
IHAI BULLETIN



A Happy New Year to all our members around the island of Ireland and abroad.

After a very different and difficult year, we are looking forward to a more positive outlook for 2021. Our President, Paul McMahon, takes this opportunity to thank you for your support for our efforts to keep the Industrial Heritage flag flying. Despite the restrictions placed upon the Board, we are continuing to champion the cause of the sector at a national level and maintain contact with our international colleagues. In the absence of our regular events, a bi-monthly Bulletin was introduced to maintain contact with our members and this is issue No.5. We are also conscious that our members who manage and maintain sites for the public have been faced with extremely difficult challenges. Support for the promotion of these sites will continue to be a priority for the IHAI. Hopefully later this year we will have an opportunity to return to some face-to-face activities.

Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028 – Public Consultation

The IHAI Board has made the following submission under *Theme 8 : Built Heritage & Archaeology*: Industrial Heritage does not have the 'high degree of protection through national legislation' as stated in the Introduction. This protection should have been provided through the two national inventories - the Archaeological Survey of Ireland (ASI) and National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH). However as the ASI focuses almost exclusively on sites of pre-1700 AD date, and the NIAH surveys a representative example in each county, the industrial sites have to a great extent fallen between the two national inventories. In the early 2000's Dublin City Council commissioned a survey of their own industrial heritage stock, Dublin City Industrial Heritage Record (DCIHR) - a most important initiative. However despite having the DCIHR, which provided Merit Ratings of International, National, Regional, and Local Merit, these have not been adequately included in the Record of Protected Structures (RPS), and/or designated as Architectural Conservation Areas (ACA). The Industrial Heritage Association of Ireland (IHAI) recommends that the Merit Ratings given to the structures and complexes included in the DCIHR should be adopted in the Plan, in addition to those sites automatically included on the RPS, and/or designated as ACAs. Access to the DCIHR within the Dublin City Council (DCC) Planning website is very complicated both for the public and practitioners, and should be addressed. The IHAI recommends that adequate heritage specialist professionals, together with the technical resources, be provided within DCC. Where works are undertaken at Industrial Heritage sites, competent industrial heritage specialists should be engaged, and registered heritage contractors deployed on the project. As noted in the 2016 Development Plan, the Dublin Principles (ICOMOS International Principles for the Conservation of Industrial Heritage Sites, Structures, Areas and Landscapes) provide a framework for the strategic and operational management of industrial heritage. A Conservation Maintenance Repair Manual should be prepared for each site by DCC. The owner should provide a Conservation Repair Work Schedule, and any associated costs should be grant-aided. DCC should carry out a Condition Report every five years. The special historical maritime landscape of the city should be safeguarded with particular care being taken with the siting of high-rise development within that setting. A number of redundant industrial heritage buildings in the city have been adapted for re-use with the works carried out to standard conservation practice. These should be referred to as Case Studies of appropriate sensitive re-use. The IHAI sees the Heritage Plan process as a key contributor to the development of a strategy and framework for the future protection of the city's intangible and tangible cultural heritage. Industrial heritage is a living legacy - the story of how previous generations worked in the 19th and 20th centuries, and their living conditions through relative prosperity and poverty. It is clear from the upsurge in public interest in family history that the documenting and recording of this story is a key ingredient in understanding a community's past. The IHAI recommends that the Dublin Development Plan include a policy objective to undertake a review and assessment of the impact of developments on the intangible and tangible cultural heritage at or in the vicinity of the industrial sites included in the DCIHR. The proposed Kilmainham Mill project would provide an opportunity to

consider how best a sustainable future could be found for this significant complex. Conservation of the industrial heritage is a multi-disciplinary process involving many stakeholders. The IHAI would support the Dublin City Council initiative in exploring the many challenges associated with this project.

IHAI Newsletter

Members will shortly receive a copy of our latest *Newsletter*, ably compiled by Dr Colin Rynne of the Department of Archaeology at University College Cork. Our thanks to him and the university for facilitating the production and distribution of this regular publication. All previous issues of the *Newsletter* are archived on our web site at www.ihai.ie and constitute a permanent record of the wide-spread activities of the IHAI over the past twenty-five years.

Subscription Reminder

Many of our members have renewed their membership for the current year, but there are others who have not done so as yet. Your support through membership of IHAI is vitally important to the continuing voluntary efforts of the Officers and Executive Committee to promote an appreciation of Ireland's industrial heritage.

Industrial Heritage Awards 2005-2019

In 2005 the Electricity Supply Board commenced its very generous support for the IHAI industrial heritage awards, which became an annual way for the IHAI to acknowledge the contributions by individuals and organisations for the promotion and understanding of Ireland's industrial heritage. First and foremost amongst those responsible for securing this important patronage was Brendan Delany who retired last year from his position as **Archive & Heritage Manager** at the ESB. Brendan was also for many years a hard-working member of the IHAI Board and Executive Committee. Although the details of the awards and the award recipients have been included over the years in our Newsletters, the awards are often quickly forgotten, so it was felt that members might like to have them listed here as an *aide memoire*.

2019	Best Museum	Fancroft Mill & Gardens
	Mary Mulvihill Publications/Media Award	
	The Little Book of Cork Harbour: Kieran McCarthy	
	Special Recognition	Restoration of the <i>Ilen</i>
	Lifetime Achievement	Brendan Delany
2018	Best Museum	National Print Museum
	Mary Mulvihill Publications/Media Award	
	<i>Called to Serve</i> and <i>Called to Serve Two</i> : Ron Cox & Dermot O'Dwyer	
	Special Recognition	Bridges of Dublin: Dublin City Council
	Lifetime Achievement	Michael Grace
2017	Best Museum	Foynes Flying Boat & Maritime Museum
	Mary Mulvihill Publication/Media Award	
	<i>Adopt a Monument: Guidance for Archaeological Projects.</i>	
	Special Recognition	Restoration of the Newry Canal
	Lifetime Achievement	Colin Rynne

2016	Best Museum	Titanic, Belfast
	Mary Mulvihill Media Award	Padraig Yeates
	Special Recognition	Paul Duffy
	Lifetime Achievement	Alan McCutcheon
2015	Best Museum / Restoration	Diving Bell, Dublin Port
	Mary Mulvihill Media Award	<i>Building Ireland</i> TV Series
	Special Recognition	Ulster Architecture Heritage Society
	Lifetime Achievement	Michael Conry
2014	Best IH Site/Museum	The Irish Agricultural Museum, Johnstown Castle, Wexford
	Special Recognition	The Railway Preservation Society of Ireland
	Publications	Rob Goodbody
	Lifetime Achievement	William Hogg
2013	Best IH Site/Museum	The Steam Museum, Straffan
	Industrial Heritage	The Mining Heritage Trust
	Restoration	The Water Clock, Killruddery, Bray
	Lifetime Achievement	Mary McMahon
2012	Best IH Site/Museum	The National Maritime Museum of Ireland
	Best Interpretation of IH	Ranks, Limerick (Book & Exhibition)
	Special Citation	The Heritage Council
	Lifetime Achievement	Fred Hamond
2011	Best IH Site/Museum	Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey
	Best Industrial Replica	Boeing B314 Flying Boat, Foynes
	Publication	<i>Brown Gold / A History of Bord na Mona & The Peat Industry</i>
	Lifetime Achievement	James Davidson
2010	Best IH Site/Museum	Lifetime Lab (Former Waterworks), Cork
	Restoration	West Clare Railway / <i>Slieve Callan</i>
	Publication	Diane Hodnett / <i>The Metal Mines of West Cork</i>
2009	Best IH Site/Museum	New Mills, Nr Letterkenny
	Restoration	Benny Cullen & Tom Meaney (Straffan Steam Museum)
	Publications	Michael Conry
	Lifetime Achievement	Michael Lynch
2008	Best IH Site/Museum	Belmont Mill, Co.Offaly
	Publications	Fred Hamond
	Lifetime Achievement	Robert Guinness

2007	Best IH Site/Museum	FLAME – The Gasworks Museum of Ireland, Carrickfergus
	Publication	Michael Corcoran / <i>Our Good Health: A History of Dublin's Water & Drainage</i>
	Lifetime Achievement	Norman Campion
2006	Special Recognition	The Irish Railway Record Society
	Publication	Colin Rynne
	Lifetime Achievement	Ron Cox
2005	Best Community Project	Skerries Mills
	Publications	Colin Rynne
	Lifetime Achievement	Ruth Delany

Bygone Days 5

Can you identify the location of this wonderful shot of happy members in 2008?



Finally, the answer to the 'Bygone Days' memory test in the last Bulletin was Newmills Aqueduct on the Ducart Canal near Coalisland in county Tyrone which members visited on their tour of Armagh/Tyrone in May 2017, conducted by the well-known industrial archaeologist, Fred Hamond.