

CORK NATURE NETWORK

Annual Report 2020



A registered charity and a company limited by guarantee with no shares

Registered Address:

An sabin, Ballinvoher, Castletownroche, County Cork Charity number: 21602

Registration Numbers:

Charity Registration Number: 20103200

Company number: 560881

2020 Directors:

Gill Weyman | Chair (Resigned and re elected)

Harm Deenen (Appointed Sept 2020) | Treasurer

Valerie Soma Webmaster (Resigned and re-elected)

Will O'Leary (Resigned Sept 2020)

Helena Gavin (Appointed Sept 2020)

Brian McElligott

Eileen O'Riordan (Appointed Sept 2020).

Secretary

Rosiane Benick

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WELCOME



GILL WEYMAN
Chair

I am delighted to introduce this annual report for 2020. We started the year with a range of outdoor events, and plans for 2020. Then with the restrictions due to the Covid19 situation, we had to adapt and our operations to be held online.

The team responded to this challenge and with new directors on board the organisation focused on its governance and the strategic direction for the next five years.

Moving our talks and activities to online reduced our potential income but with a focus on promoting membership and donations at our events, we also succeeded in increasing our membership and our image. With a bigger and better marketing team, the organisation was rebranded to ensure that we could stand with other national organisations. We also thank our many members. Thank you for believing in us and giving us your support. We truly value this.

The team of volunteers has also steadily grown and the level of volunteering effort greatly increased. I would like to thank all of our valiant and committed volunteers. Cork Nature Network is so appreciative of your involvement in our organisation.

I look forward to working with the team in 2021 and achieving more successes. Together we stand and we go "Onwards and upwards".

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "G. Weyman".

Gill Weyman

SUMMARY OF THE ORGANISATION'S PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES

The aim of Cork Nature Network is:

To benefit the community of Ireland by promoting and encouraging the conservation of wildlife and habitats by educating and increasing the awareness of the need for conservation.

To promote nature conservation.

To educate and increase awareness of the need for conservation.

The following are summaries from our directors on progress in 2020

Valerie Soma (Website Officer)

In 2020, the website was reviewed and improved to become more visual. New pages were created and a blog type page was started with a lot of wildlife information.

Brian McElligott (Health and Safety Director)

No accidents or injuries were reported by or to CNN in 2020 and no other health and safety incidents or near misses were reported. Much of CNN's activities were impacted by Covid-19 and the knock-on impact of events largely being restricted to online only resulted in reduced scope for safety incidents. A thorough review of CNN's health and safety policies and procedures was undertaken in 2020, resulting in updates to

The full suite of health and safety documentation, including health and safety statement, risk assessment, accident reporting form and various Covid-19 procedures and measures were introduced.

Helena Gavin (Marketing Director)

In 2020 the focus of the Marketing team was:

- Improving Social Media communication: The number of volunteers in the marketing team increased resulting in a more efficient section. An internal communications framework was also developed focusing on engagement with the public.
- Branding. This was streamlined to ensure a professional and homogeneous image.
- The technical manager and marketing manager created a team of experts to assist in creating content to educate and raise awareness.
- A full review was undertaken and updates stemming from the review were started in 2021

COMPANY DEVELOPMENT

In 2020, the board of directors undertook a comprehensive review of the organisation. The Code of Governance was signed off and a Strategic Plan was developed. This will be reviewed on an annual basis in light of Covid19 requirements.

PROJECTS

BEAUMONT QUARRY

Beaumont Quarry has continued to be the flagship project. A number of clean ups were held until the Covid restrictions stopped all other activity. The site has been continuously monitored in terms of its management. A project funded by the Local Community Environmental Programme which was designed to run educational courses on site was moved to an online education module and a video produced on the quarry introduced by Niamh O'Flynn Cork Nature Network Education Officer.



CORK OTTERS

An otter promotion officer was engaged to join Cork Nature Network at the end of 2020 to promote otters. A set of otter Christmas cards were designed as well as a number of promotions about otters. The otter survey was put on hold until 2021. This was funded by Fota Wildlife Park and Local Waters and Community Programme.

GREEN SPACES

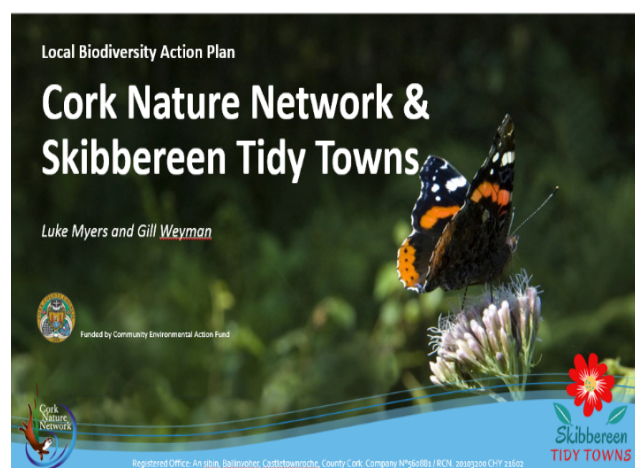
Having taken over the helm of the Greenspaces project in late March 2020, a number of visits were made to Park Owen. A plan of action was drawn up to include future surveys and signage as well as supplementing the meadow with further wildflower seed collected locally. However, with the pandemic and with Ireland placed on lockdown many of these goals could not be reached.

Over the new year, Marion one of our Park Owen volunteers, conducted a quick survey for the BSBI for the new year flower count and submitted her findings. Our Meadow was unfortunately cut right down early in the season, but has made a recovery.

NATURE PLANS

Funding from the Local Community Environmental Action Plan was secured for a project on Community Nature Plans. Two funds were secured. One from Cork County Council and the second for Kerry County Council. The first project involved a partnership with Skibbereen Tidy Towns. Meetings were held and a plan of action was developed. With COVID19 restrictions, the training had to be developed on line. The sites chosen include Donovan Rossa Park and Riverside. An action plan was developed and signs put up in the areas. Work is ongoing at these sites.

The Kerry County Council Funding was a smaller project where we presented online to the community on developing a nature plan. Paid social media promotions and emails were focused on the Kerry County area.



EVENTS IN 2020

In 2020, a number of events were organised. The start of the year began with physical events including a pub quiz on February. 3rd, where over 25 people attended. A number of prizes were gained and a huge thanks to the Cork Nature Network team and Marion for all their hard work. In 2020, we had to respond to the COVID19 situation and deliver all talks on line. The Dunsany Rewilding Project was the first talk held under lockdown conditions and a music online fundraising event in June. Since then all events have been delivered online and have been well attended.

Event	Date of event	No booked
Beaumont Quarry Clean Up	25 January 2020	30
World Wetland Day	2 February 2020	25
Beaumont Quarry Clean Up	22 February 2020	60
CNN Talk - Birds of Prey of County Cork.	26 February 2020	50
Dunsany Nature Reserve: Rewilding Nature Online event	16 August 2020	50
Online Talk: Cork Urban Otters	18 August 2020	50
Local Biodiversity Action Plans	19 August 2020	25
Cork City Green Spaces	22 September 2020	25
Community Nature Plan	24 October 2020	60
Nature in Cork City	26 November 2020	490
Total		865



In 2020, Cork Nature Network was offered the opportunity to produce a film on Nature in Cork City. This funded by Cork City Council and launched in November 2020. The film was very popular and numbers attending on the evening were in excess of 300. The film is now available on the You Tube video channel.

In December Cork Nature Network held its first Christmas online party. This proved challenging but the team rose to the need and a great night was held by all with prizes awarded and a murder mystery challenge.

MEMBERSHIP

In 2020, our membership continued to rise steadily. New innovative ways were developed as part of our online events to promote membership, which was made easily accessible through links and social media promotions.

BRANCHES

The West Cork Branch continued to develop. A workshop called Dreaming Skibbereen was held in the spring and then the group developed in numbers to work towards the Tree project.

SUMMARY

In 2020, **Cork Nature Network** continued to grow as an organisation. New volunteers and a company review has focused our direction. Cork Nature Network has adapted to working online and to offer a range of professionally run and excellent talks. We have increased our team and the level of volunteering in the organisation. We have delivered projects online and look forward to further expanding our work and reach in 2021.

Cork Nature Network would like to thank the many volunteers who became part of our vibrant team and for the huge amount of work that is being undertaken.

Funders:

Local Waters and Community Programme
Cork County Council
Kerry County Council
Lush
Cork City
Council Fota
Wildlife Park

FINANCIAL REPORT

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INCOME STATEMENT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 €	2019 €
Income	4	29,824	23,640
Expenditure		(13,557)	(17,813)
Surplus before tax		16,267	5,827
Tax on surplus		-	-
Surplus for the financial year	10	16,267	5,827

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the financial year. The results for the financial year have been calculated on the historical cost basis. The company's income and expenses all relate to continuing operations.

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STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED GAINS AND LOSSES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 €	2019 €
Surplus after taxation	16,267	5,827
Total recognised gains relating to the financial year	16,267	5,827
Total recognised gains since last annual report	16,267	5,827

Note of historical cost surpluses and deficits

The difference between the results as disclosed in the income and expenditure account and the result on an unmodified historical cost basis is not material.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

as at 31 December 2020

	Notes	2020 €	2019 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	6	1,080	277
Current Assets			
Debtors	7	361	750
Cash at bank and in hand		33,226	13,809
		33,587	14,559
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	8	(5,914)	(2,350)
Net Current Assets		27,673	12,209
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		28,753	12,486
Reserves			
Income and expenditure account	10	28,753	12,486
Members' Funds		28,753	12,486

Cork Nature Network CLG**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2020

	2020 €	2019 €
Income	29,824	23,640
Expenditure		
Health & Safety Training	-	1,200
Insurance	559	515
Project Production Costs	5,509	14,260
Repairs and maintenance	541	-
Recruitment & training	875	-
Printing, postage and stationery & carriage	1,068	41
Advertising & PR Literature & Brochures	1,147	774
Computer & internet costs	203	-
Mileage & travelling exp	305	-
Legal and professional	50	20
Education, School Talks	1,325	-
Accountancy	861	800
Bank charges	191	110
General expenses	643	-
Subscriptions	34	-
Depreciation	246	93
	13,557	17,813
Net surplus	16,267	5,827