

THE BUILDING LIMES FORUM

The Building Limes Forum was established to encourage expertise and understanding in the use of building limes. BLF was established in the UK in 1992. The Irish regional was formed in 1999, and formally constituted as the Building Limes Forum Ireland in 2005. The BLFI is a Company limited by guarantee with Charitable Status (No. 16338).

The BLFI is affiliated with BLF UK. It is a voluntary organisation with no commercial ties, the majority being actively concerned with the repair of historic buildings. The Building Limes Forum Ireland is based in Ireland, for members in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

The Forum acts as an information network, and publishes regular newsletters and an annual journal of the Building Limes Forum.

An Annual Workshop and Gathering is held each year, usually in the autumn. To date, these have taken place at York in 1992, Buxton 1993, Rydal (Cumbria) 1994, Edinburgh 1995, Cirencester in 1996, Conway (Wales) 1997, Newry (N. Ireland) 1998, Isle of Purbeck 1999, Wye (Kent) 2000 and Charlestown (Scotland) 2001, Kilkenny 2002 (hosted by the Irish Branch of The Building Limes Forum, Bury St. Edmonds 2003, Lancaster 2004, Bergen, Norway 2005, Cardiff 2006 and Greenwich, London in 2007. Gathering is to take place in the Isle of Man in 2008.

ORGANISATION

There is an elected committee of twelve, which manages the general affairs of the Forum. This comprises a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and nine other members. The committee may co-opt additional members. The conduct of the Forum is governed by a written constitution. Members are encouraged to participate in the affairs of the Forum.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Forum's Aims and Objectives are:

- (a) to exchange, collate and disseminate information, through publication of a regular journal and by holding meetings and conferences;
- (b) to encourage practical research and development through field studies, trials, monitoring and analysis;
- (c) to encourage development of appropriate industrial and craft skills and techniques;
- (d) to educate building professionals, builders, conservators, craftsmen and women, and property owners in the appropriate use of lime in building through demonstrations, publications and courses;
- (e) to develop contacts with institutions and individuals outside the Forum and in other countries who have relevant experience or knowledge;
- (f) to pursue further appropriate avenues of interest to advance the aims and objectives of the Forum.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE BUILDING LIMES FORUM IRELAND OFFERS:

- a means of supporting the stated aims and objectives;
- an informal network of contacts who are prepared to share information and to discuss matters of general interest to members;
- an annual Journal, 'Journal of the Building Limes Forum', and regular newsletters;
- the opportunity to participate in conferences, courses, workshops, demonstrations and visits organised by the Forum;

CONTACT LIST

The Forum's informal network of contact is provided by the publication of a membership list *for the use of members only*. It includes the name of each member and address, telephone number, e-mail address, where applicable and areas of interest of each member who agrees to have such information included. A signature is required for members who wish to have full details included in the list.

The membership list is also a means of putting enquirers from outside the Forum in touch with members.