



THE HARE'S CORNER 2025 IMPACT REPORT

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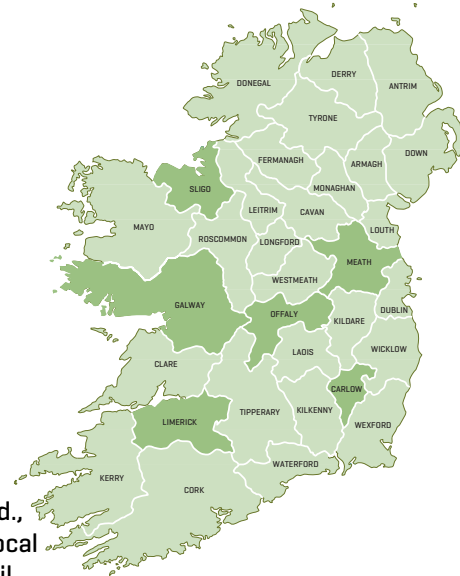
ABOUT THE HARE'S CORNER

Coordinated by Burrenbeo Trust, The Hare's Corner project offers landowners, community groups and schools practical and hassle-free support to create new habitats such as Mini Woodlands, Wildlife Hedges, Heritage Orchards, Wildlife Ponds and provides bespoke advice in the form of Plans for Nature.

In 2025 The Hare's Corner was rolled out to 7 Local Authority areas: **Co. Limerick, Galway City, Co. Galway, Co. Meath, Co. Sligo and Co. Offaly and Co. Carlow.**

Partners and Funders 2025:

This was made possible through partnership with Biodiversity officers in each of the Local Authority areas and our funders for 2025 : Local Biodiversity Action Fund supported by the National Parks and Wildlife Service, NTR PLC, Greencoat Renewables PLC, ESB, Aldi Stores Ltd., SSE Generation Green Community Fund and key support from Lifes2Good Foundation. The Local Authority Biodiversity Officer Programme is delivered in partnership with the Heritage Council.





THE HARE'S CORNER

This initiative was launched in 2021 in Co.Clare and has been expanding to new counties every year due to its proven efficacy and demand.

We are grateful for your invaluable support in helping us grow.

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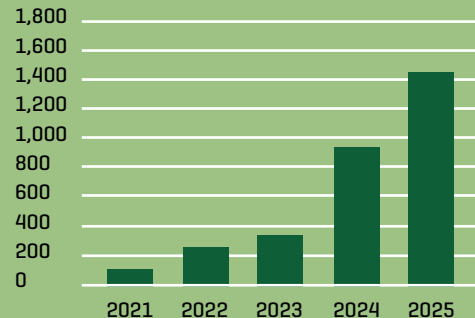


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The Hare's Corner Actions





The Hare's Corner 2025 Impact Snapshot

Our aim is not only to create space for nature, but also to foster a greater connection between people and nature.

Impact on Nature

Total number of actions-for-nature undertaken: 1,446 which included



Native Irish trees distributed:
31,750



Heritage apple trees distributed:
2,150



New ponds created:
93



Plans for nature:
147

Impact on People

Number of Hare's Corner participants: 1,041
Number of people with access to the new Hare's Corners: 182,874



Number of community groups that participated: **218**
[including schools]

Number of volunteers that attended tree collection days:
120

Number of attendances for Hare's Corner online training sessions: **1,030** *[training for Hare's Corner participants]*

Number of attendances for monthly Hare's Corner online clinics: **911** *[education sessions open to all, 6 clinics this year]*

SDG Goals Addressed



Life on Land



Climate Action



Clean Water and Sanitation



Sustainable Cities and Communities



Partnerships for the Goals



Funding and Output

Total Funding €371,472

Private Funding
€136,472



LBAF Funding
€235,000

Total number of actions:
1,446



Woodlands

Number of Woodlands:
313

Number of woodland trees:
15,650

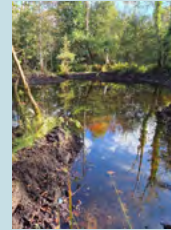
Number of species:
10



Orchards

Number of heritage orchards:
430

Number of apple trees:
2,150



Plans for Water

Number of Plans for Water:
141



Hedges

Number of wildlife hedges:
322

Number of hedge trees:
16,100

Number of hedge tree species:
8



Ponds

Number of ponds:
93

Area of pond creation:
16,182 m² *(the average pond size is 174 m²)*



Plans for Nature

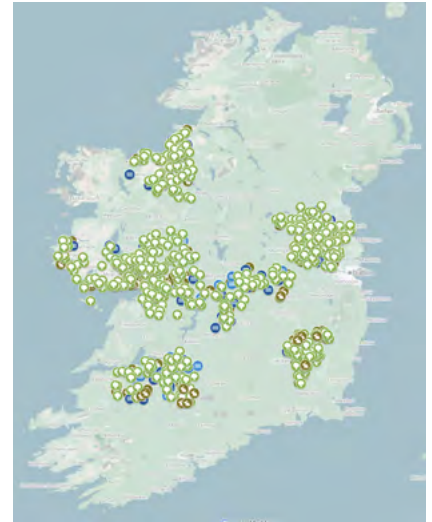
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Map of Hare's Corners created in 2025

[Visit an interactive version of this map](#)

	Plans for Nature	Plans for Water	Ponds	Woodlands	Orchards	Hedges	Total Actions
Carlow	26	8	4	28	28	28	122
Galway City	13	8	4	20	35	29	109
Galway County	20	24	15	66	119	77	321
Limerick	24	27	18	31	70	33	203
Meath	22	33	20	63	79	65	282
Offaly	17	22	15	39	48	30	171
Sligo	24	17	15	65	50	60	231
Mayo	0	2	2	0	0	0	4
Waterford	1	0	0	1	1	0	3
Totals	147	141	93	313	430	322	1,446
Unit costs €	750	375	875	96	164	82	





A Hare's Corner Woodland

Each participant receives 50 native trees of 10 different species to create a mini-woodland. Guidance is provided through how-to guidelines, webinars, online clinics and in-person chats on tree distribution days.



Restoration of rare and less common tree species like the Burren pine, Aspen and Black poplar, creation of approx. 3.5ha of new woodland habitat through participants' contribution of land and time.



Species	Woodland	
	Quantity	
Hazel	7	
Hawthorn	7	
Rowan	7	
Oak	7	
Alder	7	
Downy Birch	7	
Burren Pine	2	
Aspen	2	
Black Poplar	2	
Misc.	2	
Total	50	

Number of Woodlands:

313

Number of woodland trees:

15,650



A Hare's Corner Wildlife Hedge

Each participant receives 50 native trees of 8 different species to create a wildlife hedge of approx. 10m length. Guidance is provided through how-to guidelines, webinars, online clinics and in-person chats on tree distribution days.



Establishment of approx. 3.6km of vital wildlife corridors through participants' contribution of land and time.



Species	Hedge Quantity
Hawthorn	24
Hazel	10
Guelder Rose	4
Grey Willow	4
Spindle	3
Holly	3
Crab Apple	1
Cherry	1
Total	50

Number of wildlife hedges:

322

Number of hedge trees:

16,100



A Hare's Corner Orchard

Each participant receives 5 heritage apple trees. Guidance is provided through how-to guidelines, webinars, online clinics and in-person chats on tree distribution days.

ADDED
VALUE



Protection of apple trees with unique genetic diversity and climate-resilient traits, supporting important work of the Irish Seed Savers, creation of approx. 3.4ha of new heritage orchards through participants' contribution of land and time.



Number of heritage orchards:

430

Number of apple trees:

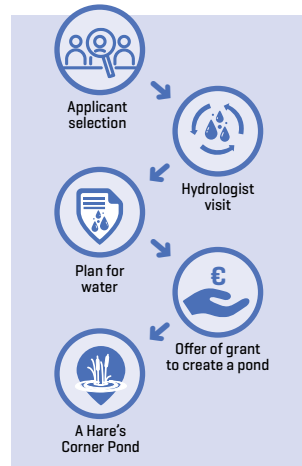
2,150



A Hare's Corner Pond and Plan for Water



Added Value: Average Pond size was 7 times the funded minimum pond size of 25m², all at participants' own cost, creation of approx. 1.6ha of new aquatic habitat.



Number of Plans for Water:
141

Number of ponds:
93 [area of pond creation:
16,182 m², the average pond
size is 174 m²]



A Hare's Corner Plan for Nature

Each participant receives a visit and bespoke advice from a Hare's Corner trained consultant, followed by a simple and visual report on how they can enhance biodiversity on their land.

ADDED VALUE
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In 2025, the Plan for Nature advice covered over 1,100ha of land.



Number of Plans for Nature:
147
Total area covered:
1,105.96ha



Testimonials

“Open water sources are rare in the area, the surrounding landscape is being drained and ‘improved’ for agricultural purposes. So a pond will create new habitat value and allow for valuable and unique ecology to establish and thrive for future generations. It will also help off-set adverse impacts of the surrounding land changes.

A pond will meet the needs of a range of species from birds to dragon flies, herpetological and animals.”

Jenny Fahy and Gearóid Ó Foighil, Co.Offaly



“I’ve always had an interest in Biodiversity and the site visit by Emma a qualified Ecologist was amazing at affirming and positively reinforcing my existing efforts. For example my dead hedge made from a fix of clippings from my wildlife hedge provides a habitat, a place to put my cuttings as well as the benefits of allowing wood to naturally decompose. My very “limited mowing” measure has resulted in a significant increase in the diversity and mix of species in our front lawn.”

Anthony Bagnall, Co.Meath





The Hare's Corner in Media





What our past participants say

“The Hare’s Corner fills a hugely important gap for people like me who want to take actions for biodiversity on their land but don’t have a huge budget or the resources and time to fill out lengthy application forms. It’s a really super initiative that I hope continues.”

Kate Flood, farmer, Co.Meath



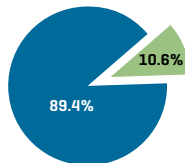
Survey of our 2024 participants in Galway, Mayo, Meath and Leitrim

Respondents: **114**

Total participants: **559**

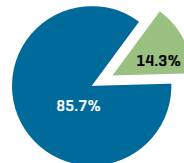
Did you learn anything new while taking part in The Hare’s Corner?

113 responses



Have you noticed improvements in biodiversity and/or benefits to nature on your land since the pond was created?

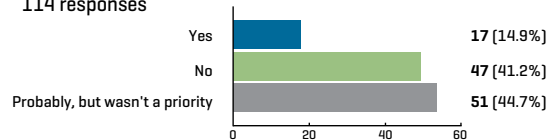
114 responses



● Yes
● No

Would you have carried out the action(s) anyway without the assistance of The Hare’s Corner?

114 responses





The Hare's Corner in a new book

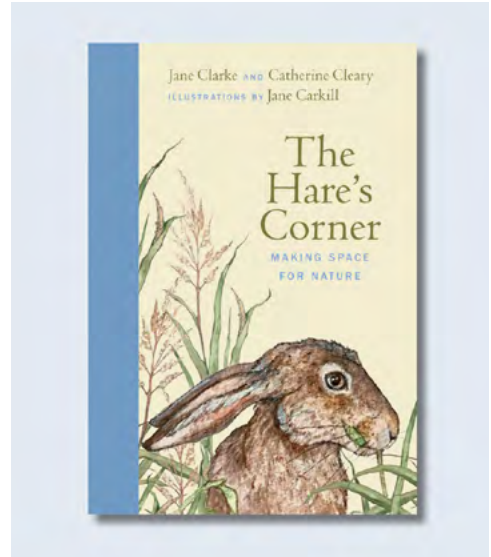
In 2025, The Hare's Corner project inspired a new book showcasing ten inspiring real-life stories of individuals, farmers, schools and community groups restoring habitats reviving biodiversity. The book was authored by Catherine Cleary, illustrated by artist Jane Carkill and interspersed with the poetry of Jane Clarke.

Published by New Island Books, 3,000 copies have been printed to date and 1,000 more are being reprinted.



“This is a gem of a book.”

Anja Murray, *The Irish Examiner*, Dec 2025





Thank you!

The Hare's Corner 2025 would not have been possible without the support of our funders and our partnership with the Biodiversity Officers in the participating Local Authorities.



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