



CLARE COUNTY HERITAGE PLAN 2023-2029

Clare County Council is commencing the preparation of its 4th Clare County Heritage Plan 2023–2029. The Clare County Heritage Plan sets out the vision and direction for heritage management for the next six years and when complete will represent an agreed plan for the future of Heritage in County Clare.

Public participation at this early stage of the plan-making process is important to ensure that the new Heritage Plan both reflects and responds to public concerns and aspirations, as well as addressing National and Regional heritage strategies and guidelines. Clare County Council is seeking your input in order to establish the priority issues for Heritage in County Clare. We look forward to your valued participation at this stage of the new Plan preparation and at future public consultation stages.

Under the Heritage Act 1995, heritage is defined as including landscape, seascapes, flora, fauna, wildlife habitats, monuments, archaeological objects, architectural heritage, heritage objects, geology, inland waterways, heritage gardens and parks and wrecks.

Why start the new Clare Heritage Plan 2023–2029 now?

The current Clare County Heritage Plan 2023-2029 was adopted in December 2017. The new Clare County Heritage Plan 2023–2029 will take into account details from the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029 which came into effect in April 2023. The new Heritage Plan will have regard to this County Development Plan and build upon its goals and objectives for Heritage across County Clare.

This initial stage of pre-draft consultation will run until the **21st of August 2023**. Following this, a draft Heritage Plan will be produced and will be available for further public consultation and consideration. Clare County Council encourages public participation during the preparation of the new Clare County Heritage Plan 2023- 2029.

Have Your Say

Clare County Council wishes to draw attention to the broad areas which the Clare County Heritage Plan covers, to highlight strategic issues and to stimulate debate and thinking concerning the future actions for County Clare.

How can you get involved?

You can take part in the pre-draft consultation process by:

- Completing the online survey at <https://yoursay.clarecoco.ie/clareheritageplan2023-2029> during the period from **21st July 2023 to 21st August 2023** inclusive.
- Making a submission/observation on the new Clare County Heritage Plan 2023-2029 during the period from **21st July 2023 to 21st August 2023** inclusive.

A submission/observation can be submitted by one of the following methods:

- **In writing to:** Clare County Heritage Plan 2023-2029, Planning Department, Clare County Council, New Road, Ennis, Co Clare. V95 DXP2
- **By email to:** heritage@clarecoco.ie
Subject headline should read **“Clare County Heritage Plan 2023-2029”**.

All submissions should include your name and address, and where relevant, details of any organisation, community group or company etc., which you represent.

Note: As this is a public consultation process, submissions may be made available for public viewing and consequently personal details such as address, email address, and phone number should be submitted on a separate sheet accompanying the submission or observation.

We would welcome your views on these or indeed any other issues that you may consider important for inclusion in the new Clare County Heritage Plan 2023-2029.

The deadline for completion of the online survey and receipt of submissions/observations is Monday 21st August 2023.

If you have any queries or require more detail, please contact the Forward Planning Section by email at: heritage@clarecoco.ie or by phone at 065 6846426/6846451.

**Carmel Kirby, Director of Services,
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