



CAUSEWAY COAST & GLENS
HERITAGE TRUST



ANNUAL REPORT
2014/2015



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A YEAR IN SUMMARY FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This year has been a rewarding and challenging year, a year of two feelings.

It saw the completion of the first full year of the Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership laying the foundation for 5 years of exciting projects that will conserve the Glens of Antrim's unique landscape and heritage whilst engaging actively with all stakeholders in the area including landowners, children, visitors, land managers... whilst building legacy, partnerships and funding opportunities.

Northern Periphery and Arctic Area Programme, will provide opportunities to further develop the Economusée concept in the Causeway Coast and Glens. CCGHT is also lead partner on the Drifting Apart project, a 3 year project also funded by the Northern Periphery and Arctic Area Programme, which will look at conserving and enhancing our rich geodiversity whilst allowing opportunities for visitors to come and learn about this heritage, and for local people and businesses to develop pride for the area and economic opportunities. These 3 projects will bring in over €455,000 during the next 3 years. Additionally being lead partner with the Drifting Apart project will take CCGHT to a new level and raise its profile not only in the area but also at a Northern Irish and European level. However the end of 2014/2015 was also a difficult time, with high financial pressure on government departments, funding from DOE was discontinued for 2015/2016. DOE has been CCGHT's main partner since its creation and the news brought CCGHT to a challenging situation. This was shared across the environment sector.

The AONB and WHS team has been busier than ever delivering a series of projects on the ground that will contribute to the long term conservation, enhancement and promotion of our prized landscapes and heritage.

Moreover CCGHT has been successful this year with 3 EU funding bids for new projects to start in 2015/2016 Wild SeaEurope, a 1.5 year project funded by the COSME programme, will develop and enhance marine wildlife tourism in the area whilst providing opportunities for citizen science. Craft Reach, a 3 year project funded by the Interreg VB

Following a series of meetings with other Environmental NGOs and the Environment Minister and with the commitment from the Minister, his special advisor and senior DOE staff to address the issue, funding has now been secured for the coming year. However at this stage and in light of departmental changes in 2016, there is no commitment of support beyond 2016.

2015/2016 will be an exciting year with the delivery of a huge number of new and on-going activities that will benefit all CCGHT partners, a year of uncertainty in relation to the future of public funding to organisations like CCGHT and a year of opportunity for CCGHT to adapt to these changes to continue to thrive.

I would like to thank all the staff for their commitment and dedication over this 'special' year and all Board members and funding partners for their continued trust and support as we go forward into 2015/2016.

Maxime Sizaret
Chief Executive



STATISTICS

Local Government Authorities	6
Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty	3
World Heritage Sites	1
Glens of Antrim	9
Coastline	>100 miles
Population	237,101 (2011 census)
Visiting Tourists	> 1 million

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This has been a year of both achievement and challenge for the Trust.

Achievement is evidenced within this annual report both by the impressive list of landscape projects and the rapidly expanding number of partnership organisations involved in their delivery. Challenge manifests itself by the volume of work coming the Trust's way and also by the financial storm that has overtaken all Environmental NGOs with NIEA's announcement to terminate funding: What price environment?

Bob Dylan's 1964 song – 'The Times They Are A-Changin' could be an appropriate anthem for the environmental sector going forward into the second half of 2015. Tourism is gaining an increasingly important role as a foreign currency earner and the majority of tourists quote 'heritage and landscape' as the major reason for their visit to the Province. The environment portfolio will shortly pass from NIEA to the Department of Agriculture and this new partnership could have great potential.

I have every confidence that CCGHT will prove equal to the challenges posed by the new order and that the Trust will continue to raise the profile of Northern Ireland's heritage and landscape.

Bill Harpur, Chairman



Maxime Sizaret has been Chief Executive of the Trust since 2013. Prior to his current post he was Acting Chief Executive and Heritage Manager. Originally from France where he studied environmental management, Maxime started with the Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust on 15th March 2003. He completed a MSc in Management and Organisations in 2012. He now lives in Belfast with his wife Judith and their two sons, Smokey and Darby.



From Drumahoe, in the Faughan Valley, Andrew Bratton joined the Trust as AONB and WHS Project Manager in December 2012 following a period of full time study towards his PhD in Geography at Queen's University Belfast. Andrew enjoys collecting, restoring and riding classic and collectible motorbikes, swimming, indoor bowls, badminton, travelling and is a keen Red Bull F1 Fan.



Carole O'Kane started with the Trust on 22nd July 2002 as Office Administrator but her responsibilities have changed and her current role is Corporate Services Manager. Carole has enjoyed working this year with the Dark Hedges Preservation Trust on a Heritage Lottery Funded project to preserve and promote the Dark Hedges. Outside work she likes to travel, cycle and crochet!



Tierna Mullan joined the Trust on 7th January 2009 as Administration Officer. Since April 2012 she has been employed as AONB/Project Assistant. She graduated from the University of Ulster with a degree in International Travel & Tourism Management in 2007. Through the ÉCONOMUSÉE project Tierna has had the opportunity to visit artisans in the Faroe Islands and Bergen. She enjoys travelling, reading and socialising.



Nikki Maguire began with the Trust as WHS/Project Assistant in December 2012 after completing a Masters in Leadership for Sustainable Development with the Gibson Institute at Queen's University, Belfast. Through her Masters she became aware of CCGHT's work and actually took up a placement with the Trust for two months in the previous year, beginning work on the Landscape Partnership Scheme. Nikki is a local girl from the heart of the Glens in Cushendall and enjoys baking and exploring local food produce.



Tiarnan McCarry joined the Trust in March 2012. As well as carrying out the administrative duties associated with a busy office environment he is involved in various projects including the fixed point photography project and the walking and events programme. Tiarnan enjoys football, films and music.



Originally from Newry, Co Down Réamaí Mathers now lives in the Glens with his wife and three children. Réamaí has a degree in Environmental Science and a PhD in Ecology. He has managed a wide number of regional, national and international projects in environmental, heritage, language and indigenous education areas. As Manager of the Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme (LPS), he is responsible for the overall delivery of the programme and supporting programme staff and communities in the Glens area.

Eamon McBride graduated from Queens University Belfast with a BSc (Hons) in Land use and Environmental Management. As LPS Project Officer, Eamon hopes to take his knowledge of Environmental and Project Management and combine it with the knowledge of the glens, its local people and its characteristics. With growing up in the glens on the local Watertop Open Farm Family Activity Centre, Eamon has a keen interest in local tourism and conservation, with a great insight into agriculture and enterprise in the local area. In his spare time Eamon leads a very active lifestyle, with hurling, surfing, coasteering and rock climbing among his hobbies.



Having gained a BA Tourism Management degree from Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh Ciara OhArtghaile went on to graduate from The University of Ulster with an MA in Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies. She has previously worked on a Heritage Lottery Funded project at The Causeway School Museum, National Trust, the Ulster Museum and the RSPB. She has undertaken various volunteer work from charity event organising to wildlife surveying and during travelling took part in the WWOOF programme – a volunteer exchange based on sustainable properties. Having grown up on the Causeway Coast Ciara has a deep affection for the people and the landscape and is looking forward to working with the local community on this exciting project as the LPS Outreach & Volunteer Officer.



Cathy McClintock graduated from Dundee University with a BA in Accountancy & Finance and went on to become a Chartered Accountant. Having previously worked in both public and private sector companies with the financial aspects of the development and delivery of the Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme as the LPS Administration and Finance Officer.



Laura McAuley started working with the Trust in July 2014 as temporary part-time maternity cover LPS Finance and Administrative Officer. Laura who has a Geography degree is from a farming family in Glenann and isn't scared of getting her hands mucky on the farm. Laura enjoys mountain climbing, both locally and in exotic far off places. She has recently trekked to the summit of Mt Kilimanjaro.



Brian from Laois, is a qualified Landscape Architect with ten years professional experience in the private and public sector. He started with the Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme in September 2014. During this time he set up and managed his own garden design and construction business. Further to his undergraduate degree in Landscape Horticulture, he has also completed a Masters in World Heritage Management and a Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Decision Making. Brian enjoys playing different sports, travelling, hiking and generally exploring the outdoors.

2014/15 BOARD DIRECTORS

Bill Harpur , Chairman	Independent
Cllr Roy Craig , Vice Chairman	Larne Borough Council
Cllr Hubert Nicholl	Ballymena Borough Council
Ald Sam Cole	Coleraine Borough Council
Ald Harry Connolly	Ballymoney Borough Council
Cllr Sandra Hunter	Moyle District Council
Cllr Padraig McShane	Regional Tourism Partnership
Cllr Rory Donaghy	Limavady Borough Council
Michael Scullion	Regional Tourism Partnership
Max Bryant	The National Trust
Shirley Orr	South Antrim Rural Network
Michael Jones	Castlerock Community Association
George McAuley	Ulster Farmers Union
Graham Seymour	Independent



AN OVERVIEW OF THE 2014/15 PROJECTS

THE DARK HEDGES PROJECT

The Dark Hedges Preservation Trust was awarded Heritage Lottery Funding of £43,000 in 2010. In 2013 the Dark Hedges Preservation Trust appointed the Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust (CCGHT) to manage and deliver the project. CCGHT kicked off the project with a public meeting in April 2013 to gauge and engage local support and opinion. It was agreed that we would deliver the four aims of the project:

AIM 1 - TO CONSERVE THIS IMPORTANT NATURAL RESOURCE AND IN SO DOING PRESERVE THE BIODIVERSITY VALUE OF THE ASSET.

On behalf of the Dark Hedges Preservation Trust, CCGHT carried out and adhered to the necessary planning permission and Wildlife NI orders, tree surveys and ecological studies prior to any of the recommended works. Stringent procurement procedures were put in place to ensure suitably qualified contractors were selected to undertake the works. We also made sure that the contractors selected, recognised the importance of preserving this site and ensuring that the visual impact of their work would be kept to an absolute minimum. The total cost of the remedial works with surveys was £13,000 (+VAT)

AIM 2 - TO ENHANCE THE RESOURCE THROUGH JUDICIOUS MANAGEMENT OF THE TREES TO INCLUDE NEW PLANTING THAT WILL BE THE VETERAN TREES OF THE FUTURE.

CCGHT in partnership with the Dark Hedges Preservation Trust planted 100 new trees at the site and through the harvesting project with pupils from the three local primary schools, St Olcans, Armoyle and Bushvalley we managed to reproduce over 60 direct descendant Dark Hedges beech trees. The same pupils will hopefully plant these in another couple of years when the young plants are strong enough to survive at the site. Another enhancement at the site included the removal of the fence which ran along the front of the trees and the installation of a new fence behind the trees. The trees cost £50 +VAT /tree and the fencing cost £8558 +VAT

AIM 3 - TO USE THIS VALUABLE RESOURCE AS A LEARNING TOOL.

CCGHT with the Woodland Trust and local historian Maurice Todd used the Dark Hedges as a learning tool to teach local primary school children the value of the biodiversity, the history and the culture of the site. In an evaluation of the event, Jessica, a P4 pupil from Bushvalley Primary School eloquently summed it up by saying: 'I think the Dark Hedges is a very pretty place and I want them to stay forever.'

In addition through this project, CCGHT on behalf of the Dark Hedges Preservation Trust appointed designers to design a Dark Hedges leaflet and interpretation panels. Ballymoney Borough Council, now part of the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council funded a panel, at a cost of £2593 +VAT, a reprint of the leaflet and the architectural and planning costs for the panels.

AIM 4 - TO HIGHLIGHT AND INFORM A WIDER AUDIENCE THROUGHOUT NORTHERN IRELAND.

This was achieved and extended beyond the boundary of N. Ireland, through the development of the Dark Hedges social media Facebook page, a Dark Hedges webpage, entry in the National Lottery Awards, registration with Charities Commission NI and Local Giving NI. CCGHT and the Dark Hedges Preservation Trust were also instrumental in the installation of the brown directional signage.

Through HBO Game of Thrones and the plethora of images transmitted across the world through various photography newspaper and online competitions the Dark Hedges has become one of the most visited tourism destination sites in N. Ireland. Unfortunately with this popularity comes the drawbacks – visitors parking on the grass verges being the one that causes most concern. Not only does this action contribute to the destruction of the site it also places the public and their vehicles at high risk as the trees are already one hundred years past maturity and are in danger of falling or branch breakage.

Whilst this project has delivered the key aims, the Dark Hedges is still a fragile environment that requires ongoing support and funding.

An important partnership between the Heritage Lottery Fund, Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust, Woodland Trust, Ballymoney Borough Council and the Dark Hedges Preservation Trust developed over the course of this project. Without that partnership the project may never have got off the ground. The trees would not have been surveyed, the works to maintain safety at the site and preserve the trees would not have been completed, the fence would not have been replaced, 100 new trees would not have been planted, the local school children may not have learned about this important natural heritage on their doorstep, the wider community and visitors would still be flocking to the site and leave knowing nothing of the history of the trees or the heritage of the site. The development of the social media page and the webpage put the Dark Hedges on a worldwide platform displaying their magnificence to an international and local audience.

These trees are already over 100 years past their maturity and are showing signs of old age. Without this project and future funding the trees will decay and die and our generation will be remembered for allowing that to happen.



ECONOMUSÉE PHASE II - CRAFT INTERNATIONAL

The Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust first became involved in the Economusée project in 2010 and opened the first Economusée in the UK in 2011.

BACKGROUND

Economusée is first and foremost a Québec inspired tourism initiative which encourages enterprises that operates in the field of fine crafts or the agri-food sector and uses authentic know-how in the production of commodities to open their workshops to the general public so they can share their knowledge and passion and sell products made on the premises.

Since 2010 a number of partners from Northern Ireland, Norway, Sweden, Greenland, Republic of Ireland, Iceland, Faroe Islands and Canada developed the concept in Northern Europe around its three main objectives:

- To help the artisan business prosper
- To lodge artisans firmly in their local community
- To internationalise the artisans

AN ECONOMUSÉE BUSINESS REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- a traditional craft technique (know-how or savoir-faire) in its production
- Produces traditional and/or contemporary products with cultural connotation
- Opens its doors to the public in order to promote its know-how and its craft people
- Has a site designed for the animation and interpretation of its production
- Aims to be completely economically independent through its business operations





2014-2015 AONB/WHS Projects

2014/15 was an exciting year for the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and World Heritage Team and its' partners.

With support from the Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Coleraine, Moyle, Limavady, Ballymoney, Ballymena and Larne Councils and the Northern Ireland Tourist Board, CCGHT was able to leverage significant match funding and time-in-kind contributions from partners to deliver over 20 projects across the Causeway Coast and Glens Area.

Each of the projects identified here have significantly enhanced the way CCGHT and its' partners maintain and manage the outstanding natural beauty of the Binevenagh, Causeway Coast and Antrim Coast and Glens AONBs and the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast WHS. By constantly striving to improve how we conserve the region's wildlife, geology, natural phenomena, cultural and built heritage - we find ourselves in a strong position to build upon this success in 2015/16. The AONB and WHS team looks forward with enthusiasm to the new year to further conserve, enhance and promote our designated landscapes and heritage.



WHS STEERING GROUP - MANAGEMENT POSTCARD



On behalf of the WHS Steering Group, CCGHT developed a small postcard for circulation to local, national and international political representatives for Northern Ireland, natural WHS coordinators in 161 countries, and local and central government officers with WHS responsibilities throughout the UK. This postcard provided a quick update on progress with the WHS Management Plan and invited partners to learn more about the work of the WHS Steering Group. Response has been fantastic with a number of European sites requesting advice and guidance for projects and support for their management structures.

Total Cost: £450 (Source: NIEA WHS Funding, Contract awarded to: Identity Design, Coleraine)

WHS BOUNDARY STONES

On behalf of the WHS Steering Group, CCGHT sourced and designed two basalt boundary stones for the WHS. Now for the first time those accessing the WHS from the Causeway Coast Way will be informed that they are entering the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site. The National Trust volunteer team kindly installed the stones on the eastern and western boundaries. The stones were sourced from Bradley's Quarry in Kilrea.

Total Cost: £1,890 per stone (Source: NIEA WHS Funding, Contract awarded to: Limavady Memorials)



WHS INTERPRETIVE BENCH

On behalf of the WHS Steering Group, CCGHT sourced and designed a new bench to replace a damaged bench at Hamilton's Seat along the cliff top path. CCGHT was keen to include some interpretation for the WHS along the cliff top path; however new interpretive signage was not favoured in a WHS design for its landscape values. The opportunity to replace a plain bench with a bespoke interpretive bench provided an opportunity to communicate the Outstanding Universal Value of the site through graphics

Total Cost: £4,122 (Source: NIEA WHS Funding, Contract awarded to: Fitzpatrick - Woolmer)

WHS GEOCONSERVATION GUIDE FOR THE CAUSEWAY COAST AND GLENS AREA

On behalf of the WHS Steering Group, CCGHT and the Geological Survey of Northern Ireland produced a short guide which explains how geological heritage is protected in the Causeway Coast and Glens area. The guide identifies all sites which are designated for their Earth science interest and outlines how landowners should work with the relevant authorities to ensure these sites remain in favourable condition

Total Cost: £ 2,207 (Source: NIEA WHS Funding, Contract awarded to: GSNI, Belfast and Iprint, Derry~Londonderry)



WHS STEERING GROUP - INFOGRAPHIC

On behalf of the WHS Steering Group, CCGHT developed a series of infographics for the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast WHS. These help partners understand and explain why the site is a unique natural WHS, the annual visitor pressure at the site, the number of designations, research and volunteer hours, and the wider community benefits of WHS status.

Total Cost: £480 (Source: NIEA WHS Funding, Contract awarded to: Blue Splat, Derry~Londonderry)



WHS LEAFLET REPRINT

The popularity of the WHS leaflet produced by the WHS Steering Group in 2013/14, required the group to order a reprint of leaflets to cover demand in 2015/16

Total Cost: £1,170 per stone (Source: NIEA WHS Funding, Contract awarded Kolor Kopy, Ballymena)



WHS TRANSLINK BUS TRANSFERS

On behalf of the WHS Steering Group, CCGHT sourced, designed installed graphics on two Translink buses which operate at the site. This is to ensure that the transport providers demonstrate that the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast was designated as a WHS in 1986. Translink has undertaken to fund the graphics in future.

Total Cost: £108 (Source: NIEA WHS Funding, Contract awarded to: Custom Graphix, Carrickfergus)

WHS VIDEO - ALTERNATIVE LANGUAGES

Originally produced in English with French subtitles, in 2015 CCGHT used internal expertise to translate the WHS video into Spanish, Portuguese, Polish and Russian

Total Cost: £ free



SLEMISH BIODIVERSITY GUIDE AND INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE

On behalf of the Antrim Coast and Glens AONB Group, CCGHT produced an A5 booklet exploring the biodiversity and geology of Slemish Mountain. This was accompanied by a new interpretation panel which replaced an outdated sign onsite.

Total Cost: £3,259 (Source: AONB project funding from Local Council, Tourism NI and NIEA, Contract awarded to: Impact, Ballycastle and Samuel O'Hara)



DEFENCE HERITAGE BOOKLET

On behalf of the Causeway Coast AONB Group, CCGHT developed a guide to the defence heritage of the Causeway Coast AONB. This guide explores the connections between the landscape and defence infrastructure from WWI, WWII and the Cold War Era. The guide was launched by Portrush Heritage Group in March 2015.

Total Cost: £2,485 (Source: AONB project funding from Local Council, Tourism NI and NIEA, Contract awarded to: Impact, Ballycastle)



LANDOWNER TRAINING AND INFORMATION EVENTS

On behalf of all AONB Groups, CCGHT's AONB and LPS teams worked with external partners to deliver an autumn and winter series of landowner training and information events. Topics included bracken and rush control, renewables on the farm, farm safety, nutrient management planning and guidance for public access. Indicated costs are for the Causeway Coast and Binevenagh AONBs only as the LPS covered the Antrim Coast and Glens AONB.

Total Cost: £760 (Source: AONB project funding from Local Council, Tourism NI and NIEA)



CAUSEWAY COAST TOWNLANDS, FIELDNAMES AND FEATURE NAMES

On behalf of the Causeway Coast AONB Group, CCGHT worked with local community groups in Portrush, Portballintrae, Bushmills and Ballintoy and Quarto Consultants to develop an exhibition, school worksheet and website which explore the natural heritage and related place names of the Causeway Coast AONB. This exhibition is available free of charge to local community groups, schools, libraries and museums. It has been well received in Portballintrae Community Hall, Portrush Library and Greenlane Museum

Total Cost: £ 6,200 (Source: NIEA WHS Funding and AONB project funding from Local Council, Tourism NI and NIEA)



CARNFUNNOCK TO BALLYGALLY NATURAL HERITAGE TRAIL OPTION

On behalf of the Antrim Coast and Glens AONB Group, CCGHT worked with Ballygally Community Association, Cairndhu Golf Club, Carnfunnock Country Park and Outdoor Recreation NI to develop options for a natural heritage trail connecting Ballygally and Carnfunnock Country Park.

Total Cost: £2,000 (Source: AONB project funding from Local Council, Tourism NI and NIEA, Contract awarded to: Outdoor Recreation NI)



BALLYGALLY VIEWPOINT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

On behalf of the Antrim Coast and Glens AONB Group, CCGHT worked with Ballygally Community Association, Transport NI, NIEA, Larne Borough Council and Hilltop Landscapes to enhance the viewpoint at Ballygally through the installation of interpretive glass panelling which includes the Causeway Coastal Route.

Total Cost: £6,000 (Source: AONB project funding from Local Council, Tourism NI and NIEA, Contract awarded to: Hilltop Landscapes, Greysteel + additional contribution from council of £12,000)



RIVER ROE DETECTIVES DAY

On behalf of the Binevenagh AONB group, CCGHT worked with St Anthony's and Drumrane Primary Schools to deliver a water detectives day on the River Roe. Children had an opportunity to explore and discuss the Binevenagh AONB, the River Roe's flora and fauna, and learn about water safety.

Total Cost: £760 (Source: AONB project funding from Local Council, Tourism NI and NIEA)



EVENTS GUIDE

Following the success of previous years' events programmes, CCGHT worked with partners to host 12 events from May to September. CCGHT was keen for people to interact more with their local environment therefore offered a number of the new events including bird and bug box building, fishing, cycling and stargazing. The event guides have been distributed to local tourist information centres, airports, local businesses, tourist attractions and schools.

Over 300 people have participated in the events, feedback has been very positive and all events have been covered widely in the local press and online.

Total Cost: £ 505.00 (Source: AONB project funding from Local Council, Tourism NI and NIEA)





ANTRIM HILLS WAY/ INTERNATIONAL APPALACHIAN TRAIL UPGRADE

Through the NGO Challenge Fund CCGHT was able to upgrade and enhance interpretation and access furniture along an 18km stretch of the Antrim Hills Way from Glenarm to Larne. Thanks to the development of sleek interpretation posts members of the local community and visitors can learn about internationally significant geology and 22 unique minerals discovered at Scawt Hill. This project was completed by April and received a letter of thanks from the Ulster Ramblers.
Total Cost: £11,703 (Source: NGO Challenge Fund. Contract awarded to Scullion Hurls & Francis Mulvenna)

QUARRIES, MINES AND LIFE UNDERGROUND BOOKLET

CCGHT partnered with local communities and interest groups to develop a booklet which looks at the history of the quarrying and mining industries between Limavady and Glenarm. This booklet explores what life was like as a local miner and how these industries have shaped the landscapes we see today. A pop-up was produced to expand the CCAONB Townlands and Fieldnames Exhibition.
Total Cost: £3,971 (Source: NGO Challenge Fund Contract awarded to: Impact, Ballycastle & NorthSide Graphics, Belfast).



COASTAL GRAZING SCHEME



Working at two sites, Magilligan point and Glenariff, CCGHT restored 3.5 hectares of coastal grasslands through grazing schemes. At both locations new fencing replaced existing degraded fencing and pasture pumps/water supplies and associated access furniture was also installed.
Total Cost: £26,113 (Source: NGO Challenge Fund Contract awarded to: Don Laughlin & Co. & MGS Landscaping).

ARMY ENVIRONMENT DAY

Following on from the success of this event in July 2013, CCGHT engaged approximately 50 children and adults from the local community and local summer scheme group to raise awareness of the importance of looking after the park through a variety of demonstrations including a river clean, litter pick, river safety workshop, tree planting and biodiversity workshops. The project is an excellent opportunity for children and adults to have fun outdoors whilst learning about the importance of protecting our environment.
Total cost: £1300 (Source: AONB Project funding, Moyle District Council Community Grants Scheme, Hendersons)



HEART OF THE GLENS LPS, PROJECTS UPDATE

With the generous support of The Heritage Lottery Fund, NI Environment Agency, local councils and other local partners we are developing a host of programmes on everything from biodiversity, to agriculture, to tourism, education and business development. We are keen to support this remarkable landscape and community to thrive in a sustainable way for many years to come.

PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

• Management and financial management of the project have been ongoing. The management of the project has undergone some significant challenges in its first 14 months. This has included:

- (1) Significant staff changes and recruitment
- (2) Financial uncertainty of parent organisation and LPS Project.

Implications:

- (1) The staff changes mean the LPS is perhaps less developed in some areas of the scheme than first envisaged.
- (2) Funding implications are that £126,000 from the NIEA's match funding commitment of £240,000 cannot be guaranteed and as such cannot be factored into calculations going forward.



A wide and diverse range of projects are currently underway. Some examples have been included below:

• **Farmer and Landowner Talks and Training.** Carried out in partnership with CAFRE, 13 landowner talks were delivered to 223 farmers ranging from topics on soil management; stock management; rush control; woodland management and training on APHIS and Soil Nutrient Computer sessions.

• **Biodiversity and Heritage Activities.** 11 talks, walks and activities have been delivered.

These included archaeological walks, foraging events, meadow management training and pollinator events. Partners included CCGBC; Woodland Trust; Butterfly Conservation and Glens Red Squirrel Group; Queen's University; Glens Historical Society and University of Ulster.



• **Glenarm, Carnlough and Garron Point Grassland and Woodland Project.** Three acres of woodlands were planted and ground works set out for the creation of three new public meadows:

£5,629.58 (Supported by LiveHereLoveHere)



• **An Coimín Grassland Project and Nature Reserve and Walkway Glenariff. Delivered on behalf of CC&GBC and Glenariff Improvement Group.** Construction of board walk, fencing and access were created to return 2 hectares of sand dune system to favourable condition for access and biodiversity.
£20,216.87 (Supported by NGO Challenge Fund)

• **Creagagh Wood Project.** Delivered in partnership with CC&GBC, Katy English, National Trust (Landowner) and Glens Red Squirrel Group: Phase one project to deliver access through the wood and to designate a 71 acre ancient planted woodland as a Local Nature Reserve (LNR). Interpretation signage and a Red Squirrel hide are to be delivered in phase two
£6,216.00



• **Bonamargy Friary, Phase One, access and repair.** Repair of exterior walls and access paths to an iconic Glens of Antrim site. Interpretation signage is to be delivered in phase two.
£20,000



• **Cairns Residents Group Community Grassland, Woodland and Orchard Project:** Project begun, woodland planting finished, new orchard planted, meadow project underway. Approx.
£867.00 to date

• **Corrymeela Meadow Creation Scheme and Pollinator Project.** First year phase completed. Polytunnel built, tree planting finished, trails through new meadow and roof meadow set out.
£1,590.00



• **Ballycastle Golf Course.** Coastal Grassland Project: Initial meadow planting underway and cutting scheme devised and delivered for 7 acres of meadow.
£1,100.50.

• **Cuilfeightrin Old Church Access, phase one (without interpretation) Partnership with CC&GBC.** Access to ancient path site, styles and permitted pathway. Interpretation signage to be completed in phase two.
£3,750.00

• **Green Glens Woodlands and Hedgerow Project:** In partnership with Woodland Trust and 1 Million Trees In One Day. 38 acres of trees and 7 km of hedgerows planted at various locations. Overall costs including in-kind contribution are
£48,000.



• **Traditional Music Leaflet for tourism destination planning.** In partnership with Comhaltas. To provide exact information on availability of traditional music sessions throughout the calendar year. This has been used on Tourism NI and Tourism Ireland websites and distributed to local visitor information outlets.
£150.

• **Archaeological Research.** In partnership with Queen's University and Glens of Antrim Historical Society. A dig and community engagement project was carried out at Glenmona and The Warren at Glendun. This project engaged 5 schools and approx. 150 members of general public. £8,201. A scientific report was provided to LPS and to NIEA. Archaeological talks have been delivered by Cormac McSparron from Queens CAF on topics such as Antrim and Scotland in prehistory and pre-history of The Glens of Antrim.



• **A Sense of The Glens Symposium** was held in Ballycastle to discuss a range of issues with regard to tourism, festivals and events within The Glens of Antrim. This has guided our ongoing work.
£1,112



• **Salmon In The Classroom.** Year two of a two-year programme was delivered to a further 5 Glens primary schools so they can experience the 'life-cycle of the salmon'. All primary schools in the Glens were given this opportunity. This is a curriculum enrichment exercise that will be followed up by a range of biodiversity upskilling.
£6,390.93



• **Heart of The Glens Website** has been created and was launched in January 2015. This has been a great source of information for people who want to find out what is happening in the area and to hear about LPS projects. This resource will be available for the duration of the five year programme.
£3,192

THE FUTURE AND WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED FROM CCGHT IN 2015/16

Despite the difficulties towards the end of the 2014/2015 in relation to financial planning for 2015/2016, CCGHT has proven throughout this annual report that the organisation is delivering, on behalf of its stakeholders and funders, a significant amount of activities and projects that directly contribute to the conservation, the enhancement and promotion of our important landscape and heritage for the benefit of all. Moreover it can and will develop and adapt itself to changes and bring new ideas and project opportunities to the area. In 2015/2016 CCGHT will continue to deliver its key services to its funding partners including the coordination of the 3 AONB Management Groups and plans and the World Heritage Site steering group and Management Plan. It will continue to deliver projects such as the £1.8m 5 year Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme. And it will bring new projects and funding including €440,000 into the 3 year project 'Drifting Apart', €220,000 into the 3 year Craft Reach project and €25,000 into the 1.5 year project 'WILDSEA Europe'. These achievements and new developments are possible thanks to the support from CCGHT's Board Directors, CCGHT's funding partners and the dedication of CCGHT's staff.



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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015**



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Total Funds £
Incoming resources					
Project Grants	2	-	302,170	302,170	173,103
Core Income		222,110	-	222,110	263,960
Investment income		64	-	64	279
Total incoming resources		222,174	302,170	524,344	437,063
Resources expended					
Expenditure of grant income	3	-	162,474	162,474	168,979
Administrative expenses	4	221,943	110,581	332,524	258,205
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	-	-	-	-
Total resources expended		221,943	273,055	494,999	427,184
Net movement in funds		231	29,115	29,346	9,879
Total funds brought forward		135,570	4,124	139,694	129,815
Total funds carried forward		135,801	33,239	169,040	139,694

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. All gains and losses recognised in the year are included above.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2015

	Notes	2015 £	2014 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible Assets	6	14,610	13,874
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	8,541	79,665
Cash at bank and in hand		155,160	65,625
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	9	9,271	19,470
NET CURRENT ASSETS		154,430	125,820
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		169,040	139,694
NET ASSETS		169,040	139,694
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
General Funds		135,801	110,620
RESTRICTED FUNDS		33,239	29,074
TOTAL FUNDS		169,040	139,694

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Members on _____ and signed on its behalf by

Director Director

COMPANY NUMBER NIO43293

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

1.8 Pensions

The pension costs charged in the financial statements represent the contribution payable by the company during the year.

1.9 Taxation

The company has charitable status and as such avails of the exemption from corporation tax in relation to charities.

2. Incoming resources from grants

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Deferred £	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
Coleraine Borough Council	11,000	-		11,000	11,000
Moyle District Council	11,000	1,700		12,700	11,000
Larne Borough Council	11,000	12,700		23,000	11,000
Limavady Borough Council	11,000	-		11,000	11,000
Ballymena Borough Council	11,000	-		11,000	11,000
Ballymoney Borough Council	7,000	-		7,000	7,000
USEL Programmes	-	1,625		1,625	1,500
NIEA	135,110	79,400		214,510	175,131
NITB	25,000	-		25,000	24,950
GRU (Grundtvig)	-	-		-	2,503
Dark Hedges	-	21,000		21,000	23,730
CCR Benches	-	177		177	1,593
ENE Project	-	(12,879)		(12,879)	19,000
LPS Heart of the Glens Project	-	136,850		136,850	66,774
NAAONB	-	-		-	172
NIEA Water Award	-	-		-	500
NGO Challenge Fund	-	57,444		57,444	47,312
INTERREG Preparatory Project	-	4,853		4,853	11,519
	<u>222,110</u>	<u>302,170</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>524,280</u>	<u>436,784</u>

3. Expenditure of restricted grant income

	2015 £	2014 £
ENE Project	(1,297)	21,507
CCR Benches	355	-
LPS – Heart of the Glens Project	43,641	35,986
NIEA Natural Heritage Grant	54,057	36,781
NGO Challenge Fund	23,827	42,932
GRU (Grundtvig)	-	2,464
Dark Hedges Project	32,913	5,052
BGLVY (Bag levy project)	-	20,631
INTERREG Preparatory Project	8,178	3,626
Innovation Voucher	800	-
	<u>162,474</u>	<u>168,979</u>

4. Administrative expenses

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2015 Total £	2014 Total £
Wages and Salaries	159,495	81,453	240,948	198,270
Pensions	13,036	2,520	15,556	5,727
Training and Conferences	858	462	1,320	999
Recruitment	330	178	508	1,188
Rent Payable	5,200	2,800	8,000	6,037
Rates	157	84	241	141
Catering and Hospitality	2,113	1,138	3,251	1,709
Insurance	610	329	939	1,352
Light and Heat	2,841	1,530	4,371	3,692
Cleaning	673	362	1,035	822
Repairs and Maintenance	3,180	1,712	4,892	5,211
Printing, Postage and Stationery	3,979	2,143	6,122	3,286
Distribution	117	63	180	407
Advertising	95	51	146	-
PR/Marketing	357	193	550	910
Telephone, Fax and Internet	3,271	1,761	5,032	5,317
Computer Costs	5,316	2,862	8,178	-
Hire of Equipment	1,732	933	2,665	3,113
Motor Expenses	9,050	4,873	13,923	8,363
Travel and Subsistence	2,620	1,411	4,031	2,350
Legal and Professional	682	367	1,049	750
Payroll Bureau	468	252	720	564
Audit	1,365	735	2,100	1,800
Bank Charges	(206)	(111)	(317)	763
Sundry Expenses	2,230	1,201	3,431	1,965
Depreciation on Tangible Assets	2,374	1,279	3,653	3,469
	<u>221,943</u>	<u>110,581</u>	<u>332,524</u>	<u>258,205</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

5. Tax on profit on ordinary activities

	2015 £	2014 £
Current Tax	-	-
UK Corporation Tax	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Company gained charitable status on 19 February 2014 and therefore is no longer subject to corporation tax.

6. Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2014	68,975	68,975
Additions	4,388	4,388
	<u>73,363</u>	<u>73,363</u>
At 31 March 2015	73,363	73,363
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2014	55,101	55,101
Charge for the year	3,652	3,652
	<u>58,753</u>	<u>58,753</u>
At 31 March 2015	58,753	58,753
Net book values		
At 31 March 2015	14,610	14,610
At 31 March 2014	13,874	13,874

7. Debtors

	2015 £	2014 £
Other Debtors	74	74
Prepayments and Accrued Income	8,467	79,591
	<u>8,541</u>	<u>79,665</u>

8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2015 £	2014 £
Bank Overdraft	-	15,486
Other Creditors	1,044	1,229
Accruals and Deferred Income	8,227	2,755
	<u>8,227</u>	<u>2,755</u>

9. Wages and salaries

	2015 £	2014 £
Salaries and Wages	220,325	181,603
Employer NIC	20,623	16,667
	<u>240,948</u>	<u>198,270</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000

10. Company limited by guarantee

In the event of winding up, the members are bound to contribute to the liabilities and expenses of the company up to a maximum of £1.





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