

# INISHTURK COMMUNITY CLUB CLG

## ANNUAL REPORT 2025

A Community-Led Approach to  
Sustainable Island  
Development







A community shaping its future on  
the edge of the Atlantic



In 2025, Inishturk delivered a coordinated programme of development across infrastructure, enterprise, community services, and environmental sustainability.

For a small island community, the scale and range of this work reflect a clear and structured approach—grounded in community priorities and aligned with national policy, including Our Living Islands and Our Rural Future..

Progress was achieved across a number of key areas, including:

- advancement of critical infrastructure and capital projects
- development of sustainable, community-led tourism initiatives
- implementation of climate, energy, and biodiversity actions
- strengthening of health and wellbeing supports
- continued delivery of essential, community-owned services

This work has been delivered through strong collaboration between the community, Government Departments, agencies, and strategic partners.

Alongside project delivery, Inishturk Community Club CLG has continued to operate and manage core services on the island, including the Community Centre, bar, restaurant, shop, accommodation, and facilities — ensuring that the island remains a functioning, year-round community.

This report sets out the progress achieved in 2025 and demonstrates how this work positions Inishturk for continued delivery in 2026 and beyond.





# Year at a Glance — 2025

In 2025, Inishturk progressed a broad programme of activity across infrastructure, enterprise, community services, and environmental sustainability.

This reflects both direct delivery by Inishturk Community Club CLG and investment progressed on the island through Government Departments, agencies, and partner organisations.

## Funding & Investment Overview — 2025

Direct funding secured by Inishturk Community Club CLG - Supporting community services, enterprise, climate, and local infrastructure projects

Strategic investment delivered on the island through partners - Supporting major capital projects and wider infrastructure development



### Direct Funding — Inishturk Community Club CLG Supporting community services, enterprise, climate, and local infrastructure

- €50,000 — CLÁR (Community Tractor)
- €37,956 — CLÁR (Energy Storage System)
- €18,000 — Local Improvement Scheme
- €16,800 — Agri-Food Tourism Investment Scheme
- €25,000 — Mayo Coastal Resilience Project
- €5,000 — Biodiversity Action Plan
- €5,000 — HSE National Lottery
- €6,000 — Pobal Community Centre Investment Fund
- €4,000 — Mayo County Council Grant
- €1,550 — HSE Safety Equipment
- €1,350 — MSLETB Training Grant
- €1,000 — Heritage Grant
- €840 — Anti-Litter Campaign
- €500 — Water Safety Grant
- €450 — Climate Action Fund
- €325 — Invasive Species irradiation Workshop

**Investment Delivered on the Island Through Strategic Partnershipss.** Delivered through Government Departments, Mayo County Council, and partner organisations.

- €814,000 — Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF)
- €157,300 — Roonagh Pier Business Case
- €50,000 — ORIS (Portdoon Harbour Feasibility)
- €44,000 — ORIS (Trails and Signage)
- €27,000 — Pier Shelter
- €25,000 — Eco Toilet



Significant investment delivered in St Columba's National School (Department of Education), including a substantial new extension completed in 2025. Combined, this represents significant investment in the sustainability and long-term development of the island.



## Key Highlights

- Major capital projects advanced, including the RRDF development and Roonagh Pier Business Case
- Critical infrastructure delivered, including helipad completion, fibre ducting by NBI, and improved access
- Community-owned enterprise strengthened through year-round service delivery and the launch of new tourism products
- Energy, climate, and biodiversity initiatives progressed
- Health and wellbeing supports expanded, including delivery of the ICPOP programme and development of a Community First Responders group
- Strong community participation, with 96% household engagement in the Community Futures Plan

## What This Means

- The scale and coordination of delivery in 2025 demonstrate the capacity of the island to progress complex, multi-strand development in partnership with Government and agencies, and provide a strong, credible platform for continued delivery in 2026.

## CORE DELIVERY AREAS







## **Infrastructure & Capital Delivery**

In 2025, Inishturk progressed a series of infrastructure projects addressing both long-standing needs and future development priorities.

This work reflects a combination of direct delivery by Inishturk Community Club CLG and investment advanced on the island through Government Departments, Mayo County Council, and partner organisations.

Together, these projects improve access, support economic activity, and strengthen the island's capacity to sustain a permanent population.

### **Major Capital Projects**

#### **Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF)**

- €814,000 announced under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht) in November 2025
- Application submitted in partnership with South West Mayo Development Company
- Project scope: development of a multi-purpose community hub and accommodation offering
- Project progressed through early-stage development in 2025, including planning and Project Manager procurement

#### **Roonagh Pier Infrastructure**

- €157,300 secured for detailed business case development (Department / Mayo County Council)
- Engineering and feasibility work completed
- Supporting long-term infrastructure planning and service reliability
- Ongoing engagement with Mayo County Council and the Department

#### **Portdoon Harbour Development**

- €50,000 secured under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) (Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht)
- Feasibility studies and surveys initiated

### **Supporting Infrastructure**

#### **Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure**

- €44,000 secured under the Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme (ORIS) (Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht)
- Upgrade of island trails and installation of signage
- Improving accessibility and visitor experience



## Harbour Facilities

- €25,000 secured for eco toilet infrastructure, with delivery progressed during 2025 (Mayo County Council) and installation scheduled for 2026.
- €27,000 secured under Minor Capital Works (Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht) for pier shelter installation (delivery scheduled for 2026)
- Ongoing engagement regarding additional facilities and layout improvements

## Local Access Improvements

- €18,000 secured under the Local Improvement Scheme (LIS)
- Corraun Beach access upgraded with new steps and railings
- Previously inaccessible area now safely accessible for community use

## Coastal Protection — Corraun Beach

- Coastal erosion survey and feasibility assessment progressed at Corraun Beach through a joint Inishturk–Clare Island initiative
- Funded by Community Foundation Ireland
- Supported by Mayo County Council staff
- Informing future works to protect coastal access, infrastructure, and amenity

## Digital Infrastructure

National Broadband Ireland (NBI)

- Fibre broadband ducting installed on Inishturk
- Improving connectivity for residents, remote working, and service delivery

## Additional Infrastructure Delivered

- Helipad launched and operational in 2025, significantly improving emergency access and island connectivity

## Education Infrastructure (Partner-Led Investment)

- Significant investment delivered in St Columba's National School (Department of Education)
- Substantial new extension completed in 2025

This investment supports the long-term sustainability of the island as a place for families to live and remain

## Approach

Infrastructure development on Inishturk is progressed through:

- identification of community priorities
- coordination through the Development Office
- securing funding across multiple programmes
- collaboration with Government Departments and delivery partners

This approach ensures that projects are developed in a structured way and aligned with wider policy and investment frameworks.



# Economic Development & Community Enterprise

In 2025, Inishturk progressed a clear and structured approach to economic development, centred on strengthening community-owned enterprise and increasing the value of visitor engagement.

This approach is grounded in sustainability, local ownership, and alignment with national tourism strategy.

## Community-Owned Enterprise

Core services on the island continue to be owned and operated by Inishturk Community Club CLG, including the bar and restaurant, shop, accommodation, and community facilities.

Operating year-round, these services provide essential infrastructure for residents and visitors, while supporting local employment and economic stability. They form the foundation for broader enterprise development and tourism activity on the island.

## Tourism Product Development

Targeted investment in 2025 supported the development of new, community-led tourism experiences designed to enhance visitor engagement and extend length of stay.

- Taste of Inishturk (Agri-Food Tourism Investment Scheme – €16,800)
- A locally developed food tourism initiative showcasing island produce, culture, and hospitality, strengthening the connection between place and visitor experience.
- Atlantic Island Escapes
- A two-night, immersive tourism experience developed in partnership with Clare Island and supported by Fáilte Ireland under the Clew Bay Destination Experience Development Plan. The programme focuses on overnight stays, authentic local experiences, and community-led delivery, including fishing trips, guided heritage tours, and food and craft experiences. It represents a shift toward higher-value, lower-volume tourism.

## Operational Improvements

A direct booking system for community-owned accommodation was introduced in 2025, improving revenue capture, increasing operational control, and reducing reliance on third-party platforms.

## Economic Model

The island's economic model continues to prioritise:

- Community ownership of key assets and services
- Development of structured, bookable visitor experiences
- Increased value per visitor stay
- Alignment with national and regional tourism strategies
- Integration of economic activity with cultural and environmental assets





# Health & Wellbeing — Primary Care, Prevention & Emergency Response

In 2025, health service delivery on Inishturk continued to strengthen through investment in local infrastructure, direct HSE engagement, preventative care, and emergency preparedness. This work reflects a practical, island-based model of care, improving access to services and strengthening resilience in a remote setting.

## Primary Health Care Centre

- Continued investment in the Primary Health Care Centre, including replacement of doors and windows, internal and external painting, and repairs following storm damage
- Refurbishment of the residential facilities, including kitchen, fittings, and essential upgrades to support staff and service delivery

## Community Engagement & Preventative Health

- Community engagement with HSE Mayo management including virtual town hall participation
- Ongoing engagement through the Healthy Islands Research Project, including nutrition assessment and follow-up support
- Dementia Awareness Information Day delivered on the island
- Delivery of preventative health initiatives, including blood pressure monitoring and smoking QUIT cessation programmes

## Clinical Services & Care Access

- ICPOP programme delivered on the island in partnership with the HSE, providing access to physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and clinical supports
- Return of podiatry services to the island
- Ongoing collaboration with GP services and Mayo University Hospital to support care delivery and staff development

## Emergency Response & Infrastructure

- Helipad opened in 2025, significantly improving emergency access and response capability
- Collaboration with the National Ambulance Service, including island visits and helicopter training
- Community First Responders group established, strengthening local emergency response capacity
- Ongoing development of communication systems to support service continuity during adverse weather events

## Satellite Communications:

The aftermath of Storm Éowyn highlighted the vulnerability of remote island communities to disruptions in critical communications infrastructure, particularly during medical emergencies and severe weather events. In response, Danny O'Toole (Mayo County Council) and Jim Leahy (Office of the Government Chief Information Officer – OGCI) worked with Inishturk to develop a satellite communications solution to strengthen emergency resilience in remote communities.

In December 2025, a first-of-its-kind satellite communications solution in Ireland was implemented on Inishturk to support the HSE and emergency responders during periods of connectivity disruption. This pioneering initiative represents a significant step forward in strengthening emergency preparedness and resilience for remote island communities, with the long-term ambition of permanently locating the system at the Primary Health Care Centre.

## Outcome

Work progressed in 2025 has:

- improved access to healthcare services on the island
- reduced reliance on off-island travel for care
- strengthened preventative and community-based health supports
- enhanced emergency response capacity and resilience

# Climate, Energy & Environmental Systems

In 2025, Inishturk progressed a coordinated set of initiatives focused on energy resilience, biodiversity, and environmental sustainability.

This work reflects a practical, community-led approach to climate action, aligned with national policy and grounded in local priorities.

## Energy & Retrofit

- Energy Master Plan developed with support from SSE Airtricity
- Retrofit works commenced at the Community Centre, including insulation, upgraded glazing, and energy-efficient lighting
- Battery storage system secured under CLÁR to support energy resilience

## Biodiversity & Environmental Protection

- Biodiversity Action Plan completed, supported by Community Foundation Ireland and NPWS
- Implementation of habitat protection and sustainable land management actions
- Invasive species programme progressed under ACRES West Connacht

## Coastal & Climate Resilience

- Coastal resilience work progressed through partnership with Clare Island
- Corraun Beach survey and feasibility assessment completed to inform future coastal protection works
- Supported through Community Foundation Ireland and Mayo County Council

## Community-Led Environmental Initiatives

- Trees on the Land initiative progressed
- Food Forest project initiated
- Ongoing community engagement in climate and environmental actions

## Outcome

- Work progressed in 2025 has:
- strengthened energy resilience and reduced reliance on external supply
- advanced biodiversity protection and sustainable land use
- developed practical responses to coastal and climate challenges
- established a foundation for continued climate action on the island





# Governance, Delivery, Enterprise & Capacity

Delivery in 2025 has been underpinned by an active governance structure, coordinated development function, and the ongoing management of community-owned enterprise and services.

This has enabled Inishturk to progress multiple projects simultaneously while maintaining accountability, operational continuity, and alignment with community priorities.

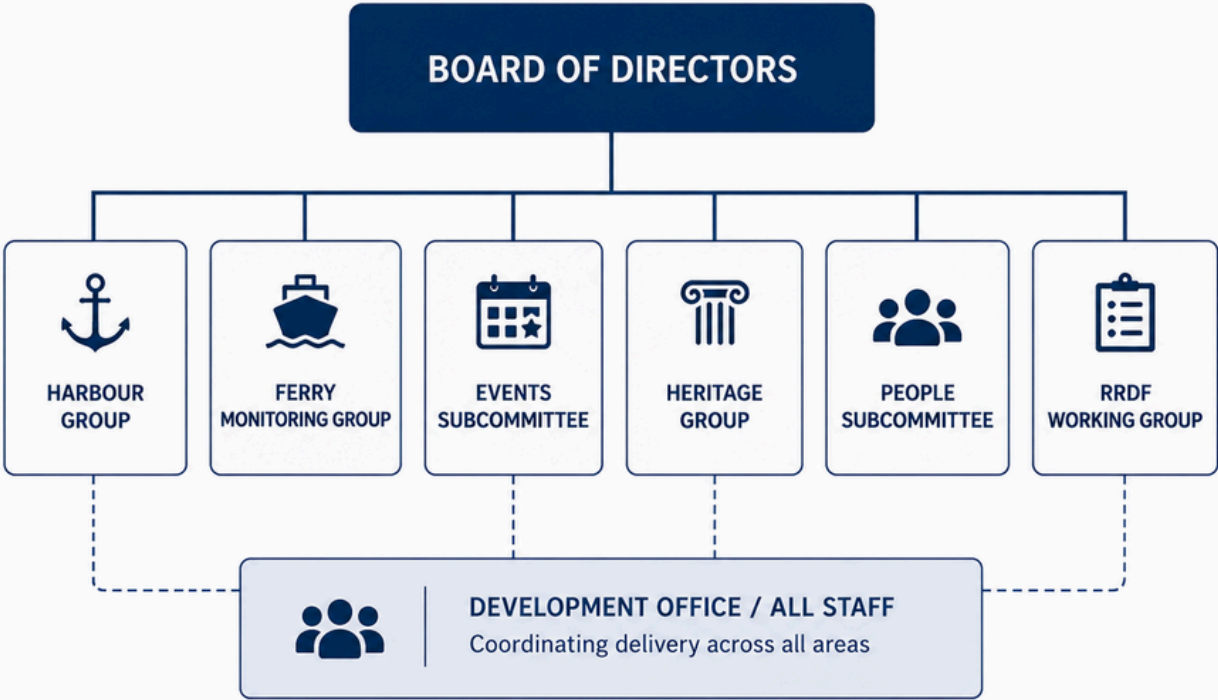
## Governance Structure

Inishturk Community Club CLG operates under a Board-led governance model supported by subcommittee structures.

Board of Directors providing oversight and strategic direction



## GOVERNANCE & DELIVERY STRUCTURE



## Participation & Community Engagement

- Annual General Meeting delivered in 2025
- Multiple Town Hall meetings held
- 96% household participation in the Community Futures process
- This level of engagement ensures that development is grounded in community input and supported by residents.

Engagement also extends beyond the island through structured networks and partnerships, including:

- Clew Bay Tourism Network
- Living Lab Partnership for Clew Bay (TalX)
- Comhar na nOileán
- All-Island Health Programme

## Mayo Islands Forum – Interagency Coordination

In 2025, the Mayo Islands Forum was established as a structured interagency platform to support coordinated development across the Mayo islands.

The Forum brings together key stakeholders, including Government Departments, Mayo County Council, BIM, Fáilte Ireland, FLAG, SEAI, Teagasc, the HSE, South West Mayo Development Company, and Mayo Island Development Managers.

- The Forum supports the implementation of national policy, including Our Living Islands, through coordinated planning, information sharing, and alignment of funding and delivery across agencies.
- It provides a mechanism to align national policy with on-the-ground delivery across the islands.
- This represents a significant step in strengthening interagency collaboration and coordinated island development.





## Delivery Model

- Delivery is coordinated through the Development Office, which:
- leads project development and funding applications
- coordinates delivery across multiple funding streams
- manages relationships with Government Departments and agencies
- supports implementation across infrastructure, enterprise, and community initiatives
- This central coordination enables integration across sectors and ensures alignment with national policy and funding frameworks.

## Community-Owned Enterprise & Operations

Alongside development activity, the organisation maintains responsibility for the operation of core community-owned enterprise, including:

- bar and restaurant
- shop
- accommodation
- community facilities

This model ensures that economic activity is retained within the community and reinvested locally.

## Financial Management

- Management of multiple funding streams across State, philanthropic, and private sources
- Oversight of project expenditure and compliance requirements
- Coordination with partner organisations where funding is administered externally
- Financial management supports both project delivery and operational sustainability.

## Policy Engagement & Strategic Submissions

In 2025, Inishturk contributed to policy development at local, national, and European level.

Submissions made to Government consultations and strategic policy processes

- Engagement with Departments and agencies on island priorities, including infrastructure, connectivity, and sustainability
- Contribution to regional, national, and EU strategies through structured consultation processes
- A total of 24 contributions were made across policy engagements during the year.

This work ensures that island perspectives are represented in decision-making and supports alignment between national policy and local delivery.

## Outcome

- Governance and delivery structures in 2025 have enabled:
- coordinated delivery across multiple sectors
- effective management of public and partner funding
- sustained operation of community-owned enterprise
- strengthened interagency collaboration through the Mayo Islands Forum
- active representation of island priorities at local, national, and European level





# Stories of Progress

## Enabling Inishturk's Future: Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF)

In November 2025, €814,000 was announced for Inishturk under the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund (RRDF), supporting the development phase of a transformative community project.

The application was developed in partnership with South West Mayo Development Company, in line with the requirements of the Fund, which supports collaborative, large-scale projects led by State-funded bodies.

The funding will support the progression of a proposed multi-purpose community hub and glamping accommodation, identified as a key priority within the Inishturk 2050 Vision. This project directly aligns with national policy under Our Living Islands and the objectives of the RRDF, which aims to support sustainable rural communities by investing in infrastructure that enables people to live, work, and invest in rural areas.

As a development phase (Category 2) project, the funding enables design, planning, and technical work required to bring the project to a stage where it can progress to full capital delivery.

This represents a significant step in advancing long-term, community-led development on Inishturk.

### **Funding:**

€814,000 — Rural Regeneration & Development Fund  
(Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht)





# Stories of Progress



## Reimagining Traditional Barns for Housing

In 2025, Inishturk progressed a housing feasibility project in partnership with Act Studios, focused on identifying viable pathways for housing delivery on the island. This work builds on the Inishturk 2050 Vision and responds to the need to support a sustainable, year-round population.

A key element of the project is the assessment of traditional stone barns (Barns 1–5) for potential conversion to residential use. The project explores how these existing structures can be sensitively adapted, alongside new-build and hybrid models, to deliver housing in a way that retains the character of the island.

The feasibility work includes community consultation, technical assessment, and early-stage design development to support future planning and delivery.

## Funding:

€24,750 — SSE Airtricity



## Re-Turn Pilot — Offshore Island Deposit Return Scheme

In 2025, Inishturk was selected as one of three offshore island pilot locations for Ireland's Re-Turn Deposit Return Scheme, alongside Arranmore and Cape Clear. The pilot tests how the scheme can operate in a remote island context. On Inishturk, a manual, community-based collection system was introduced to enable the return of plastic bottles and aluminium cans. The initiative ensures island communities can participate in the national scheme while informing rollout across other offshore islands.

## Delivered in partnership with:

Re-Turn Ireland



# Stories of Progress



## A Tractor That's Making Life Easier

In 2025, the Inishturk community secured a shared tractor through the Department of Rural and Community Development's CLÁR Programme (Our Living Islands Measure), addressing a long-standing practical need on the island.

Delivered in October 2025, the tractor now supports the safe and efficient transport of goods, fuel, and materials, significantly reducing the physical effort and time required for everyday tasks.

From community projects to day-to-day operations, it has quickly become an essential shared resource, improving safety, efficiency, and accessibility across the island.

### Funding:

90% CLÁR Programme (Department of Rural and Community Development and the Gaeltacht) 10% Community contribution

## Powering a Sustainable Future at the Community Centre

In 2024, Inishturk Community Club CLG secured €95,343 under the Community Climate Action Fund to retrofit the island's Community Centre—one of the most important shared spaces at the heart of island life.

Upgrades included energy-efficient LED lighting, improved insulation, and the installation of modern triple-glazed doors and windows, significantly improving comfort and energy performance.

Guided by the Inishturk Sustainable Energy Community Energy Master Plan, the project reflects a long-term commitment to reducing energy use and strengthening resilience.

Today, the Community Centre is warmer, brighter, and more efficient—enhancing everyday use while reducing energy costs.

### Funding:

Community Climate Action Fund (Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications)





# Stories of Progress



## Connecting the Island with Fibre Broadband

In September 2025, the rollout of fibre broadband commenced on Inishturk, marking a major step forward in connectivity for the island.

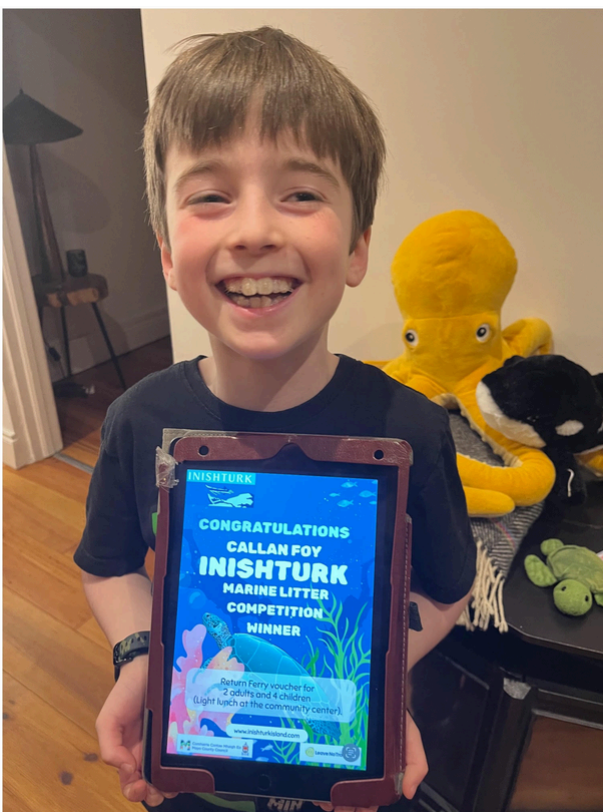
Works included the laying of ducting across the island and the installation of a point-to-point connection from Roonagh to Inishturk.

This investment significantly improves broadband capacity, supporting remote working, education, business activity, and access to online services.

As rollout progresses, enhanced connectivity will strengthen the island's ability to sustain a year-round population and participate fully in the digital economy.

### Delivered by:

National Broadband Ireland (NBI)



## Inspiring the Next Generation to Protect Clew Bay

In 2025, a schools-based beach clean-up initiative took place across Clew Bay, engaging primary school students in protecting the coastal environment.

Students collected marine litter from their local shorelines while learning about the importance of caring for the coast and marine life.

A family trip to Inishturk was offered as part of the programme, strengthening the connection between island communities and the wider Clew Bay region. This initiative highlights the role of education and community action in supporting long-term environmental sustainability.

### Delivered with:

Participating schools and Clew Bay partners

Funded by: Mayo Co. Co.

# Stories of Progress

## Improving Access at Corraun Beach

In 2025, new safety railings and extended steps were installed at Corraun Beach, significantly improving safe access to the shoreline.

Supported by €4,000 from Mayo Sports Partnership, with additional works delivered by Mayo County Council, the project addressed a long-standing access challenge at one of the island's key natural amenities.

The extension of the steps across the rock, combined with the installation of railings, now provides a safe and direct route to the beach, particularly benefiting older residents, families, and those with reduced mobility.

This small but impactful intervention has made Corraun Beach more accessible, inclusive, and safer for everyday use by the community.

### Funding:

€4,000 – Mayo Sports Partnership  
Additional works – Mayo County Council



## Atlantic Island Escapes

In 2025, Atlantic Island Escapes launched as a new island-hopping tourism experience connecting Inishturk and Clare Island.

Developed under the Clew Bay Destination Experience Development Plan (DEDP), the initiative was delivered through collaboration between the island communities, Fáilte Ireland, and regional partners.

The programme offers a two-night, all-inclusive experience featuring heritage tours, food experiences, and outdoor activities, giving visitors a deeper connection to island life. It supports a shift toward higher-value, sustainable tourism, creating economic opportunities and strengthening cross-island collaboration.

### Delivered in partnership with:

Clare Island, Inishturk, Fáilte Ireland, and Clew Bay Tourism Network

## Protecting Inishturk's Coastline

In 2025, Inishturk Community Club CLG and Clare Island Development Company secured support through the Mayo Sustainability Fund to progress a joint coastal resilience initiative.

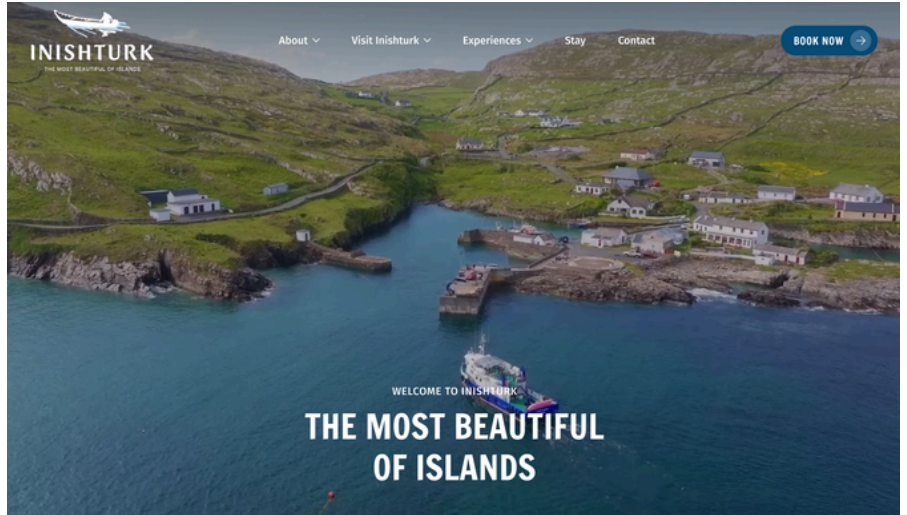
The project will assess coastal erosion risks affecting critical infrastructure and coastal access, informing future protection measures and long-term climate resilience planning for both islands.

### Funding:

Mayo Sustainability Fund – Community Foundation Ireland & Sunflower Charitable Foundation



# Stories of Progress



## Inishturk Island Brand Refresh and New Website

In 2025, Inishturk Island undertook a comprehensive brand refresh to present a more cohesive, contemporary, and authentic expression of island life while remaining rooted in community, heritage, and place. This work was complemented by the development of a new website, [Inishturkisland.com](https://inishturkisland.com), designed to improve accessibility to information, strengthen storytelling, and better serve residents, visitors, and the diaspora alike. Together, the refreshed brand and website position Inishturk Island with a clear and confident digital presence that supports tourism, investment, and long-term community sustainability.



## Events: For Community, Our Future and Visitor Discovery

In 2025, Inishturk's event programme was delivered across three complementary strands that strengthened community life, heritage connection, and economic opportunity on the island. The first strand focused on engaging and enriching the local population through events that fostered connection, skills development, and shared learning, while the second centred on engaging the diaspora and future generations through children's activities and heritage, cultural, and connective events that reinforced identity and belonging. The third strand invited tourists and potential investment into the community through music and food-led tourism, most notably via the Taste of Inishturk Festival and the Agri-Food Tourism Grant, showcasing the island as a vibrant and sustainable destination.







# Moments That Define a Community



- Pakie O'Toole presents the Minister with a hand-carved Inishturk currach
- Satellite communications go live — December 2025
- Jack Heanue — Atlantic Island Escapes
- Pride of Place Awards — Highly Commended
- Storm Éowyn — Bernard Heanue restores power in record time
- Swim Week — youth diaspora participation
- Annual General Meeting
- Coast Guard safety demonstration
- Darragh Patrick O'Toole resting between jobs
- Ireland's Greenest Communities
- Helipad launch — official ribbon cutting





## Statement from the Co-Chairs

2025 has been a significant year of progress for Inishturk.

As Co-Chairs, we recognise the scale and breadth of activity undertaken during the year. Delivery has been achieved across multiple sectors, including infrastructure, economic development, community services and environmental initiatives, supported by strong engagement with Government Departments, agencies and strategic partners.

Having both grown up on Inishturk, we are particularly proud to serve together as Co-Chairs and to work alongside our volunteer Board, sub-committees, staff team and island community in supporting the continued development of the island. The shared pride in Inishturk, together with the commitment shown across the community, continues to drive the work of the organisation and our collective ambition for the future.

We also extend our appreciation to the many partners and supporters who have worked alongside the organisation throughout the year, including Government Departments, agencies, funding bodies and strategic partners. Their collaboration has been instrumental in supporting both ongoing services and the delivery of key projects.

The continued operation of community-owned services, alongside the progression of capital projects and strategic initiatives, demonstrates both the resilience of the island and the capacity of the organisation to manage complex and multi-layered work.

The progress made in 2025 provides a strong foundation for continued delivery and impact in 2026.

Signed,  
Patricia Colton & Aidan O'Toole  
Co-Chairs  
Inishturk Community Club CLG







Community  
Testimonials

*"The RRDF funding represents a transformative opportunity for Inishturk. This project is not simply about creating buildings- it is about creating a future. By investing in wellness, accommodation and shared spaces, it opens the door for sustainable tourism, meaningful employment and new ways for people to live and work on the island. As someone who hopes to bring retreats and wellness experiences to Inishturk, I see enormous potential for the development to support both local and visitors seeking genuine connection, wellbeing and cultural experience in a truly unique place. - Deirdre O'Toole*

*Remote working is a vital cog in the wheel of sustainability for remote rural and island communities. This isn't feasible without high-quality broadband, so the rollout of fibre on the island is essential to make working remotely from here an absolute reality" -Joe Whelan*

*"The tractor makes life an awful lot easier. Whether it's a pallet of feed or a sack of logs, it's delivered right to where you need it. It takes away a lot of the manual work. It's a great thing for the community to own."- Pete Faherty*

*"The new retrofit works have greatly improved the club, delivering a warmer, brighter, and more comfortable environment while enhancing energy efficiency for the future." -Mary Catherine Heanue*

*"The funding secured in 2025 for an eco toilet at the harbour is a very welcome development for the island. The harbour is one of the busiest areas on Inishturk, used daily by residents, visitors, ferry passengers, walkers and anglers, and the addition of this facility will greatly improve comfort and accessibility for all. Once installed, the eco toilet will make a real difference — particularly during busy periods and community events such as the Regatta — while also enhancing the day-to-day experience for everyone using the harbour throughout the year."*  
– Pauline & Mick

*"The new steps and railings at Courran Beach have made a real difference. It's much easier now for people to get down to the beach, especially older people, families and anyone a bit unsteady on rough ground. Curran is a special place to us on the island, and it's lovely to see more people able to enjoy it and feel safe getting down there."*  
– Helen Heanue

*"We have watched the sea slowly eat away at Curran Beach over the years, and there is real concern locally about what continued erosion could mean for access, services and ultimately the island itself. It is reassuring to know this work is now moving forward and that steps are being taken to better understand and help protect this vulnerable coastline."*  
— Mikey & Mary Ann

*"I smoked for many years and never thought I'd see the day I'd give them up, but with the support of the smoking cessation programme, I packed them in last November. I'm feeling much better for it now and breathing easier."*  
— Michael Bernard O'Toole.





An Roinn Forbartha Tuaithe  
agus Pobail agus Gaeltachta  
Department of Rural and Community  
Development and the Gaeltacht



An Roinn Talmhaíochta,  
Bia agus Mara  
Department of Agriculture,  
Food and the Marine



An tSeirbhís Páirceanna Náisiúnta  
agus Fiadhúlra  
National Parks and Wildlife Service



An Roinn Oideachais  
Department of Education



**South West Mayo**  
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Comhairle Contae Mhaigh Eo  
Mayo County Council



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Irish Islands Federation



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SUNFLOWER  
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Mayo Sports Partnership



Comhpháirtíocht Spóirt Mhaigh Eo



Clár Gníomhachtúcháin Pobail  
agus Cuimsiú Sóisialta.

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta  
The Heritage Council

