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# IRD Kiltimagh Ltd.

1988 – 2008

‘Against the Tide’.





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- **Aiden St.,**
- **Kiltimagh,**
- **Co. Mayo,**
- **Ireland.**
  
- **Company Reg. No: 150789**
- **Registered as a Charity: CHY 14804**





## The Problem in 1988

- 75% Emigration.
- 40% Buildings Derelict.
- No Investment in Business.
- Regular Business Closures.
- Low Income Levels.
- High Unemployment and Underemployment.





## The Handicaps.

- No Natural Tourism Products.
- Poor Land.
- Small Farms.
- Poor Roads.
- No Passing Traffic.
- Little Industrial Employment.
- Relative Poverty.
- Few Facilities and Amenities.
- Derelict Townscape.





## The Greatest Asset.



- People.
- Community Spirit.
- Pride of Place.

### Local Community gave:

- Time: Board of Directors.  
Working Groups.
- Money: £42K in Year 1.
- Investment in Private Projects and Property.





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## Enterprise House, Aiden St.,







## Irish Spinners Factory,



1993

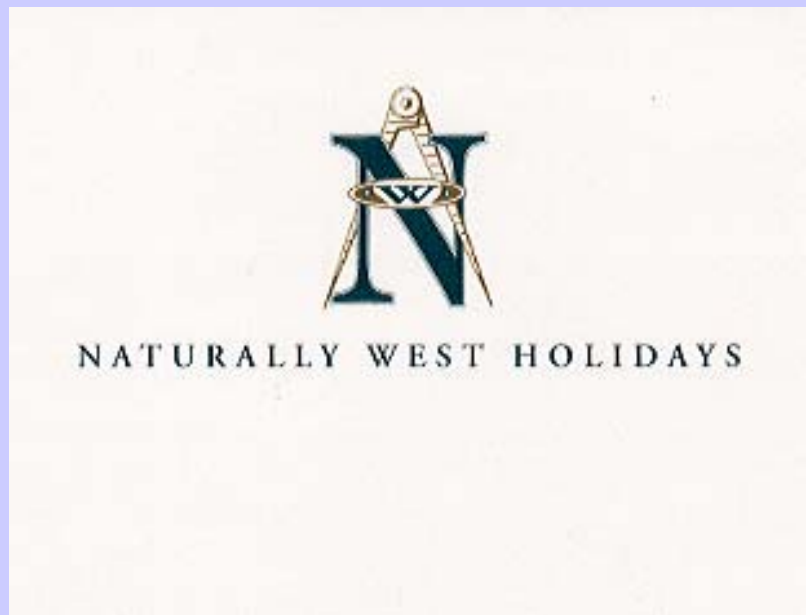


2004





## Naturally West Holidays.



- Tourism Marketing.
- Product Development.
- Training.
- Reservations.
- Festival Organisation.





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## Kiltimagh Business Bureau



- **Secretarial Services.**
- **Promotional Printing.**
- **Graphic Design.**





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## Main St., Kiltimagh, Early 90's





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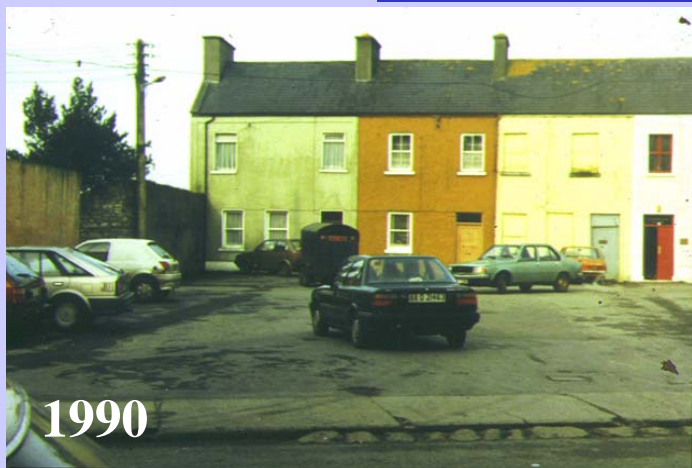
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## Main St., Kiltimagh, 2000





## Market Sq., Kiltimagh,





## Inward Investment.





## Development of Rivers & Lakes.



- Game Angling.
- Assessment of Fish Stocks
- Provision of Access.
- Clearing Overgrowth.
- Marketing.



- Coarse Angling.
- Provision of Access.
- Fishing Stands.
- Boat Jettys
- Marketing.







## Town Hall.



- Theatre.
- Conference Centre.
- Cinema
- District Court.
- Exhibition Centre.



- 200 Seats.
- Theatre Style Seating.
- Audio and Video Equipment..
- Lighting
- Upgraded Totally in 2008 - €400k spent.





## Mayo School of Music.



1993



2000



2006





# KILTIANNACH

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## Sculpture Symposium, 1993.

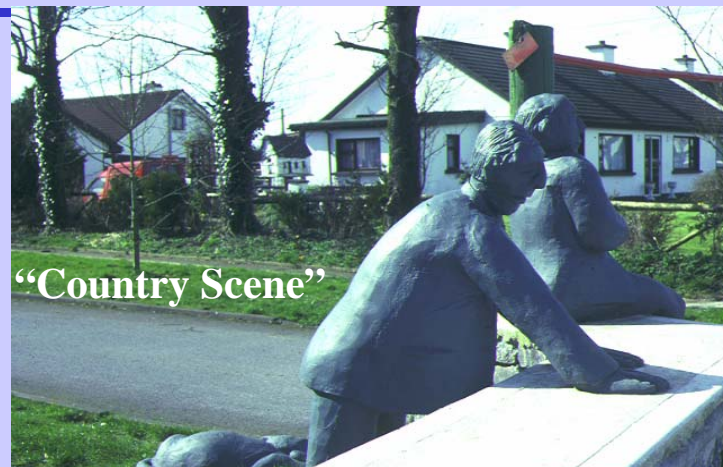




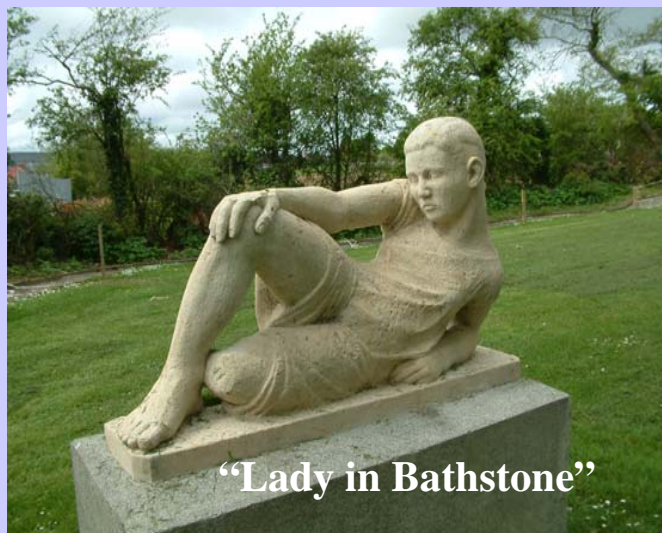
## Sculpture Park.



“Inion Mháthu”



“Country Scene”



“Lady in Bathstone”



“The Well” by  
Voldomyr Skrypka.



“Shibumi”

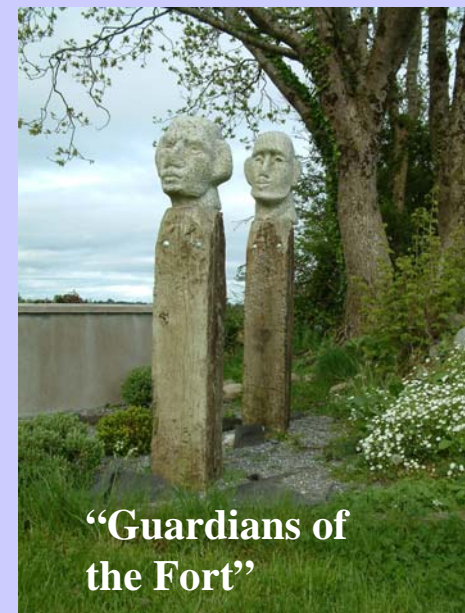


## Sculpture Park.





## Other Sculptures.



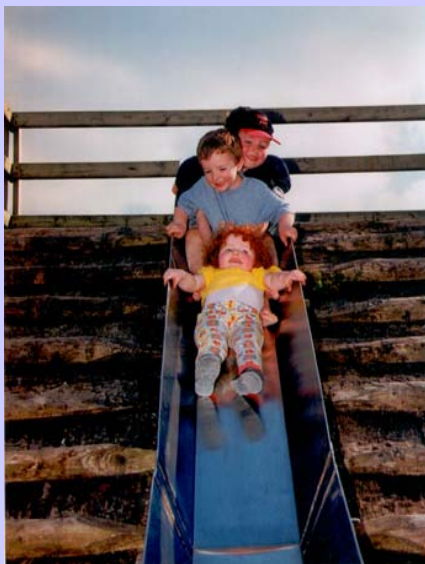


## Other Sculptures & Features.





## Childrens Funpark / Maghus Castle.







## Childrens Funpark / Maghus Castle.



### Facilities:

- 450 sq. m. Indoor Play Area.
- 2800 sq. m. Outdoor Play Area.
- Party Room.
- Area for Under 3's
- Tea / Coffee



### Funders:

- IRD Private funds,
- Mayo Co. Co. and LEADER grants
- Western Development Commission and Clann Credo Loans.

Cost: ~€450,000



## Tir na nÓg Outdoor Playground.



**Funders:**

**-IRD.**

**-Mayo Co Co.**

**-LEADER/Clár**

**Cost: €160,000**



## Housing Phases 2 & 3. (14 units)



➤ **2009 => 34 units of Voluntary Housing accommodating over 80 residents.**

➤ **Elderly, Single Parents, Low Income Families.**





## Bohola Rd.





## Amenity Areas.

**Devleash**



**Bushfield.**



**Thornhill.**



**Oxford Cross.**





## Wetlands Park, (Work in Progress)





## Wetlands Park,





## Wetlands Park to Park Hotel,



- ✓ 45 Bedroom.
- ✓ 450 seat  
Function Room.
- ✓ Spa and Leisure  
Facilities.
- ✓ Bars and  
Restaurants.
- ✓ Opened  
December 2006.







## Other Roles.

- Lobbying:
  - Planning Permission.
  - Infrastructure – e.g. Sewerage, WRC.
  - National and Regional Policy.
- Maintenance of Facilities and Amenities.
  - Litter Control,
  - Grass Cutting.
  - Village Enhancement.
- Support of other sectors and organisations:
  - Voluntary organisations, Schools, Sporting organisations, Church initiatives, etc.
  - Business Sector, Tourism Sector, etc.





## Results:

- Over 550 Jobs.
- 15% Growth in Local Population 1996 - 2002.
- 30.2% Annual Economic Activity Increase.
- 6% Annual Increase in School Numbers.
- €15m Community Owned Assets (2009).
- New Services, Amenities and Retail Outlets.
- Choice for Youth to live in Kiltimagh.





# KILTIANNACH

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## Cairn International Trade Centre.



- ✓ 3,150 sq. m.
- ✓ 15 Office Suites.
- ✓ High Tech Space.
- ✓ Full facilities.
- ✓ Offices from 100-300 sq. m.
- ✓ Aimed at private decentralising Projects





## Cairn International Trade Centre.



- ✓ To create infrastructure.
- ✓ To create additional Jobs.
- ✓ Support the local economy.
- ✓ Employ the next generation.
- ✓ Opportunity to return for past out-migrants.
- ✓ Emphasis on the knowledge sector.
- ✓ Emphasis on Quality of Life for employees.
- ✓ Location close to Hotels, Creches, Schools, Etc.



## Cairn International Trade Centre.



The 'State of the art' building has:

- ✓ Centralised Reception.
- ✓ Space for 150 office based employees.
- ✓ Underground and Over Ground Car Parking.
- ✓ 15 Adaptable Suites.
- ✓ Lounge Areas in the Circulation Space.
- ✓ Meeting Rooms.
- ✓ Landscaped Exterior.
- ✓ Central Location in Connaught.





## Cairn International Trade Centre.



Each Suite has:

- ✓ Air-conditioned Heating and Cooling.
- ✓ Own Toilet and Shower.
- ✓ Own Kitchenette.
- ✓ Connection to Fibre, DSL, and Wireless Broadband.
- ✓ Separately metred Power Supply.





## Cairn International Trade Centre.



Cost = €7M

✓ Financed by:

- IRD Kiltimagh Ltd. = €1.2m
- Loans = €4.5m
- Enterprise Ireland = €0.3m
- VAT Reclaim = €0.8m
- Mayo Co. Co. = €0.2m





## Some Challenges facing areas like Kiltimagh:

- Dwindling numbers of volunteers;
- Local shops unable to compete with larger out of town stores;
- Dominance of larger towns and the Multiples.
- Local population increases – integration into the local community;
- Multi-cultural base;
- Planning;
- Younger generation – participation in community development.







## Partners in Progress.

- F.A.S.
- Mayo County Council.
- Mayo County Enterprise Board.
- Enterprise Ireland.
- N. W. Fisheries Board.
- E.S.B.
- Eircom.
- Bord Failte.
- Mayo County Development Board.
- Department of Community, Rural and Gaeltacht Affairs.
- Department of Agriculture.
- Local Organisations and Societies.
- WestBIC.
- Local Community.
- Business Community.
- Emigrants (U.S. & U.K.)
- Banks.
- Teagasc.
- Department of Environment and Local Government.
- Clann Credo.
- Western Development Commission.
- Local Media.
- Others.





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