

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Copper Coast UNESCO Global Geopark, Ireland (European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2004 / 2019

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year)



The Copper Coast Geopark Visitor Centre reopening during summer 2020.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 3 staffs including 1 geoscientist(s)

Number of visitors: >2000 to visitor centre (greatly restricted opening hours)

Number of Geopark events: 10 events organized by the Geopark directly

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: No school classes this year due to pandemic

Number of Geopark press release: three

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2020

- Completed Atlantic Geoparks Interreg project
- Launched a visitor app – geotours.
- Started installation of new regional interpretation and directional signage
- Created new audio tour of visitor centre
- Digitised miners genealogical records
- Made submissions to regional development plan
- Ran digital events for national science week
- Produced educational content for bealtaine festival for school children
- Transitioned to remote working and digital meetings.
- Closed then safely reopened the Geopark visitor centre
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Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Attended virtual EGN CC meetings
- Attended virtual GGN meeting for two days

Management and Financial Status

- Financial Status okay, the geopark is a going concern
- Management team still in place

Geoconservation

- Monitoring of coastal erosion and raising public awareness of same from both a safety and climate change perspective

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Developed new interpretation signage for geopark area to encourage sustainable tourism.

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

- Developed new two new virtual geo conservation videos for school children about the rocky seashore and bogland.

Strategic partnership

- Worked in partnership with Atlantic Geoparks project consortium.

Promotional activities

- Placeholder text

4. CONTACTS

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