



# ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024

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Connecting all of us to our places and our role in caring for them

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# 1. INTRODUCTION



## 1.1. Who we are and what we do

Established as a charity in 2008, Burrenbeo Trust is a non-profit organisation dedicated to its mission of connecting all of us to our places and our role in caring for them. Based in the flagship heritage landscape of the Burren, Burrenbeo Trust works to raise awareness of the significance of the Burren and to empower and encourage local communities to act as stewards of its priceless heritage. Building on lessons learned over the past two decades, Burrenbeo also advocates for 'place-based learning' across Ireland as a means through which communities can learn more about their place and their role in actively caring for it.

At the heart of our mission is the belief that a harmonious relationship between people and nature is essential for the well-being of both. Inspired by the rich natural heritage and cultural heritage of the Burren, we work tirelessly to engage, educate, and empower individuals and communities to become stewards of their environment. Over the years, Burrenbeo Trust has evolved into a multifaceted organisation, offering diverse programmes and initiatives to foster a deeper connection between people and place. From educational workshops and guided walks to conservation projects and community events, we strive to promote an inclusive and sustainable approach to environmental stewardship. Our success is built on the dedication and passion of our volunteers, staff, members, and supporters who share our commitment to preserving the beauty and integrity of the Burren for future generations. Together, we continue to make a positive difference in the lives of local residents, visitors, and the natural world we all cherish.

As we look to the future, Burrenbeo Trust remains steadfast in our commitment to promoting environmental sustainability, cultural preservation, and community resilience in the Burren and beyond. With your continued support, we are confident that we can build a brighter, more sustainable future for all.

## 1.2. Our mission, vision and values

### Our Mission

Connecting all of us to our places and our role in caring for them.

### Our Vision

Our Vision is that Burrenbeo is ever more deeply embedded in the Burren, continuing to deliver innovatively and impactfully for the heritage and communities of the Burren, while empowering and inspiring communities across Ireland and beyond to engage proactively with the conservation of their own places.

That the Burren is an internationally recognised exemplar of community stewardship whereby farmers, local businesses, local and visiting communities and other stakeholders all make a positive contribution to the care of this unique landscape – and to have fun and build new relationships while doing so!

### Our Values

Burrenbeo Trust holds the following values in the pursuit of its Strategic Vision and Goals:

- To be guided by what is best for our places
- To pursue sustainability in all its forms in all that we do
- To value our people – staff, members, volunteers, donors and others
- To carry out our work with respect, integrity, professionalism and transparency
- To be inclusive and to work in partnership where possible

## 1.3. Meet the team

### Staff



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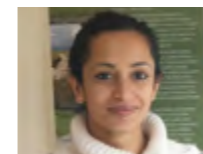
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Chairperson



**Michael Davoren**



**Gearoid Howard**



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**Helen McQuillan**



**Daire Ó Criodáin**  
Treasurer



**Cathal O'Donoghue**

## 1.4. Message from the Chair

To be part of an organisation with such integrity as Burrenbeo is a privilege. There has been constant evolution and growth in the past year whilst our values remain steadfast.

‘Growth’ is a word that for many of us has increasingly negative connotations, bringing to mind rampant consumerism, waste and unchecked exploitation of the Earth’s dwindling resources. And certainly if we and our children are to inhabit a healthy planet, we will need to make choices about how we live, how we engage with and nurture our surroundings.

But there is another type of growth that we can wholeheartedly celebrate and this year’s report is filled with news of the expansion of Burrenbeo’s programmes, reach, staffing and impact in 2024. Burrenbeo has a wealth of experience and expertise to draw on spanning nearly two decades. The opportunities to expand and share that knowledge and passion through new partnerships and with increased funding are something we can all celebrate, a type of ‘growth’ we should nurture.

Across the country it feels like we are seeing a sea-change in people’s engagement with their environment. Our events, talks, walks and webinars are heavily attended; local authority partnerships for biodiversity have expanded, with appetite for further engagement; new funding partners have come onboard; and across all of its programmes Burrenbeo has delivered more actions, more learnings, and more results than ever before.

When watching a hare the other morning I was struck by a thought: every animal on Earth knows how to use its body to navigate the landscape, to seek out food, to find shelter, to know and navigate its local environment, to live through changing weather and seasons - except humans. We inhabit bodies that no longer serve the purpose they evolved for, in artificial environments, often far removed from the land that feeds us, and I think we feel it. There is overwhelming evidence now that time spent outdoors, in nature has huge benefits to our physical and mental wellbeing. Today people are actively making that choice; there are so many more people in the Burren walking, hiking, cycling or swimming than 10 or 20 years ago. But there is also a real hunger to do more than just passively enjoy the landscape. There is huge interest in increasing biodiversity, planting trees, volunteering for conservation. When our Hare’s Corner staff visit projects they report how universally people love their ponds, their native woodlands, their meadows and how eager they are to talk about them.

I feel that there is a deep shift in attitude slowly gathering pace. In a world where we often feel powerless and anxious, we still all have choice in how we act. Sometimes we may feel that our small input and actions carry no weight but that is not true. Thousands of small changes for the better add up to seismic shifts over years. We are all part of a whole, of the Burren landscape or another landscape, of places and communities we can make a contribution to. These everyday actions and choices are what shape our world not only for ourselves but for our children and future generations. We can bring about change.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all of you who have contributed to Burrenbeo’s progress and impact throughout the year. We extend a warm welcome to new member of staff Fionn Doyle-Chowen who joined us in 2024. I would also like to offer all our congratulations to our CEO Áine Bird who was awarded a PhD from the University of Galway on ‘Exploring Community Stewardship through Place-based-Learning: a case study from the Burren’. A great achievement.

**Sadie Chowen**

## 1.5. Message from the CEO



Reflecting on 2024, I am struck by the breadth of what Burrenbeo Trust continues to achieve and the many directions in which our journey takes us. While our calendar now includes much-loved fixtures such as Burren in Bloom, Winterage Weekend, our schools programmes, and the ever-popular walks and talks, each year also brings fresh opportunities and new adventures. This past year, the Turas project offered us a particularly exciting avenue to share our message with wider audiences in creative ways—an experience we are eager to build on in the years ahead.

Having been part of Burrenbeo since 2012, I have seen this organisation grow, adapt, and flourish. The knowledge and learning rooted in the Burren are now inspiring communities far beyond this place, whether through Farming for Nature, the Hare’s Corner, or Heritage Keepers. These initiatives demonstrate that our unique model—combining heritage and conservation action with community engagement and development—has real potential to shape a more positive future, both locally and nationally.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the people behind it. Our staff, members, volunteers, directors, and supporters together form the backbone of Burrenbeo. Their energy, creativity, and commitment continue to transform what began as a small local initiative into a recognised leader in place-based learning and community stewardship.

As we close the chapter on 2024, I want to extend heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to another year of impact. The journey of Burrenbeo Trust is proof of what can be achieved when people come together with a shared purpose. With the lessons and achievements of this year behind us, we look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead with resilience, imagination, and optimism.

Here’s to many more years of connection, creativity, and collective action.

**Áine Bird**

## 1.6. Message from the Treasurer

Burrenbeo Trust derives its revenue mainly from grants, sponsorship, donations (including the subscriptions of its members), events and merchandise. That revenue funds the direct costs of implementing our activities, projects and programmes and the indirect costs of keeping the organisation up and running.

The full audited accounts for 2024 are included in this report along with details of the revenues associated with each project, programme and activity stream.

The organisation's finances are in a healthy state.

Our revenues in 2024 were €999,412 compared to expenditure of €933,523. The comparable figures for 2023 were revenue of €640,248, expenditure of €606,883.

The growth in the levels of both revenue and expenditure during the year reflect the greater range and volume of the organisation's activities. The surplus for the year of €65,889 flowed through to an increase in the organisation's reserves to €609,080 at the end of 2024 compared to €543,191 at the end of 2023.

€357,561 of those reserves are "restricted" in the sense that the money may be spent only on the specific project or programme to which they have been allocated. The bulk of these reserves fall under the headings of Farming for Nature (€235,063) and The Hare's Corner (€117,642).

In addition, because Burrenbeo Trust has had little or no assurance of continued funding from one year to the next, at the end of each year the organisation maintains an operational risk reserve to protect against delays or shortfalls in projected funding during the following year. Reflecting the increasing scale of the organisation's operations, that reserve has been increased to €175,000 at the end of 2024 compared to €108,000 at the end of 2023.

It is too early to project the financial outturn for 2025. However, midway through the year, thanks to the continuing support of our grant providers, programme sponsors, donors and members, our financial position remains robust.

**Daire Ó Criodáin**



## 2. STRATEGIC GOALS



**1** To create an efficient, impactful, grounded and resilient organisation

**2** To promote, enable and support community stewardship and active conservation in the Burren

**3** To better connect communities with their place and their planet, and their role in its care

**4** To provide information about the Burren across a range of media

**5** To advocate for the Burren and for community stewardship here and elsewhere; to build strategic alliances in order to do so more efficiently and effectively

**STRATEGIC GOALS**



## 2.2. Strategic Goal 1

To create an efficient, impactful, grounded and resilient organisation

Objectives (Actions to reach goals)	Key Achievements
a) Support our staff, the heart of our organisation.	Monthly staff meetings; various training and CPD opportunities; a supportive work environment; team building events; end-of-year gifts and a flexible working model (home/office); provision of support for equipment purchase; introduced an employer supported PRSA; office furniture upgraded; annual staff reviews.
b) Ensure good governance, compliance and accountability.	Preparation of an annual report; regular meetings and correspondence with Board of Directors; preparation and review of all required Policies; preparation and monitoring of annual budget; transparency on all levels within and beyond the Trust; monthly staff meetings; detailed recording of all activities; annual staff reviews; annual planning for the year; First Aid Training for staff and volunteers; extensive record keeping; queries from public answered promptly.
c) Value and support our members, patrons, volunteers and donors.	Dedicated membership officer; Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers social event August 2024; AED purchased for BCV and other events; members have exclusive access to monthly live webinars and walks and discounted tickets to festival events; walk volunteers get free and priority access to all events; corporate donors sent regular project updates and invited to relevant events; personalised thank you emails sent to all donors.
d) Secure sustainable sources of funding to enable medium-long term planning and impact.	We received multiannual funding from the Sunflower fund and the Lifes2Good Foundation in 2024. Main funders of the Hare's Corner in 2023 returned as funders in 2024.
e) Ensure access for staff to comfortable office space and all necessary equipment.	Staff and volunteers are entitled to claim an equipment allowance; we upgraded the office furniture in 2024.
f) Continue to plan strategically but to adapt as necessary.	The Hare's Corner has gradually expanded beyond Clare through strategic partnership with Wild Atlantic Nature and the Biodiversity Officers and in 2024 made a significant but calculated expansion from 2 to 5 local authority areas.
g) Support local product and service providers.	We source services and products from local suppliers including; Healing Harvest, Burkes Eurospar and John O'Donnell Hardware in Kinvara; venue hire in Kinvara, Tubber, Corofin, Carron and Gort. The Hare's Corner rare native trees and apple trees supply coming from Co. Clare, with additional trees from Co. Cork. Digital services - Cork based submit.com platform being used for managing applications for Heritage Keepers and The Hares Corner.



## 2.3. Strategic Goal 2

To promote, enable and support community stewardship and active conservation in the Burren

Objectives (Actions to reach goals)	Key Achievements
a) Host regular Members Heritage Walks.	17 walks were held in 2024 all around the Burren. In 2024, a team of 6 First Aid trained volunteers dedicated over 100 hours to help run monthly walks, as well as walks for Burren in Bloom and Winterage Weekend.
b) Host regular Heritage/Landscape 'Tea Talks' and/or Webinars.	There were 4 Tea Talks held in Tubber Village Hall as well as 10 online webinars. The webinars are now available to view on our Youtube channel.
c) Organise regular conservation and social events for the Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers (BCV).	In 2024 there were 18 BCV events, including 1 social outing. The total number of volunteers over the year was 121 resulting in 2182 volunteer hours. 18 awards were given out for attendance and 2 donations were received.  Since establishment in 2010, the BCV have contributed a total of 11,604 volunteer hours for Burren conservation. The BCV committee met 3 times in 2024.
d) Deliver The Hare's Corner measures and information to local landowners.	In 2024, The Hare's Corner delivered over 1000 actions for nature. These include 332 Native Mini-Woodlands, 359 Heritage Orchards, 131 Plans for Nature and 28 Peatland Plans, along with 108 Plans for Water which resulted in the creation of 68 Wildlife Ponds. This was a significant rise from the 300 actions in 2023. In 2024 the programme was delivered in Counties Galway, Leitrim, Mayo and Meath.  Several supporting informational events were held – including tree distribution days, Hare's Corner Conversations event and field visit during Winterage and Pond workshop during Burren in Bloom. Online webinars held for participating landowners on Woodland, Orchard, Pond management as well as 'Planning for Nature'.
e) Plant and maintain Burren Pine Project mini woodlands.	1104 pines and over 3000 native trees have now been planted across 10 sites in the Burren. BCV teams conduct 2-3 site visits per year to check on trees and carry out maintenance.
f) Host the annual Burren in Bloom Natural Heritage festival (May).	18 Burren in Bloom events were organised over 4 weekends of May. 422 Tickets were sold over Ticket Tailor. Highest attendance of 60 people for a talk on Barn owls by John Carrig. In addition, there were three great events from the Turas programme included which brought a new audience and allowed us explore new ways of engaging the public with biodiversity. The three events were led by dancer Edwina Guckian and included 2 workshops and a May Tree celebration.



Objectives (Actions to reach goals)	Key Achievements
g) Organise the annual Burren Winterage Weekend (October).	In total, 9 different events were organised between 25th and 27th October and around 900 tickets issued for the Burren Winterage 2024 celebrations. For the first time, we partnered with NPWS for the cattle drive and related events at their Carron farm location. Natura funding also allowed us to host an international transhumance photography exhibition and capture images of local winterage practitioners for future exhibitions. In addition, we included 2 Turas events in the programme – a panel discussion on making space for nature at Common Knowledge centre and a Winterage session of music, poetry and dance both of which proved very popular.
h) Organise one-off events: Dawn Chorus Walk, Heritage Week events, family events, evening events etc.	We held two Heritage Week events in 2024, a mock archaeological excavation workshops for children with Elaine Lynch and a Graveyard survey at St Fachnan’s Cathedral, Kilfenora with Edel Barry and Elaine Lynch. Our members midsummer walk was another popular event. The additional events which were coordinated through the Turas programme allowed us to engage new audiences.
i) Continue to examine the purpose, value and impact of events and adjust where needed.	We updated all of outreach presentations and programmes. We get regular feedback from participants of all programmes and events and where possible changes were made to strengthen our offerings. The Burren Schools Programme the ‘Calf & Cuckoo’ was expanded and delivered to ten local primary schools.
j) Build in opportunities for community building, wider engagement, ongoing relationships with participants and networking to events.	Tea Talks; Pine Project Open days for investors; The Hare’s Corner field visits for participants; BCV excavation in May; Hare’s Corner Conversations (part of Winterage Weekend).
k) Work with Turas creative partners to coordinate events during Burren in Bloom and Winterage Weekend	Rooted in the Burren’s transhumance traditions, Turas connected new audiences to our mission through workshops, performances, and discussions. Highlights included creative collaborations in dance, poetry, film, and sustainable food practices. The initiative leaves a lasting legacy of community connection and climate awareness.



## 2.4. Strategic Goal 3

To better connect communities with their place and their planet, and their role in its care

Objectives (Actions to reach goals)	Key Achievements
a) Deliver Heritage Keepers to schools, youth groups and communities in the Burren and beyond.	67 Primary Schools and Communities (925 students and 180 adults) completed the programme between January and June 2024 most of which went on to complete funded local actions. A further 80 schools and groups commenced (1300 students and 180 adults) commenced Heritage Keepers in November 2024. This total of 147 participant groups is an increase on the 110 groups in 2023. We now have Heritage Keepers participants in every county in Ireland.
b) Provide training and resources on place-based learning (PBL) and community stewardship.	In 2024, Calf & Cuckoo, the primary schools programme offered to Burren schools using place-based learning methods, finished the first round that started in 2023 with 9 participating schools and started the second round with 10 participating schools in October. 243 students received their October school visit and created artwork inspired by their place, exhibited during Winterage.  We led the ecology element of the Global Ecologies Studio four-week Art & Ecology programme at the Burren College of Art which was delivered to 11 international students.  Our Heritage Keepers training course was successfully delivered to 25 educators, who could then apply the learning in their setting and avail of the Heritage Keepers project supports. In 2024 the course was audited by Drumcondra Education Centre and received a glowing endorsement.  We continue to distribute printed resources on place-based learning and community stewardship.
c) Research impact and best practice on PBL and Community Stewardship initiatives and integrate findings into future initiatives.	In November 2024, Burrenbeo CEO Áine Bird was awarded a PhD from the University of Galway on ‘Exploring Community Stewardship through Place-based Learning: a case study from the Burren’. Four peer reviewed publications were completed during this process.
d) Host an annual learning event on PBL and Community Stewardship	The Communities for Heritage day was paused for 2024, and a networking day for Heritage Keepers participants held in its place.
e) Host visiting groups to the Burren, focussing on (ideally, fee-paying) farmers, educators, public servants and students.	634 individuals reached directly, including national and international groups (for example STAND Changemakers Academy, BEM/National Geographic, TUD Architecture students, Genesys employees).
f) Look to identify ongoing and new threats and opportunities for the Burren and consider our role in taking action on these.	BCV Burren Ark project, a community tree seed harvest and education project, was launched. Two collecting events held in 2024 under supervision of forester Bernard Carey.



## 2.5. Strategic Goal 4

To provide information about the Burren across a range of media

Objectives (Actions to reach goals)	Key Achievements
a) Provide comprehensive, up-to-date information on the Burren through the Burrenbeo Trust family of websites.	In addition to maintaining 5 websites; burrenbeo.com, burreninbloom.com, burrenwinterage.com, heritagekeepers.ie and farmingfornature.ie, latest research in the Burren were also shared with wider community through Members Webinars and Tea Talks - e.g. 'The Fertile Rock - Monasticism and the Burren' by Colmán Ó Clabaigh and 'Cave excavations at Poulbaun' by Marion Dowd. In 2024, the Burrenbeo Trust webinar archive made available through Burrenbeo website and searchable within categories (Archaeology, Culture, Farming, Nature, Geology). Webinars are now added every month.
b) Maintain and enhance our growing presence on social media.	Followers across all of our social media channels showed an increase from January 2024 to December 2024. We have multiple social media accounts including Burrenbeo Facebook, X, Youtube and LinkedIn, Farming for Nature Facebook, X and Instagram and Heritage Keepers Facebook and Instagram. We developed templates for social media on Canva. We conducted an external communications audit and messaging workshop to ensure we are reaching our target audiences and sharing our message efficiently.
c) Prepare an annual report and share it with members, funders and others.	The format for the 2023 Annual Report, where the audited accounts and narrative were combined was well received and is being replicated in 2024. We largely share this online and produce a limited print run (less than 50).
d) Prepare and share monthly snapshot newsletters with Members.	We send monthly members emails as well as a news update snapshot to a wider subscriber base. Farming for Nature also produces a quarterly newsletter. Our subscription numbers increased over the year.
e) Distribute Burren Field Guides, books and other relevant information materials.	A total of €2880 sold in merchandise in 2024 through 6 outlets.
f) Engage with local, national and international media to share relevant information (e.g. re events, initiatives).	Burrenbeo's work (not including FFN) was highlighted 42 times during 2024 in various broadcast media, including local and national print, radio, and digital platforms. It is probable that there were additional mentions that went unnoticed. The launch of the Farming for Nature handbook received extensive national media coverage.



## 2.6. Strategic Goal 5

To advocate for the Burren and for community stewardship here and elsewhere; to build strategic alliances in order to do so more efficiently and effectively

Objectives (Actions to reach goals)	Key Achievements
a) Build alliances to advocate for place-based learning and community stewardship.	We worked in partnership with many different organisations, schools, communities and individuals over the course of the year.
b) Build alliances to advocate and work for the conservation of the Burren (NPWS, NMS, universities, Tidy Towns, LAs, BEN etc).	Developed Partnership with Biodiversity officers in – Meath, Galway, Galway city and Leitrim. Collaborated with NPWS to host the annual Winterage Cattle Drive and some of the related events. Partnered once again with the Burren Ecotourism Network to host the Food Fayre at the Winterage Cattle Drive.
c) Develop and deliver the Farming for Nature programme.	Farming For Nature continues to grow with 103 Farming Ambassadors in the network that are strong spokespersons for nature and continue to share their stories and practices to encourage others to make change. Key highlights in 2024 include the launch of the FFN Handbook (4000+ copies sold), expanding mentorship programme, farms walks and growing online supports.
d) Support the ACRES Burren Aran initiative.	We participate in the local steering committee, and support and promote the participant farmers. We also collaborated on events over the course of the Winterage Weekend and explain the programme during Calf & Cuckoo school visits
e) Continue to develop the Burren's potential as a learning landscape	Numerous engagements with visiting groups emphasised communicating the values of place-based learning and highlighting the potential learning opportunities that the Burren offers.
f) Look to engage at policy level and with influential organisations, businesses and individuals on topics around PBL, community stewardship and conservation.	Ongoing engagement with politicians, business leaders, state agencies, universities and more. Burrenbeo are delivery partners on the ReFarm project which involves Trinity Business School, private funders and BBT funding biodiversity actions on farms.

# 3. IMPACT REPORT

## 3.1. Our Year in Review



Walk Attendances

2024	2023
<b>983</b>	<b>837</b>



Festival Attendances

2024	2023
<b>3839</b>	<b>1801</b>



Learning programme participants

2024	2023
<b>1729</b>	<b>1165</b>



Outreach participants

2024	2023
<b>632</b>	<b>641</b>



Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers attendances

2024	2023
<b>285</b>	<b>105</b>



New Farming for Nature Ambassadors

2024	2023
<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>



Hare's Corner measures taken

2024	2023
<b>1062</b>	<b>302</b>



Heritage Keepers Action projects completed

2024	2023
<b>58</b>	<b>40</b>



Social Media Followers		Youtube views	
2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>57,425</b>	<b>50,402</b>	<b>51,524</b>	<b>42,994</b>
Online webinar attendances		Website users	
2024	2023	2024	2023
<b>725</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>116,433</b>	<b>94,677</b>



Spent locally  
**€431,984**  
Spent nationally  
**€507,034**

Over 30% of total expenditure is paid directly to programme participants to support heritage and biodiversity action locally and nationally.

New members  
2024 **164** 2023 **125**

Renewals  
2024 **493** 2023 **629**

Total members  
2024 **657** 2023 **754**



Member Locations  
International **10%** Burren (Clare or Galway) **23%**

**29%** National **38%** Regional



## 3.2. Highlights of 2024

### Turas Journeys in Stewardship

This year we had a wonderful experience working on a new initiative, Turas – Journeys in Stewardship.

Funded by Creative Ireland through their Creative Climate Action fund, Turas brought the Burren community together to consider our collective role in environmental stewardship, aiming to inspire diverse audiences to consider their role in shaping local landscapes.

By creatively sharing stories and providing practical supports, the project introduced new audiences to Burrenbeo's mission. Its legacy will endure through the communities, creative works, and networks formed during the initiative.



Rooted in the Burren's transhumance traditions, Turas used the theme of movement to explore cultural and environmental heritage.

Activities included dance and straw craft workshops with Edwina Guckian, poetry by Jane Clarke inspired by Farming for Nature ambassadors, and a film with a creative nod to the Hare's Corner initiative and music by Jack Talty.

Discussions led by Anja Murray encouraged reflection on environmental action, while Max Jones facilitated workshops on sustainable food practices like cheese and butter making.



Together, these creative efforts encouraged participants to consider the practical actions we can all take to address climate challenges.

- There were 1866 participations over the course of the project.
- 54% of participants asked had never attended a Burrenbeo event before.
- 59% of participants asked were inspired to take action for nature, heritage or community.



Clár Éire Ildánach  
Creative Ireland  
Programme



### 3.3. Key programme highlights



## The Hare's Corner Overview

### OUR WORK AND IMPACT

A BIODIVERSITY INITIATIVE BY BURRENBEO TRUST

Supporting landowners, schools and community groups to take simple but impactful actions for nature such as creation of wildlife ponds, mini-woodlands, orchards and hedges.

#### Impacts made

Wildlife Ponds	
<b>158</b>	<b>68</b>
Since start	This year

Mini Woodlands	
<b>421</b>	<b>267</b>
Since start	This year

Heritage Orchards	
<b>523</b>	<b>310</b>
Since start	This year

Plans for Nature	
<b>260</b>	<b>131</b>
Since start	This year

#### “ what people say ”

*It fills a hugely important gap for people like me who want to take actions for biodiversity on their land but don't have a huge budget or the resources and time to fill out lengthy application forms. It's a really super initiative that I hope continues.*

Kate Flood, Co. Meath

*The pond we created is already home for frogs and newts, dragonflies and damselflies and numerous other invertebrates. The orchard trees too have been a fine gift to the community and a great asset in helping people engage with nature and the environment. Without the help received, it is unlikely we would have made much progress, and would still be imagining possibilities rather than taking on practical works.*

Clogher Environmental Group, Co. Mayo



## Heritage Keepers Overview

### OUR WORK AND IMPACT



EXPLORE AND ENHANCE YOUR PLACE

Heritage Keepers is a free programme for primary schools and community groups across Ireland that empowers participants to delve into their built, cultural and natural heritage and provides funding to allow them to take positive local action!

#### Impacts made

Direct Participants	
<b>3,676</b>	<b>1,480</b>
Since start	This year

Indirect Participants	
<b>15,700</b>	<b>6,750</b>
Since start	This year

Actions Completed	
<b>200</b>	<b>82</b>
Since start	This year

Total awarded for actions	
<b>€161,175</b>	<b>€56,717</b>
Since start	This year

#### “ what people say ”

*I feel the very act of focusing in on our local space, through the different heritage lenses, just that close looking and discussion awoke or deepened in many of the children their sense of belonging in their communities, their sense of pride in their place and ultimately a sense of agency in regard to it.*

Teacher Meriel Donaghy, Holy Trinity NS, Westport

*Actually feeling the heritage around you... it's amazing. What Heritage Keepers is doing is so important: Getting people to fall in love with their local place. It's the only way we'll ever stand up and protect it.*

Anna Swisher, Heritage Keepers participant, Gort, Co. Galway



## Farming for Nature Overview

### OUR WORK AND IMPACT

Farming for Nature is an independent, non-profit initiative set up by scientists and farmers seeking to acknowledge and support those farmers who farm, or wish to farm, in a way that will improve the natural health of the countryside.

We aim to offer inspiration, resources and support to farmers to encourage them to be part of the solution of minimising the impact of agriculture on climate, biodiversity and water quality.

### Impacts made

#### Farm Walks

**140** Since start      **25** This year

#### Walk attendees

**2,984** Since start      **627** This year

#### Online webinar attendees

**4,215** Since start      **427** This year

#### Podcast listens

**76,124** Since start      **8,435** This year

### “ what people say ”

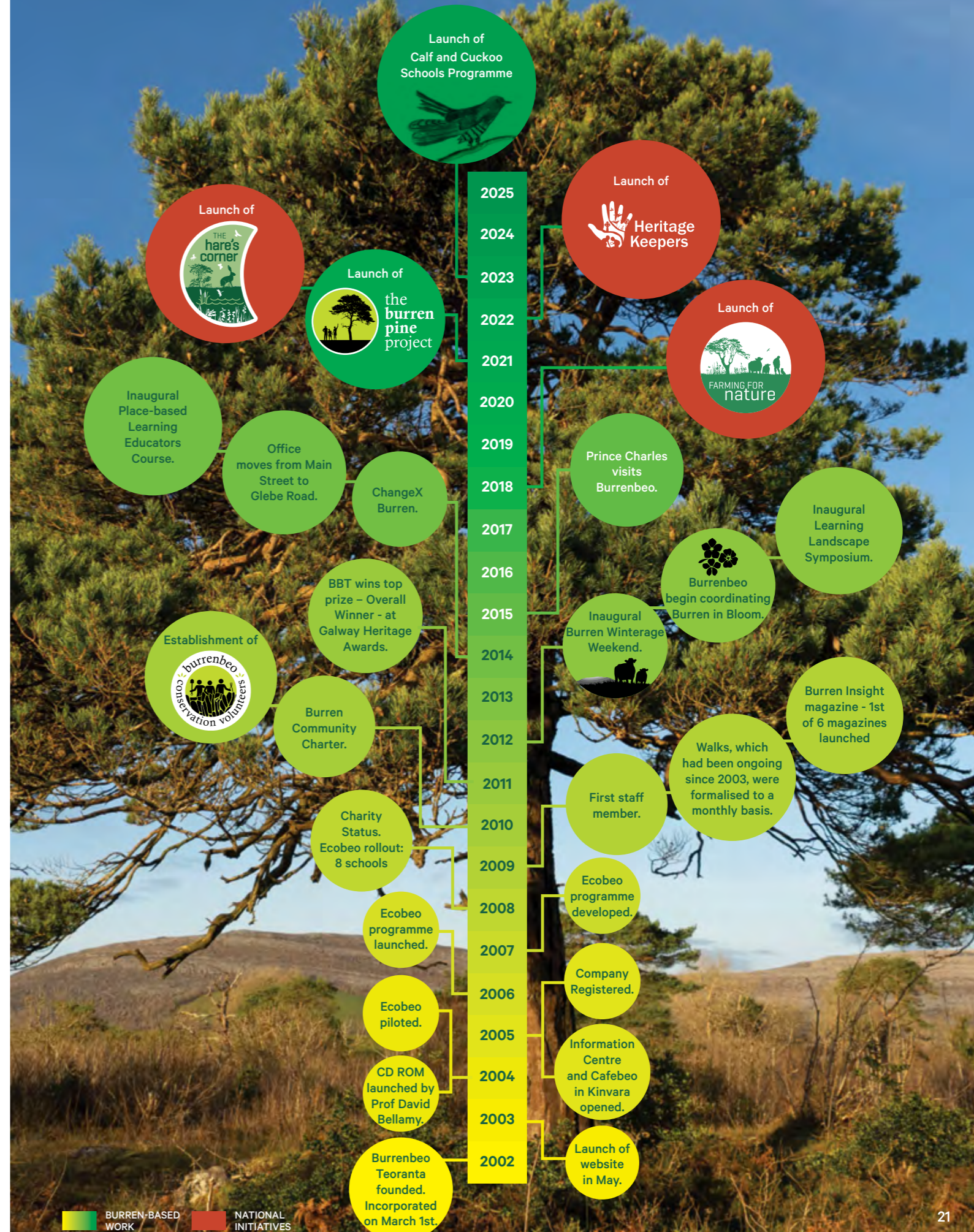
*I went to Hartwell Farm yesterday. The farm tour was excellent - I gained lots of new knowledge, met interesting people and have many ideas for our family's land. Absolutely worth while visit. They have made an incredible space for nature with so many varied habitats, woodlands, pasture, river glens, fens, ponds. Eye-opening I would say.*

Christina McCann, visitor to Stephen Morrison's farm in Co. Kildare

*Always a pleasure to deal with individuals and farmers in the FFN network. Great support and knowledge sharing. Opportunity to help influence others farming practices in a positive way.*

Andrew Bergin, FFN Ambassador and Tillage Farmer, Co. Kildare

# BURRENBEO TIMELINE





# ANNUAL REPORT

## FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### Directors and Other Information

#### Directors

Martin Hawkes (Resigned 17 January 2024)

Shane Casey (Resigned 17 January 2024)

Sadie Chowen

Michael G Davoren

Daire Ó Criodáin

Rory Howard

Catha! O'Donoghue

Helen McQuillan

Mary McMahan

#### Company Secretary

Brendan Dunford

#### Company Number

412962

#### Charity Number

16834

#### Registered Office and Business Address

Glebe House, Glebe Road, Kinvara, Co. Galway

#### Auditors

ODK Accountancy Ltd

Church Street, Gort, Co. Galway

#### Bankers

AIB

The Square, Gort, Co Galway

### Directors' Report

for the financial year ended  
31 December 2024

#### The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

##### Principal Activity and Review of the Business

The principal activity is the promotion of the conservation and development of the Burren through education, information provision, research and consultation.

The Company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

There has been no significant change in these activities during the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

##### Financial Results

The surplus for the financial year after providing for depreciation amounted to €65,889 (2023 - €33,365).

At the end of the financial year, the company has assets of €754,480 (2023 - €568,460) and liabilities of €145,400 (2023- €25,269). The net assets of the company of €609,080 (2023 - €543,191) have increased by €65,889.

##### Directors and Secretary

The directors who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Martin Hawkes (Resigned 17 January 2024)

Shane Casey (Resigned 17 January 2024)

Sadie Chowen, Michael G Davoren, Daire O'Criodain, Rory Howard, Cathal O'Donoghue, Helen McQuillan, Mary MacMahon.

The secretary who served throughout the financial year was Brendan Dunford.

There were no changes in shareholdings between 31 December 2024 and the date of signing the financial statements.

In accordance with the Constitution, the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

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#### Future Developments

The company plans to continue its present activities and current trading levels. Employees are kept as fully informed as practicable about developments within the business.

#### Post Balance Sheet Events

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the financial year-end.

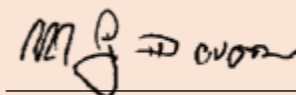
#### Auditors

The auditors, ODK Accountancy Ltd have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

#### Accounting Records

To ensure that adequate accounting records are kept in accordance with sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, the directors have established appropriate books to adequately record the transactions of the company. The directors also ensure that the company retains the source documentation for these transactions. The accounting records are maintained at the company's office at Glebe House, Glebe Road, Kinvara, Co. Galway.

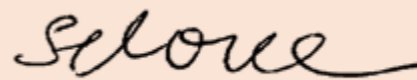
#### Signed on behalf of the board



Michael G Davoren

Director

Date 16 July 2025



Sadie Chowen

Director

Date 16 July 2025

### Directors' Responsibilities Statement

for the financial year ended  
31 December 2024

#### The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

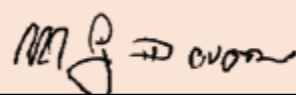
In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies for the company financial statements and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and

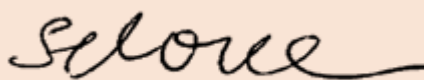
record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and Directors' Report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be readily and properly audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

#### Signed on behalf of the board



**Michael G Davoren**  
Director

Date 16 July 2025



**Sadie Chowen**  
Director

Date 16 July 2025

## Independent Auditor's Report

### to the Members of Burrenbeo Trust (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having Share Capital)

#### Report on the audit of the financial statements

##### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Burrenbeo Trust (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having Share Capital) ('the company') for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish Law and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued in the United Kingdom by the Financial Reporting Council.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- Give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31 December 2024 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- Have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

##### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are described below in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BURRENBEO TRUST

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have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

##### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

##### Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

##### Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- The information given in the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- The Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit. In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

##### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the directors' report.

The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the requirements of any of sections 305 to 312 of the Act, which relate to disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions are not complied with by the Company. We have nothing to report in this regard.

## Respective responsibilities

### Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to

continue as a going concern, disclosing, if applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the company or to cease operation, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

#### Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

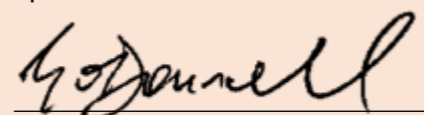
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the directors.

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

#### The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume any responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



#### Gerry O'Donnell

for and on behalf of ODK Accountancy Ltd.  
Church Street, Gort, Co. Galway

Date 16 July 2025

## Income and Expenditure Account

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

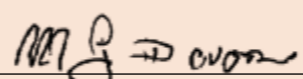
	Notes	2024 €	2023 €
<b>Income</b>		<b>998,958</b>	640,132
<b>Expenditure</b>		<b>(933,523)</b>	(606,883)
<b>Surplus before interest</b>		<b>65,435</b>	33,249
Interest receivable and similar income		454	116
<b>Surplus before tax</b>		<b>65,889</b>	33,365
Tax on surplus	7		
<b>Surplus for the financial year</b>		<b>65,889</b>	33,365
<b>Total comprehensive income</b>		<b>65,889</b>	33,365

## Balance Sheet

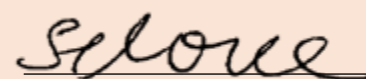
for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 €	2023 €
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	17,314	13,747
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	9		20,000
Cash and cash equivalents		737,166	534,713
		737,166	554,713
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	<b>(145,400)</b>	(25,269)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>591,766</b>	529,444
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<b>609,080</b>	543,191
<b>Reserves</b>			
Unrestricted		76,519	222,235
Restricted		357,561	212,956
Operational risk		175,000	108,000
<b>Equity attributable to owners of the company</b>		<b>609,080</b>	543,191

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the small companies' regime. Approved by the Board on 16 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



**Michael G Davoren**  
Director



**Sadie Chowen**  
Director

## Statement of Changes in Equity

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Reserve	Restricted Reserve	Operational Risk Reserve	Total
	€	€	€	€
<b>At 1 January 2023</b>	<b>306,115</b>	<b>95,711</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>509,826</b>
Surplus for the financial year 2023	33,365			33,365
Other movements in equity attributable to owners	(117,245)	117,245		
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b>222,235</b>	<b>212,956</b>	<b>108,000</b>	<b>543,191</b>
Surplus for the financial year 2024	65,889			65,889
Other movements 1n equity attributable to owners	(211,605)	144,605	67,000	
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>76,519</b>	<b>357,561</b>	<b>175,000</b>	<b>609,080</b>

## Notes to the Financial Statements

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

### 1. General Information

Burrenbeo Trust (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having Share Capital) is a company limited by guarantee incorporated and registered in Ireland. The registered number of the company is 412962. The registered office of the company is Glebe House, Glebe Road, Kinvara, Co. Galway which is also the principal place of business of the company. The nature of the company's operations and its principal activities are set out in the Directors' Report. The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the comp\_any.

### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

#### Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (FRS 102). These are the company's first set of financial statements prepared in accordance with FRS 102. There have been no transitional adjustments made.

#### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the historical cost convention except for certain properties and financial instruments that are measured at revalued amounts or fair values, as explained in the accounting policies below. Historical cost is generally based on the fair value of the consideration given in exchange for assets. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

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The company qualifies as a small company as defined by section 280A of the Companies Act 2014 in respect of the financial year, and has applied the rules of the 'Small Companies Regime' in accordance with section 280C of the Companies Act 2014.

### Cash flow statement

The company has availed of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows because it is classified as a small company..

### Income

All income and donations are included in the financial statements on the basis of the amounts received and receivable.

### Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, on the understanding that the grants and income will continue to financially support the company to allow it to meet its liabilities as and when they fall due for at least twelve months from the date of approval.

### Tangible assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

#### Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 12.5% Straight line

The carrying values of tangible fixed assets are reviewed annually for impairment in periods if events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable.

### Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method less impairment .losses for bad and doubtful debts except where the effect of discounting would be immaterial. In such cases the receivables are stated at cost less impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash at bank and in hand, demand deposits with banks and other short term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less and bank overdrafts. In the Balance Sheet bank overdrafts are shown within Creditors.

### Trade and other creditors

Trade and other creditors

Trade and other creditors are initially recognised at fair value and thereafter stated at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, unless the effect of discounting would be immaterial, in which case they are stated at cost.

### Taxation and deferred taxation

No charge to current or deferred taxation arises as the company is availing of the tax exemption under Charitable Tax Exemption Number CHY 16834.

### 3. Adoption of FRS 102

This is the first set of financial statements prepared by Burrenbeo Trust (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having Share Capital) in accordance with accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"). The company transitioned from previously extant Irish and UK GAAP to FRS 102 as at 1 January 2024.

**4. Departure from Companies Act 2014 Presentation**

The directors have elected to present an Income and Expenditure Account instead of a Profit and Loss Account in these financial statements as this company is a not-for-profit entity.

<b>5. Operating surplus</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023
	€	€
<b>Operating surplus is stated after charging:</b>		
Depreciation of tangible assets	<b>3,429</b>	2,645

**6. Employees**

The average monthly number of employees, including directors, during the financial year was 11, (2023 - 10).

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>Number</b>	Number
Ordinary	<b>11</b>	10

<b>7. Tax on surplus</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023
	€	€

**Analysis of charge in the financial year****Current tax:**

Corporation tax	-	-
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No charge to tax arises as the company is availing of the tax exemption under Charitable Tax Exemption Number CHY 16834.

<b>8. Tangible assets</b>	<b>Fixtures, fittings and equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Cost</b>	€	€
At 1 January 2024	60,157	60,157
Additions	6,996	6,996
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>67,153</b>	<b>67,153</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 January 2024	46,410	46,410
Charge for the financial year	3,429	3,429
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>49,839</b>	<b>49,839</b>
<b>Net book value</b>		
<b>At 31 December 2024</b>	<b>17,314</b>	<b>17,314</b>
At 31 December 2023	13,747	13,747

<b>9. Debtors</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023
	€	€
<b>Other debtors</b>		20,000

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF BURRENBEO TRUST**

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<b>10. Creditors</b>	<b>2024</b>	2023
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>	€	€
Amounts owed to credit institutions	<b>2,507</b>	677
Taxation	<b>4,653</b>	3,492
Accruals	<b>5,125</b>	4,065
Deferred Income	<b>133,115</b>	17,035
	<b>145,400</b>	25,269

<b>11. State Funding</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>State Funding</b>
	Government Department	Department of Foreign Affairs
	Grant Programme	Shared Island Civic Society Fund
	Purpose of the Grant	Farming for Nature Programme (FFN)
	Term	12 Months
	Total Fund	€42,440
	Expenditure	€42,440
	Fund deferred or due at financial year end	0
	Received in the financial year	€42,440
	Type of Grant	Revenue Grant
	Restriction on use	Specified Programme Expenditure Only

The above grant is compliant with relevant Circulars including 13/2014

**12. Status**

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up While they are members, or within one financial year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding €2.

**13. Capital commitments**

The company had no material capital commitments at the financial year-ended 31 December 2024.

**14. Post-Balance Sheet Events**

There have been no significant events affecting the company since the financial year-end.

**15. Operational Risk Reserve**

The charity's reserves policy is to seek to spend income promptly; except as required for planned projects, for prudent financial planning and risk management and for reasonable cash flow management. The reserve is to cover operational costs for a period of six months, excluding depreciation.

<b>2024</b>	2023
€	€
<b>175,000</b>	108,000

### 16. FFN Reserve (Restricted)

The Farming For Nature (FFN) Programme is funded by specific grant payments from Government Departments. These are restricted funds and any excess funding received over expenditure in the year is retained to be spent solely on the FFN Programme in future years.

2024	2023
€	€
<b>235,063</b>	127,340

### 17. Burren Ambassador Fund Reserve (Restricted)

The Burren Ambassador (BA) Programme is funded by specific donations received by the company. These are restricted funds and any excess funding received over expenditure in the year is retained to be spent solely on the BA Programme in future years.

2024	2023
€	€
<b>2,773</b>	3,773

### 18. Burren Conservation Volunteers Reserve (Restricted)

The Burren Conservation Volunteers (BCV) Programme is funded by specific funds set aside by the company. These are restricted funds and excess funding received over expenditure in the year is retained to be spent solely on the BCV Programme in future years.

2024	2023
€	€
<b>583</b>	1,843

### 19. The Hares Corner Reserve (Restricted)

The Hares Comer (THC) Programme is funded by is funded by a number of local authorities, by sponsorship from a number of foundations and by sponsorship from a number of commercial entities. These are restricted funds and any excess funding received over expenditure in the year is retained to be spent solely on the THC Programme in future years.

2024	2023
€	€
<b>117,642</b>	80,000

### 20. The Calf & Cuckoo Reserve (Restricted)

The Calf & Cuckoo Programme is funded by specific donations received by the company. These are restricted funds and any excess funding received over expenditure in the year is retained to be spent solely on the Calf & Cuckoo Programme in future years.

2024	2023
€	€
<b>1,500</b>	0

### 21. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the board of directors on 16/07/2025.

This page does not form part of the audited financial statements.

## Detailed Income Statement

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	€	€
<b>Income</b>	<b>998,958</b>	640,132
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Farming For Nature costs	187,299	128,370
Winterage Weekend costs	20,835	11,038
Place Based Learning costs	6,754	3,883
EIP The Hares Comer expense		24,472
Pine Tree Project expense		600
Heritage Keepers grant expense	57,989	41,941
Heritage Keepers general expense	3,305	
The Hares Comer development costs	23,020	62,040
Burren Conservation Volunteers expense	3,292	655
Burren In Bloom expense	2,978	3,445
Burren Journey expense		11,005
Mayo - The Hares Comer expense	46,174	27,520
Turas expense	42,191	2,056
Shared Island Faming For Nature expense		16,605
Galway City - The Hares Corner expense	23,341	
Leitrim - The Hares Comer expense	40,408	
Meath - The Hares Comer expense	35,372	
Galway County - The Hares Corner expense	37,711	
The Hare's Corner General expense	60,717	
Wages and salaries	225,864	191,780
Social welfare costs	20,931	17,164
Staff defined contribution pension costs	3,578	
Staff training	2,254	260
Rent payable	13,200	11,700
Insurance	3,500	3,100
Light and heat	1,310	648
Cleaning	1,023	1,164
Repairs and maintenance	1,610	1,323
Printing, postage and stationery	1,509	5,732
Telephone	2,046	2,281
Computer costs	9,058	5,773
Staff Clothing	350	2,384
Communications	6,531	
Annual Report	2,288	
Travelling and entertainment		10,273
Travel and subsistence - staff	13,335	
Travel and subsistence - non-staff	4,444	
Accountancy	3,355	2,220
Bank charges	5,099	2,572
Staff benefits	10,000	
General expenses	5,147	10,389
Auditor's remuneration	2,276	1,845
Depreciation	3,429	2,645
	<b>933,523</b>	606,883
<b>Miscellaneous income</b>		
Bank interest	454	116
<b>Net surplus</b>	<b>65,889</b>	33,365



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