



CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS
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The Minister of the Environment, Edwin Poots launched *Finn's Gallery* on Friday 28th May at Portballintrae Village Hall.

Finn's Gallery is a photographic book illustrating images captured by local primary school children in the recent Picture This! 20 years of the Causeway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty photography project. This project was led by the Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust (CCGHT) and was supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Paul Mullan, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund Northern Ireland; Patrick Lennon from Tourism Ireland and Dr David Erwin, Chairman of the Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust spoke to an audience of more than one hundred at the recently constructed village hall which has breathtaking views of Runkerry and the Atlantic. The event incorporated various activities including a Beach Clean to celebrate World Ocean Day on the 8th June and involved stakeholders from the environmental, tourism, community, local authority and private sectors as well as pupils from Dunseverick Primary School, St Patrick's & St Brigid's Primary School, Ballycastle; Bushmills Primary School; Portrush Primary School; Straidbilly Primary School and St Patrick's Primary School, Portrush. Prior to the launch of the book Minister Poots commented:

'Too often we take for granted what is under our very noses. It was my very great pleasure and privilege to see with new eyes the outstanding natural beauty of the Causeway Coast as revealed in images produced for the *Picture This!* competition. These talented young photographers have captured the essence of this area. From the sweeping vistas (so fresh you can almost feel the sea-air on your face) to the intimate details that are so easily overlooked but which distil the distinctive character of the place.

To people of all ages, I commend this book. Use it to see, through the fresh eyes of children, this unique landscape. Our outstanding landscape today and their heritage for the future.'

Finn's Gallery will be available in schools, libraries and tourist information centres or contact the CCGHT office at 02820752100 to receive your free copy.



Director's Report

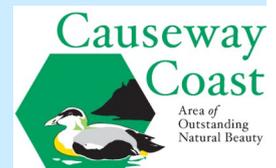
You win some and you lose some. I think this phrase best sum up our efforts in terms of drawing down monies for our project work. Our success has been with the conclusion of the Picture This! photographic project in the Causeway Coast AONB, with funding from HLF helping us to produce a fantastic publication – *Finn's Gallery* – show casing the photographs taken by school children in their AONB. We hosted a great launch at Portballintrae Village Hall with the Minister of Environment in attendance.

However, we were very disappointed not being successful with our HLF Landscape Partnership Scheme project – the Heart of the Glens. We have been positively encouraged to submit a revised scheme again, and we will. We had a good project that certainly engaged local people with their environment. The support locally was brilliant and this was noted in the feedback we received from HLF. The good news here that Northern Ireland was successful with two projects; one in the Mourne and the other in the Belfast Hills.

I think this demonstrates the fierce competition that we now face trying to support our core activities through project work. However, over the past 6 months we have shifted our focus to project development, especially through the AONB management plans. We need our partners' support to help us put together great projects that look after the landscape and meets the aim, objectives and priorities of the Trust's Strategy and Business Plan.

Helen Noble

Trust Director



The Bigger Picture

The Office/ Communications Manager recently submitted a pre-application to Heritage Lottery Fund for £45,000 for a Junior Ranger project which will tie in with and expand on the Picture This! projects. HLF are supportive of the project and have asked the Trust to submit an application form to progress to the next stage of the funding process.

ASH ALERT GROUNDS SARAH!

Eyjafjallajökull eruption disrupts Economusee trip to Canada in April. Volcanic Ash leaves Sarah and Marion stranded in Canada for an extra six days!



Project Updates

Heart of the Glens

Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) announced the results of this round of Landscape Partnership Funding (LPS), unfortunately the Heart of the Glens project narrowly missed out on the funding this year. However on a positive note Helen, Maxime and Rachel had a very upbeat

feedback meeting with HLF. At the meeting HLF positively encouraged CCGHT to take the feedback on board and resubmit the application when the funding opens again in February 2011. While the Heart of the Glens was unsuccessful on this occasion, Northern Ireland did well as a

whole with two of the four applications being successful, those being the Mourne Heritage Trust and the Belfast Hills Partnership. A total of seven applications were successful throughout the UK.



Causeway Coastal Route Interpretation Project

The Causeway Coastal Route Interpretation Project is progressing in its development. A final Terms of Reference of Pre-Development Work which outlines the Full Turnkey Interpretation Package for the Signature Project has been finalised and consultants have been appointed by NITB.

Currently, site visits are taking place by the consultants along the Causeway Coastal Route to gain an understanding of the particular needs at each site. A common marker identity has been proposed across the Causeway Coastal Route to ensure cohesion and inclusivity. This will al-

low the visitor to identify that they are on the Causeway Coastal Route. The marker identity is still in its early stages with nothing finalised as yet.



Binevenagh AONB News

Binevenagh Management Plan Launch

The Binevenagh Management Plan and Action Plan were completed in April 2010 and while implementation had begun it was felt that a launch event would help kick start the process

and would be a good opportunity to showcase Binevenagh AONB. What better way to show off the AONB than with a trip through it, and Translink kindly facilitated this, with a train trip from Coleraine to Bellarena, followed by a bus trip back to Coleraine via the Bishops Road, which was made

even more enjoyable by our knowledgeable guides for the journey; Richard Gillen and Michael Jones.



Updates

Causeway Coast AONB

Earlier in May, grant aid from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency was secured for the appointment of an officer to undertake the review of both the Causeway Coast AONB Management Plan and the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast WHS Management Plan. £52,694 of a

£119,480 project has been secured from NIEA for the project to start on 1st September 2010 until the 31st August 2013. Match funding for the project is still being sought. Applications from the Crown Estates and from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation have been unsuccessful, further opportunities are being actively investigated presently.

In the meantime, a subgroup of the Causeway Coast AONB Management Group met in May to identify a series of actions from the Management Plan to be undertaken over the coming year.



Castlerock Walkfest

CCGHT has volunteered to assist Castlerock Community Association with a family/toddler walk in the area on Saturday 19th September as part of the Walkfest Weekend. If you want to join us on our minibeasts safari or if you have any freebies, balloons, pencils etc for the kids contact Carole on carole@ccght.org / 028 20752100

Rural Development Programme

CCGHT has been working alongside Marion Woodburn and Michael Scullion of Scullion Hurls to submit two individual applications into Measure 3.3 Encouragement of Tourism Activity. Additional support is needed for physical conversion costs of both workshops to transform into an Economusee. There are 6 guidelines which must be adhered to when converting into an Economusee and such costs would aid in this transformation. These applications were submitted on 17/05/2010. The outcome of these applications is still not known.



CCGHT Green Coast Clean Coast Campaign

Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust staff and volunteers Wave Goodbye to Litter.

The team lead by Sarah Irwin the Sustainable Tourism Officer, launched a pilot Green Coast Clean Coast campaign in the area to celebrate World Ocean Day. The campaign kicked off on the 28th May in Portballintrae in the Causeway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) with a Beach Clean. CCGHT staff and volunteers joined pupils from Dunseverick Primary School, St Patrick's & St Brigid's Primary School, Ballycastle; Bushmills Primary School; Portrush Primary School; Straidbilly Primary School and St Patrick's Primary School, Portrush. On Friday 4th June the team waved goodbye to litter in the Antrim Coast & Glens AONB on Ballycastle beach where they were joined by pupils from Gaelscoil an Chaistil, the Irish medium primary school in Ballycastle. On Tuesday the 8th June the *sparkling sand and sea clean-up* team along with the pupils from Ballyhackett and Bellarena Primary Schools went to Benone beach in Binevenagh AONB. World Ocean Day began on 8 June 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. On 5 December 2008, the United Nations resolved that from 2009, 8 June would be designated as World Oceans Day. World Ocean Day is an opportunity every year to honour the world's ocean, celebrate the products the ocean provides, such as seafood, as well as marine life and also a time to appreciate its own intrinsic value. The ocean also provides sea-lanes for international trade. Global pollution and over-consumption of fish have resulted in drastically dwindling population of the majority of species.



Any Other Business



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Confirmed 2010/11 Core Funding:

Ballymena Borough Council	£11,000
Larne Borough Council	£11,000
Moyle District Council	£11,000
NI Environment Agency	£109,000

On the date of publishing Limavady BC and Coleraine BC had not confirmed 2010/11 core funding. However the Trust Director is due to brief Limavady Borough Council in the near future. 2010/11 is the final year of the 3-year NITB/CCGHT Service Level Agreement

FUNDING SECURED - Three years funding has been secured through NIEA at 75% for the AONB Officer post, commencing 1 April 2010, which will be a real boost to the three AONBs currently within CCGHT's remit.

Student Placement Projects

CCGHT currently has a number of University placement students based in our office undertaking some very important

Heather Bell, is working on a Junior Ranger project and was a key helper with the Green Coast Clean Coast campaign.

Kerrie Norton provided a very impressive presentation to the Board in April 2010 on the study of the socio-economic status of the three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty which the Trust look after but unfortunately she had to leave the Trust in May due to illness.

Andrew Wallace investigated the link between businesses, the environment and local communities. Andrew also played a major part in the organisation of the recent Green Coast Clean Coast campaign.

Laure Steer, a French student started her placement with the Trust at the beginning of June. Laure will be carrying out a carbon footprint assessment of the wetlands in the 3 AONBs

Jerome Fullan completed a State of the AONB Report for the Causeway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Joanne Pollock, who worked on the Birds of Binevenagh AONB guide, also completed a State of the AONB Report for the Binevenagh AONB.

Hayley Sherwin completed a Biodiversity Audit for the Antrim Coast & Glens AONB.

Katherine Kelly from the University of Glasgow started in June and will be producing a story of the landscape along the Causeway Coast explaining the geology of the area.

These very worthwhile reports will be added to the publications section of the CCGHT website.

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ENE – Economusee Northern Europe Project

CCGHT is the lead partner in Northern Ireland responsible for developing the Economusee brand. CCGHT is working with two craft artisans, namely Marion Woodburn Jewellery and Michael Scullion of Scullion Hurls. We hope to establish Marion Woodburn as an Economusee by December 2010. Sarah, our Sustainable Development Officer (Tourism) and Marion Woodburn travelled to Quebec City in April with the Programme to visit best practise examples of Economuseums that are self-sustaining craft companies. Sarah can be seen in the photo above with the founder of the Economusee concept and member of the Economusee Society Network, Cyril Simard and other Economusee project participants from Greenland, Iceland, Norway, Faroe Islands and Sweden. Despite being stranded in Montreal due to the ash cloud, the trip proved extremely beneficial as it allowed Marion Woodburn to see how she would like her workshop to be transformed into an Economusee. Two applications have been submitted into RDP Measure 3.3 Encouragement of Tourism Activities to aid in the physical conversion of both Marion Woodburn and Scullion Hurls workshop. The outcome of these applications is still unknown.

Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust is grateful for support from:

