

RESOURCES AND GRANTS FOR CONSERVATION-LED TOWN REGENERATION

RESOURCES

1. **Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines for Planning Authorities**
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Architectural-Heritage-Protection-Guidelines-for-Planning-Authorities-2011.pdf>

2. **A Living Tradition: A Strategy to Enhance the Understanding, Minding, and Handing on of Our Built Vernacular Heritage**
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2021/12/A-Living-Tradition.pdf>

3. **Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage *Advice Series***
 - ***Access: Improving the Accessibility of Historic Building and Places*** (2011)
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Access-Improving-the-Accessibility-of-Historic-Buildings-and-Places-2011.pdf>
 - ***Bricks: A Guide to the Repair of Historic Brickwork*** (2009)
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Bricks-A-Guide-to-the-Repair-of-Historic-Brickwork-2009.pdf>
 - ***Disaster: A Guide to Prevention and Preparedness in the Historic Built Environment*** (2020)
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2020/12/Disaster-A-guide-to-preparedness.pdf>
 - ***Energy Efficiency in Traditional Buildings*** (2010)
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Energy-Efficiency-in-Traditional-Buildings-2010.pdf>
 - ***Iron: The Repair of Wrought and Cast Iron Works*** (2009)
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Iron-The-Repair-of-Wrought-and-Cast-Ironwork-2009.pdf>
 - ***Maintenance: A Guide to the Care of Older Buildings*** (2007)
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Maintenance-A-Guide-to-the-Care-of-Older-Buildings-2007.pdf>
 - ***Paving: The Conservation of Historic Ground Surfaces*** (2015)
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Paving-The-Conservation-of-Historic-Ground-Surfaces-2015.pdf>

- ***Places of Worship: The Conservation of Places of Worship*** (2011)
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Places-of-Worship-The-Conservation-of-Places-of-Worship-2011.pdf>
- ***Roofs: A Guide to the Repair of Historic Roofs*** (2010)
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Roofs-A-Guide-to-the-Repair-of-Historic-Roofs-2010.pdf>
- ***Ruins: The Conservation and Repair of Masonry Ruins*** (2010)
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Ruins-The-Conservation-and-Repair-of-Masonry-Ruins-2010.pdf>
- ***Thatch: A Guide to the Repair of Thatched Roofs*** (2015)
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Thatch-A-Guide-to-the-Repair-of-Thatched-Roofs-2015.pdf>
- ***Windows: A Guide to the Repair of Historic Windows*** (2007)
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2019/10/Windows-A-Guide-to-the-Repair-of-Historic-Windows-2007.pdf>

4. **Caring for our Vernacular Heritage**

<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2022/03/Caring-for-Our-Vernacular-Heritage.pdf>

5. **Fire Safety in Thatched Properties**

<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2023/10/Fire-Safety-in-Thatched-Properties.pdf>

6. The **National Inventory of Architectural Heritage (NIAH)** is a state initiative under the administration of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. The purpose of the NIAH is to identify, record, and evaluate the post-1700 architectural heritage of Ireland, uniformly and consistently as an aid in the protection and conservation of the built heritage. The published surveys are a source of information on the selected structures for relevant local authorities. They are also an educational and research resource. It is hoped that the work of the NIAH will increase public awareness and appreciation of Ireland's architectural heritage: <https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/buildings-search/>

7. The Built and Archaeological Heritage Climate Action information page¹ provides information for local authorities and the general public including:
- **Improving Energy Efficiency in Traditional Buildings: Guidance for Specifiers and Installers** (2024)
<https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/app/uploads/2024/05/Improving-Energy-Efficiency-in-Traditional-Buildings-2024.pdf>
 - **Energy Upgrading of Traditional Buildings for Low Embodied and Life Cycle Emissions: Guidance and Case Study** (2024)
<https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/298558/1a53384e-2a2d-4c4d-83b4-4e7bc87731df.pdf#page=null>
 - **Sample Climate Risk Assessments and Condition Assessments**
 - **Heritage and Climate Adaptation Guidance for Local Authorities**
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/22a37-heritage-and-climate-adaptation-guidance-for-local-authorities/>
 - **National Adaptation Framework Sectoral Plans**
<https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/51df3-sectoral-adaptation-planning/>
 - **Climate Change Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Built and Archaeological Heritage**
<https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/246863/2660361a-6b77-4b58-b040-aea8fd960606.pdf#page=null>
8. The **National Monuments Service** is part of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage and plays a key role in the protection of our archaeological heritage: <https://www.archaeology.ie/>
9. The **New European Bauhaus (NEB)** is an EU policy and funding initiative launched by the European Commission in 2021 that fosters sustainable solutions for transforming the built environment and lifestyles under the green transition: https://new-european-bauhaus.europa.eu/index_en

¹ <https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/c2038-built-and-archaeological-heritage-climate-action/>

GRANTS

1. The **Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS)** provides grants of up to €50,000 to individual owners for works to repair and preserve their historic properties. It can fund small to medium scale works to a range of historic buildings, including protected structures, vernacular buildings and historic shopfronts. This grant is funded by the NBHS and administered through each local authority.
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/32ae3-financial-assistance-for-architectural-heritage/>
2. The **Historic Structures Fund (HSF)** offers funding of between €50,000 and €200,000 for larger projects that deliver a major community benefit, including those being developed by public bodies and private owners. These grants are administered by the local authorities and are assessed on a national basis by the NBHS each year.
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/32ae3-financial-assistance-for-architectural-heritage/>
3. The **Community Monuments Fund (CMF)** invests in archaeological heritage and helps owners and custodians of archaeological monuments to safeguard them into the future for the benefit of communities and the public. This is administered through each local authority.
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/362a1-community-monuments-fund-2024-call-for-projects/>
4. The Heritage Council's **Historic Towns Initiative** is designed to promote heritage-led regeneration and to improve the quality of our historic towns and villages for residents and tourists. Local authorities can apply for funding for specific towns to enable a range of works to historic buildings and public realm.
<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/projects/historic-towns-initiative>
5. The **Urban Regeneration and Development Fund (URDF)** aims to deliver more compact and sustainable development as envisaged under Project Ireland 2040. It does this by part-funding regeneration and rejuvenation projects in Ireland's five cities and other large towns.
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/56ef8-urban-regeneration-and-development-fund-urdf/>

6. The **Rural Regeneration and Development Fund** seeks to provide investment to support rural renewal, strengthen and build resilience in rural communities and to assist in the regeneration of towns and villages with a population of less than 10,000.
<https://www.gov.ie/en/policy-information/c77144-rural-regeneration-and-development-fund/>

7. There are a number of grant schemes available, including the **Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant**, to support the refurbishment of vacant or derelict properties.
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/43d9d-refurbishing-vacant-property-all-supports/>

8. The **Town and Village Renewal Scheme (TVRS)** supports the revitalisation of rural Ireland through a renewed focus on town centre economic and social vibrancy and regeneration. The scheme is administered through the local authorities who are required to work closely with local businesses and communities to develop and implement proposals that can make a lasting impact in revitalising rural towns and villages across the country.
<https://www.gov.ie/en/press-release/506ec-minister-humphreys-announces-investment-of-over-45-million-to-tackle-dereliction-and-vacancy-in-rural-towns-and-villages/>

9. The **Town Centre First Heritage Revival Scheme**, or **THRIVE**, will support local authorities and their citizens to reimagine town centres and to transform publicly-owned derelict or vacant buildings within those town centres through renovation, renewal, and adaptive reuse. THRIVE supports locally developed plans that take an integrated strategic approach to the regeneration of our towns and locally selected projects that assist in creating town centres that function as viable, vibrant, and attractive locations for people to live, work and visit while also functioning as the business, service, social, cultural and recreational hub for the local community.
<https://www.nwra.ie/erdf/schemes/thrive/>