

# ANNUAL REPORT 2005



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Churchtown Village Renewal Trust  
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## Churchtown Village Renewal Trust

The Trust which was founded on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 1997 is a legally constituted registered charity (CHY12393) dedicated to the improvement of the social, educational, environmental and economic infrastructure of the parish of Churchtown in the Ballyhoura area of north County Cork.

In 2003 the Trust announced that it would concentrate on one-off projects rather than continuing parish activities.

### **Auditors:**

The 2005 accounts have not been audited as the level of activity does not warrant the expense.

### **Bankers**

AIB Bank  
Buttevant  
Co Cork

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### **Legal Advisers**

Cusack McTiernan Solicitors  
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Dublin 2

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## **PREVIOUS REPORTS**

The Trustees recommend that this report is read in conjunction with previous Trust annual reports.

## **VAT**

While the Trust has charitable status it is not allowed under current legislation to recover VAT which means that in most cases either 13.5% and 21% of the Trust's expenditure goes back to the Exchequer in tax. This unfair situation deserves to be re-examined by government.

## **Declaration of Interest**

The chairman of the Churchtown Village Renewal Trust, Gerry Murphy, declares his commercial business interests in Bruhenny Holdings Ltd, Bruhenny and Egmont Place housing and retail developments. While these commercial developments are part of the renewal of Churchtown but are outside the scope of the Trust.

## **Decision making**

In the period 1997 to 2005 the trustees have vested considerable discretion to the chairman in terms of day-to-day decision making on the understanding that all expenditure fell within the terms of the comprehensive Trust deed and it is properly vouched and audited.

## **Thank You**

The Trust is extremely grateful to a wide range of individual people and organisations, which supported its objectives since 1997. Much of the work of the Trust would have been impossible without this vital support.

## **Registered charity:**

Reference number CHY 12393

## **Web site:**

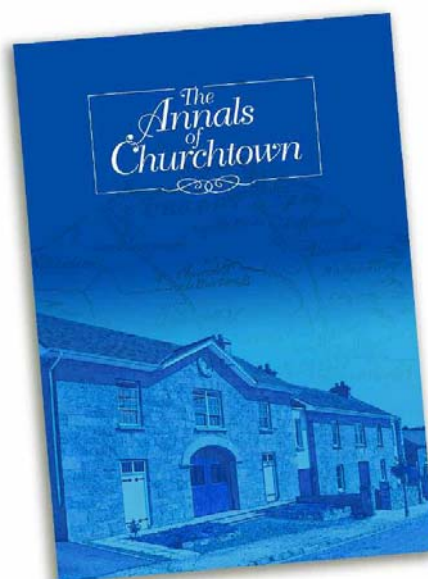
[www.churchtown.net](http://www.churchtown.net)

## Income & Expenditure Accounts 2005

Our income in 2005 was derived from a personal donation of €10,000, book sales amounting to €9,932 and FÁS grants of €1,911. Expenditure amounted to €24,401 and included the following initiatives.

### Publications

One of the Trust's greatest achievements is the publication after seven years work of *The Annals of Churchtown* on December 10<sup>th</sup> 2005. The *Introduction* section to *The Annals* sets out all the work involved in getting this publication completed. There is a stock in hand of Annals of 350 valued at €7,000.



### Images of Churchtown / Permanent Exhibition

The Trust provided 14 large panels of over 100 photographs for permanent display in the Community Hall in Churchtown.

### Village Banners

The Trust replaced the "*Celebrating Georgian Churchtown*" banners on display throughout the Village and purchased a similar amount of special Christmas Banners for display during the Festive Season.

### Bruhenny Pipe Band

The Trust made a donation of €500 towards the expenses of the Bruhenny Pipe Band.

### Other Donations

The Trust also made donations to the Churchtown Development Association (€200); Churchtown GAA (€200) and the Wednesday Club (€115).

### Office Expenses

All office expenses were sponsored by Bruhenny Holdings Ltd.

### Web Site

The Trust continued to provide and maintain the [www.churchtown.net](http://www.churchtown.net) web site.

### Filing of Accounts

All account since 1997 have been filed annually with the Charities Section of the Revenue Commissioners in Nenagh, Co Tipperary.

## Churchtown Village Renewal Trust 2005

Annual Accounts / 2005			
Opening bank balance		In credit	2,167.83
Income - Donations / Grants			
Book Sales		9,932.29	
Donation - GM		10,000.00	
Grants - FAS		1,981.00	
			21,913.29
Expenditure			
The Annals of Churchtown / Book		17,883.34	
Images of Churchtown / Exhibition		2,878.36	
Georgian Banners in village		2,000.00	
Bruhenny Pipe Band		500.00	
Other Donations		631.00	
Web design and maintenance		508.22	
			24,400.92
Closing bank balance		Overdrawn	- 319.80
Stock in Hand	Quantity	Unit Value	Total
The Annals of Churchtown	350	20.00	7,000.00
Gerry Murphy		Eileen Ahern O'Connor	
Chairman		Treasurer	

Approved and signed at the Annual General Meeting for 2004 of the Churchtown Village Renewal Trust at the Market House, Churchtown on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

## **2005 Trustee Details**

The Churchtown Village Renewal Trust was founded in 1997. The Trust is a legally constituted registered charity under Revenue Commissioner rules and is dedicated to the improvement of the social, educational, environmental and economic infrastructure of the parish. The trustees in 2005 were:

### **Eileen Ahern O'Connor, Honorary Treasurer**

Eileen is an artist who returned to her native Churchtown in 1997 having lived and worked in the USA and Australia where she was actively involved in supporting the Aborigine community in Newman, NW Australia as a voluntary worker with the local Shire (county). She has acted as honorary treasurer of the Trust since mid 2002.

### **Margaret O'Brien, Trustee**

As well as contributing to the local community as a Trustee of the Churchtown Village Renewal Trust Margaret is also District Commissioner for the Duhallow Pony Club.

### **Noel Linehan, Trustee**

Interested in all aspects of the environment and local history Noel completed a video record of a large number of local senior citizens with the help of Pat Irwin in 1999. He has given many years of service to the community. He also organises the Ballyhoura Ramblers music group.

### **Peggy O'Flaherty, Honorary Secretary**

Peggy served as secretary of the Churchtown Development Association for many years up to 2001 and now acts as honorary secretary of the Trust.

### **Gerry Murphy, Chairman**

Gerry founded the Trust in 1997 and is its chairman. He is Dublin-based and his voluntary work has included acting as chairman of *Guaranteed Irish*, the national body promoting Irish goods and services, acting as chairman of *Thermie*, a pan European project aimed at reducing the emission of CO<sup>2</sup> and serving as a council member of the Institute of Bankers in Ireland and the Association of Advertisers in Ireland.