

## Management

What can be done?	What has been done?
<b>Land Management</b>	
Increase number of staff available in the Burren to support Heritage/landscape issues	NPWS information point has been opened in Corofin, which is staffed for c.6months of the year and provides information and a bus service for the Burren National Park. Burrenbeo Trust staff increased in 2012 from one full time staff member to one full time, two part time staff members and one contractor.
Establish a joint local working base for all Burren Heritage staff.	The Burren Resource Clinic is a preliminary investigation into the need for this. Three clinics were held in 2012 and another will be later in this year.
Increase opportunities for dialogue and face to face meetings between landowners and heritage professionals to plan farm works and to provide information.	There has been an increase in the number of farmers part-taking in the Burren Farming for Conservation Programme. The Winterage Weekend worked as a catalyst for heritage professionals and landowners to have stronger links toward common goals. Burrenbeo Trust have held a number of walks on BFCP farms where experts and farmers share ideas.
Undertake long term research to inform the future development of the BFCP.	The BFCP is co-supervising a PhD student to carry out research in the region. This research will look at the rare alpine heath and its pollinators, and how it has been impacted by farming, what measures can be taken going forward for the best of the conservation of this habitat and for the benefit of the farmer. BFCP have applied to Teagasc Walsh Fellowship Scheme for a student in 2014
Maintain dialogue between all stakeholders with regard to current contentious issues.	Burrenbeo Trust advisory committee meet to discuss contentious issues as they arise. Recent issues include the Galway Bay fish farm, Fracking in Clare and the BNP Car Park. There are also a number of specific action groups which discuss and make statements on issues as they arise.
Achieve agreement on a feral goats' management plan and its implementation.	BFCP have been liaising with the Old Irish Goat Society based in Mayo.
Explore the possibility of utilising the local authorities' summer student scheme, graduate intern programmes, the Rural	The Burren Conservation Volunteers work on an on going basis on a range of land management programmes. BFCP are employing an Intern through the JobBridge

Social Scheme, Tús Scheme, Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers and Burren Ecotourism network conservation programme etc. to tackle localised land management issues.	programme.
Support the work of the Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers and the Burren Ecotourism Network Conservation programme.	Both programmes are continuing to develop and strengthen.
Develop an action plan between the Local Authority, NPWS and landowners to manage roadside hedges.	
Increase awareness raising among the local community of strategic landscape planning, the cumulative impact of development and the economic value of landscape to the local economy.	
<b>Heritage Management</b>	
Include marine and coastal heritage in all future awareness raising, information provision and educational activities.	Burrenbeo have worked with Michael Gibbons to promote coastal heritage near Doorus.
Advocate maintaining the FMAs and Geopark geologist on a more permanent basis.	The Geopark geologist position has been strengthened in the awarding of the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark status. The Clare FMA position is currently co-funded by the Heritage Council and BFCP on an annual basis and the role of the FMA is growing in stature.
Develop a locally based integrated heritage database into which all relevant data is uploaded and make it accessible for use by all interested individuals.	All Charter Orgs continue to develop and enhance their web presence while an integrated 'Charter website' is being developed.
Support the expansion and integration of local community heritage projects.	A number of local heritage initiatives are taking place – notably the Killiagh Church project and Doolin Heritage week. These are promoted through the Charter website and BBT eNewsletters etc The Geopark and the Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers are currently looking to work together on the management of different heritage sites.
Ensure adequate heritage skills training is available.	Burrenbeo Trust have provided a heritage education course for the last number of years. BFCP organised three skills training courses in 2012 for farmers and farm contractors.

	The Burren Outdoor Education centre also provide a geology course. The Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark are developing a heritage education for delivery in 2014. BBT organised a Health & Safety Course for its BCVs and others in 2013.
Prioritise research themes for heritage management.	BFCP have applied for Teagasc Walsh Fellowship to investigate best practice farm management.

## Local Enterprise

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What can be done?	What has been done?
Carry out an audit of food, drink, arts and crafts producers in the area with the end focus of producing a Burren directory and development of a Burren producers network.	The Burren Ecotourism Network <i>Food Trail</i> was initiated successfully in 2013.
Provide supports to explore the possibilities for the use of local resources for enterprise development.	BBT Commissioned a feasibility study (with support from Clare Leader) on the development of the potential of the Burren as a learning landscape.
Develop a 'one stop shop' in the Burren which will provide support, advice and facilitation for enterprise development and market the Burren in terms of all its services, facilities and attractions, not only to promote tourism but to attract enterprise.	This was one of the elements investigated through the 'Resource Centres' of 2012. The two local development companies were available for people to meet and discuss projects with. This is to be repeated in 2013.
Develop a Burren web portal to include all local businesses, services and facilities.	The Burren Charter website will act as an umbrella site for other Burren websites
Revive and explore the idea of developing a Burren brand.	
Advocate for improved communications and infrastructure across the Burren.	

## Agriculture

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What can be done?	What has been done?
Collectively advocate for sustained and increased funding for BFCP	Lobbying for an expansion of the BFCP across the Burren has been led by the BFCP team, Burren IFA and the Burrenbeo Trust (at their annual Gala in Galway).

Develop a one stop Burren shop (and helpline etc) to offer support, advice and assistance to the farmer.	Similar to the marketing and enterprise development, this was one of the elements investigated through the 'Resource Centres' of 2012. This is to be repeated in 2013.
Develop and deliver a farm accounts/form filling computer course geared towards farmers.	Local courses take place in communities across the Burren (e.g. Boston).
Explore the designation of the Burren as a 'Landscape Feature'	BFCP maintaining discussions with DAFM
Increase opportunities for farmers in the areas of conservation, tourism and enterprise to supplement farm income.	There are a number of on going programme including the Farm Heritage tours Coop. BFCP have 80 farmer contractors listed on their database and work with 3 local suppliers to produce Burren Gates.

## Tourism

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What can be done?	What has been done?
Encourage networking between all tourism service providers within the Burren to make better use of available resources.	The Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark LIFE project is engaging on a tourism for conservation project which will build this network. BEN is a growing network of tourism businesses.
Develop a local multiplier case study to demonstrate the impact of local tourism initiatives on the local economy.	
Support and resource the Burren Ecotourism Network in their promotion and development of conservation actions, environmental standards and long stay eco holiday packages.	The Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark LIFE project is supporting the BEN
Expand the 'Ireland Reaching Out' diaspora project from SE Galway to include the Clare Burren.	Discussions ongoing between BBT and IRO representatives
Explore opportunities for the development of more cycling and walking trails throughout the Burren, with trailheads at access points such as Gort railway station.	Both Shannon Region Trails and the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark have recently launched a range of trails in the Burren area. Signage of walking routes in the Burren National Park is now prominent at the site.
Improve integration between regional and local tourism agencies.	
Collectively advocate for sustained and	Burren Connect was renamed the Burren and Cliffs of

increased funding for Burren Connect and expand its remit into the Galway Burren.	Moher Geopark in 2013. The project received €1.1 million in funding.
Wild Atlantic Drive initiative.	This project is being developed with a hoped completion date of March 2014.
Audit of what is currently available.	
Training for Local Providers.	There is a variety of heritage training available for providers in the area. As part of the Geopark a training course will be provided specifically for the local tourism providers.
Promote local culture, music, song and folklore.	BBT have an annual evening of local music, song and folklore as part of their winter lecture series. Clare Memories interviewed several local farmers for the WInterage festival 2012
Increase use of internet for marketing.	The Burren Ecotourism Network launched a website which advertises all business involved in the initiative.
Target Coach Tour Operators to encourage them to use local restaurants, pubs, cafes etc.	

## Local Community

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What can be done?	What has been done?
Continue awareness raising of the Burren as a landscape unit covering parts of North Clare and South Galway.	On going (BBT, BFCP, Burren Geopark, BEN).
Examine GCC and CCC policies, especially with regard to planning and explore the possibility of harmonising policies for the Burren.	
Develop projects in which the children and young adults of the Burren can become actively involved.	On going. The Burrenbeo Trust recently started a programme for Transition Year students aimed at raising their awareness and appreciation of their own place.
Identify, value and use the talents and skills of local residents and provide opportunities to develop new skills. Match the capacity of these skills with those of professionals working in the Burren to support conservation, marketing, education and service delivery.	The BFCP programme encourages the training and use of local contractors for the upkeep of farming areas.

Encourage local community organisations to develop community action plans to feed into the future development of the Burren Community Charter.	
Encourage and harness volunteerism.	The Burren Conservation Volunteers continue to grow in numbers and are involved in a wide range of projects in the locality.

## Education

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What can be done?	What has been done?
Establish a network of all agencies involved in educational work in the Burren to review the current programmes being delivered with the view to preventing overlap, making more efficient use of funding resources and identifying gaps in delivery.	An education audit was carried out in 2012 as one of the Burren Community Charter projects. This identified what currently exists, as well as attempting to address the potential gaps in provision.
Support, promote, expand and integrate community educational projects.	On going.
Investigate the possibility of the 'Ecobeo educational programme' becoming part of every Burren National School's curriculum.	On going (BBT)
Training for local residents and providers.	There is a variety of heritage training available in the area. As part of the Geopark a training course will be provided specifically for the local tourism providers. There may still be further opportunities for developing adult heritage training courses in the area.
Harness opportunities associated with field trips and international training and education in the Burren.	This is an area that continues to grow. Universities and visiting groups from all over the world visit and experience the Burren as a learning landscape. The Burrenbeo Trust carried out a Learning Landscape Feasibility Study in 2012 to investigate what opportunities are available to utilize the Burren as a Learning Landscape.

## Information Provision

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What can be done?	What has been done?
Create a forum where the operators of	

Burren based visitor centres and tourist information points can meet to discuss the materials they promote, how it is delivered and how they could best integrate and network their marketing and promotional activities.	
Support service providers to act as agents for the distribution of high quality Burren information.	Ongoing (Burren Geopark Project, BBT)
Create and develop further guiding courses.	There is a variety of heritage training available in the area. As part of the Geopark a training course will be provided specifically for the local tourism providers. There may still be further opportunities for developing adult heritage training courses in the area.

## Traffic Management and Signage

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What can be done?	What has been done?
Continue to seek co operation of Coach companies and local businesses in development of one way system.	Ongoing (Burren Geopark Project)
Explore the development of community based car pooling systems within local communities.	
Develop a forum for resolution exploration with regard to the purchase of land at Ballyryan between the landowners, the local community, Burren IFA, Clare County Council and Burren Connect.	Ongoing (Burren Geopark Project)
Support the development and implementation of the Burren Signage Plan.	Ongoing (Burren Geopark Project)
Ensure the entry points to the East Burren are given equal cognisance in the Burren Signage Plan and are suitably signposted.	
Promote and develop safe cycling and walking routes as an alternative way to explore the Burren.	
Wild Atlantic Drive.	
Upgrade road network where appropriate and possible.	

Improve parking in villages.	
Investigate potential for a 'rural transport initiative' – Trans Tourism.	Ongoing (Burren Geopark Project)

## Access for Recreation

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What can be done?	What has been done?
Support the Farm Heritage Tours Co op and encourage linkages with other local educational, recreational and tourism groups.	BBT and BFCP working closely with Co-op on monthly walks series and for visiting groups.
Promote existing public walking trails and support work of Rural Recreation Officer and the Walks Scheme and expand where funding permits.	Various routes have been opened through the Shannon Region Trails programme. The Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark have also launched a number of walking routes. Signage of walking routes in the Burren National Park is now prominent at the site.
Research and map all the 'green roads' within the Burren that have public access and publish a guide to these routes.	
Facilitate a discussion forum between landowners and local businesses that require access to land, with the objective of seeking an agreement and setting up a pilot project for one year. Consider using 'Permissive Access Agreements (as used on Mayo Greenway)	Issue of access has been raised at meetings between IFA and BFCP
Recommend that all tourism publications only carry information on sites with access agreements and an agreed code of conduct for recreationalists.	
Develop a heritage trail between Cahercommaun and the Michael Cusack Centre, directing the visitor to park at the Michael Cusack Centre and walks across the half mile trail to Cahercommaun.	This has been completed and was launched during the Burren Community Charter Winterage Weekend 2012.