





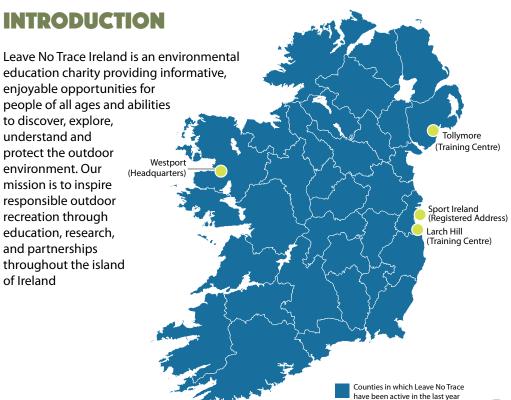


### **DIRECTORS REPORT**

Leave No Trace Ireland is the national outdoor ethics programme for all private and public lands and waters in Ireland. Managed effectively, outdoor recreation on lands and waterways will deliver significant tangible economic, social, health and wellbeing benefits to the Irish people for generations to come.

The increased popularity of outdoor recreation brings a requirement to effectively manage Ireland's most sensitive habitats. Leave No Trace Ireland is central to achieving this in a cost effective way with a large element of enthusiastic volunteerism. We will bring large numbers of people of all ages into contact with the natural environment, creating opportunities for environmental education, raising awareness of our unique natural heritage and the duty for its continued protection and enhancement.

This Annual Report demonstrates how we deliver a world-class outdoor ethics programme in Ireland. We are working to protect the land and water resources of the State, building and protecting our existing recreational resource, which is worth in excess of €1.5 billion per year to the national economy.





### **CHAIRPERSONS STATEMENT**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, it gives me great pleasure to present this Chairperson's statement. 2017 saw the continued growth of Leave No Trace Ireland, which enabled us to work with more organisations in their support to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation in Ireland. We continue to assist our member organisations. research, trainers, students, the media and general public with guesters into outdoor ethics and responsible outdoor recreation in Ireland. Our website is increasingly used for information. research and education purposes and has seen a significant increase in hits and downloads throughout 2017.

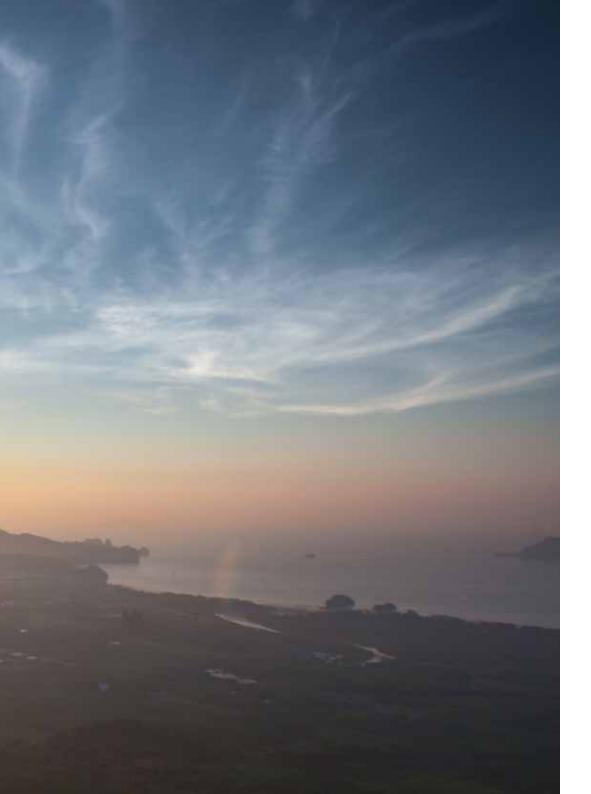
The organisation completed another extensive programme of work that continues to deliver on the strategic objectives it set in 2017. A major landmark was reached during the year, when the organisation recruited a second employee to oversee the coordination of the Training Programme. As a direct result, the national training programme grew significantly to reach over 1 million people in Ireland. The training post enabled Leave No Trace Ireland to develop and share valuable educational and research resource's online though our website and new online platform, "Basecamp" for trainers. Educational resources like this are essential for the trainers and public if we are to safeguard and manage Ireland's countryside effectively to benefit society and to be available for future generations.

The Leave No Trace Research Programme continues to demonstrate added value that can be accrued from having

empirical data to analyse and interpret. The research programme currently includes work with IT Tralee, GMIT, UCC and NUIG which is resulting in a range of research themes tracking social and environmental impacts for Leave No Trace in the Irish Countryside. Having these important partnerships with educational bodies, managed by the staff and members of the Research Group of Leave No Trace Ireland but delivered by scientists provides a mechanism for us to engage and better understand the impact of Leave No Trace in Ireland.

One of the principal success stories over the last couple of years has been the development and implementation of the Strategic Plan, "The Outdoors is Yours, Protect it!" 2016-2021, an initiative led by Leave No Trace Ireland and supported by the Members of the Organisation including Failte Ireland, The OPW, Department of Community and Rural Affairs, Sport Ireland, Waterways Ireland and Coillte. This has been hugely important in galvanizing action around the task of making Leave No Trace active in the Irish countryside. The Strategic Plan has been successful as it presents the evidence-base for the increase of education, research and awareness of Leave No Trace in Ireland.

Good governance is one of the keys to the success of any organisation. Our investment and efforts to enhance our organisational capability were officially recognised with the award of the Governance Code accreditation. Now, we have set ourselves ambitious targets for excellence, which we will pursue with confidence.



We are very grateful for the support of grants, training services and memberships which enable us to provide opportunities for many more to learn with us. During 2017, over 120 organisations supported in this way. Community projects commenced with the start of the new NG Europe Erasmus Project. This biodiversity training combined with social entrepreneur skills for volunteers will help underpin monitoring of our environment and plays an important role in developing active citizenship of Leave No Trace within the community. The Marine Explorers Programme has once again been a significant impact on developing awareness around conservation of our marine environment.

Going forward, we will build on the success of 2017. Leave No Trace Ireland will be challenged with trying to balance income from memberships and moving away from dependency on grants in order to be more financially sustainable. But, we are adaptable and determined to have more people connected with nature through Leave No Trace in Ireland.

#### **MYLES KELLY**

Chairperson, Leave No Trace Ireland





### THE 2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

Leave No Trace Ireland has touched the hearts and minds of people of all ages through our inspiring outdoor training courses and workshops. These courses take place across our wide network of training locations in Ireland and our work overseas on Erasmus programmes.

In all we do, we are committed to inspiring responsible outdoor recreation, through the inspiration of the outdoors. Leave No Trace Ireland believes that, the more we understand about and take inspiration from the natural world around us, the more we can appreciate its needs and conserve its diversity and beauty for future generations.

We champion the importance of learning outside as part of a balanced education in outdoor ethics and deliver outdoor learning experiences to over 88,000 students from schools, colleges, and universities each year in Ireland. We help connect people with the natural world by delivering courses and experiences to a wide range of people of all ages and abilities from children and families to wildlife enthusiasts and professional ecologists. We recognize that we cannot achieve our mission alone and we collaborate and work in partnership with other groups and organisations from local to national and international level.

This Annual Review also provides an insight into not only the extensive work programme delivered by Leave No Trace Ireland but also its modus operandi. The success of its work programme is based on building strong relationships with members, trainers, individuals, and

organisations, very much in the mould of Leave No Trace Ireland itself. This approach is very much in evidence at the Management Board level, where key agencies are represented to contribute and assist Leave No Trace Ireland in its development. The Board is chaired ably and energetically by Myles Kelly who is supported by nine Directors. On behalf of Leave No Trace Ireland, I wish to thank the Board for the valuable contribution that they have made to Leave No Trace Ireland over the past year. They have guided the organisation to the next stage in its development leading our achievement of the Governance Code and built up amongst educators, practitioners and policy makers alike, a degree of respect and credibility which will help us all to maintain the quality and relevance of Leave No Trace in Ireland for future generations.

2017 has been a vibrant and exciting year, as we worked with more people than ever before. We made a significant investment to improve our governance and increase our training programmes. At the core of all we do is our mission to inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research, and partnerships. As we reflect on our achievements of the year we can be proud of the progress we have made towards delivering our Vision for 2021 and this is a testament to all involved in Leave No Trace Ireland – staff, Directors, members and all who learn with us

#### **MAURA LYONS**

Leave No Trace Ireland Manager



### **OUR STORY**

Leave No Trace Ireland is a not-for-profit company made up of organisations with a shared interest in encouraging responsible enjoyment of Ireland's natural environment. Our mission is to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research, and partnership throughout the island of Ireland.

Leave No Trace Ireland teaches people of all ages how to enjoy the outdoors responsibly, and is the most widely accepted outdoor ethics programmes used in Ireland Through education, research and outreach. Leave No Trace Ireland ensures the long-term health of our natural world. In its simplest form, Leave No Trace is about making good decisions to protect the world around you—the world we all enjoy. The education and training programmes up skills people to do this with some simple techniques. The education programme is built around seven key principles. Leave No Trace Ireland training is delivered at various levels including Leave No Trace Awareness Sessions, Trainer Courses, and Advanced Trainer Courses.

The Leave No Trace message has been adopted by many organisations from Government Departments, State Agencies, National Governing Bodies of Sport, education and training organisations and range of tourism businesses. It is this broad adoption and promotion that gives the message its strength, together with the fact that the principles are all positive in nature and based on sound science. Leave No Trace Ireland's office is located in Westport, Co. Mayo.

Membership and training requests to join Leave No Trace Ireland are at a record high. That's why your support is so essential today. Your continued generosity ensures that more Leave No Trace programmes on the ground in your community now and in the future. Thank you!

### WHY LEAVE NO TRACE?

Nine out of 10 people who visit the outdoors in Ireland are uninformed about Leave No Trace Ireland or how to minimise their impacts. With millions of trips into the outdoors in Irish countryside every year, people are causing significant preventable damage, and that damage is adding up. Given that increasing pressure on our natural heritage from recreational use is a fact, it is opportune that we have a national educational programme which will ensure that visitors to our countryside – whether they are Irish or visitors from abroad – travel and enjoy the outdoors with care.

Leave No Trace is at the forefront of changing this troubling trend in Ireland—the littered areas, damaged trails, impacts of fire, polluted waterways and serious wildlife issues. Protecting wildlife, appropriate use of fire, clean water, healthy parks, and trails all become a reality when people learn about and practice Leave No Trace. Costly and irreversible damage to nature is eliminated or substantially reduced through Leave No Trace education, training, and events. Research shows that people who learn about Leave No Trace change their behaviour in the outdoors



and are highly likely to share their knowledge with peers.

Leave No Trace Ireland promotes and inspires responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnerships. Public education and awareness of minimal impact skills through the Leave No Trace Skills and Ethics programme can prevent considerable damage in the future. Educated local communities can minimise their day-to-day impacts. Visitors will learn to reduce their cumulative impacts so as not to diminish the integrity of the local cultural and natural heritage.

In all we do we are committed to:

#### ETHICAL DECISION MAKING

We believe in the value of research to inform ethical, evidence-based, responsible decision making.

#### **EDUCATION AS EMPOWERMENT**

We believe in the importance of enjoyable, stimulating education and skills development as a way of empowering people to make good choices, enthusing them to connect with nature and taking personal responsibility for the health and well-being of our planet.

#### **RESPECT FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT**

We respect that while people may hold different views on how to protect our environment, we all work towards a common goal of respect and love for that environment. We believe that Ireland has fantastic ecosystems and habitats that deserve to be respected in their own right and not just because human beings value them.

#### THE VALUE OF RELATIONSHIPS

We value the contributions of people and the relationships with our different partners in helping us to achieve our collective goals.

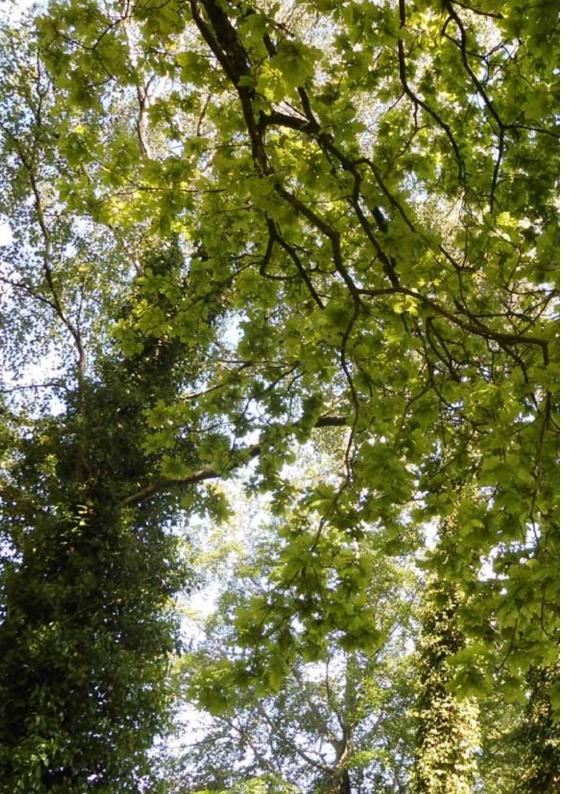
#### **EMPOWERMENT OF PEOPLE**

We believe in the transformative power of the outdoors in terms of health, wellbeing and social inclusion.

#### **INTEGRITY IN ALL WE DO**

We will be open, honest and transparent and try to be the best we can in everything we do. It all starts with your commitment.





### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

In 2017, a new subgroup was formed on the Board to oversee Corporate Governance for the organization. The subgroup is made up of five Directors of the Board. The Chair of this group, (Steven Drew) is committed to maintaining the highest standard of corporate governance. Conflicts of interest and loyalty are considered through statements of interest and through standing items at Board meeting. Recently, The Board formally reiterated our full compliance with the Governance Code for Community Voluntary and Charitable Organisations. In line with the compliance requirements the Governance Code, the Directors which to make the following confirming statement;

"We comply with the Governance Code for Community, Voluntary and Charitable Organisations in Ireland. We confirm that a review of our organisation's compliance with the principles of the code was conducted in 2017. This review was based on an assessment of our organisational practice against the recommended actions for each principle. The reviews out actions and completion dates for any issues that the assessment identifies as needing to be addressed".

#### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Board recognises and regularly reviews the major Risk to which we could be exposed. We consider risk not only in terms of health and safety of staff but equally in terms of financial, operational, reputational, governance and other risks that may affect our ability to deliver a quality service for our stakeholder's and the public. The Directors are satisfied that policies and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks. In 2017, the risk register was reviewed and updated. Using a risk classification, based on likelihood and impact high, medium and low risk were identified. Actions are undertaken or proposed to ameliorate risks are included in the risk register.

### **RESERVES POLICY**

The Board of Directors has set a reserves policy that reserves will be maintained at six months expenditure based on the previous years audited accounts.

#### **FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS**

Our Strategic Plan was developed following extensive consultation with key stakeholders. The resources available for its implementation are directly influencing the scope and impact of the plan. As we are reaching halfway through the plan, the Board are undertaking a review of the current Strategic Plan to ensure that the required human and financial resources are in place to ensure organisational sustainability as Leave No Trace Ireland is growing. We are confident of exceeding our original KPI's on most fronts. Details of all our activities will be communicated through our website, Ezine, social media channels and reported to our funders at required intervals. With the recent appointment of a staff member in May 2017, we have been able to expand our reach and participate in more research activities in a way not previously possible.



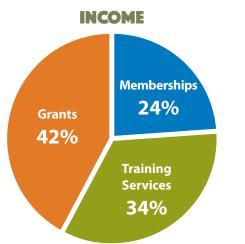
### **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

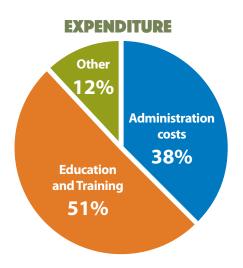
The results for the year are set out in the financial statements. Our organisation's income for 2017 was €205,301 and our expenditure was €191,080. As planned we were able to add to our operating reserves, further strengthening the organisation financially. Leave No Trace Ireland is making steady progress towards our long-term financial goals, to support our mission in permanence. The results were significantly better than the approved budget by the Board in November 2016 of €190,000.

Our performance in 2017 remained steady despite the increasing challenges of increasing employment costs. Income from our activities was €205,301 and we worked with a record 88,000 learners equating to over half a million hours. We are reliant on receipt of funds under core membership. To address this, we have commenced a three-year grant agreement in place with core members as well as a Fundraising Programme.

We anticipate that in 2018, our income will also increase, depending on the success of a number of project proposals. The annual accounts have been audited by Pearce O' Malley & Company and have been lodged as required by the Companies Office. The Company is a not for profit organisation and successfully obtained Charitable Status in October 2013 and consequently, no corporation tax is payable on any profits arising. The Charity Reference Number is CHY20657.

JOHN BOYLE, Leave No Trace Ireland, Treasurer







### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **LEAVE NO TRACE TRAINING PROGRAMMES**

As an independent charity, our work relies on the financial support from our members, donors, and training projects. We are also very grateful for the grants that make many of our individual project possible. During 2017 the generosity of our members and programmes enabled us to support over 88,000 people to learn more about protecting the environment and experience the outdoors through our three core programmes, Leave No Trace Champions Programme, Imprint Programme and Marine Explorers Programme.

In 2017, Over 100 new people were qualified as Leave No Trace Trainers. Furthermore, new educational resources and schools merchandise was developed to support various initiatives for educational programmes and trainers.



### The Marine Institute's Explorers Programme

Leave No Trace Ireland joined forces with The Marine Institute's Explorers Programme in 2016, which now reaches over five hundred teachers and 15,000 primary school children in Ireland. The marine-based programme provides the opportunity for primary school children and teachers to learn about the importance of engaging with the sea, strengthening their marine

heritage and identity and learning about Leave No Trace. The trainers introduce marine biodiversity and marine environmental awareness and care into the classroom through a range of exciting STEM marine based modules including aquariums in the class, seashore safaris, as well as marine projects and workshops. More information about the Explorers Education Programme™ is available at www.explorers.ie. The Explorers Education Programme is supported by the Marine Institute, and funded under the Marine Research Programme by the Irish Government



IMPRINT+ is an international project that aims to highlight the number of natural resources we use in our daily lives. Through education, action, and entrepreneurship it empowers young people and communities to restore and conserve their local natural resources. The project and its activities are co-financed by the Erasmus+ European Funding Programme and are implemented in Italy, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, and Austria. Participation with IMPRINT+ is free. It can be done as an individual or a group. A full suite of training resources is now available online to deliver a five-day certified course to enable teachers and educators to learn about lowering and offsetting environmental footprint as well as how to restore and conserve local natural resources. The course utilises both classroom and outdoor environments with the aid of the IMPRINT+ App which has been tailored specifically for each of the IMPRINT+ partners.





#### LEAVE NO TRACE IRELAND WON A NEW ERASMUS PROJECT IN 2017

NGEurope is an international Erasmus+ project that empowers community leaders to take action on social and environmental issues. Partner organisations from five European countries (Austria, Greece, Ireland, Portugal, and Spain) are working together on creating tools and support for facilitating civic action and participation. The programme empowers individuals and leaders of community organisations to create new opportunities in their local area that will enable them to increase their impact in protecting their local environment.

NGEurope engages with individuals and communities interested in green and social entrepreneurship training, helping them to develop their idea into a viable enterprise, which can act as a catalyst in creating social and environmental change.

#### MINISTER RING AWARDS LEAVE NO TRACE IRELAND WITH THANK YOU FUND AWARD



Minister Michael Ring TD joined Coca-Cola to announce that Environmental organisation, Leave No Trace Ireland, were awarded funding through the Coca-Cola Thank You, Fund, for their 'Breath of Fresh Air' programme. It provides opportunities for young people from a variety of backgrounds, including refugees and asylum

seekers, to take part in voyages along the Irish coastline on sail training vessels while learning how to protect their marine environment.



#### **NEW RIVER EXPLORERS PROGRAMME**

Waterways Ireland and Leave No Trace Ireland developed a new 'River Explorers' programme in 2017. This programme enables primary school students to become aware of the geographical location, leisure potential and biodiversity value of their local river, lake or canal. It also introduces participants to Leave no Trace and provide opportunities to explore and protect their own behaviour in the outdoors in an interactive, fun and educational manner.

### RESEARCH





The Research Group co-ordinates a continuous stream of research, to provide relevant and up-to-date social and environmental knowledge to underpin the Leave No Trace message in Ireland. In 2017, Tralee IT in partnership with Leave No Trace

Ireland secured a new Ph.D. from a Masters Bursary awarded in 2015. Leave No Trace also commenced a second Ph.D. programme with NUIG. Leave No Trace Ireland also commenced a second Ph.D. programme with NUIG. Additionally, Leave No Trace Ireland published five new research resources.

### **EVENTS**

Leave No Trace Ireland now attends national and international events in collaboration with its members. The 2017 event schedule was very busy and included:

- Ploughing Championships 2017
- Leave No Trace AGM and Network meeting 2017
- Sustainability Summit 2017
- Seafest 2017
- Pure Magic Battle of the Bay, Dublin 2017
- The Responsible Tourism Conference 2017
- The Outsider 'Leave No Trace Most Devoted to the Environment Award' 2017
- Roll out of the official Partner Training and Events Programme 2017





### **PARTNERS 2017**

Thank you to our partners who drive Leave No Trace programs and initiatives. Please enjoy this list of Leave No Trace's top individual members and foundations from 2017.



#### **CORE FUNDERS**







### sport ireland





### **OTHER FINANCIAL MEMBERS**

Twelve O'Clock Hills Project
An Taisce Environmental Education Unit
Clean Coasts
Burren GeoPark
Castlecomer Discovery Park
Catholic Girl Guides of Ireland
Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust
Cultúr na Oileáin Walking Tours
Dublin Mountain Partnership
Great Lighthouses of Ireland
Earths Edge
Hillwalk Tours
Hook heritage
Inishbofin Farm

Inishbofin Community Centre

Inishbofin Equestrian Centre
Inland Fisheries Ireland
Irish Girl Guides
Irish Orienteering Association
Kerry Ultra Way
Killarney Walking Festival
Laceys Farm
Laois County Council
Mayo Dark Skies Community Group
Mountain trails
Mourne Heritage Trust
National Course Fishing Federation of
Ireland
Native Woodland Trust
Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland

#### **OTHER FINANCIAL MEMBERS (CONTINUED)**

Park Run Ireland

**Pathfinders Camper Conversions** 

Rock Farm Slane Scouting Ireland

Sleepwalker Travel Tours

South West Walks

Swift Conservation Ireland Sport Northern Ireland

Beach Bar & Restaurant Inisbofin

Dolphin Hotel Inisbofin

The Duke of Edinburgh Awards

Wilderness Lodge Wexford County Council Wicklow Uplands Council

Wilderness Ireland Vagabond Tours Extreme Ireland

Connemara Wild Escapes

Ireland Walk, Hike & Bike Walking Holiday Ireland

Green Marble Tours

Tommy Burke Tours

**Dublin Bay Biosphere** 

Progressive Distributon Adventure

Sports

Irish Orienteering Association

Basecamp Retail Far and Wild

Mayo County Council Pure Magic Lodge

SECAD

Wild Derrynane

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Sea Synergy

Environ ESAI Ireland Hikers Blog UK

Outsider Magazine

Slieve Aughty Centre

IT Tralee

**Wexford Walking Trails** 

Tollymore National Outdoor Centre

Seatrails

Spanish Point Community Group

Letterfrack Tidy Towns Connemara Green Festival

Coolagown Development Group Irish Hillwalkers/Irish Hilltop treks

Blackstairs Eco Trails Ecotourism Ireland

Burren OEC

Mountain Training and Wild Atlantic

Climbing

**Global Action Plan** 

**Templeport Development** 

Upon a tree Patagonia

Field Studies Council

**INVAS** 

Sustainable Tourism Ireland

Green Sod Ireland

**Ballyshannon Regeneration Group** 

Venture Out
Adventure Burren

Donegal Mountain Rescue Team

(DMRT).

The Ireland Way

Irish Orienteering Association

Sugarloaf Adventures

Sperrins Gateway Landscape

Partnership

Leitrim Surf Company Northwest Adventure Tours Copper Coast Geo Park

Why Not? Adventure Film Festival

GreenLife Tours Wild Atlantic Crusades Slí an Chroí Shamanism

New Wave Adventure Therapy Ltd.

Sligo Woodland School





(A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)
Directors' report and financial statements

for the year ended 31st December 2017

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### Directors and other information

Directors

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John Boyle

Marie Moynihan Steven Drew Pat Neville Aodhnait Carroll

Aodhnait Carroll
Paddy Doherty
Mary Mulvey
Darach O'Murchú
William O'Halloran
Richard Thorn

Ciaran Fallon Lawerence Mc Bride - Appointed 18/07/17

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Conor Mc Keon

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Charity number

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# Leave No Trace (Ireland) (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital) Directors' report for the year ended 31st December 2017

The directors present their report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2017.

### Change in Financial Reporting Framework

The financial statements are prepared by Leave No Trace (Ireland) in accordance with accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102").

### Principal activities and review of the business

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee. The company does not have a share capital and consequently the liability of the members is limited, subject to an undertaking by each member to contribute to the net assets or liabilities of the company on winding up such amounts as may be required not exceeding €1. The charity was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association and managed by a Board of Directors/Trustees. The charity has been granted charitable tax status under Sections 207 and 208 of the Taxes Concolidation Act 1997, Charity No. CHY 20657 and is registered with the Charities Regulatory Authority under reference 20082178.

Leave No Trace (Ireland) is a not for profit body made up of a network of organisations and individuals that have an interest in promoting responsible and sustainable use of the Irish countryside, mountains, lakes, forests and seas, through the Leave No Trace awareness and education programme. Our mission is to promote and inspire responsible outdoor recreation through education, research and partnership throughout the island of Ireland.

The Leave No Trace message has been adopted by many organisations from Government Departments, State Agencies, National Governing Bodies of Sport, education and training organisations and a range of tourism businesses. It is this broad adoption and promotion that gives the message its strength, together with the fact that the principles are all positive in nature and based on sound science. Leave No Trace Ireland's office is located at Westport Civic Offices, C/O Mayo County Council, Altamount Street, Westport, Co. Mayo.

The Leave No Trace Education Programme strives to inspire those who enjoy outdoor recreation about their personal responsibility to minimise their impact on the environment. The programme up-skills people to do this, through awareness and by practising some simple techniques. Leave No Trace Ireland training is delivered at various levels including Awareness Sessions, Trainer Courses and Advanced Trainer Courses.

#### Results

The charity, with the aid of sound financial management and the support of its staff generated a very positive outcome for the year. The Surplus/(Deficit) for the year amounted to  $\in$ 14,221 (2016:  $\in$ 8,776). At the end of the year the company has assets of  $\in$ 70,458 (2016:  $\in$ 65,519) and liabilities of  $\in$ 22,016 (2016:  $\in$ 31,298). The net assets of the company have increased by  $\in$ 14,221 (2016:  $\in$ 8,776) and the directors are satisfied with the level of funds at the year end.

### Priincipal Risks & Uncertainties

The principal risk and uncertainty facing the company is the general fall in support for charities due to the difficult economic conditions. The directors are making every effort to obtain increased funding from government agencies and to promote training.

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### Events since the balance sheet date

No events have occurred between 31st December 2017 and the date of signing the financial statements which could materially affect the financial statements.

### **Future developments**

There have been no significant change in its activities during the year ended 31st December 2017.

### Directors of the company

The present membership of the board is listed on the 'Directors and other information' page.

### Accounting records

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities under Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014 to keep adequate accounting records for the company. In order to comply with the requirements of the act, a part-time book-keeper is employed. The accounting records of the company are maintained at their offices at Westport Civic Offices, C/O Mayo County Council, Altamount Street, Westport, Co. Mayo.

### Statement on Relevant Audit Information

In accordance with Section 330 of the Companies Act 2014:

- so far as each person who was a director at the date of approving this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information, being information needed by he auditor in connection with preparing its report, of which the auditor is unaware; and
- each director has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself or herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

### Auditors

In accordance with Sections 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014, the auditors, O'Malley & Company, have indicated their willingness to continue in office.

This report was approved by the Board on 10th April 2018 and signed on its behalf by

Myles Kelly

Director

John Boyle Director

### Statement of directors responsibilities for the members' financial statements

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and regulations.

Irish Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law, the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with Companies Act 2014 and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by Chartered Acountants Ireland, including FRS 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland). Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain, and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus or deficit of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and directors' report comply with the Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the board:

Myles Kelly

Director

John Boyle

Director

### Independent auditor's report to the members of Leave No Trace (Ireland)

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We have audited the financial statements of Leave No Trace (Ireland) for the year ended 31st December 2017 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by Chartered Accountants Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland).

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 5, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements giving a true and fair view and otherwise comply with Companies Act 2014. Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with Irish law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's (APB's) Ethical standards for Auditors, including "APB Ethical Standard – Provisions Available for Small Entities (Revised)", in the circumstances set out in note 17 to the financial statements.

### Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the directors; and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the annual report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies we consider the implications for our report.

### Opinion on financial statements

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at 31st December 2017 and of its profit for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework and in particular, with requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

### Independent auditor's report to the members of Leave No Trace (Ireland)

(A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)

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### Matters on which we are required to report by the Companies Act 2014.

- we have obtained all the information and explanations which we consider necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- In our opinion the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited.
- The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.
- In our opinion the information given in the directors report is consistent with the financial statements.

### Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of our obligation under the Companies Act 2014 to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions specified by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not made.

Patrick P. O'Malley

for and on behalf of

O'Malley & Company,

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Chartered Accountants & Statutory Audit Firm

Chapel Street,

Castlebar,

Co. Mayo.

Date:

10th April 2018

### Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 2017

		Continuing	operations
		2017	2016
	Notes	€	€
Income	1	205,301	147,079
Expenditure		(191,080)	(138,303)
Surplus on ordinary activities before taxation	on .	14,221	8,776
Tax on surplus on ordina	ary activities	-	-
Surplus on ordinary activities after taxation		14,221	8,776

The income and excess of expenditure of income relate to continuing operations as no businesses were acquired or disposed of in 2017 or 2016.

There are no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus or deficit for the above two financial years.

### Balance sheet as at 31st December 2017

		20	17	2016			
	Notes	€	€	€	€		
Fixed assets Tangible assets	7		296				
Current assets			270		-		
Debtors Cash at bank and in hand	8	31,714		700			
Cash at bank and in hand		38,448		64,819			
Creditors: amounts falling		70,162		65,519			
due within one year	9	(12,016)		(21,298)			
Net current assets		300 Maria 1990 Maria 1	58,146	-	44,221		
Total assets less current			Promote and the second				
liabilities Accruals and deferred income	10		58,442		44,221		
and deterred meome	10		(10,000)		(10,000)		
Net assets			48,442		34,221		
Represented by:							
Accumulated surplus	12		48,442		34,221		
Charity funds			48,442		34,221		
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The financial statements were approved by the Board on 10th April 2018 and signed on its behalf by

Myles Kelly
Director

John Boyle

Director

### Statement of Changes in Funds for the year ended 31st December 2017

	Income and expenditure account €	Total funds
Balance at at 1st January 2016	25,445	25,445
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	8,776	8,776
Balance at 31st December 2016	34,221	34,221
Balance at 1st January 2017	34,221	34,221
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	14,221	14,221
Balance at 31st December 2017	48,442	48,442

### Statement of Cashflows for the year ended 31st December 2017

	2017	2016
	€	€
Cash flows from operating activities		
Operating profit	14,221	8,776
Depreciation	99	-
(Increase) in debtors	(31,014)	3,149
(Decrease) in creditors and deferred income	(9,282)	13,771
Movement in Deferred Income	=	_
Cash generated from operating activities	(25,976)	25,696
Cash flows from operating activities	(25,976)	25,696
Cash flows from financing activities		
Net cash flows from financing activities	-	_
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of Office Equipment	395	-
Net cash flows from investing activities	(395)	-
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Net Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(26,371)	25,696
Cash and cash equivalents at 1st January 2017	64,819	39,123
Cash and cash equivalents at 31st December 2017	38,448	64,819

# Leave No Trace (Ireland) (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital) Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2017

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### 1. Statement of Accounting Policies

The financial statements are prepared by Leave No Trace (Ireland) in accordance with accounting standards issued by the Financial Reporting Council, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"). Leave No Trace (Ireland) is a Company Limited by guarantee and is a public benefit entity incorporated in Ireland with a registered office at C/O Mayo County Council, Altamount Street, Westport, and Co. Mayo.

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the company's financial statements.

### 1.1. Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis, under the historical cost convention and comply with the financial reporting standards of the Financial Reporting Council (as promulgated by Chartered Accountants Ireland) and the Companies Act 2014 except for the entity invoking the true and fair view override with regard to the profit and loss and balance sheet formats in Schedule 3 of the Companies Act 2014 as permitted in Section 3.4 of FRS 102 and Section 291(5) of the Companies Act 2014.

### True and fair view override

In order for the financial statements to show a true and fair view the directors have determined the profit and loss format be re-named to an income and expenditure account detailing the income and expenditure by nature. Given that the company is a company limited by guarantee the capital and reserves section of the balance sheet has been adapted accordingly to reflect this fact. The directors consider that the layout adapted more correctly reflects the nature of the entity given that the entity is a not-for-profit organisation which is limited by guarantee. To use the formats set out in Schedule 3 of the Companies Act 2014 and Section 4 and 5 of FRS 102 would not result in the financial statements showing information that would allow the entity to show a true and fair view.

The financial statements are prepared in Euro which is the functional currency of the company.

### 1.2. Income Resources

Incoming monetary resources are included in the Income & Expenditure account only when realised or when the ultimate cash realisation of same can be assessed with reasonable certainty.

Income represents Core Funding, Training Income and various Revenue Grants.

# (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital) Notes to the financial statements

### for the year ended 31st December 2017

### 1.3. Tangible assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment loss. Cost includes all costs that are directly attributable to bringing the asset into working condition for its intended use.

### Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on all tangible assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value, of each asset systematically over its expected useful life, as follows:

Office equipment

25% Straight Line

### 1.4. Grants in aid towards operating costs

Grant in aid income from the Department of Environment and other governmental agencies is recognised in the Income & Expenditure Account to match the grant funded costs. Grants received in advance of incurring the grant supported expenditure are transferred to deferred income and are released against the matching expenditure when incurred.

### 1.5. Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT which cannot be recovered.

### 1.6. Taxation

No charge to current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable status under Sections 207 and 208 of the Taxes Concolidation Act 1997, Charity No CHY 20657.

### 1.7. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and funds held in the company bank accounts.

### 1.8. Trade and other debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised initially at transaction price (inluding transaction costs). A provision for impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the company will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of receivables. The amount of the provision is the difference between the asset's carrying amount and the present value of estimated future cash flows, discounted at the effective interest rtae. All movements in the level of provision required are recognised in the profit and loss account.

### 1.9. Employee Benefits

The company provides a range of benefits to employees, including paid holiday arrangements.

### (i) Short term benefits

Short term benefits, including holiday pay and other similar non-monetary benefits, are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is received.

# Leave No Trace (Ireland) (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital) Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2017

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### 1.10. Creditors and accruals

Creditors and accruals are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current libilities. Trade payables are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate.

### 1.11. Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the entity has an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event; it is probable that the entity will be required to transfer economic benefits in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably. Provisions are recognised as a liability in the and the amount of the provision as an expense.

Provisions are initially measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date and subsequently reviewed at each reporting date and adjusted to reflect the current best estimate of the amount that would be required to settle the obligation. Any adjustments to the amounts previously recognised are recognised in profit or loss unless the provision was originally recognised as part of the cost of an asset. When a provision is measured at the present value of the amount expected to be required to settle the obligation, the unwinding of the discount is recognised in finance costs in profit or loss in the period it arises.

### 1.12 Contingencies

Contingent liabilities, arising as a result of past events, are not recognised when (i) it is not probable that there will be an outflow of resources or that the amount cannot be reliably measured at the reporting date or (ii) when the existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of uncertain future events not wholly within the company's control. Contingent liabilities are disclosed in the financial statements unless the probability of an outflow of resources is remote.

Contingent assets are not recognised. Contingent assets are disclosed in the financial statements when an inflow of economic benefits is probable.

In the cash flow projections, the growth rate has been assumed to increase for (give length of the growth period where it exceeds five years). This growth rate period has been assumed because (give details of why a growth rate period longer than five years has been assumed).

### 2. Critical Accounting Judgements and Estimates

The preparation of these financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses.

Judgements and estimates are conintually evaluated and are based on historical experiences and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

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### 3. Going concern

As described in the directors' report on page 2 - 4, the company promotes responsible and sustainable use of the Irish countryside, mountains, lakes, forests and seas through the Leave No Trace awareness and education programme. These activities are largely financed by the receipt of funding from government agencies. The company has received confirmation from their core funders that funding will be continued for the foreseeable future. The company's future is therefore very dependent on the support of government agencies. The directors are confident the company will be able to continue trading and on that basis it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis.

### 4. Income

		2017	2016
		€	€
	Class of business		
	Core Members Funding		
	Department of Environment	10,000	10,000
	Irish Sports Council	10,000	10,000
	Coillte Teoranta	10,000	10,000
	Failte Ireland	10,000	10,000
	Waterways Ireland	4,000	4,000
	OPW	5,000	5,000
	Training Income/Membership/Various Grants	-,	2,000
	Grants & Other Support re Funding/Training	69,951	74,529
	Marine Institute Project	48,300	23,550
	Imprint - EU Project	24,050	
	NG Europe Project	4,000	_
	Coca Cola Award	10,000	-
		205,301	147,079
5.	Operating profit		
		2017	2016
		€	€
	Operating profit is stated after charging:		C
	Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible assets	99	_
	Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	4,416	3,075
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### (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital)

# Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2017

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Employees		
Number of employees		
The average monthly numbers of employees	2017	2016
(including the directors) during the year were:		
Employees	2	1
		1
Employment costs	2017	2016
	€	€
Wages and salaries	61,628	46,004
	61,628	46,004
	01,028	40,004

All amounts stated above were treated as an expense of the company in the financial year.

### Key management compensation

Key management comprises of the directors of the company. There was no compensation paid to the directors of the company in the year ended 31st December 2017.

### 7. Tangible assets

	Office Equipment	Total
Cost	€	€
At 1st January 2017		_
Additions	395	395
At 31st December 2017	395	395
<b>Depreciation</b> At 1st January 2017 Charge for the year	99	- 99
At 31st December 2017	99	99
Net book values At 31st December 2017	296	296
At 31st December 2016		

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8.	Debtors	2017 €	2016 €
	Trade debtors Prepayments and accrued income	950 30,764	700
		31,714	700

All debtors are due within 1 year.

The fair values of Debtors approximate to their carrying amounts. There was no impairment to debtors in the year ended 31st December 2017.

### 9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2017 €	2016 €
Other creditors		
Accruals	7,825	19,757
Taxation creditors		
PAYE/PRSI/USC	4,191	1,541
	12,016	21,298
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The terms of accruals are based on the underlying contracts.

Tax and social insurance are subject to the terms of the relevant legislation and are paid as they fall due. No interest was due at the financial year end date.

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	Income and Expenditure Account	Total €	
	€		
At 1st January 2017	34,221	34,221	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	14,221	14,221	
At 31st December 2017	48,442	48,442	

#### 13. Capital commitments

The company had no capital committments at 31st December 2017.

# Leave No Trace (Ireland) (A Company Limited by Guarantee and not having a Share Capital) Notes to the financial statements

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### 14. Contingent liabilities

The directors are not aware of the existence of any other contingent liabilities as at 31st December 2017.

### 15. Related party transactions

A number of the directors are employees of the organisations that provide funding to Leave No Trace (Ireland). There are no transactions between the directors and Leave No Trace (Ireland).

### 16. Company limited by guarantee

The company is one limited by guarantee not having a share capital. The liability of each member, in the event of the company being wound up is €1.

### 17. APB Ethical Standard - Provisions Available for Small Entities

In common with many other businesses of our size and nature we use our auditors to prepare and submit returns to the Revenue Commissioners and assist with the preparation of the financial statements.

### 18. Comparative amounts

Comparative amounts have been re-grouped where necessary on the same basis as those for the current year.

### 19. Accounting periods

The current accounts are for a full year. The comparative accounts are for a full year.

### 20. Approval of financial statements

The board of directors approved these financial statements for issue on 10th April 2018.

The following pages do not form part of the statutory accounts.

## Detailed income and expenditure account for the year ended 31st December 2017

	20	17	20	116
	€	€	€	€
Income				
Core Members Funding	49,000		49,000	
Training Income/Membership/Various Grants	69,951		74,529	
Marine Institute Project	48,300		23,550	
Imprint - EU Project	24,050		-	
NG Europe Project	4,000		<u></u>	
Coca Cola Award	10,000		-	
		205,301	With the second	147,079
Expenditure				
Wages	61,628		46,004	
Training/Course Costs/Eduational Materials	73,708		41,210	
Rent	1,137		-	
Insurance	2,644		2,179	
Stationery & Postage	3,890		7,302	
Advertising & IT Costs	8,379		7,369	
Telephone	2,372		1,501	
Motor & Travel Expenses	19,029		10,958	
Bookkeeping	3,990		4,200	
Legal & Professional Fees	2,615		9,687	
Audit	4,416		3,075	
Bank Interest & Charges	307		226	
Meeting Costs/BOD Expenses	3,966		2,133	
Sundry Expenses	2,700		1,559	
Bad Debts	200		900	
Depreciation	99		-	
		191,080	X 100 Taxa mineral projection	138,303
Surplus for the year		14,221		8,776