



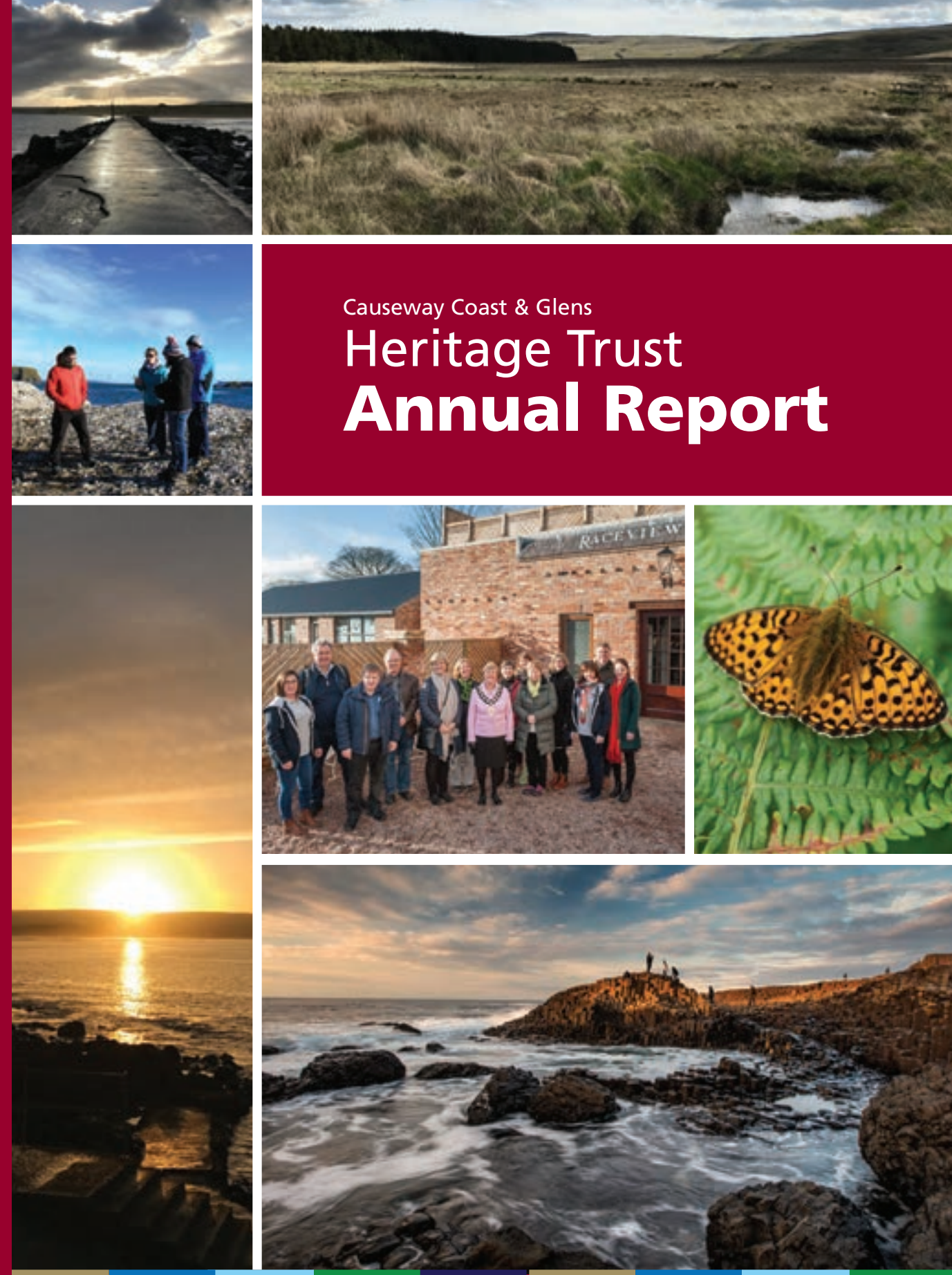
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Chairman's Report

The multi-faceted nature of our environment becomes ever more apparent.

In the Glens our Landscape Partnership team organised dry stone wall and hedge laying courses, re-created wild flower meadows and improved access facilities to our stunningly beautiful landscape – e.g. between Fair Head and Murlough Bay; elsewhere we raised the profile of marine landscape and conservation through the WildSea Europe programme; we further developed the Économusée network and continued to raise awareness of our rich coastal geology.

These are just a few examples of how CCGHT as an organisation is raising awareness of our natural heritage to both overseas and home-based audiences.

The ever increasing number of tour buses throughout the year is testimony to the popularity of the North Coast as a region offering landscape and heritage holidays. This popularity brings challenges, not least of how to minimise the environmental impact of moving large numbers of people through our area.

Financially, our organisation is in good health thanks to the support of our funding partners. However we cannot afford to become complacent and are actively seeking new projects through which we will continue to raise awareness of the qualities of this special area.

I consider CCGHT to be in an excellent position to meet both the challenges and opportunities in the year ahead.



Bill Harpur
Chairman



Chief Executive's Report

2016-17 has been a challenging yet rewarding year for CCGHT.

It has been a year in which CCGHT has demonstrated a real and positive impact through the effective delivery of three major programmes: the Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme (primarily funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund), Drifting Apart and Économusée - Craft Reach (both primarily funded by the EU's Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme). We have seen real progress on the ground ranging from the welcoming into the Économusée network of Broughgammon, Ursa Minor and Hillstown Brewery to the opening of new paths and trails in the Glens and beyond.

With our management of the Heart of the Glens we are seen in many ways as an exemplar Landscape Partnership Scheme. We have been held up to others as demonstrating best practice on how to deliver an holistic and co-ordinated series of interlinked projects with engagement with rural communities being at the heart of all we do.

With Drifting Apart we have been held up as an example of how a small organisation can effectively manage a complicated trans-national European project and ensure the delivery of challenging targets in 6 countries. With Économusée – Craft Reach, beyond the work on the ground, we have helped to refocus the overall management of the project helping partners across a wide geographical area.

The core of CCGHT's activity remains the sound management of our 3 AONBs (Binevenagh, Causeway Coast and Antrim Coast and Glens), the oversight of the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site management plan and the promotion of sustainable tourism. It would be impossible to do this work without sound agreements and relationships in place with our main core funders in Tourism NI and in DAERA's Northern Ireland Environment Agency. This year we made some progress in attempting to achieve a co-ordinated funding arrangement with all our funders that will



allow us to work more constructively and to better meet funders' strategic priorities.

We continue in all our programmes to work across the areas of responsibility of both Causeway Coast and Glens and Mid and East Antrim Borough Councils and enjoy constructive and positive relationships with both organisations.

The success of CCGHT is dependent on the commitment and capability of its staff, board and committee members. For the staff working with CCGHT is more than a job – it is a real vocation; we achieve all we do by the team going those extra miles in terms of working way beyond what is written down in job descriptions, doing more than that which is expected and doing it for the benefit of the area.

This year has seen some huge significant events: the decision of the UK to leave the European Union; the suspension of the Northern Ireland Assembly – these impact on our day to day activities but also our future plans. When this is set against the backdrop of austerity and potential further cutbacks and the bedding in of new Councils and new Government departments the level of uncertainty is massive. Our approach has been and will continue to be to get on with the job and deliver on the promises and commitments we have given.

Our future plans are dependent on circumstances and on the goodwill of others – we need to position CCGHT to make the most of these. We will seek new programme activities designed to utilise the landscape for economic regeneration and environmental benefit. We will engage with rural communities and seek ways to promote rural diversification in all its aspects. While we can, we will attempt to source funds from European sources to allow us to achieve our strategic goals and we will work with our partners to demonstrate how we can help them deliver theirs.

Graham Thompson
Chief Executive Officer



Économusée

Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust continues to play a key role as one of eight partners involved in the three-year EU Northern Periphery and Arctic Region's programme entitled Économusée Craft Reach.



Craft Reach builds on the success and experience of the previous programme - Économusée Craft International – and helps support new and existing Économusée artisans in the Causeway Coast & Glens and Mid & East Antrim areas providing advice and business support to the artisans.

Feasibility studies were developed and approved by the project steering group for the three new Économusée artisans: Ursa Minor Bakehouse, Broughgammon Farm and Hillstown Brewery. This will allow the artisans to achieve the central concept of Économusée – to provide on-site interpretive space that offers a new tourism experience as well as to enhance their business offer.

Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust shared a prominent station at Balmoral Show in May 2016 exhibiting and promoting the Craft Reach project and the Économusée concept.

As part of the Artisans as Community Drivers work package CCGHT held a Christmas themed art workshop at Castle Tower School, Ballymena in November 2016 where students designed and decorated their own hurls. These were later exhibited at a sporting legend book-signing event at Scullion Hurls Économusée.



CCGHT organised and hosted an Économusée familiarisation trip in June 2016 involving staff from 13 local Visitor Information Centres, visiting each of the six Économusée artisans in the area and learning about the international brand and concept.

Following approval, conversion work commenced at each of the three new workshops in preparation for their upcoming official Économusée launches. During this financial year two network meetings were held to encourage artisan synergy where members were updated on the project status and offered local ongoing business support.



Mayor of Mid & East Antrim Borough Council, Cllr Audrey Wales MBE at Castle Tower School in Ballymena with local artist Joanne Campbell. (November 2016)

In this financial year, CCGHT offered an exciting placement opportunity in Quebec to Sasha McVey, a young ceramicist graduate from Glenarm, and started the groundwork to secure a

similar placement for another young graduate from Bushmills to go to Breeogue Pottery in Sligo in 2017/18.

Three Project Steering Group Meetings were held this year in the Faroe Islands in June, Iceland in September and here in Northern Ireland in February.

CCGHT had the remarkable opportunity to showcase our area to our international partners from Canada, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Norway, Sweden and Republic of Ireland when the sixth project steering group meeting was held in the Marine Hotel in Ballycastle. At a banquet of local produce CCGHT gathered stakeholders, artisans and partners to hear about the Économusée project in our area and internationally.

In house, CCGHT has designed and distributed an Économusée N. Ireland quarterly newsletter, promotional project literature and has submitted applications to various business award schemes including the prestigious Tourism NI Awards.

When the Craft Reach project ends in March 2018, it is anticipated that there will be over ninety Économusée artisans throughout the Northern Hemisphere. Six of them will be here in Northern Ireland, more specifically in the Causeway Coast & Glens area. CCGHT will endeavour to source funding to continue to support the current artisans and to increase the network throughout our region and beyond.



Mayor of Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council, Cllr Maura Hickey with Économusée Craft Reach Lead Partner Norwegian Royal Society representative Kari Clausen, and Graham Thompson. (February 2017)



Mayor of Mid & East Antrim Cllr Audrey Wales MBE met with Sasha McVey to wish her well on her upcoming placement at Porcelaines Bousquet in Quebec, Canada. (October 2016)



Wildsea Europe

CCGHT continued and completed its role as project partner in this EU funded international sustainable marine tourism project.



In May CCGHT held an open best-practice and information day for marine activity operators with industry experts from Turmares (Tarifa), SUBMON, CEDaR and NIEA Marine and Fisheries Division and continued working with operators to create business profiles showcasing activities on offer on the extensively promoted wildsea.eu website.

Portnagree House was selected as the venue for the June 2016 partner meeting, hosted by CCGHT. Partners from Donegal, Spain and Croatia came to Ballycastle for two days of meetings during which website promotion and marine activity business engagement were discussed and best-practice research documents were reviewed and approved. Ballycastle based boat operator Ballycastle Charters took participants on a short excursion towards Rathlin Island to experience what our dynamic coastline has to offer.

We continued to populate the website and promote it through publicity pieces in Gap Travel as well as developing postcards showcasing wildlife and marine activities in our area. Project staff travelled to Porto, Portugal, in November for the final partner meeting and project seminar, held in conjunction with Ocean Forum and Business2sea. Here they represented the project and area at a conference station, during networking events and participated in the seminar.



The project finished in early 2017 and although CCGHT were unable to continue, many partners have carried on investing in the project. Our local marine operators continue to be promoted and benefit from this project.



Nikki with the Wildsea Europe partners at a meeting in Ballycastle



Wildsea Europe partners looking for marine wildlife in Church Bay, Rathlin Island



Drifting Apart



Now into our second year of leading the Drifting Apart project we can report that the project is progressing well. Managing the international partnership and maintaining good financial reporting has taken up a lot of project staff time this year.

CCGHT staff members travelled to Kenozero National Park, Russia, in May 2016 to lead the third Partner Steering Group meeting and see first-hand what is being delivered there through the project including a community space and classroom. Representatives from across Russia travelled to our meeting location to hold discussions on UNESCO Geoparks, best-practice in sustainable geological tourism and community engagement. This was a great opportunity for us to share experiences and learn from others. During the meeting project progress was reviewed, timetables for virtual reality filming in each partner area decided and key milestones for the next six months discussed and agreed.

In late autumn the fourth Partner Steering Group meeting took place in Fortwilliam, Scotland. CCGHT staff again attended to lead the meeting where interpretation and access projects were timetabled, key development decisions about the project's virtual reality output were decided and funding for the work and partnership beyond the three year project discussed.

Over the winter months we delivered a Teach the Teachers Geology course for teachers from primary, secondary and special needs schools in Magilligan Field Centre with help from Dr. Kirstin Lemon (GSNI) and geology teacher Nicole Sloane. Four evening classroom sessions covered the basic concepts of geology and links were made to the national curriculum, while a field trip to Limavady town centre, White Rocks beach and Ballintoy harbour allowed participants to put their new knowledge into practice. A further course will be run next year in the Mid and East Antrim area.

Looking towards our third and final year we will continue to manage project implementation and reporting to the project secretariat, the partnership between the seven lead partner organisations and deliver various projects in the CCGHT area including refreshed interpretation at key geological sites, development of virtual reality facilities and continue to explore the UNESCO Geopark potential in the CCGHT area.



Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme (LPS)

The Heart of The Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme is a programme that aims to provide a space for people to reconnect with the natural landscape and their native heritage.



The programme provides training in traditional skills, promotes tourism and develops business opportunities. To do this we have developed a range of projects, activities and events designed to enhance understanding of the unique heritage of The Glens.

The scheme is generously funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs . Our partnership works for all of the nine Glens of Antrim as well as taking in some of Glenravel and the uplands near Loughgiel.

Communications:

- 18 Articles in local press
- 1 radio appearance
- 4 community newsletters
- Countless emails and social media posts
- Ongoing website information
- Community training events and seminars

The project is very wide and varied covering a huge range of projects. Here are some highlights from 2016-17:

Glendun Ecosystem Approach: This project engaged with the Glendun community, landowners and other local stakeholders to explore how they can maximise the benefits from their landscape. A wide range of research and programmes have been developed for this area, including a draft village plan for Cushendun, a draft access plan, a survey and presentation of alternative energy opportunities for the glen. Farm resilience plans have also been completed as part of this scheme. Project feedback will assess the value of this scheme as a method for community planning going forward. A celebration event is planned for winter 2017.



Open day at Cloughancor, Cushendall hosted by the partnership of Queen's University and Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme.

Great Glens Grasslands: A hugely successful project connecting access, interpretation, biodiversity and agriculture. 10 sites have been developed across the region to be managed by a range of local groups including both local councils. The Mayors of Mid and East Antrim and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Councils officially launched the project.



One of the eleven meadows developed across the glens being enjoyed by local school children.

Biodiversity Talks, Training & Rare Species Conservation: We continued with wildflower ramble and bumblebee training courses which were attended by 29 people. Our ongoing work on the conservation of Wood Cranes-bill and Meadow Cranes-bill have been hugely successful with the plants now growing on 10 new sites. The Great Burnet was in a much more critical condition and will take a longer period until it can be propagated in significant numbers.



Tomás Murray (National Biodiversity Data Centre) leading a local group of children on a bumblebee training course.

Outdoor learning with schools: This hugely successful project with 10 primary schools is reaching its final phase. A two-year programme of habitat creation, training and teacher-to-teacher peer learning will culminate in the launch of our 'For teachers by teachers learning resource', developing school sites as well as skills amongst teachers to engage in more local and outdoor learning.



Pupils from St Patrick's PS, Glenariff learning about pond life and species of wild flowers.

Access: We created 9km of new walks in Glendun at Ronan's Way and 2km of new boardwalk and meadow paths at Glenariff.



Heritage Skills: We have delivered a range of skills training including Mountain Leader, woodcraft skills, fine stonemasonry, traditional cooking, foraging and wild cookery, hedge laying, stonewall building and traditional pillar construction. Over 150 people have attended these.

Community Archaeology Dig at Retreat Castle. 12 schools engaged, 2 public talks, 26 volunteers. This project has changed the historical knowledge of a well-known landmark. An archaeological walk was attended by 27 people.



A participant on the Wood Carving course facilitated by Raymond Watson.

Supporting Artisans: Partnership with Naturally North Coast and Glens Artisan market. The market has now over 60 members. We launched the Market booklet and are now working on linking artisans to other outlets in local shops, restaurants etc.



One of the monthly markets run by Naturally North Coast and Glens Artisan Market.

Tour Guide training: In total 24 completed Open College Network (OCN) Level 2 and a further 9 completed OCN level 3. This hugely successful scheme has seen immediate impacts, with many working as guides, some developing new businesses and an overall growth in tour guiding in the region. Impacts have been immediate with many working as guides. In total, each qualified guide receives 5 different certificates.



Group of newly qualified tour guides taking part in their Level 2 assessment.

Farmland Resilience: We developed enhanced management plans for 6 farms as the first part of a farm resilience programme in partnership with The Woodland Trust. This hugely successful scheme has delivered a wide range of potential benefits to farmers including information on new breeds of stock, use of different sward types as well as green infrastructure to reduce the impacts of wind, rain, parasites and disease. We also looked at diversification options when relevant. This programme also delivers multiple environmental benefits at farm, community and global level.



John McAuley, one of the farmers involved in the Glens of Antrim Farm Resilience projects receiving information from The Woodland Trust, one of the Landscape Partnership partners.

Designated Landscapes

2016/17 was a successful year in terms of the coordination and delivery of key landscape conservation activities throughout our designated landscapes.



Whilst financial resources for project activities in our Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and World Heritage Site have reduced considerably in recent years, the AONB and WHS team has engaged partners and pooled available resources to deliver a series of excellent projects in the Binevenagh, Causeway Coast and Antrim Coast and Glens areas.

These projects ensure that the custodians of our special landscapes (landowners, land managers and the public) are well equipped to:

- Conserve or enhance the natural beauty or amenities of the area
- Conserve the wildlife, historic features and natural processes of the area
- Promote enjoyment of our special places
- Provide (where appropriate) public access to our special places

The Binevenagh, Causeway Coast and Antrim Coast and Glens management forums met throughout 2016/17 to review AONB Action Plan progress. Key achievements of our AONB partnerships included:

- the launch of the new Binevenagh AONB Action Plan for 2017 – 2022
- the delivery of five engaging videos which explore the seascape and landscape of the Causeway Coast and Glens and Mid and East Antrim Borough Council areas.

- extensive research and public consultation on the defence heritage and outdoor recreation potential of the Binevenagh and Coastal Lowlands area in advance of an application for a Landscape Partnership Scheme
- development of a new partnership between CCGHT, Coleraine Rotary Club, Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and others, to promote the historic site of Mountsandel as a key tourism, education and recreation resource
- replacement of outdated and damaged AONB signage at Breen Oak Wood, Portrush and Magilligan Nature Reserves
- the delivery of our most successful events programme ever, with over 500 people attending 22 events, including paddleboarding, coasteering, beach cleans, boat trips, archaeological walks, storytelling, foraging and wild cookery, and many more
- delivery of training programmes to upskill partners, local businesses and community groups e.g. bumblebee surveying, wildfire and controlled burning, and Sea Buckthorn management and dune restoration
- securing funding through DAERA's Challenge Fund to complete



Wildfire & controlled burning training event at the Glenwhirry Hill Farm with Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, NIEA and CAFRE.

two reports on the impact of invasive species on Rathlin Island, including an update of the Rathlin Island Rat and Ferret Eradication Feasibility Study from 2011.



Seashore scavenge with Ulster Wildlife at Glenarm

- Work with DAERA Marine and Fisheries Division and Ulster Wildlife to undertake a consultation process to develop a management plan for the Skerries & Causeway Marine SAC, designated in 2013. The full consultation and MarESA assessment were completed and a draft plan submitted to DAERA. The management plan will be fully developed and finalised following the completion of a marine fisheries assessment currently being undertaken by AFBI and DAERA.



Benone Beach litter pick with St. Aidan's Primary School

In addition of our direct investments in landscape conservation, we continued to invest in our long-term future by upskilling the AONB and WHS team through a range of accredited training courses, including Rescue Emergency Care (REC) First Aid Training, BSAC Snorkelling Instructor Qualifications, OCR Heritage Tour Guiding Levels Two and Three Qualifications, PADI Open Water Diver Training Qualifications and Hill and Moorland Leader Awards.



Binevenagh AONB sign at Magilligan Point with Binevenagh in the background



Glendun from Cregagh Wood



World Heritage Site Steering Group



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization



In 2016/17 CCGHT continued in its role supporting the Giant's Causeway and Causeway Coast World Heritage Site steering group. Although little specific funding for WHS activities was available CCGHT hosted a series of WHS related events and continued to co-ordinate successful implementation of the WHS Action Plan.

Following an application by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency and approval by UNESCO in June 2016 the WHS grew by 5m along almost all of the inland boundary. The decision to move the boundary of the site inland from the cliff edge by 5m was in response to continued erosion and rock falls and followed the recommendations of an UNESCO Mission to the site in 2013.



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Statement of Financial Activities

For the year ended
31 March 2017

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2017

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Income from:					
Grants received	3	199,560	423,998	623,558	591,412
Investment income	4	159	-	159	4
Total income		199,719	423,998	623,717	591,416
Expenditure on:					
Expenditure of restricted grant income	5	243,052	360,515	603,567	456,318
Administrative expenses	4	218,024	116,302	334,326	332,524
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	5	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(43,333)	63,483	20,150	135,098
Fund balances at 1 April 2016		130,393	173,748	304,141	169,039
Fund balances at 31 March 2017		87,060	237,231	324,291	304,137

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT
31 MARCH 2017

	Notes	2017 £	£	2016 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	10	18,854		14,250	
Investments	11	50,000		50,000	
			<u>68,854</u>		<u>64,250</u>
Current assets					
Debtors	13	13,580		13,578	
Cash at bank and in hand		251,857		236,380	
		<u>265,437</u>		<u>249,958</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(10,000)		(10,071)	
Net current assets			<u>255,437</u>		<u>239,887</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>324,291</u>		<u>304,137</u>
Income funds					
Restricted funds		237,231		173,747	
Unrestricted funds		87,060		130,390	
		<u>324,291</u>		<u>304,137</u>	

The accounts were approved by the Members on 26 September 2017

William Harpur
Trustee

Roy Craig
Trustee

Company Registration No. NI043293

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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	Notes	2017 £	£	2016 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	16		24,882		134,420
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(9,567)		(3,203)	
Interest received		159		4	
Net cash used in investing activities			(9,408)		(3,199)
Net cash used in financing activities			-		-
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents			15,474		131,221
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			236,381		105,160
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			251,855		236,381



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1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is:

Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust Ltd, 27 Main Street, Armoy, Ballymoney. BT53 8SL

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The company is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

These accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017 are the first accounts of Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust Limited prepared in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland. The date of transition to FRS 102 was 1 April 2015. The reported financial position and financial performance for the previous period are not affected by the transition to FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the Members have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Directors' continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Members in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the company.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the company is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the company has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the company has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

1.5 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. Premises overheads have been allocated on a floor area basis and other overheads have been allocated on the basis of the head count.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management carried out at Headquarters. Management and administration costs are incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% Reducing Balance
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The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

Recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less costs to sell and value in use. In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset for which the estimates of future cash flows have not been adjusted.

If the recoverable amount of an asset is estimated to be less than its carrying amount, the carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognised immediately in income/(expenditure) for the year, unless the relevant asset is carried at a revalued amount, in which case the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation decrease.

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Recognised impairment losses are reversed if, and only if, the reasons for the impairment loss have ceased to apply. Where an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to the revised estimate of its recoverable amount, but so that the increased carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognised for the asset in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognised immediately, unless the relevant asset is carried in at a revalued amount, in which case the reversal of the impairment loss is treated as a revaluation increase.

1.7 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.8 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the company's balance sheet when the company becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

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1.9 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

1.10 Retirement benefits

Payments to defined contribution retirement benefit schemes are charged as an expense as they fall due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the company's accounting policies, the Members are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3 Grants received

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Grants received	199,560	423,998	623,558	591,412
For the year ended 31 March 2016	212,609	378,803		591,412

Grants receivable for core activities and projects

DAERA	-	185,000	185,000	177,870
National Heritage Lottery	174,669	143,604	318,273	-
Mid and East Antrim Council	22,000	965	22,965	22,000
NPA	-	57,760	57,760	-
Causeway Coast and Glens Council	-	8,750	8,750	46,020
NI Tourism Board	-	6,500	6,500	15,750
Sea Europe	-	16,076	16,076	5,859
ENE	-	1,033	1,033	39,977
LPS Heart of the Glens project	-	-	-	281,487
Funding for courses and other miscellaneous grants	2,891	4,310	7,201	2,449
	199,560	423,998	623,558	591,412

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4 Investment income

	2017	2016
	£	£
Interest receivable	159	4

5 Expenditure of restricted grant income

	2017	2016
	£	£
ENE Project	25,084	2,959
LPS - Heart of the Glens Project	128,907	97,592
NIEA Natural Heritage Grant	36,761	11,877
Dark Hedges Project	-	3,831
Northern Periphery Programme	33,650	5,133
Sea Europe	4,387	600

228,789 121,992

Share of support costs (see note 7)

368,838 331,272

Share of governance costs (see note 7)

5,940 3,054

603,567 456,318

Analysis by fund

Unrestricted funds

243,052

Restricted funds

360,515

603,567

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Unrestricted funds

218,023

Restricted funds

238,295

456,318

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6 Administrative costs

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2017	Total 2016
	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	198,702	106,993	305,695	271,170
Depreciation	3,227	1,737	4,964	3,563
Exchange losses	(311)	(166)	(477)	-
Training & recruitment	3,979	2,143	6,122	4,683
Motor & travel	9,267	4,990	14,257	13,590
Rent, rates, insurance & utilities	7,200	3,877	11,077	13,417
Telephone	4,544	2,446	6,990	4,904
Computer costs	4,022	2,165	6,187	5,035
Repairs, cleaning & equipment hire	3,369	1,814	5,183	3,308
Printing, postage & stationery	2,998	1,615	4,613	6,920
Sundry expenses	2,748	1,480	4,228	4,682
Audit fees	1,693	911	2,604	2,160
Legal & professional	2,168	1,168	3,336	894
	243,606	131,173	374,779	334,326

7 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2017	2016	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Staff costs	305,695	-	305,695	271,170	
Depreciation	4,964	-	4,964	3,563	
Exchange gains	(477)	-	(477)	-	
Training & recruitment	6,122	-	6,122	4,683	
Motor & travel	14,257	-	14,257	13,590	
Rent, rates, insurance & utilities	11,077	-	11,077	13,417	
Telephone	6,990	-	6,990	4,904	
Computer costs	6,187	-	6,187	5,035	
Repairs, cleaning & equipment hire	5,183	-	5,183	3,308	
Printing, postage & stationery	4,613	-	4,613	6,920	
Sundry expenses	4,228	-	4,228	4,682	
Audit fees	-	2,604	2,604	2,160	Governance
Legal and professional	-	3,336	3,336	894	Governance
	368,839	5,940	374,779	334,326	
Analysed between Charitable activities	368,839	5,940	374,779	334,326	

Governance costs includes payments to the auditors of £1,404 for audit fees and a further £1,200 for the Binevenagh audit.

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8 Members

None of the Members (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the company during the year.

9 Employees

Number of employees
The average monthly number employees during the year was:

	2017 Number	2016 Number
Direct charitable activities	10	10
Adminstration	1	1
	<u>11</u>	<u>11</u>

Employment costs

	2017 £	2016 £
Wages and salaries	262,413	236,194
Social security costs	22,162	20,736
Other pension costs	21,120	14,240
	<u>305,695</u>	<u>271,170</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings £
Cost	
At 1 April 2016	76,567
Additions	9,567
At 31 March 2017	86,134
Depreciation and impairment	
At 1 April 2016	62,316
Depreciation charged in the year	4,964
At 31 March 2017	<u>67,280</u>
Carrying amount	
At 31 March 2017	<u>18,854</u>
At 31 March 2016	<u>14,250</u>

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11 Fixed asset investments

	Listed investments £	
Cost or valuation		
At 1 April 2015 & 31 March 2016		50,000
Carrying amount		
At 31 March 2017		50,000
At 31 March 2016		50,000
 Listed investments included above:	2017 £	2016 £
Listed investments carrying amount	50,000	50,000
Market value if different from carrying amount	57,399	49,947

12 Financial instruments

	2017 £	2016 £
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	2	-
Equity instruments measured at cost less impairment	50,000	50,000

Carrying amount of financial liabilities

Measured at amortised cost	9,968	10,071
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13 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:	2017 £	2016 £
Trade debtors	2	-
Prepayments and accrued income	13,578	13,578
	13,580	13,578

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14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2017 £	2016 £
Corporation tax payable	32	-
Other creditors	863	74
Accruals and deferred income	9,105	9,997
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,071</u>

15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	£	£	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2017 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	18,854	-	18,854
Investments	50,000	-	50,000
Current assets/(liabilities)	255,437	-	255,437
	<u>324,291</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>324,291</u>

16 Cash generated from operations

	2017 £	2016
£		
Surplus for the year	20,150	135,098
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in profit or loss	(159)	(4)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	4,964	3,563
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase) in debtors	(2)	(5,112)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(71)	875
Cash generated from operations	<u>24,882</u>	<u>134,420</u>



List of Board Members/ Advisers and Staff 2016/17

Directors

Mr William Harpur OBE - Chairman
Mr Roy Craig – Vice Chairman
Mr Hubert Nicholl - Independent
Ald. Sam Cole – Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council
Cllr Margaret Anne McKillop - Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council
Cllr Sandra Hunter - Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council
Cllr Kieran Mulholland - Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council
Ald Tommy Nicholl – Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Ald Maureen Morrow – Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Mr Max Bryant – National Trust
Mrs Shirley Orr – Independent
Mr Michael Jones – Castlerock Community Association
Mr George McAuley – Ulster Farmers' Union
Mr Graham Seymour – Independent

Advisers

Mrs Ainsley McWilliams - Mid & East Antrim Borough Council
Mr Richard Gillen – Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council
Mr Colum McDaid – NIEA, DAERA
Ms Brenda Murphy, Tourism NI

Staff

Mr Graham Thompson, CEO (since May 2016)
Dr Andrew Bratton
Dr Réamaí Mathers
Mrs Carole O'Kane
Mrs Tierna Mullan
Ms Nikki Maguire
Mr Richard Donaghey
Mrs Anne-Marie Laverty
Ms Laura McAuley
Mr Brian Gaynor
Mrs Cathy McClintock (resigned February 2017)