



TIPPERARY
HERITAGE PLAN
2017-2021

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ADDRESS FROM
CATHAOIRLEACH

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As Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council I am delighted to be associated with the publication of the first all County Heritage Plan for Tipperary.

The aim of the plan is to connect the citizens of Tipperary to their heritage and to make it an integral part of everyday life at the core of our communities.

Tipperary is a county with a rich heritage of which the Council and the citizens of Tipperary are very proud. Heritage projects provide a great opportunity for communities to come together and across the county local groups are working together to promote their localities. I have attended numerous events in the last months where people are celebrating their heritage, be it Built Heritage, Biodiversity and Wildlife, Culture, Music or Folklore. This strengthens our communities and contributes to our sense of place and puts heritage at the heart of our communities. I would

like to acknowledge the work of these groups and individuals and hope that through the actions of this plan that we can work in partnership to look after this valuable asset and protect it for generations to come.

I would like to pay tribute to the members of the Heritage Forum and their commitment to the promotion and protection of our heritage. The support of the Heritage Council over the last number of years in both former Councils of North and South Tipperary has been essential in the implementation of the Heritage Plans and on behalf of Tipperary County Council I would like to thank them for their continued support.

Cllr Siobhán Ambrose

Cathaoirleach, Tipperary County Council.

Our heritage is about our past, our present and our future and contributes greatly to the quality of life in our urban and rural communities.

I am pleased to join with the Cathaoirleach of Tipperary County Council in welcoming the new Tipperary Heritage Plan 2017-2021.

This is the first countywide heritage plan following the merger of North and South Tipperary County Councils and signifies the commitment of Tipperary County Councils elected members and executive to the heritage of our county.

Our heritage is about our past, our present and our future and contributes greatly to the quality of life in our urban and rural communities. It is shared by all and is fully inclusive. Interaction with our heritage not only provides physical and mental health benefits but contributes to overall wellbeing, while biodiversity is an essential component in the functioning of our environment.

Our unique heritage makes Tipperary an attractive place in which to do business and encourages domestic

and overseas visits to our county. Through this heritage plan, we develop the framework to raise awareness of this valuable asset and take the necessary steps to conserve and protect it.

This heritage plan has been prepared over the course of a year long participative process. Many people and groups contributed to this process and I wish to express my appreciation to our Cathaoirleach Councillor Siobhán Ambrose, the elected members of Tipperary County Council, the members of the Housing and Culture Strategic Policy Committee and all who took part in consultations. I wish to pay tribute to the commitment of the County Heritage Forum in supporting and developing this plan and to acknowledge the ongoing support of the Heritage Council.

My thanks, in particular, to Sinéad Carr, Director of Services and Róisín O'Grady, Heritage Officer for their work, commitment and oversight of the process which has resulted in the publication of this plan. We look forward to developing and implementing this heritage plan with the communities of Tipperary over the next five years.

Joe MacGrath
Chief Executive

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ADDRESS FROM
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL



Our heritage is a precious asset and one we must look after. Part of looking after it is to raise awareness of what it is and its value to us as citizens of Tipperary.

I am delighted to be associated with the new Heritage Plan for Tipperary the first one since the merger of North and South Tipperary County Councils.

Our heritage is all encompassing in that it embodies natural, built cultural and environmental. It is our past, our present and our future.

From the iconic Rock of Cashel we have a wealth of architectural and built heritage in our castles and tower houses in a variety of settings from large urban centres to the medieval towns and rural hidden gems. Slievenamon and the Devils Bit, the Glen of Aherlow and Upperchurch iconic in terms of their natural formation and cultural context as part of our folklore.

The majestic River Suir and Lough Derg again as part of our many waterways hugely important as natural sites but also part of the story of our settlements through the ages and the industrialisation of the county. The land of the Golden Vale telling our agricultural heritage while the landscapes of Silvermines and Slieveardagh tell of our Mining past.

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Cllr Roger Kennedy

Chairman Tipperary Heritage Forum.



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ADDRESS FROM
CHAIRMAN
OF TIPPERARY HERITAGE FORUM

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INTRODUCTION

In June 2014, after over 100 years as two separate local authorities, North and South Tipperary County Councils were merged to form one single authority. The Heritage Office, like its colleagues in the county's cultural services became an all county service.

While this is the first Heritage plan for county Tipperary as a whole, it is the third plan for both of the former administrative districts, and we will aim to create a plan that will build on the achievements of our predecessors and that will promote awareness of and protect the wealth of heritage that defines Tipperary as a county.

The plan is written with the Tipperary Heritage Forum in consultation with members of the public and local, regional and national stakeholders with an interest in the heritage of our county.

Our heritage is everything of natural, historic and cultural value in our urban and rural environment. It's the significant public and private buildings in our cities towns villages and countryside. It's our local parks, woodlands, lakes, rivers, mountains, farmlands and coastal regions.

By valuing and interfacing with heritage, we can nurture a sense of local identity and support employment in tourism, agriculture, forestry, archaeology, architecture, cultural services research and technology

***Nurturing your sense of place:
The Heritage Officer Programme, The Heritage Council 2015***



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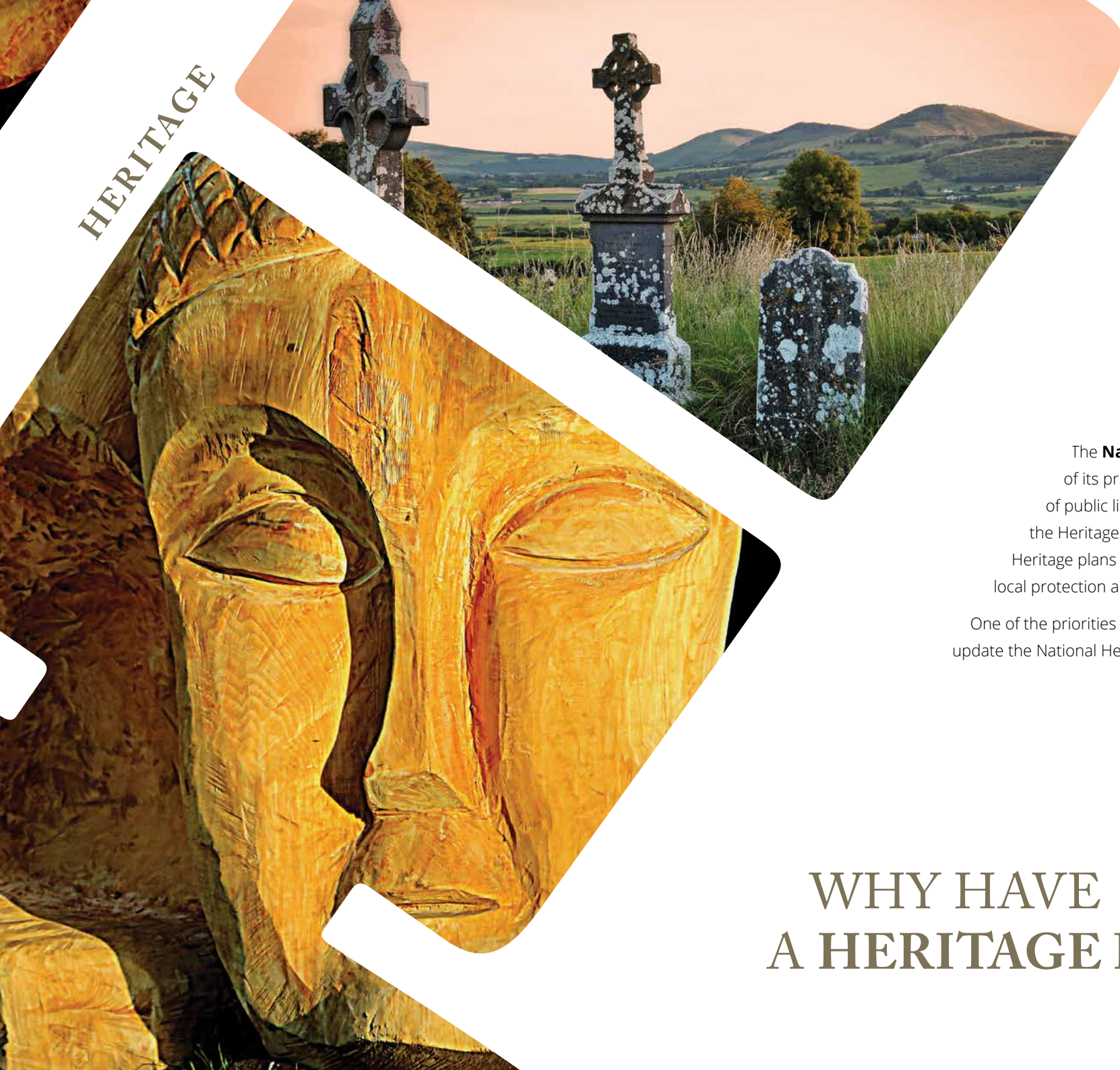
The word 'Heritage' embraces our history, our landscape both natural and built and our culture. It defines us as a community and gives us our individual identity. Our heritage is not a fixed thing, we need to protect and conserve it while welcoming responsible change and development to ensure the heritage of future generations.

In the Heritage Act of 1995, heritage is defined as Monuments, archaeological objects, heritage objects, architectural heritage, flora, fauna, wildlife habitats, landscapes, seascapes, wrecks, geology, heritage gardens and parks and inland waterways.



For the purpose of this plan, the Heritage Forum also includes cultural and intangible heritage such as music, dance, traditions and folklore, industrial and agricultural heritage, local and oral history and the Irish language.

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The **National Heritage Plan** (2002) as part of its priorities for 'Placing heritage at the heart of public life', proposed the establishment of the Heritage Fora and the development of County Heritage plans as some of the key elements in the local protection and management of heritage.

One of the priorities of the new Culture 2025 policy is to update the National Heritage Plan.

WHY HAVE
A HERITAGE PLAN?

The **County Development Plans (as varied)** sets out the statutory framework for land use planning and sustainable development in Tipperary. The core objectives of the plans as they relate to heritage is to 'Safeguard the natural and built heritage of the county, to maintain a high quality environment while promoting sustainable appropriate developments to showcase the county's unique assets'

The key objective of the **Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP)** is to promote a more integrated and targeted approach to addressing the strategic social, community and economic issues facing the county in a way that meets the priority needs of the community.

Culture 2025 is a new framework policy in 2016 embracing the cultural sector in Ireland. The aim is to put culture at the heart of our lives and develop a collaborative approach across all sectors. It is underpinned by a commitment to increase resources for arts and heritage and to improve funding structures for investment in national and local services. The launch of **Creative Ireland** in December 2016 will mark the beginning of this process.

While the Heritage Plan is not a policy document and does not repeat the policy commitments of the policies mentioned above it does build on the objectives with actions to manage our heritage at a local level during the timeframe of the plan..

In the past separate Biodiversity Plans were produced to focus specifically on our natural heritage but it has been decided that for us to get the most from our Heritage Plan it will need to prioritise all elements of our heritage equally and thus biodiversity actions will be incorporated into this plan.

Heritage Forum

The Tipperary Heritage Forum is a group of people, both individuals and those representing different agencies and community groups who have come together to support the Heritage Officer in the production of a county heritage plan and its implementation. There are representatives from national government departments, local authorities, NGO's and local special interest groups. Community participation is facilitated through the Tipperary PPN. A full list of members is on page 28.

Preparation of this plan:

With the approval of the Heritage Council the preparation of this plan was approached in a different manner to previous plans. A review of former plans was carried out for the second Heritage Forum meeting and the group made an assessment of the type of actions that they would like to see as the basis for an all county plan in May 2016.

A draft plan was prepared and submitted to the Heritage Forum and Housing and Cultural SPC July 2016. Public consultation took place in September 2016 in each Municipal District. A revised draft was submitted to the Housing and Cultural SPC in November with a final draft submitted to the December meeting of Tipperary County Council.

Appropriate Assessment

The Habitats Directive (Council Directive 92/43/EEC) as transposed into Irish law by the European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 requires that all plans and projects must be screened for potential impact on Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or Special Protection Areas (SPAs). Screening aims to establish whether a full Appropriate Assessment under Article 6 of the Directive is required. (Screening report will be carried out).

Tipperary Heritage Forum and Heritage Office is fully committed to the implementation of the requirements of the Habitats Directive and screening of individual projects for appropriate assessment will also be undertaken where there might be an impact of Natura 2000 sites.



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AIM OF THE PLAN

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The plan is a five year plan with 35 actions and will form the basis of the work programme of the Heritage Office and the Heritage Forum. Each year a work programme will be drafted based on the actions of the plan. This will be used to apply for funding for various projects from the Heritage Council and other sources. A report on the work of the Heritage Office will be prepared on an annual basis.

Local groups were consulted in the development of this plan and it is envisaged that they will remain active partners where possible in the implementation of this plan. Opportunities to progress actions with groups outside the county on a national or European level will also be considered where possible and appropriate under the supervision of the Heritage Officer.

IMPLEMENTATION

Support/Funding:

The Heritage Council supports the implementation of the Heritage Plan both financially and through technical assistance to the Council. We acknowledge their support in delivering on past heritage plans in the county.

Tipperary County Council is committed to delivering this plan for the county in partnership with others over the next 5 years and will consider funding allocations for the delivery of the plan in accordance with its annual budget. The council will also support the delivery of the plan through the work of the Heritage Officer and other professional staff.

The plan is not an exhaustive list of everything that needs to be done for heritage in the county but a strategic plan to frame the actions of the next 5 years

In the past, additional funding to deliver on Heritage Plan actions has been accessed through participation in European projects under the Interreg IVB and IVC programmes. We are committed to continue to explore any available opportunity to deliver on actions in this current plan in partnership with others through European projects and the Rural Development Programme.

Guiding Principles

A number of guiding principles underpin the development of the Tipperary County Heritage Plan and will be respected in its implementation. Tipperary County Council will be guided by the vision of our Corporate Plan 2014-2019 for our citizens of putting the people of Tipperary at the centre of what we do, encouraging public participation, building sustainable communities, improving quality of life and promoting social inclusion under the 3 themes of Quality of Life, Quality Environment and Strong Economy.

The UNECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe) Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision making and Access to Justice in Environmental matters, usually known as the Aarhus Convention, entered into force in 2001 and was ratified by Ireland in 2013. The Aarhus Convention grants the public rights regarding access to information, public participation and access to justice, in governmental decision –making processes on matters concerning the local national and trans –boundary environment. The principles of the Aarhus Convention will be applied in all actions undertaken by Tipperary Heritage Forum.

*Ongoing monitoring will take place of the progression of this plan over 5 years. The Heritage Forum meets 4 times per year and will receive updates on annual work programme and budgets during the year. An annual report will be prepared each year to report on progress.
An evaluation will take place at the end of the 5 year period to quantify the results of this plan.*

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MONITORING AND EVALUATION





ACTIONS

THE ACTIONS OF THIS PLAN COME UNDER 3 KEY OBJECTIVES

1. Promote **AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION**
of the Heritage of Tipperary
2. Promote **ACTIVE CONSERVATION**
of the Heritage of Tipperary.
3. Support **GATHERING AND DISSEMINATION
OF INFORMATION**
on the Heritage of Tipperary

Objective 1:

PROMOTE AWARENESS AND APPRECIATION OF THE HERITAGE OF TIPPERARY.

In order to appreciate and care for something we need to fully understand it. Raising awareness of the heritage of our county is at the very core of this plan. This can be challenging in the modern world where our methods of connecting with our communities has changed so dramatically with the advance of technology and the changing ways that people engage with various levels of media and events.

The Heritage Forum is committed to taking up this challenge and using all technologies and methods of promotion to ensure that knowledge of our heritage reaches the widest possible audience and that appreciation of that heritage and all that it brings with it is promoted amongst all of our citizens. Heritage by its nature is fully inclusive and touches the lives of everyone in the county in an ongoing way; the aim of this plan is to promote awareness of our rich county heritage

1.1 Enhance and promote access to and experience of heritage sites across the county including monuments, built and cultural heritage and natural heritage sites.

1.2 Encourage participation in heritage initiatives and projects at community level including through schools, youth groups, voluntary groups and statutory bodies. Hold a community workshop in each Municipal District during the first 12 months of the plan to engage directly with groups working on heritage projects in the area.

1.3 Continue to support heritage events and festivals throughout the year particularly during Heritage Week, Biodiversity Week and others where local buildings, archaeology, food, nature, sport music and local history are celebrated.

1.4 Produce a bi-annual heritage newsletter/e-zine targeting awareness, heritage events, initiatives and projects around the county.

1.5 Produce a suite of booklets posters and an annual calendar over the life of the plan that highlight some of the thematic aspects of our county's heritage.

1.6 Develop a logo for the Heritage Forum which will be used on all actions from the Heritage Plan.

1.7 Improve content of the website to be a resource containing heritage information, advice, details on current projects and actions being taken for heritage around the county


1.8 Pilot a County Heritage Open day, where selected buildings or sites of heritage interest, not normally publicly accessible are open to the public for a specified time with a view to making it an annual event.

1.9 Develop a media presence in local newspapers and radio promoting awareness of built and natural heritage sites and other heritage matters.

1.10 Maintain an annual Heritage Grants scheme that supports initiatives at local level that raises awareness of local heritage.

1.11 Hold an annual awareness day that showcases aspects of the heritage of the county.

1.12 Utilise technology to actively promote heritage sites and projects in the county.



1.13 Where possible support collaborative projects with stakeholders and N.G.O's and other agencies or bordering counties to promote awareness of shared heritage sites.

1.14 Support the work of the Tipperary County Museum with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in developing an exhibition of key objects found in TII road excavations in Tipperary, and to promote the final archaeological reports in Tipperary Studies and Tipperary County Museum and as an online resource.

1.15 Work with Tourism Office and Sports Partnership to include heritage interpretation along recreational routes/greenways and blueways being developed in the county.

1.16 Conduct an awareness raising campaign on Invasive species and promote best practice in control of same both in-house and for members of the public.

1.17 Continue to participate in national projects such as Ireland 2016 and the Decade of Commemorations and other national initiatives such as Culture 2025 and Creative Ireland.

Objective 2:

PROMOTE ACTIVE CONSERVATION OF THE HERITAGE OF TIPPERARY.

Protection and conservation of our heritage are central to this plan. We will promote best practice in terms of conserving our heritage and provide advice and training where the need arises to ensure its protection into the future.

2.1 Hold regular training events that will provide advice and guidance to local groups on heritage related topics for e.g. historic properties, graveyards and natural heritage sites.

2.2 Support staff training within the local authority on matters relating to built and natural heritage.

2.3 Support the development of the 'Tipperary Bird Project' in conjunction with Birdwatch Ireland and other projects that promote active community participation.

2.4 Support the actions of the All Ireland Pollinator

2.5 Promote pollinator actions at all Council buildings and include signage to promote best practice.

2.6 Encourage the re-use of historic buildings within the county and promote awareness of best practice examples

2.7 Do an inventory of built and natural heritage sites in ownership of the local authority.

2.8 Build on success of previous European projects and where feasible become involved as partner or stakeholder in projects focusing on heritage management and conservation

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Objective 3:

SUPPORT GATHERING AND DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ON THE HERITAGE OF TIPPERARY.

Gathering and dissemination of information on the heritage of our county is an important objective of our heritage plan. The data we gather informs much of our projects. Our challenge with the current plan is that we have a geographical change in the area we are working in and we must broaden our horizons to gather the data that tells us all the stories of Tipperary. Material gathered not only promotes awareness and protection of these sites but can also be used to interpret them.

3.1 Audit the existing body of information that has been gathered between North and South Tipperary and do up a programme for research for the lifetime of the plan targeting the main gaps in our bank of knowledge.

3.2 Audit material and artefacts from Tipperary that are housed in National Institutions such as the National Museum, National Library and National Archives and promote awareness of these collections

3.3 Develop a series of heritage worksheets aimed at primary school level relating to aspects of the counties heritage such as flora and fauna, built heritage etc

3.4 Make data gathered by the Heritage Office available to departments within the local authority doing interpretation or drawing up guidelines and plans.

3.5 Continue to work with stakeholders and interested parties to increase our knowledge of the built and natural heritage of the county.

3.6 Establish a Tipperary Folklore project with a view to gathering the folklore of the county and having a permanent record and resource of this material available.

3.7 Develop a programme of oral history around projects on heritage sites which can be used to enhance interpretation of these sites.



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