

Sligo Heritage eZine

October 2008

ARCHAEOLOGY – ARCHITECTURE – BIODIVERSITY - LANDSCAPES - SEASCAPES – GEOLOGY -
HERITAGE GARDENS AND PARKS – PLACENAMES – FOLKLORE - TRADITIONAL CRAFTS & SKILLS, -
MUSEUMS & ARCHIVES - LOCAL HISTORY - TRADITIONS.

Welcome to the **Sligo Heritage eZine**, which has been compiled by the Heritage Office of Sligo County Council. The objective of the Heritage eZine is to encourage heritage activity and provide support for heritage initiatives in County Sligo. It is hoped that the monthly Heritage eZine will facilitate greater access to heritage news, events and information across the county.

If you are an organisation, community group or individual with an interest in Sligo's heritage, the Sligo Heritage Office is keen to hear about forthcoming heritage projects, news and events to include in the monthly Sligo Heritage eZine.

To have your event/news listed in the November 2008 **Sligo Heritage eZine** please forward your information, before the end of October, to heritageezine@sligococo.ie for inclusion.

Please forward to anyone you feel may be interested in the **Sligo Heritage eZine**.

If you wish to be removed from this monthly eZine please email to heritageezine@sligococo.ie with 'Remove' in the subject box.

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1. Events

Bird Watch Ireland - Event
Sligo Field Club – Lecture
Lá n gCrann 2008 (Tree day 2008)
Churches in a time of Change – Seminar
Mills & Millers of Ireland - AGM
Yeats Exhibition – National Library of Ireland
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The Moylough Belt Shrine Exhibition & Lecture Series
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Wildlife Inspector (III) Animal Ecologist
Wildlife Inspector (III) Soft Seafloor Ecologist
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IEEM – Annual Conference.
Plantations in Ulster – Conference
Places of Worship – Conference (Cork)
Quality Street – Conference
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6. Funding Opportunities

Heritage Council Grants Programme 2009
Conservation Grants 2009

1. EVENTS

BIRDWATCH IRELAND (SLIGO BRANCH)

LECTURE

FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2008 AT 8.30 PM

"Twite in Ireland" by Derek McLoughlin

Venue: Room 001 Sligo Institute of Technology

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THE IRISH WETLAND BIRD SURVEY (I-WeBS)

The Irish Wetland Bird Survey (I-WeBS) is a scheme that monitors wintering waterbirds in Ireland. The survey runs from September to March each winter. Wetlands of all types and sizes are monitored, including estuaries, coastlines, bays, rivers, turloughs, lakes, streams and flooded fields. Each winter, there are over 350 people that take part. These counters go out and count waterbirds at over 800 wetlands throughout the country. The counts are done once-monthly by skilled volunteers, as well as by professional staff of the National Parks and Wildlife Service and BirdWatch Ireland.

Would you like to get involved?

Contact: <http://www.sligobirding.com/> or
<http://www.birdwatchireland.ie/Ourwork/Surveysandprojects/IrishWetlandBirdSurvey/tabid/111/Default.aspx>

For BirdWatch Ireland (Sligo Branch) activities, events and sightings visit
www.sligobirding.com

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SLIGO FIELD CLUB

Friday, October 24th at 8.15pm

Lecture: *An Early Medieval Wooden Bridge at Clonmacnoise:
Underwater Archaeological Discoveries*
Lecturer: Dr. Aidan O'Sullivan, Dept of Archaeology, UCD
Venue: Sligo Education Centre.

<http://sligofieldclub.ie>

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TREE DAY 2008 - Lá na gCrann 2008

Thursday, 9 October 2008 - Déardaoin, 9 Deireadh Fómhair 2008

"YEAR OF THE ALDER" - "BLIAIN NA FEARNÓIGE"

For more information visit: http://www.treecouncil.ie/tree_council_programmes.htm
For Tree Day resources visit: http://www.treecouncil.ie/tree_council_downloads.htm

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CHURCHES IN A TIME OF CHANGE – SEMINAR

Thursday, October 16th – Gresham Hotel Dublin.

The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government is organising a seminar to assist church representatives and local authority conservation officers, and other local authority officers who deal with planning and heritage matters, to discuss typical issues that arise when changes are proposed to historic churches, particularly those which are protected under planning legislation. The seminar will have three main themes: liturgical reordering; redundancy and conversion to new uses; and conservation of churches.

The speakers have been nominated by the four main churches and the Department to give a broad perspective on the relevant issues.

Contact: neassa_roche@environ.ie

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MILLS & MILLERS OF IRELAND - AGM

Saturday, October 18th – Fancroft Millhouse, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary.

Cost: €30 or €50 per couple.

The Annual General Meeting of the Mills & Millers of Ireland programme is as follows:

Registration & Coffee – 10.30 am

AGM

A full programme will be delivered to include lunch.

To book contact S. Bourke, 67 Hampton Green, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin or
email: stephbourke@eircom.net 087 9699387

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YEATS: THE LIFE AND WORKS OF WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS

The exhibition, *Yeats: The Life and Works of William Butler Yeats*, which has been described in *The Irish Times* as "one of the most important literary exhibitions yet staged internationally," opened to unanimous acclaim on May 25, 2006. The exhibition continues at the National Library of Ireland, Main Building, Kildare Street, Dublin until January 2009.

Further details at: <http://www.nli.ie/en/udlist/current-exhibitions.aspx>

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NATURE'S BOUNTY - BOTANICAL BEAUTIES IN TRINITY COLLEGE LIBRARY.

4 September to 23 December 2008

The Autumn exhibition from Early Printed Books will explore the delights of gardens and botany. The Library has an exceptionally rich collection of botanical, agricultural and gardening books. This exhibition will explore several aspects of the history and development of Irish gardens and the Irish contribution to international botanical scholarship.

Further details at: <http://www.tcd.ie/Library/heritage/events.php>

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THE MOYLOUGH BELT SHRINE EXHIBITION –

MUSEUM OF COUNTRY LIFE, TURLOUGH PARK, CASTLEBAR, CO. MAYO

Evening Lecture Series:
The Moylough Belt Shrine: A Medieval Treasure
Thursday evenings at 8pm
16 October – 27 November 2008

The Moylough Belt Shrine: A Medieval Treasure from County Sligo exhibition is running in the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life until June 2009. The Moylough Belt Shrine is one of the great treasures of medieval Ireland. It was found in Moylough, Co. Sligo in the 1940s by local man John Towey when he was cutting turf. There are records of belt shrines in medieval Ireland which were used for oath swearing and curing illness. The Moylough Belt Shrine is the only known surviving example of a belt shrine in Ireland.

An evening lecture series will run for six weeks to coincide with the exhibition.

Evening Lecture Series: Thursday evenings at 8pm

16th October

'The Moylough Belt Shrine - its Discovery and Significance'

Raghnall Ó'Floinn, Head of Collections, National Museum of Ireland.

23rd October

'Peatland Discoveries & Archaeological Landscapes'

Pádraig Clancy, Curator, National Museum of Ireland - Archaeology.

30th October

'The Church in the 8th / 9th century'

Tony Candon, Manager Keeper, National Museum of Ireland - Country Life.

6th November

'Secrets of the Bog Bodies'

Éamon P Kelly, Keeper of Irish Antiquities, National Museum of Ireland.

13th November

'The Moylough Belt Shrine, 8th or 9th century?'

Peter Harbison, Archaeologist and Author.

27th November

'Medieval Relics and Reliquaries in Ireland'

Raghnall O'Floinn, Head of Collections, National Museum of Ireland.

Lectures are free of charge. Booking is required. Booking Details

Email: educationtph@museum.ie

Tel: 094 9031751; Fax: 094 9031498; Website: www.museum.ie

Bookings Office Hours: Monday to Friday 10am – 2pm

FIELDTRIP

IRISH GEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Fermanagh, 18th and 19th October 2008

"Limestones and Karst of Cuilcagh Mountain, Fermanagh and Cavan" - IGA Fieldtrip to Fermanagh with John Kelly

Fieldtrip organised by the Irish Geological Association and led by John Kelly (CSA). Details will be posted as soon as finalised. Further details: [//www.planeteearth.ie/Events/](http://www.planeteearth.ie/Events/)

EVENTS AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF IRELAND

The National Museum of Ireland (NMI) has extensive collections, exhibitions, outreach and Education programmes. It is a resource for people of all ages providing a wide range of opportunities for life long learning and for the discovery and enjoyment of Ireland's rich heritage. For further information on current events and activities check out the following websites:

NMI– Archaeology & History, Kildare Street, Dublin www.museum.ie/archaeology
NMI – Decorative Arts & History, Collins Barracks, Dublin www.museum.ie/decorative/
NMI – Country Life, Castlebar, Co. Mayo. www.museum.ie/countrylife

2. HERITAGE NEWS

RECORDING SLIGO'S TRADITIONAL CRAFTS & SKILLS

An action of the County Sligo Heritage Plan 2007 – 2011 is the recording of the traditional skills and crafts of County Sligo. This important project is now in under way. For full details please read the PDF link below.

<http://www.sligococo.ie/News/Name,9545,en.html>

DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT, HERITAGE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ARCHAEOLOGY WEBSITE

The National Monuments Service website (www.archaeology.ie) of the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government has been recently updated with detail from the Archaeological Survey of Ireland records. The descriptions of monuments contained in a number of published archaeological inventories have been uploaded to the website, including those for the Archaeological inventory of County Sligo.

MUSEUM AWARDS 2008 - 2009

The Heritage Council of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Museums Council are happy to announce the reinstatement of the Museum Awards. Full application forms and detailed information will be available shortly at: www.museumsireland.ie For further information contact: The Heritage Council on + 353 (0) 56 7770777 / martina@heritagecouncil.com
The Northern Ireland Museums Council: +44 (0) 28 90550215 / info@nimc.co.uk

BAT CONSERVATION IRELAND

Bat Conservation Ireland (BCI) is a Charity dedicated to the conservation of Ireland's bats. It promotes conservation of bats by disseminating educational materials, giving talks and leading bat walks, carrying out nationwide surveys and monitoring of bats, acting as an umbrella group for the local bat groups and providing a central repository for bat records.

Bat Conservation Ireland, Office 8, Unit 8D, Dunshaughlin Business Park, Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath. Tel: 01 8011474 <http://www.batconservationireland.org>
For details of upcoming events visit: <http://www.batconservationireland.org/php/events.php>

CRANN - Open Photographic Competition 2008

Theme: 'Irish Trees and Hedgerows' Closing Date: Friday 31st October 2008
(Colour Prints)The prizes have been kindly sponsored by: **Coillte**Further details:
<http://www.crann.ie/newsevents.htm>

THE BIRD ATLAS 2007-2011

The mapping of Ireland's and Britain's Birds continues. *Bird Atlas 2007-11* is a four-year project to check on the numbers and distributions of the birds of Ireland, as well as those of Britain. It is a joint project of [BirdWatch Ireland](#), the [British Trust for Ornithology](#) and the [Scottish Ornithologists' Club](#), and the aim is to survey over 250 species of bird. The results will set the agenda for bird conservation over the next two decades. For further information about getting involved visit

www.birdwatchireland.ie/News/BirdAtlas200711nowunderway/tabid/479/Default.aspx

Please, don't keep the birds you see to yourself – let us know about them. Simply log on to www.birdatlas.net and follow the instructions. *Every record counts – even yours!*

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NATURE SURVEYS

Make sure the nature you see doesn't go unnoticed! Take part in one of the many nature surveys happening around Ireland. Click [here](#).

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NATIONAL BUTTERFLY MONITORING PROGRAMME FOR IRELAND

The National Biodiversity Data Centre (NBDC) is co-ordinating a National Butterfly Monitoring Programme for Ireland. These animals are useful indicators of changes in our environment and biodiversity and, also, indicators of climate change. There is a severe lack of long-term data on Ireland's biodiversity and this programme will fill some of this gap, providing important information on the state of Ireland's butterflies.

There are 32 species in Ireland and they are relatively easy to identify. Monitoring butterflies by the transect method involves a fixed-route walk (45-60 minutes) with recordings being taken on a weekly basis during the summer. It is essential that the walk is a fixed route, as this enables direct comparisons and trends of butterfly occurrences on a year to year basis. If you are interested in setting up a transect in your area, please contact Stefanie Fleischer at sfleischer@biodiversityireland.ie or Eugenie Regan at eregan@biodiversityireland.ie for more information. www.biodiversityireland.ie

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NATURE'S WEB NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 2008

Read the latest [Nature's Web Newsletter](#), an exciting newsletter for children, on the web. www.naturesweb.ie

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NPWS - BALLINAFAD EDUCATION CENTRE, COUNTY SLIGO

For details of upcoming activities in the Sligo area visit:
<http://www.npws.ie/en/EducationCentres/BallinafadEducationCentre/>

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IRELAND'S HISTORIC CHURCHES AND GRAVEYARDS INFORMATION POSTER

A new Information poster has been published by the Heritage Council on Ireland's Historic Churches and Graveyards and is available from the Heritage Council. It is also downloadable from the Heritage Council website

> > Further information

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NOTICE NATURE

Take part in one of the many nature surveys happening around Ireland.

<http://www.noticenature.ie/>

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DEVELOPMENT OF SECOND NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY PLAN 2008-2012

Information on the progress of the National Biodiversity Plan 2008 -2012 is now available on the Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government Website. at <http://www.environ.ie/en/Heritage/NationalParksandWildlife/Biodiversity/>

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ALL IRELAND INVASIVE SPECIES INITIATIVE

BEST PRACTICE MANAGEMENT GUIDANCE IS NOW AVAILABLE

Guidance documents can be downloaded from the Invasive Species Ireland website. It covers guidelines in respect of:

- japanese knotweed
- rhododendron and cherry laurel
- giant hogweed
- himalayan balsam

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<http://www.sligococo.ie/Services/Heritage/>

3. TRAINING

HEMP PLASTER COURSE

SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2008 - Rusheens, Kenmare, Co.Kerry, 9.00 am To 4.30 pm.

Hempbuilding is proud to announce the latest hemp plastering course with Steve Allin, Hemp Building expert. The course will include a presentation on the uses of hemp-lime in the Hemp construction system and the chance to get hands on experience with tuition on the mixing application and finishing of hemp plaster.

Course cost €90, including Lunch (12.30 -1.30) and coffee/tea

To book send email to; hempbuilding@eircom.net

ARCHITECTURE - CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

Courses are now available with Dublin Civic Trust including

Historic Decorative Plasterwork

Date: Wednesday 15th October 2008

Venue: Dublin Civic Trust, 4 Castle Street, Dublin 2

Course Leader: Richard Ireland

Cost: €185.00 - One Day Seminar

For information on other available courses visit: <http://www.dublincivictrust.ie/newsletter.php>

CONSERVATION ACCREDITATION

As part of its ongoing support for raising standards in Irish conservation (objects based) the Heritage Council actively supports accreditation of conservators. To that end it is anxious to provide financial support for those, on its panel of conservators, actively seeking accreditation and needing support for the process. For further information please contact:

hmaguire@heritagecouncil.com

CONSERVATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As part of its ongoing support for Irish Conservation (objects based) the Heritage Council is anxious to provide CPD bursaries for all practicing conservators (members of IPCRA) to attend CPD and related courses at West Dean College, West Sussex. Details of courses are available at: www.westdean.org.uk

Course at other institutions, of good standing, may also be considered. For information on the financial support available please contact: hmaguire@heritagecouncil.com.

4. JOBS & TENDERS

WILDLIFE INSPECTOR GRADE III

Animal Ecologist (Invertebrates)

Department of Environment, Heritage and Local Government. For further details see <http://www.publicjobs.ie/> (Professional/Technical category)

WILDLIFE INSPECTOR GRADE III

Soft Seafloor Ecologist

Department of Environment, heritage and Local Government. For further details see <http://www.publicjobs.ie/> (Professional/Technical category)

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NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICES - NATURAL SCIENTIST PANEL

The National Parks & Wildlife Service regularly requires the service on contract of scientists, in a wide range of disciplines relating to the conservation and protection of Ireland's flora and fauna and their habitats. Accordingly, NPWS maintains a panel of suitably qualified scientists.

For further information see <http://www.npws.ie/en/WorkwithNPWS/NaturalScientistPanel/>

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5. UPCOMING EVENTS

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE

CONNECTING NATURE, PEOPLE & PLACES

The conference takes place on 4th and 5th November 2008 in the Grand Hotel, Malahide, Co. Dublin.

For further details email: patrick.lonergan@fingalcoco.ie

INSTITUTE OF ECOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008

The Irish section of the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (I.E.E.M.) will hold its annual conference on *Monday, 13th October 2008 at the Marine Institute, Co. Galway.*

The theme of this year's conference is "Coastal and Marine Environment: Biodiversity, Management and Protection". This will focus on coastal and marine biodiversity around Ireland, and associated management and protection issues.

For further information log onto www.ieem.net. We would be grateful if you would bring this to the attention of those who might be interested in attending.

CONFERENCE -

PLACES OF WORSHIP - *Planning & Heritage.*

Friday 3rd October, Oriel House Hotel, Ballincollig, Co. Cork

Further details from www.corkcoco.ie/heritage/

SLIGO FIELD CLUB

MARINERS, MERCHANTS & MENDICANTS: THE DOMINICANS IN MEDIEVAL SLIGO

Friday, 28th November - Lecture: 8.15pm

Lecturer: Fr. Colmán Ó Clabaigh, OSB, Author and Medieval Historian

Venue: Sligo Education Centre

"QUALITY STREET" MENDING TERRACES.

Belfast, 28th Nov 2008

The Ulster Architectural Heritage Society (UAHS) is organising events for owners of old buildings and details of these will be posted on the website. These Owners Days will not be overly technical. They are designed to provide information for the owner who wants to know how to take good care of his building in the most cost effective way. As a networking event it is an excellent way of meeting other owners who understand the issues and can pass on practical advice.

Further details: <http://www.homeanddry.info/events/index.htm>

SEMINAR -
CORRIDOR STUDIES: - A TOOL FOR EVERYONE
WORKING TOGETHER BETTER FOR THE SHANNON

The Heritage Council is hosting a seminar to progress the work of its Shannon Waterway Corridor Studies and to explore ways for all agencies involved in management of the Shannon to work together for the benefit of the river and its communities. This seminar is aimed at local authority personnel (County Councillors, County managers, planners, environment section, heritage officer's etc. state agencies, members of the public). Speakers include Ruth Delany, Parks Canada, The Heritage Council, NPWS, Shannon Development, Clare County Council and several more. The Waterway Corridor Studies are available on the Inland Waterways Section of the Heritage Council website, www.heritagecouncil.ie.



Shannon Seminar
Booking form.doc

All bookings should be emailed or faxed only to cryan@heritagecouncil.ie, 056-7770788.

Thursday November 27th 2008, Radisson SAS, Athlone. Cost: €35
A Heritage Council Seminar

NATIONAL CONFERENCE:
ACROSS THE NARROW SEA: PLANTATIONS IN ULSTER

VENUE: Four Seasons Hotel, Monaghan Town.
DATE: November 7th and 8th, 2008.

This Conference is being organised by the Ulster Local History Trust. Monaghan County Council, as part of the County Monaghan Heritage Plan

You can register your interest by email to aidanwalsh50@eircom.net.

Telephone: +353 (0) 44 96 62912. A booking form will be forwarded in early September.

SLIGO FIELD CLUB
November Friday, 28th at 8.15pm

Lecture: **Mariners, Merchants & Mendicants:**
The Dominicans in Medieval Sligo

Lecturer Fr. Colmán Ó Clabaigh, OSB, Author and Medieval Historian
Venue: Sligo Education Centre

HOME & DRY - CONFERENCE:
PROFESSIONAL ADVICE ON REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF HERITAGE BUILDINGS
"Quality Street" Mending Terraces.
Belfast, 28th November, 2008.
For further details visit: <http://www.homeanddry.info/>

6. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

HERITAGE COUNCIL GRANTS PROGRAMME 2009 **€2.5M ALLOCATED FOR SEVEN GRANT SCHEMES FOR 2009**

Heritage Council Grants Programme 2009

The Heritage Council is seeking applications for funding a wide range of projects to protect and enhance our national heritage. It has allocated almost €2.5m for seven grant schemes for 2009. Projects are particularly welcome that aim to engage young people and raise their awareness of heritage. Anyone can apply including community groups, individuals and organisations. Applications must be submitted by hardcopy or online by 5pm on Friday 7th November 2008. Late applications cannot be accepted.

Grant Schemes 2009

- Archaeology Research
- Architectural Research
- Local Heritage grant
- Museums and Archives
- Publications
- Wildlife Research

Full programme details will be available from Saturday 4th October 2008.

>> Further information

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CONSERVATION GRANTS **INTERNSHIPS, ACCREDITATION, CONSERVATION BURSARIES, TRAVEL GRANTS**

As part of its commitment to supporting object based conservation in Ireland, the Heritage Council supports a number of projects and grants awards schemes.

>> Further information

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