



LIFE05/NAT/IRL/000182

RESTORING PRIORITY WOODLAND HABITATS IN IRELAND

telling the **LIFE** story

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Aim



- To raise awareness of value of priority woodland habitats

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Overview

Monitoring
Team



- **Team effort**
- 9 forest managers
- Project team members
- Variety of media used with varied success

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Telling the LIFE story



→ International

→ National

→ Local

World Ploughing Champ 2008

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Story told through

- Website
- Brochure
- DVD
- Results Booklet
- Exhibition
- Project Launch
- Consultation
- Public meetings
- Training days
- Field visits
- Guided walks
- Signage



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Educational aspect



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- Demonstration sites
- Training days
 - For restoration workers
 - All stakeholders
- Disseminate results
 - Conference
 - Results booklet
- Monitoring data useful in future



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Exchanging ideas

Burren



→ similar projects

- Wet woodlands Scotland
- New Forest England
- Burren LIFE
- NT, Crom, N.I.
- NPWS St Johns Wood
- Killarney yew wood

St Johns
Wood



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Making a local connection

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→ Public information and consultation

→ Newsletters, posters, word of mouth, letters, local press

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Making a local connection



Hazelwood

- Coillte open access policy to wood
- Guided woodland walks
- Site signage 17



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Making a local connection

Aghnaguig



→ Third level students visit local priority wood

Hazelwood





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Celebrating local heritage



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Involving community



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Cahir Park

Durrow





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Yew wood
Cahir Park

6th Class
students

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National voice



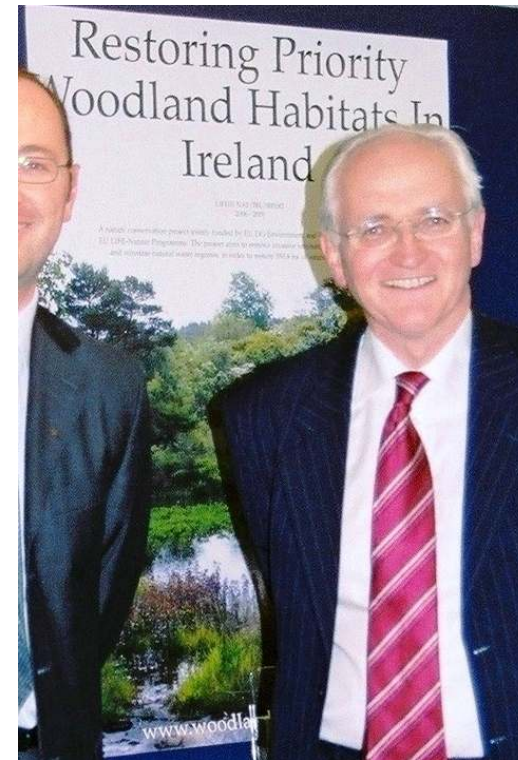
- Television
- Radio
- Newspapers
- Magazines



National Launch



Cahir Park, Minister Mary Wallace



Minister Gormally, at ENFO



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LIFE story in motion



- Promotional DVD
- 2000 copies

- Launched ~
European Forest
Week



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Field Days



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Durrow

→ Exchanged ideas

- SIF, ITGA, IFA, Crann
- SAC Watch, IWT



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Training Days

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- NGOs and FS,
 - Alluvial woodland
 - Riparian zone mgmt

Castletaylor



- FS, WoI, Sylviron, Coillte Nurseries
 - Native tree planting/handling
 - Native woodland mgmt
 - Priority woodland



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National interest in exhibition



→ **Healthy Habitats**
2008 ENFO, Dublin

→ **Healthy Forests,
Healthy People**
2009 on tour
around country

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International message



Aghnaguig, Danish visitors

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IALE Conference, Wageningen

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→ UK-Ireland
Limestone Group

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After four years of the LIFE story

- Positive feedback from local communities
- Interest to learn more about rare habitat
- Support from statutory bodies
- Networking with NGOs and other groups
- Being invited to share our story
- Pride of the forest managers in what has been achieved since 2006 at these woods



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Finally, it's the pictures that tell the story



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