



Our Year in the Burren 2016

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connecting people and place



A Year with the Burrenbeo Trust 2016

Over the past year, the Burrenbeo team of staff and volunteers have been working hard to deliver our wide range of programmes while also seeking new opportunities to enhance our impact. This year we carried out 50 different programmes, each one focused on connecting people with place and helping to identify ways that we can all care for our places into the future. We recently reviewed – and expanded – our overall mission so that the pioneering work we do here reaches far beyond the Burren's limestone walls, connecting us with communities and landscapes across Ireland and beyond.

Among our many highlights in 2016, some worthy of mention include: co-ordinating the wonderful community-led Burren Winterage Weekend; restructuring our website to reflect our evolving message and to expand on the Burren information we are sharing; joining the European wide HNV-LINK network where our models of land stewardship will be shared; co-ordinating the annual Learning Landscape Symposium which continues to help guide us all on the future

of place-based learning in Ireland; overseeing the inaugural 'Working for Wellbeing of People and Place' workshop which showcased the great work our conservation volunteers are doing in the Burren and brought together conservation volunteers from all over Ireland; delivering a high standard of monthly heritage walks and talks, the Burren in Bloom festival, place-based learning programmes in schools, conservation volunteer events and much more.

Burrenbeo Trust is proud of what it manages to achieve each year on a shoestring budget with an outstanding amount of volunteer input.

Without your support, whether financial or in-kind, we would not have been able to achieve a fraction of what we have, so THANK YOU.

If you are new to the organisation, we hope you will see what a fantastic investment this organisation is, with many more great things to come in 2017!

**Brigid Barry
Burrenbeo Trust Manager
December 2016**

The Organisation in Numbers

Photo Martin Kieley

Since the beginning:

- 5,104** People have attended the **158** educational monthly heritage walks and winter talks series since 2009. With an additional **2843** attendances on our annual Burren in Bloom walks and talks series since 2010.
- 1,182** Young Burren Experts have graduated from our free 10-week Ecobeo heritage programme in **27** different local schools since its inception in 2003.
- 331** People have registered, for free, with the Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers to carry out active conservation projects in the region since 2010.
- 189** Place Heroes have graduated from our Áitbheo 10-week active place-based learning programme since 2013 in Transition Year.
- 120** Monthly e-newsletters have been sent out to a growing base of Burrenbeo subscribers with news and events from the region since 2007. Currently **4514** people receive this free each month.
- 102** Grant applications were written to 23 different funding bodies since 2009 in order to keep this organisation afloat. 55 were successful, generating €357,808 for the organisation in the past 8 years.
- 75** Primary school teachers from **13** different counties have trained on our 5-day place-based education courses since 2014; this is key in order to spread the model of place-based learning nationally.
- 24** Different Burren farmers have led walks across their land in the Burren for Burrenbeo Trust in order to raise awareness of this exceptional landscape with its unique story since 2008. A further **78** different heritage experts have also given their time for free to raise awareness through walks and talks for the organisation.
- 8** Years ago the Burrenbeo Trust was launched as a landscape charity building on the educational work of Burrenbeo Teoranta started by Brendan Dunford and Ann O'Connor in the 5 years earlier.

This year:

- 35,550** People have viewed our website this year with over 100 pages of information on the Burren's natural, built and cultural heritage. This amounted to **96,204** individual page hits and includes our subsidiary festival websites.
- 6,217** People currently follow us on the social media sites Facebook and Twitter.
- 3,852** Voluntary hours were donated by the community to the organisation this year amounting to **€77,040** in potential fees donated. This excludes the work by the Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers as accounted for below.
- 2,797** People attended our public events this year celebrating the Burren and learning from it, including the Learning Landscape Symposium, the Burren in Bloom festival, the Working for Wellbeing of People and Place conference, and the Winterage Weekend. This does not include our monthly walks and winter tea talks.
- 352** People are currently members of the Burrenbeo Trust. Ideally this should rise to 1000 in order to increase our reach across the region.
- 138** Thousand Euros is the amount that Burrenbeo Trust had to raise this year with no core funding. This is a shoestring budget to deliver the wide range of programmes and a testament to the value for money that the organisation is.
- 95** Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers made up **230** attendances at 24 conservation events this year. This adds up to approximately **1150** man-hours donated to the region in active conservation.
- 50** Programmes were coordinated and delivered by the Trust this year.
- 18** Grants applications were written this year by Burrenbeo Trust with only 7 being successful amounting to only 25% of what we need. It is increasingly difficult to fit heritage, environment and sustainable communities into grant requirements.
- 3** Staff currently work at the Burrenbeo Trust office amounting collectively to just **84** hours a week to coordinate and deliver the 50 programmes the organisation has today. With no core support, this is only possible with outstanding community support and voluntary time.

Goals for 2017

The Burrenbeo Trust aims not only to continue and strengthen its current programmes but also to focus on the following:

- To highlight how learning in place, through place and for place is hugely beneficial for individuals and their community.
- To develop our place-based education models so that they can be rolled out nationally.
- To develop a community stewardship programme that connects the youth of the Burren to active conservation.
- To further develop our events so that they are community-led and driven as much as possible.
- To strengthen the role of Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers in active conservation in the community, whilst also promoting green health and combatting social isolation.
- To develop a strategy to become more engaged with some of the socio-economic challenges of the region in the belief that supporting communities, supports the environment.
- To explore ways to make the organisation financially stable.

A Message from the Trust Secretary

As we reflect on, and celebrate, another memorable year for the Burrenbeo Trust, we remain focussed on the journey ahead. Our roots remain firmly in the Burren and we will continue to tirelessly pursue our vision of the Burren as a living, learning landscape, sustaining a vibrant local community who will be the active stewards of their own amazing heritage. But we also see the Burren as a source of learning and inspiration for others, in particular people interested in place based learning and high nature value farming, key elements in the conservation and sustainable management of our landscapes. We thank you for your support thus far and we hope that you – and many others – will actively participate in this important and exciting journey in the years ahead.

Brendan Dunford
Trust Secretary, Burrenbeo Trust

'The work of the Trust has done so much to continue the process of putting the farmers of the Burren centre stage vis a vis all things to do with the essential story of the Burren'

Risteard Crimmins,
Trust Director

Photo Karen Dunn

A Breakdown of the Organisation

Our Mission

Burrenbeo Trust is a landscape charity dedicated to connecting all of us to our places and our role in caring for them.

Our Vision

HERITAGE CONSERVATION

A place which is valued for its natural, built and cultural heritage; whose conservation is innovative and sustainable, and can be used as a model elsewhere to help other communities realise the potential of their heritage.

ENGAGED COMMUNITIES

People who have the opportunity to know, experience and share their heritage.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Communities which can thrive through working sustainably with the landscape.

Our Approach

To continue to develop as an inclusive, independent and transparent charity working towards the **sustainable future** of the Burren.

To engage with local communities to generate a sense of **informed pride** in heritage and landscape through community stewardship, place-based and community-based learning.

To promote **sustainable communities** through the concept of the Burren as a learning landscape.

To develop models of **best practice** for community stewardship, place-based and community-based learning as a means of sustainable conservation.

To disseminate knowledge, develop resources and continue to learn and grow as an organisation through the **shared knowledge** of others regionally, nationally and internationally.

Through These Avenues:

- Education**
- Information Provision**
- Active Conservation**
- Research**
- Avocacy**

Education

Achievements 2016

We continued to grow the ever-successful **Learning Landscape Symposium** in March, 2016 with the focus on connecting people to their places through place-based learning.

We worked with five **Ecobeo** schools on a 10 week course – Lurga NS, Kilcolgan Educate Together NS, Kinvara NS, Kilfenora NS and Lisdoonvarna NS.

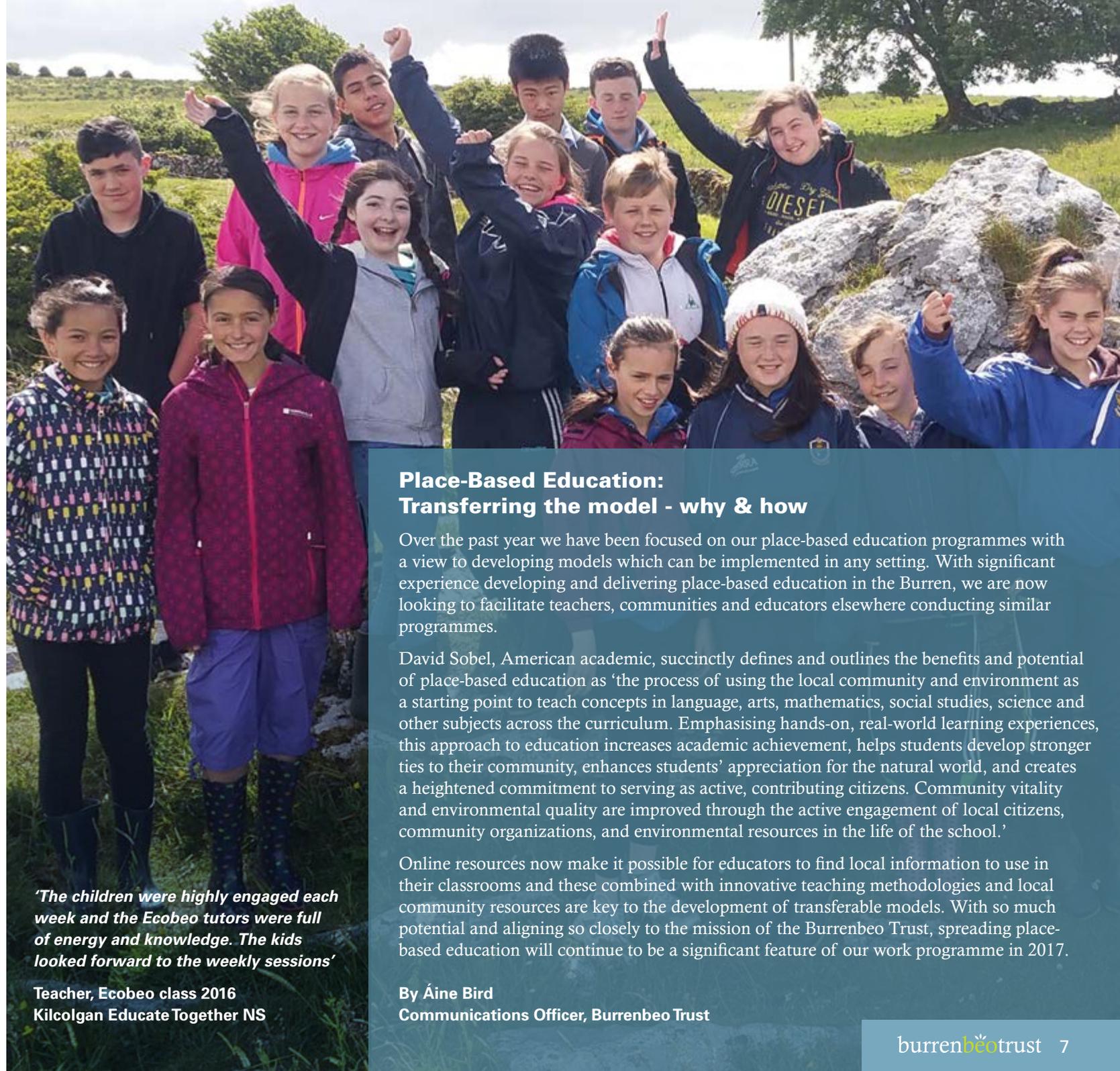
The **Áitbheo** course for Transition Year students was carried out in Kinvara Seamount Secondary School and Gort Community College.

We continue to provide **orientation sessions** for numerous visiting groups from universities, schools and adults at our Kinvara office and at selected locations across the Burren.

We coordinated two 5-day **Teacher Training** courses this summer on building place based learning into the curriculum.

We ran our 4th year of **Burren Wild Child** school tours, taking local school children out for a fun filled day in the Burren, with the main focus being on learning about their surroundings through games and activities.

This is supported further by our Burren Wild Child **summer camps** which were booked out with a waiting list.



Place-Based Education: Transferring the model - why & how

Over the past year we have been focused on our place-based education programmes with a view to developing models which can be implemented in any setting. With significant experience developing and delivering place-based education in the Burren, we are now looking to facilitate teachers, communities and educators elsewhere conducting similar programmes.

David Sobel, American academic, succinctly defines and outlines the benefits and potential of place-based education as ‘the process of using the local community and environment as a starting point to teach concepts in language, arts, mathematics, social studies, science and other subjects across the curriculum. Emphasising hands-on, real-world learning experiences, this approach to education increases academic achievement, helps students develop stronger ties to their community, enhances students’ appreciation for the natural world, and creates a heightened commitment to serving as active, contributing citizens. Community vitality and environmental quality are improved through the active engagement of local citizens, community organizations, and environmental resources in the life of the school.’

Online resources now make it possible for educators to find local information to use in their classrooms and these combined with innovative teaching methodologies and local community resources are key to the development of transferable models. With so much potential and aligning so closely to the mission of the Burrenbeo Trust, spreading place-based education will continue to be a significant feature of our work programme in 2017.

‘The children were highly engaged each week and the Ecobeo tutors were full of energy and knowledge. The kids looked forward to the weekly sessions’

Teacher, Ecobeo class 2016
Kilcolgan Educate Together NS

By Áine Bird
Communications Officer, Burrenbeo Trust

Information Provision

Achievements 2016

We rebuilt the content and design to launch our new **website** with easy to find information on the Burren and the Trust.

We continue to put together and publish the monthly free **e-newsletter** which is seen by over 4,500 people.

We continue to coordinate our **monthly heritage walks** including a one-off walk for those in wheelchairs and with special needs called our **Walk with a Difference**.

We continue to coordinate our **Winter Tea Talks** for 6 months of the year during the longer nights. These are such a success they have been replicated in Wicklow and Mayo by local community groups in these places.

We carried out our first night walk as part of the national **Culture Night** in September.

We held the annual **Ann O'Connor Memorial Walk** on the 14th July which included the Big Burren Picnic with our members and other guests.

We coordinated the 11th **Burren in Bloom festival** with 16 different walks and talks to celebrate the floral arrival on the landscape in Maytime.

Our **field guides** on the geology, archaeology, flora, fauna and habitats of the Burren continue to be sold across the Burren.

We continue to distribute **podcasts** on the work of our Burrenbeo Trust Conservation Volunteers, the Ecobeo course, the Winterage Weekend and more.



Photo Martin Kiely

A Shared Experience

On the first Sunday of each month and during Burren in Bloom in May and on the Winterage Weekend in October, we provide the opportunity for our members and others to explore the landscape of the Burren – from Mullagh Mor to Blackhead, Roughan Hill to the Flaggy Shore and many other places in between.

As we walk the Burren in the company of experts from a variety of disciplines, we learn that none of us can be experts in everything. While we can share in the knowledge of the botanist, the geologist, the archaeologist, and others, we also need to hear from the farmers and the local people who join us and share their stories and experiences of the landscape and its folklore.

On each of these walks, we realise that we will only be able to understand this unique and magical environment if we share the knowledge which is available from all these different sources and that which we have gathered ourselves.

This is the heart of our information provision – a shared experience which relies on contributions from each of us.

By **Richard Morrison**,
Director and Treasurer of Burrenbeo Trust



Photo Joyce Byrne

Photo Karl Hughes

Active Conservation

Achievements 2016

We organised 24 different events for Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers with 230 attendances in 2016. All events have an important conservation impact and involve education and awareness-raising.

Volunteer projects this year included 2 days of training and awareness raising about **species management** such as butterfly monitoring, and invasive species identification and mapping in the Burren.

7 days were spent **clearing scrub** around archaeological and historical sites, as well as around areas important for rare species to increase reproduction such as 2 important bat breeding sites.

11 days were spent on **archaeological projects** from surveying old mesolithic sites to sieving through materials.

1 day was spent on landscape management including **rebuilding stone walls** and taking down mini dolmens in areas of high tourism impact, and much more.

We organised the very first **Working for Welling of People & Place** event in August with a focus around active conservation volunteering both locally and nationally.

Amazingly almost **1 ton of rubbish was cleared** from the Burren coast by our volunteers during 2 days in March and April this year where we were joined by local scout groups and sea anglers as well as some members of the Clare Outdoor Club.



Photo K. Eumte



Photo Joyce Byrne



Photo Eileen O'Connor

Photo Karl Hughes



Photo Eileen O'Connor

A Review of the Year

Every month the Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers get together with the aim of working to protect the unique landscape of the Burren. In my opinion the Burren is unrivalled for spectacular views, biodiversity and archaeological remains. Being a volunteer in such a special place is hard to put into words. The sense of achievement when you look back and see a prehistoric tomb that has been hidden for years under scrub, see the bags and bags of rubbish cleared from the Burren coastline, see the rebuilt section of a beautiful stone wall, find a stone tool from a Mesolithic site – that is the reward for the backache, the scratches and the thorns! Alongside that we have the joy of seeing rare butterflies, one of which can only be seen in the Burren. We have shared the wonder of seeing bats emerging from a maternity roost, knowing that our work in managing their environment has contributed to ensuring they have the best possible chance. We have mapped invasive alien species that threaten the Burren. We have eaten a lot of cake, spent time with friends and enjoyed great days out.

A total of 230 volunteers attended 24 enjoyable and rewarding events this year including a weekend that celebrated active conservation volunteering. To top it off, one of our own has been shortlisted for Volunteer of the Year awards nationally. What a great year it has been.

Eileen O'Connor
Chairperson, Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers Committee

Creating Opportunities for a More Connected and Bottom-up Approach to Research

Having worked within communities at both a local and academic level for some time before I commenced my PhD, I often felt there was a missing link and that community-university relationships still seemed to be undernourished. Creating opportunities for these relationships to flourish can be hugely beneficial for everyone. Not only can it highlight the needs, concerns and wonderful traits of a community/area accurately, but it can provide true, honest and informed research findings to potentially aid these communities as well as make a contribution to academic knowledge. I was really grateful to work with Burrenbeo Trust as their 'Community Engagement Officer' for 12 months and be afforded the opportunity to engage in research from a totally different perspective. As my PhD focuses on 'how and why' people engage with the Burren landscape, while also exploring the potential benefits of such engagement – working within the Burren and experiencing first-hand the rich and vibrant community culture was the only way to go. Not only that, but I witnessed the important role Burrenbeo play in encouraging engagement, provoking a greater sense of pride and also advocating collective responsibility amongst people for this beautiful landscape. Gaining a grounded understanding and appreciation for the Burren and its wonderful community has hugely enhanced this research, while also providing it with a unique practice-based approach to research which aims to demonstrate more situated and 'real' research findings which contribute to both academia and the Burren.

Elaine Williams
PhD researcher working alongside Burrenbeo Trust



Photo Martin Kieley

Achievements 2016

We are assisting a **PhD student** in her investigations into the impact that landscape charities like Burrenbeo Trust are having on the wellbeing of people and place.

We are partially supporting a member of staff to carry out a **Masters in Education** to investigate the benefits of place-based learning in the community.



Photo Karen Molloy

Advocacy

Achievements 2016

We continue to develop our models of **community stewardship** and **place-based learning** that can be shared elsewhere.

We coordinated the **Burren Winterage Weekend** to celebrate the key role farmers play in maintaining this landscape.

We put out a call for the **Ann O'Connor Dunford Young Burren Ambassador Bursary** with the theme this year being 'Subverting the screen – harnessing the power of technology to explore and share the wonder of nature'.

We continue to promote the Burren as a place of inspiration from which people can learn from their surroundings as per the **Learning Landscape Feasibility Study** which was launched in 2014.

We continue as lead partner of the **Burren Community Charter Project**.

We continue to promote the **Burren in both regional and national media** throughout the year so that it is at the forefront of peoples' agendas.

We continue to work closely with **key local organisations** such as the Burren Programme, the Burren Geopark, the Burren Irish Farmers Association, the Burren Change X Project, Burren Eco-Tourism Network and others.



Photo Martin Kiely



'The stand out thing for me this year was the enthusiasm, passion and ingenuity shown by the farmers and their families that went into ensuring the success of the Winterage Weekend farm events and cattle drive from leading walks that told the personal stories of their farms to organising demonstrations that brought both the past and the present realities of farming in the Burren to light'.

Dr Sharon Parr, Executive Committee, Burrenbeo Trust.

Challenges 2016



Our main challenges this past year were:

- **Securing funding.** Every year we have to raise over €100,000 in funding – a huge challenge for a small, rural organisation with no professional fundraising experience, at a time when many grant streams are drying up and when public funding of charities is declining. We provide enormous value and impact with every euro we raise and we are fully transparent in how we spend our money. But the lack of reliable funding is a concern and makes it impossible to plan long-term.
- **Growing our community.** We are so grateful to our loyal members and volunteers, those who have contributed so much to our success. But we really need new people to come on board in order to raise our voice and grow our impact and influence. In today's busy world it is difficult to get one's message out, and even more difficult to get people to commit their time and resources. We really need more support, particularly from those living or working in the Burren, but from everyone who loves this place.
- **Keeping going!** Burrenbeo Trust runs 50 programmes, from international conferences to educational courses in local schools. To sustain these programmes is a challenge for our human and financial resources. To improve and reinvent them continually – as we strive to do - is an even greater challenge. We are reluctant to 'drop' any of our programmes but we do realise that this may be necessary to avoid burnout among staff, volunteers and finances!

Ní Neart go Cur le Chéile' – Strength in Unity

At an historic time when seismic shifts are occurring in the international political order it's good to be reminded of the ideals that shaped the formation of this state a century ago. As well as the ferment in culture, labour and politics there was the growth of the hugely influential cooperative movement which was to transform rural Ireland. It is this spirit of local engagement which holds out the greatest hope at this time of increasing failure of politics, institutions and 'business-as-usual'.

Burrenbeo is tapping into this renascent sense of community and local agency across all aspects of its work. Its engagement with national and secondary school children through Ecobeo and Áitbeo is a defining commitment in creating, from an early age, a strong sense of identification with and care for their own place among Burren students. The Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers (BCV's), a more recent initiative in service of local conservation needs, is also building a strong sense of community stewardship and was the subject of an innovative conference in Corofin in August. A very important strand in the fabric of community engagement is the increasing sense of ownership being taken by farmers and local communities in the annual Winterage festival which celebrates the traditional practices that connect and sustain people and place. Completing the tapestry is the growing reciprocal support between the Trust and local business.

All of this adds up to a ringing endorsement of the proposition that we are stronger when we act together as stewards of community and place.

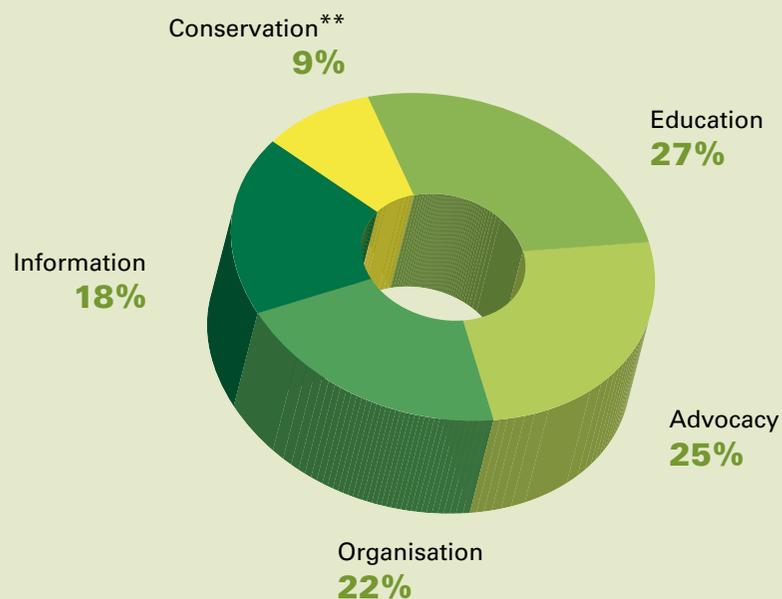
Martin Hawkes
Chairman of the Board, Burrenbeo Trust

Financial Overview

Expenditure

Our total expenditure in 2016 amounted to **€128,006**. * An estimated €90,000 of this amount was spent locally in accordance with our policy of supporting local providers.

Expenditure was split between the following programme sectors in 2016:



The expenditure in each of these areas was as follows:

- Wages & Revenue (72%)
- External event costs i.e. speakers fees, venues, marketing (12%)
- Rent, electricity, heating, etc. (7%)
- Stationary, etc. (5%)
- Accounts, bank charges and insurance (4%)

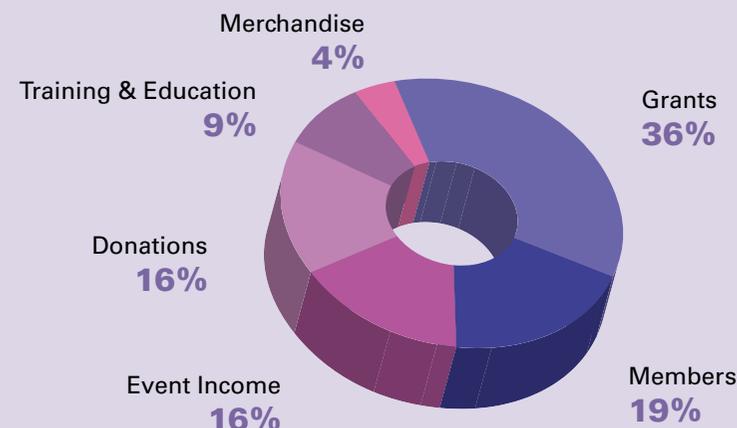
* This report was prepared in November and therefore figures have been projected until the end of December based on monthly averages.

** Conservation has the highest contribution in kind which is reflected in its lowest financial cost to the Trust.

Income

Our total income for 2016 was **€113,817** (a further €19,333 was given to the Trust to cover costs of a specific project in 2017 & 2018). Burrenbeo funded its work programme through a variety of sources including grants, donations, events, membership fees and merchandise sales. Obtaining grants and donations will continue to prove challenging in 2017 as the organisation does not receive any core funding and tries to streamline all that we carry out to help meet costs. For additional funds, the team work hard to bring in the necessary funds to enable it to survive.

Below is the breakdown of the different funding streams (% of income):



- **Grants (36%)** In 2016 we applied for 18 different grants. We were successful with 7 applications. Grants ranged from €500 - €20,000.
- **Members (19%)** Membership fees bring in roughly one fifth of the necessary income to fund the organisation.
- **Event Income (16%)** Burrenbeo Trust runs various events throughout the year that have an entry cost i.e. walks, talks, Wild Child, Burren in Bloom, Winterage Weekend, etc. These all raise necessary funds for the Trust.
- **Donations (16%)** Various businesses or individuals supported specific programmes within the Trust in 2016.
- **Training and education courses (9%)** Burrenbeo Trust carried out school tours for 7 classes, held a symposium on place-based learning, and a training course for teachers bringing place-based education to the classroom.
- **Merchandise (4%)** The sale of Burrenbeo field-guides.

A full and complete audit of the 2016 accounts will be available at the AGM in June 2017.

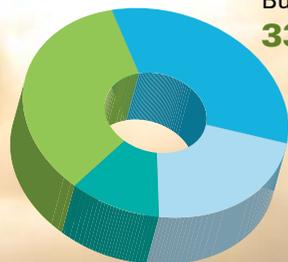
Who Supported Us in 2016

Members

Burrenbeo Trust is a membership organisation with a wide geographical spread. There are 352 current memberships with the Burrenbeo Trust. 152 of these memberships are for more than one person (ie couple/family/business).

Membership breakdown

Clare and Galway excluding Burren
34%



International
11%

From the rest of Ireland
22%

Grants & Programme Sponsorship

The funders listed below supported the work of the Trust specifically towards a certain programme. Grant and sponsorship funding income ranged from €800-€20,000.

GRANTS

- Clare Education Centre** (Teacher Training courses)
- Galway Community Support Scheme** (Winterage Weekend & Ecobeo)
- Horizon 2020** (Burren Winterage School)
- Local Agenda 21 Clare** (Working for Wellbeing)
- Local Agenda 21 Galway** (Learning Landscape Symposium)
- The Heritage Council** (Learning Landscape Symposium, Winterage Weekend, Teacher Training, and Burren Community Charter)

BURRENBEO BENEFACTORS

- Burren Lowlands Group** (Ecobeo)
- Burren Perfumery** (Core support)
- Clare's Rock Hostel** (Website)
- Ei Electronics** (Ecobeo)
- John Duncan Medical Services** (Core Support)
- The Burren Programme** (Burren Winterage School)

Donations from Members 2016

Burrenbeo received an additional 13 donations from members and business friends that wish to remain anonymous ranging from €250 - €2000 towards the core funding of the organisation.

Funding in Kind

Over the past 12 months, Burrenbeo Trust has undertaken numerous events and activities which have involved a great deal of voluntary input and payment in kind. From guiding walks, coordinating a volunteer event, helping provide information at an event, providing refreshments, providing accommodation for keynote speakers, opening farms, delivering workshops to working on children's events... the list is endless! This year, we estimate that c.€74,040* has been given to the Burrenbeo Trust in professional time! This is an extraordinary contribution by any standard. So, thank you if you have contributed and if you didn't get around to it this year, don't worry, there will be plenty of chances in the coming year. Everyone has something to offer!

*Note the above estimate excludes the work of the Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers.

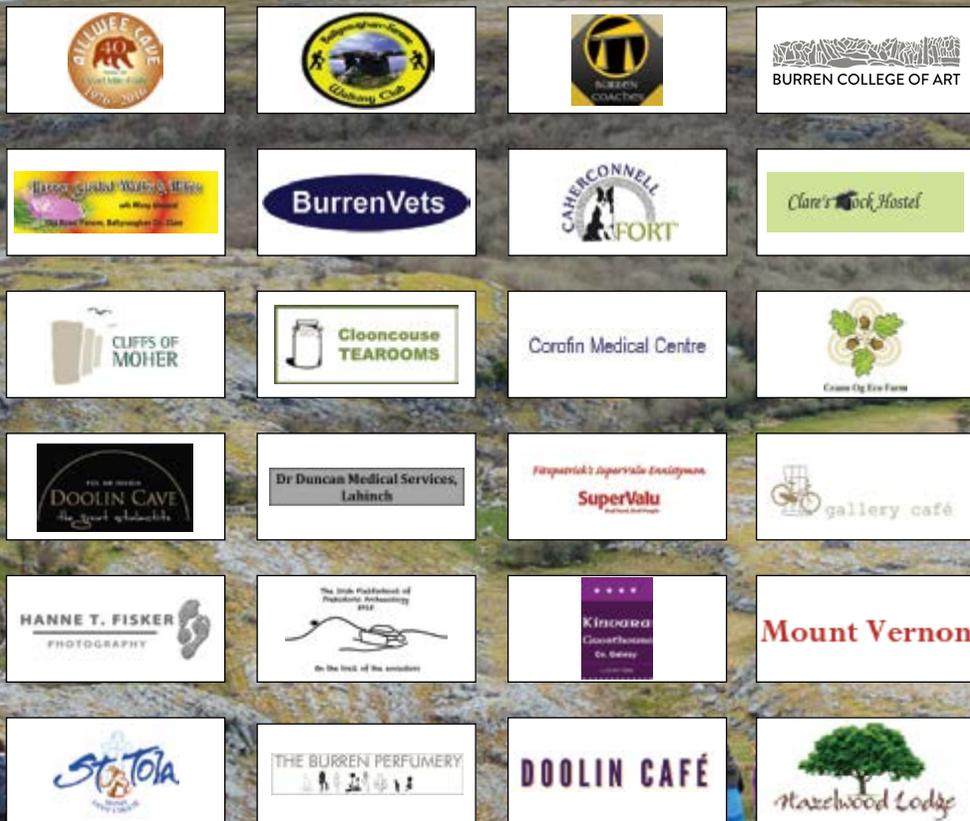


Business Friends 2016

We encourage our subscribers and network to support local businesses that support us. Below is our list of 24 Burren Business Friends from 2016:

Aillwee Caves
Ballyvaughan Fanore Walking Club
Burren Coaches
Burren College of Art
Burren Guided Walk
Burren Vets
Caherconnell Stone Fort
Clare's Rock Hostel
Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience
Clooncouse Tearooms
Corofin Medical Centre
Crann Og Eco Farm

Doolin Cave
Dr John Duncan Lahinch Surgery
Fitzpatricks SuperValu Ennistymon
Gallery Café
Hanne Fisker Photography
Irish Fieldschool of Prehistoric Archaeology
Kinvara Guesthouse
Mount Vernon
St Tola Cheese
The Burren Perfumery
Doolin Café
Hazelwood Lodge



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Trust Treasurer
 Richard Morrison

Executive Committee - all of the above plus:



Dr Sharon Parr



Dr David Drew



Mary Howard

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 Birgitta Curtin
 Michael Davoren
 Martin Hawkes
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Directors

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 Mary Hawkes Greene
 Michael Houlihan
 Mary Angela Keane
 Michael Longley
 Ann Madden Le
 Brocquy
 Patrick McCormack
 Michael Viney
 Bishop William Walsh

...And all of you our members and other supporters

A massive thank you to all our members and to others for continuing to support us in our work. Burrenbeo Trust undertook 50 programmes this year, many of which were achieved with a remarkable amount of voluntary input and payment in kind. We are so appreciative of the extraordinary contribution from the community. So THANK YOU!

Patrons

Tom Arnold
 David Bellamy
 Olive Braiden
 Gordon D'Arcy
 Michael Davoren

Founding Patrons (Deceased)

Seamus Heaney
 Ann O'Connor Dunford

PhD Researcher

Elaine Williams

How to Get More Involved

As an Individual

- Join Burrenbeo Trust if you haven't already done so. This can cost as little as €2.50 a month depending on the category.
- Be an advocate by spreading the word to your friends and family about the organisation. Encourage them to become members.
- Support our events as much as possible – come to our walks, talks, training events and community festivals.
- Let us know if you have professional skills you may be able to volunteer that can help us further our aims (ie marketing, fundraising, heritage talk etc).
- Make a donation to the Trust – every little helps. You can ask for it to go towards a specific programme or event. Or why not go a step further and become a Burrenbeo Benefactor (see below).
- Subscribe to our free monthly e-newsletter to find out about the news and events that are happening in the region. You could then forward this newsletter onto your contact list to keep them in the loop.
- Join the Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers and get involved in the growing community active conservation volunteers. It's free to register with this group.

As a Business

- Become a business friend. Rates are as little as €15 a month. By doing this you are feeding directly into the heritage education and conservation work of the region.
- Highlight the events that are happening in the Burren through your social media and website.
- Consider making a more substantial contribution as a Burrenbeo Benefactor (see below).

As a Burrenbeo Benefactor

As a Burrenbeo Benefactor you or your company can contribute to a range of pioneering projects that need support. We can tailor your level of involvement relative to the scale of support you wish to offer. All donations over €250 are tax deductible, so your money goes further. Suggested support options include:

€250 **Merchandise** *Design and production of merchandise for organisation*

€500 **Young Burren Ambassador Bursary** *Support the future of Burren with this bursary*

€1000 **Áitbheo** *Place-based education course for teenagers that delivers local Place Heroes*

€2500 **Ecobeo** *Place-based education for primary school children that delivers Young Burren Experts*

€5000 **Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers** *Training and upskilling of up to 300 conservation volunteers*

€7500 **Event Sponsorship** *Examples include the Winterage Weekend which highlights farming and biodiversity or the Learning Landscape Symposium weekend which actively drives place-based learning nationally*

€10,000 **Burren as a Learning Landscape** *Invest in the development of a model to build thriving communities & landscape*

€25,000 **Place-based Learning Nationwide** *Develop a model to build thriving communities & landscape nationally*



Support Form

I would like to make a donation to the Burrenbeo Trust of:

I would like this to go towards the following programme:

NAME

ADDRESS

PHONE

EMAIL

NAME ON CARD

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRATION DATE

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