (placing heritage at the heart of public life, protecting heritage, acquiring knowledge and promoting awareness) are broadly reflected in the objectives of the County Mayo Heritage Plan. The preparation and implementation of the County Mayo Heritage Plan also fulfils an objective of the County Development Plan 2008–2014 and the Mayo County Council Corporate Plan 2010–2014. 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.

The County Mayo Development Plan 2008–2014 is the legal and strategic land use management plan for the county, setting out an overall strategy for the proper planning and sustainable development of the county. The Heritage Plan compliments the County Development Plan, and other statutory plans, by aiming to promote the policy and 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 Heritage Plan also promotes the principle and importance of local community involvement in achieving these objectives.

1.2 Achievements of the County Mayo Heritage Plan 2006–2011

The *County Mayo Heritage Plan 2006–11* was the first ever Heritage Plan for the county. The plan was prepared by the Mayo Heritage Forum and coordinated by the Mayo County Council Heritage Officer. The establishment of the Heritage Forum, with a widely representative composition of elected representatives, council officials, and representatives from state agencies, local development, community groups and farming, education and business sectors and local heritage groups in County Mayo marked a new approach to heritage management and consultation in the county. This five year plan set out a strategy for the protection and promotion of heritage in the county and contained over 90 actions to meet the 3 objectives of raising awareness, collection and dissemination of heritage information and promotion of best practice. Actions included audits and surveys of heritage assets of the county, seminars and workshops preparation of conservation and management plans and heritage publications. Information on the actions carried out under the *County Mayo Heritage Plan 2006–11* can be found in Appendix III.

1.3 How this Plan was Prepared

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 membership of the Heritage Forum was revised in 2010. The Forum established three working groups namely, Biodiversity/Natural Heritage, Built Heritage 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 Forum met in June 2010 and the plan preparation process was agreed, and the public invited to make submissions during a six-week period during September and October 2010. A questionnaire was made available as an optional format for making a submission; the process was advertised in local media and on the Mayo County Council website.

Each of the working groups met two to three times to discuss relevant issues, consider the submissions received from the consultation process to identify key issues and formulate actions for inclusion in the plan. The Heritage Forum met in December 2010 to hear reports from each working group and to agree the actions to be included in the draft plan.

The main steps undertaken in the process of preparing the Plan are summarised below.

1. Advertise the intention to prepare a *County Mayo Heritage Plan 2011–16* and invite public submissions (6th September to 15th October 2010).
2. Identify heritage issues and needs based on the information gathered (October – December 2010).
4. Secure agreement from the Heritage Forum for the draft Heritage Plan (9th December 2010).
5. Place draft Heritage Plan on public display for 6 weeks (21st February to 15th April 2011). Public consultation on draft plan with submissions invited through newspaper advertisements. Public meetings to be held in each electoral area (between 21st February – 15th April 2011).
6. Meeting of Heritage Forum to consider submissions and agree final plan (3rd June 2011)
7. Present plan to Culture, Education Heritage and Corporate Affairs SPC for approval (June 2011)
8. Present Draft County Mayo Heritage Plan to Mayo Co. Council for final approval and adoption (12th September 2011)

1.4 Implementing the Heritage Plan

The Heritage Plan is a six-year work plan for the period 2011–2016. The Mayo Heritage Forum, Mayo 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.

1.4.1 Funding

The Heritage Council has agreed, in principle, to consider the Heritage Plan as a six-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. Mayo County Council is committed to delivering the County Mayo Heritage Plan in partnership with others over the next six 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.

1.4.2 Partners

As the annual work programme is agreed, commitments will be sought from relevant partners, including other additional partners (as appropriate) 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.

1.4.3 Monitoring and Evaluation

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

2. Objectives and Actions

Objective 1. Promotion of Awareness and Appreciation of our Heritage

	Action
1.1	Host Seminar on the Care and Conservation of Historic Graveyards
1.2	Produce a publication on Mayo's Graveyards
1.3	Encourage the publication of all road scheme and other excavations carried out in the county.
1.4	Work in partnership with Ireland West Tourism to produce and disseminate in various formats, promotional material on the heritage of Mayo and on selected heritage sites. Investigate the possibility of erection of interpretive signage at selected sites.
1.5	Establish County Heritage Open Days whereby selected buildings, normally not publicly accessible, are open to the public for a specified time.
1.6	Encourage professionals involved in significant built heritage projects, particularly public projects, to host open days, demonstration and information events around these projects.
1.7	Organise annual competition to identify and promote Mayo Heritage villages
1.8	Organise built heritage photographic competition.
1.9	Organise built heritage conference
1.10	Promote awareness of historic buildings and structures, and their settings, listed in the Record of Protected Structures (RPS).
1.11	Research and promote a Literary Trail associated with historical built heritage in association with the County Library (e.g. writers who have lived in Mayo in Historical Properties, Historical Built Heritage that has featured in books)
1.12	Provide synopsis version of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan for all schools in county
1.13	Develop Mayo Biodiversity Website
1.14	Develop a Mayo Summer Field School
1.15	Develop a questionnaire to assess the importance/value of biodiversity as a factor for those using walking trails/greenway in the county
1.16	Organise an International Conference on Branding Biodiversity
1.17	Highlight the economic benefit associated with biodiversity, work with communities to assist them in marketing their local area from a tourism perspective.
1.18	Investigate the possibility of instigating a celebrity "adopt a species" campaign
1.19	Examine the feasibility of developing Raheens Wood (Newport Road, Castlebar) as a

	recreation, biodiversity and education resource for the town of Castlebar and surrounding areas.
1.20	Raise awareness of the importance of Clew Bay to protect its ecosystem.
1.21	Develop a framework of awareness for Golden Eagles when they return to Mayo skies following their release in Donegal.
1.22	Develop a cultural/heritage trail of the county encompassing sites of cultural/heritage importance and the promotion of these to the economic benefit of the county.
1.23	Identify heritage initiatives aimed at primary and secondary schools to foster active participation
1.24	Develop heritage trail for Westport to Achill railway line and other areas of the county as appropriate.
1.25	Produce publications on various aspects of Mayo's heritage, to highlight and promote the wealth and importance of heritage in the county.
1.26	Examine the feasibility of putting an economic value on biodiversity/natural heritage actions in the Heritage Plan
1.27	Raise awareness of the importance and value of Mayo's peatlands, including their economic value
1.28	Develop a strategy for the 1916 Centenary commemoration
1.29	To support initiatives and raise awareness around traveler culture and heritage

Objective 2. Collection and Dissemination of Heritage Information

	Action
2.1	Work with the County Library to support and promote sourcing heritage collections relating to the county (historic photographs, postcards etc.) and make accessible to the public online
2.2	Carry out an audit of important ecclesiastical sites in Mayo with a view to developing a Mayo Ecclesiastical Trail.
2.3	Compile an audit of (and review) surveys and sources of the architectural heritage of the county.
2.4	Record interiors of traditional buildings e.g. shops, pubs.
2.5	Carry out an inventory of the lighthouses of County Mayo.
2.6	Record non-structural elements such as curtilage features, stone walls, historic ironwork, historic elements (gates, mausolea, etc.) which contribute to our built heritage.
2.7	Undertake a study of the lakes in the county which will include an assessment of their economic, natural and cultural heritage and tourism potential.

2.8	Continue Habitat Mapping of the county and identify important local biodiversity areas.
2.9	Carry out an audit of geological sites in county with view to developing geological trails. Support development of Joyce Country Geopark.
2.10	Carry out an inventory of Ancient and Long Established Woodlands for the county. (i.e. sites that date back to 1660 and 1830 respectively. Research their history through old maps and documents, as well as fieldwork. Compile a GIS database.
2.11	Work with relevant educational institutions and individuals to carry out research and disseminate information on all aspects of heritage.
2.12	Compile all heritage information into a comprehensive database.
2.13	Develop a heritage website
2.14	Support and promote initiatives on genealogy undertaken by the South Mayo and North Mayo Family Research Centres and the Universities of Ireland

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

	Action
3.1	Encourage reporting and recording of artefacts of heritage interest through awareness raising through seminar and leaflet.
3.2	Promote the creation of a long-term sustainable community archiving training programme where people from the community can learn the media skills necessary to document and create an archive of senior members of their community.
3.3	Promote traditional skills in County Mayo and provide opportunities for showcasing various traditional skills (e.g. use of lime mortar, thatching, dry-stone walling etc.), including hosting Irish Georgian Society's Traditional Building Skills Weekend.
3.4	Identify a suitable building in the county that could be used for a restoration project, where the various conservation/restoration skills could be showcased and used for training and demonstrations.
3.5	Support the identification of Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) in towns and villages of County Mayo to protect their special character.
3.6	Investigate possible collaborative projects that could be undertaken in partnership with the RIAI Western Region.
3.7	Update and collate databases and directories of traditional materials & traditional building skills practitioners.
3.8	Promote conservation-led regeneration and re-use of buildings.
3.9	Compile a database of natural heritage initiatives in county, including those undertaken by community groups, organisations, individuals.

3.10	Develop stronger links with the Tidy Towns; hold seminar for Tidy Towns Groups.
3.11	Support initiatives to control invasive species in the county and raise public awareness of the threats they pose.
3.12	Encourage coppicing in Mayo as a traditional craft that uses a natural renewable resource.
3.13	Develop a policy in relation to directional and interpretative heritage signage in Mayo to achieve a consistent approach and easy recognition.
3.14	Promote and provide training opportunities on various aspects of heritage, including countryside guiding courses, development of heritage trails, hedge-laying and development of organic gardens and community orchards.
3.15	Carry out feasibility study on the development of a Hall of Fame of the county, which would include Mayo greats of the past or notable persons and the promotion of the Mayo Diaspora and harness the contribution they can make to the economic development of the county.
3.16	Promote and encourage the use of Irish language as part of our heritage.

Appendices:

Appendix I: The Heritage Plan Process

Written submissions were received from the following as part of the public consultation:

No	Name
01	Paul McNally
02	Botanical, Environmental and Conservation Consultants LTD
03	GMIT, Castlebar
04	Aideen Kane
05	Sarah Varian, Marine Dimensions
06	John Moran (Mayo Plus.ie)
07	Diana Taylor
08	Owen Hughes
09	Cllr Michael McNamara
10	Colm Muldowney
11	Mayo Sustainability Forum
12	Dr Karina Dingerkus
13	Lionárd Flóid
14	Treasa Ní Ghearraigh
15	Mick Molloy, Adergoole Titanic Society ATS
16	James Burke, Sheeaun
17	Sean McGath, Shrule.
18	Susan Kellett, Chairman IHHA
19	IPCC
20	Jean Beattie, Foxford
21	Michael Brennan, The Neale
22	Sean Carolan, Mulranny
23	Eithne Verling

Appendix II: Membership of Heritage Forum and Associated Working Groups

Mayo Heritage Forum

Cllr Jarlath Munnelly (Chair), MCC	Mr Vincent Roynane, Teagasc
Cllr Michael Burke, MCC	Mr Tony Candon, NMI
Cllr Margaret Adams, MCC	Ms Margaret O'Riordan, GMIT
Cllr Eddie Staunton, MCC	Mr Padraic Joyce, IFA
Cllr Eugene McCormack, MCC	Ms Sandra Cribben, MCoFC
Cllr Michael Holmes, MCC	Mr PJ Lynn, MCF
Cllr Willie Nolan, BTC	Mr Tony Deffely, TU
Cllr Therese Ruane, CTC	Ms Norita Clesham, SWMDC
Cllr Michael McLaughlin, WTC	Mr James Golden, MNELP
Mr Tom Kavanagh, Forest Service	Mr Michael O'Sullivan, MHAS
Mr Maurice McDonnell, NPWS	Mr Joseph Loftus, Director of Services, MCC
Mr Declan Cooke, IFI	Ms Deirdre Cunningham, Heritage Officer, MCC
Ms Amanda Mooney, IFI	

Working Groups

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Cllr Michael Holmes, MCC
Tom Kavanagh Forest Service
Declan Cooke IFI
Margaret O'Riordan GMIT
Maurice McDonnell NPWS
Amanda Mooney, IFI
Jo Ortelli, Community representative
James Golden, MNELP
Deirdre Cunningham, MCC

Archaeological/Cultural Heritage

Cllr Michael Burke (Chair), MCC
Cllr Jarlath Munnelly, MCC
Cllr Eddie Staunton, MCC
Michael O'Sullivan, MHAS
Sandra Cribben, BCC
P J Lynn, MCF
Tony Deffely, TU
Tony Candon, NMI
Austin Vaughan, County Librarian MCC
Richard Gillespie, archaeologist, MCC
Deirdre Cunningham, MCC

Built Heritage

Cllr Eugene McCormack (Chair), MCC
Cllr Jarlath Munnelly, MCC
Cllr Willie Nolan, BTC
Cllr Michael McLaughlin, WTC
Vincent Roynane, Teagasc
Padraig Joyce, IFA
Cuala McGann, RIAI Western Region
Norita Clesham, SWMDC
Siobhan Sexton, Conservation Architect, MCC
Deirdre Cunningham, MCC

Abbreviations

MCC	Mayo County Council
CTC	Castlebar Town Council
BTC	Ballina Town Council
WTC	Westport Town Council
NPWS	National Parks and Wildlife Service
DoEHLG	Department of the Environment Heritage and Local Government
IFI	Inland Fisheries Ireland
GMIT	Galway Mayo Institute of Technology
IFA	Irish Farmers Association
ICMSA	Irish Creamery and Milk Suppliers Association
MNELP	Mayo North East LEADER Partnership
SWMDC	Southwest Mayo Development Company
RIAI	Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland
MHAS	Mayo Historical and Archaeological Society
BCC	Ballina Chamber of Commerce
NMI	National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park
MCofC	Mayo Chambers of Commerce
MCF	Mayo Community Forum
TU	Trade Union

Appendix III: Implementation of County Mayo Heritage Plan 2006-2011

A summary of the key actions undertaken under the former heritage plan are listed below. Further information on these projects is available from the Heritage Officer, Mayo County Council.

1. Raising Awareness and Appreciation of Heritage

- 'Wild Mayo' Illustrated book written by Michael Viney, describing the rich wildlife and flora of a Mayo remarkable range of habitats and species
- Development of Mayo Stained Glass Website
- Development of Giant Rhubarb Website
- Wildlife Photography Competition and Exhibition
- Mayo Wildlife Poster
- Mayo Shopfront Booklet
- Seminar on the Care & Conservation of Historic Graveyards
- Biodiversity seminar for Tidy Towns and other community groups
- Coastal Biodiversity Seminar
- Building on the Past, Designing for the Future Conference
- Lime Rendering Workshop
- Development of Mayo County Council Heritage website
- Support to Traditional Boats of Ireland publication
- Support to Recoding the Testimonies of veterans of World War II and other conflicts, who are from, or living in, Mayo.
- Programme of events organised annually for Heritage Week
- Harry Clarke & Clarke Studio Stained Glass Windows Exhibition
- Exhibition on the Industrial Heritage of Bellacorrick
- Mayo Heritage Calendars produced on various aspects of our heritage including
 - Stained Glass Windows of Mayo,
 - Historic Bridges of Mayo,
 - Mayo's Wildlife
 - Mayo Shopfronts

2. Promotion of Best Practice in Heritage Conservation

- Development of *Local Heritage & Living Landscape Course* and delivery to sixteen community groups in South West Mayo (2009) and North East Mayo (2010)

- Preparation of County Mayo Biodiversity Action Plan
- Village Design Statements prepared for 3 Mayo towns/villages:
 - Louisburgh
 - Belcarra
 - Mulranny
- Research project carried out to develop effective methods to control Control of (Giant rhubarb) *Gunnera tinctoria*. Development of management guidelines for landowners and publication of information leaflet
- Development of wildlife garden at Bunnacurry School, Achill
- Biodiversity Training provided to Local Authority Staff
- Golden Mile Competition
- Compilation of Mayo Craft Register
- Conservation Management Plans prepared for
 - St Mary's Church and Graveyard Hollymount
 - Ballyheane Graveyard and Nunnery
 - Kilcummin Graveyard
 - Balla Rest House and 'Tobermurry' Holy Well

3. Collection of Information on Mayo's Heritage

- Mayo Thatch Survey
- Audit of Graveyards in County Mayo
- Mayo Railway Heritage Survey
- Historic Bridge Survey of Mayo
- Habitat Surveying and Mapping within and around nine towns in Mayo including, Killala, Kiltimagh, Ballyhaunis, Ballinrobe, Charlestown, Swinford, Belmullet, Westport and Castlebar
- Mayo Hedgerow Survey
- Audit of Natural Heritage Datasets
- Mayo Traditional Farm Building
- Survey of Vernacular Structures on the Inishkea Islands
- Mayo Industrial Heritage Survey

APPENDIX IV: Relevant National and EU Legislation

Heritage and Planning

Planning and Development Acts 2000-2010

Heritage Act 1995

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Directive (Council Directive 85/337/EEC) 1985

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive (Council Directive 2001/42/EC)

Archaeological Heritage

National Monuments Acts 1930-2004

National Cultural Institutions Act 1997

Architectural Heritage

Planning and Development Acts 2000-2010

Architectural Heritage (National Inventory) and Historic Monuments (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1999

Landscapes

Planning and Development Acts 2000-2010

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 (ratified, 1992)

Natural Heritage

Convention on Biological Diversity 1992 (ratified, 1996)

European Landscape Convention 2000

Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats (Berne Convention) 1979 (ratified, 1982)

Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (Bonn Convention) 1979 (ratified, 1983)

Convention on Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Convention) 1971 (ratified, 1984)

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) 1973

Landscape

European Landscape Convention, 2000 (ratified, 2002)

Appendix V: Information sources/Useful websites

www.mayococo.ie/heritage
www.npws.ie National Parks & Wildlife Service
www.archaeology.ie
www.batconservationireland.org
www.biology.ie
www.birdwatchmayo.org
www.ipcc.ie Irish Peatland Conservation Council
www.crann.ie
www.epa.ie Environmental Protection Agency
www.environ.ie Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government
www.antaisce.org
www.buildingsofireland.ie
www.teagasc.ie
www.fisheriesireland.ie
www.invasivespeciesireland.com
www.coillte.ie
www.agriculture.gov.ie/forests-service
www.biodiversityireland.ie National Biodiversity Data Centre
www.heritagecouncil.ie
www.ballycroynationalpark.ie
www.birdwatchireland.ie
www.igs.ie (Irish Georgian Society)
www.museumsofmayo.com
www.iwt.ie Irish Wildlife Trust
www.marine.ie Marine Institute
www.treecouncil.ie
www.woodlandsofireland.com