



CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS HERITAGE TRUST

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR TOWNLANDS & FIELDNAMES PROJECT BINEVENAGH AONB

The Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust (hereafter referred to as CCGHT) is a public/private/voluntary sector partnership set up in 2002. The area covered by CCGHT includes a wide variety of scenic landscapes, important wildlife resources and cultural heritage including three Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs): the Causeway Coast AONB, the Antrim Coast and Glens AONB and the Binevenagh AONB.

The overall aim of the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust is to *'raise awareness of the special qualities of the natural, built and cultural heritage of the Causeway Coast & Glens area including the Antrim Coast & Glens, Causeway Coast & Binevenagh Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty; promoting environmental management and sustainable development that aims to conserve and enhance the unique heritage of the area for the benefit of all'*

For further information on CCGHT and the 3 AONBs, please visit our website www.ccght.org

Townlands & Fieldnames Project:

The townland is a unique feature of the Irish landscape and is one of the most ancient divisions in the country. There are approximately 62,000 townlands in Ireland and great variations are evident in townland sizes due to the fact that their shapes and sizes are related to local landscape and farming practices.

The origin of the townland remains obscure, they existed long before the parishes and counties and up until recently the townland was commonly used for postal address purposes. They often take their names from local landscape features. Given the natural vegetation of the island many townlands take their names from local trees and plants. Field Names also offer a window into the past of our landscape and are part of our culture. This project is to record and present the 'Townlands' & 'Field Names' of Binevenagh AONB along with their history, folklore and relevant information.

Project Duties:

The project would entail the following:

- Collate existing documentation in respect of the townlands in Binevenagh AONB;
- Explore in further detail the origin and meaning of a selected number of the townlands derived from local landscape features, vegetation, animals, historical events and farming practices, providing a good spread across the AONB;
- Complete field surveys and document farmsteads to collate information in relation to a selected number of field-names in Binevenagh AONB derived from local landscape features, traditional agricultural practices providing a good spread across the AONB ;

- Surveys undertaken to compile field names information:
 - GIS mapping to plot selected farmsteads, fieldnames, field boundaries;
 - photographic record of fields researched during the project;
 - Where permission is given, oral recordings of interviews with landowners will also be taken;
- Liaise with and arrange meetings with local community groups, interest groups, historical societies (see Local Collaborators below) to ensure local involvement in the delivery of this project;
- Present research information in a research dossier format (hard & electronic copy to include digital photographs and GIS Maps). In conjunction with CCGHT present selected research findings in an exhibition format (see attached General Brief for Exhibition)

Notes:

- *A list of townlands for the Limavady Council area can be provided by CCGHT;*
- *Fieldname survey templates can be provided by CCGHT*
- *CCGHT can also provide contact details for companies with experience in exhibition panel preparation*

Local Collaborators:

CCGHT will provide contacts from local community groups, local authority museum officer(s) etc that will be of great benefit to the delivery of this project. The successful candidate/organisation will be expected to liaise with and host meetings with recommended organisations/individuals and identify new contacts with knowledge of these topics to collate information to effectively deliver this project.

Suggested Reading:

A Field Name Research Handbook: Compiled by Alan Counihan (The Townlands Project)
www.townlands.net

A Dictionary of Ulster Placenames- 2nd Edition, Patrick McKay

Townlands in Ulster, Local History Studies, WH Crawford & RH Foy

Every Stoney Acre has a Name: a celebration of the townland in Ulster, Tony Canavan

Samuel P. Mitchell's 'The Land of the Roe: A Social and Economic History'

PRONI has a section on their website on townlands:

http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/local_history/geographical_index/townlands.htm and land divisions:
http://www.proni.gov.uk/index/local_history/areas_regions_and_land_divisions.htm. They also have some PDFs on townlands and ordnance survey maps (attached) which may be of use to you.

Timescale: Start Date 1st October 2012- Completion Date -1st February 2013

Deadline for Quotes: 28th September 2012

Project Proposal:

The selected candidate should provide a research proposal covering the following:

- Demonstrate evidence of previous research proposal undertaken (can be work related, personal or voluntary experience included)
- Demonstrate the ability to undertake **all aspects** of the project duties and provide detail of the methodology used to carry out research identified above
- Demonstrate plan/timescale for successful progression and completion of the project within the suggested timeframe;
- At least one reference (work/community/personal) to certify the ability of the candidate to carry out the required project through previous experience of the candidate's competences in this area;
- Regular progress updates to CCGHT will be required during course of project.

Project Budget: £6,000.

Quotations for completion of this project should be submitted in pounds sterling, to include VAT. This will include expenses, travel & subsistence incurred during completion of the project.

Submission Details:

Please submit project proposal and quotation by 4pm, 28th September 2012 by mail to:

Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust

Tilly Molloy's

18 Main Street, Armoy

BT53 8RQ

Or by email to:

Tierna@ccght.org

(See guide below for Exhibition Panels)

Exhibition – General Brief

General Format for Exhibition– No. of panels outlined below (indicative only) Format outlined below provided as a guide, may be subject to change as project develops.

1st Panel Introductory Panel

- Land Division in Ireland – Provinces/Counties/Parishes/Townlands
- Background/History of Townlands (Various Themes)
 - Townlands & Migration ;
 - Townlands & Irish Language;
 - Townlands & Landscape Features;
 - Townlands & Flora & Fauna;
- Background/History of Field names in Ireland/Northern Ireland

Images/Historic Maps etc to accompany the text for these panels

2nd/3rd/4th Panel(s) – Townlands in Binevenagh AONB

- History of Binevenagh AONB (brief)
- Information on origin and meaning of Townlands of Binevenagh AONB
- Images/Historic Maps etc to accompany these panels.
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5th/6th/7th Panel(s) Field Names in Binevenagh AONB

- Origin of fieldnames in Binevenagh AONB – likely associated with landscape of AONB and/or traditional farming practices historically associated with field(s)

Maps, photographs and other supportive material found during course of project to be displayed on exhibition panels

Additional Notes:

Exhibition panels will be moved around/outside Binevenagh AONB to interested libraries/art centres/museums/community associations etc.

Design elements to consider later in project in conjunction with CCGHT:

- Exhibition boards to measure 600mm x 900mm, 5mm Foamex
- Format of exhibition panels
- Logos to be used on panels etc