



Garden of renewal Gairdín Athnuachana

in 2010 Kilsheelan Tidy Towns sought to renew a waste area on the river bank and restore this area as an area of relaxation and beauty on long the river walk and neighbouring an area of historical value in the village. This area was planted with wildflowers and became our butterfly garden.



Whilst the area was reclaimed from the waste area it once was and provided an idyllic location along the river walk, unfortunately this area was overcome with Japanese Knot Weed.

“Japanese knotweed grows vigorously and out competes native plants. Japanese knotweed forms tall thickets that exclude all other vegetation, shading the area below. Native plants can rarely compete with this invasive species and local plant biodiversity is reduced. Rivers, hedgerows, roadsides and railways can form important wildlife corridors for native plants and animals to migrate and disperse along, and large infestations of Japanese knotweed can block these routes for wildlife. When Japanese knotweed colonises riverbanks, it can damage flood defence structures and reduce the capacity of channels to carry flood water.”¹

The knot weed overcame the wildflowers despite efforts by the volunteers to control the spread of the knot weed. In 2012 we acknowledged that we were not been successful in eliminating the plant so we had to review our plans for this area, whilst working strategically over the next 3 to 4 years to eliminate the knot weed, but with plans to provide an amenity on the river bank.

¹ Source: <http://invasivespeciesireland.com/toolkit/invasive-plant-management/terrestrial-plants/japanese-knotweed/>



This amenity would not only incorporate traditional skills in its design and construction, it needs to withstand any flooding that may take place in the future, so it must be durable in its planting, providing an oasis along the river bank for wildlife and biodiversity creating a wildlife habitat.

The garden area is not only located along the banks of the River Suir, but is adjacent to an old church and graveyard



The church is twelfth century in date. Kilsheelan is named after this church, “ it was dedicated to St. Selanus or ‘Sillian, who was either the Abbot of Bangor or a saint honoured in the Irish artyrologies’ (ibid and Ordnance Survey Namebooks 1840, 290-294). A seventeenth century grave slab is located inside the church”.³

It was very important to the voluntary committee in the undertaking of this project not only to be sensitive to the historic nature of the site but also to preserve an area for a natural habitat along the river bank, providing an area of conservation and also of education for all those who visit the area.

The volunteer committee together with the support and input of the Clonmel Tourism CE Scheme together have designed a garden concept of renewal and regeneration. The knotweed has been treated, but the full eradication of the species will take another 2 to 3 years to be eliminated from the site.

The project proposed will incorporate traditional skills in stone, willow, and planting traditional to the area. Whilst the skills will primarily involve the participants of the Clonmel and Kilsheelan CE Scheme, it will also involve an element of training so that the skills used on site can be utilised in other projects in the area, and that this will help revive and retain these traditional skills. It is also our intention to capture the progress on camera and on video so that we can use this as a tool to demonstrate the skills involved in the making of this garden.

² Photographs taken by Joe Ormonde Photography Kilsheelan

³ Source http://eachtra.ie/new_site/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/Kilsheelan-Clonmel-Journal.pdf



The overall project will consist of:

Estimated Cost of Works	
Monumental Sandstone	€ 330.00
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Limestone Ogham Style	€ 360.00
Mosaic Work	€ 160.00
Chip & Stone	€ 600.00
Topsoil	€ 300.00
Willow Fencing, Arches, Design	€ 815.00
Planting	€ 1,000.00
Beehive	€ 200.00
Site Preparation**	€ 350.00
Timber for Seating	€ 400.00
Video	€ 300.00
Interpretive Panels	€ 600.00
Contingencies (5% budget)	€ 300.00
Total Projected Cost	€ 6,000.00

The overall project is ambitious in all it will encompass the attached drawing reflects the concepts included. The overall project would not be possible without the voluntary labour of the committee and the work undertaken by the participants on the CE Schemes. As a consequence of the labour provision, we can provide this overall project at a cost of supplies only.





Green and Blue Futures
Kilsheelan Tidy Towns



This project has been submitted on behalf of Kilsheelan Tidy Towns.

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OUTLINE SKETCH OF GARDEN

FLOWER BEDS

STONE FLOWER BED'S

STONE CARVING

WOODEN SEAT'S

BEE HIVE

APPLE TREES

STONE CELTIC KNOTS

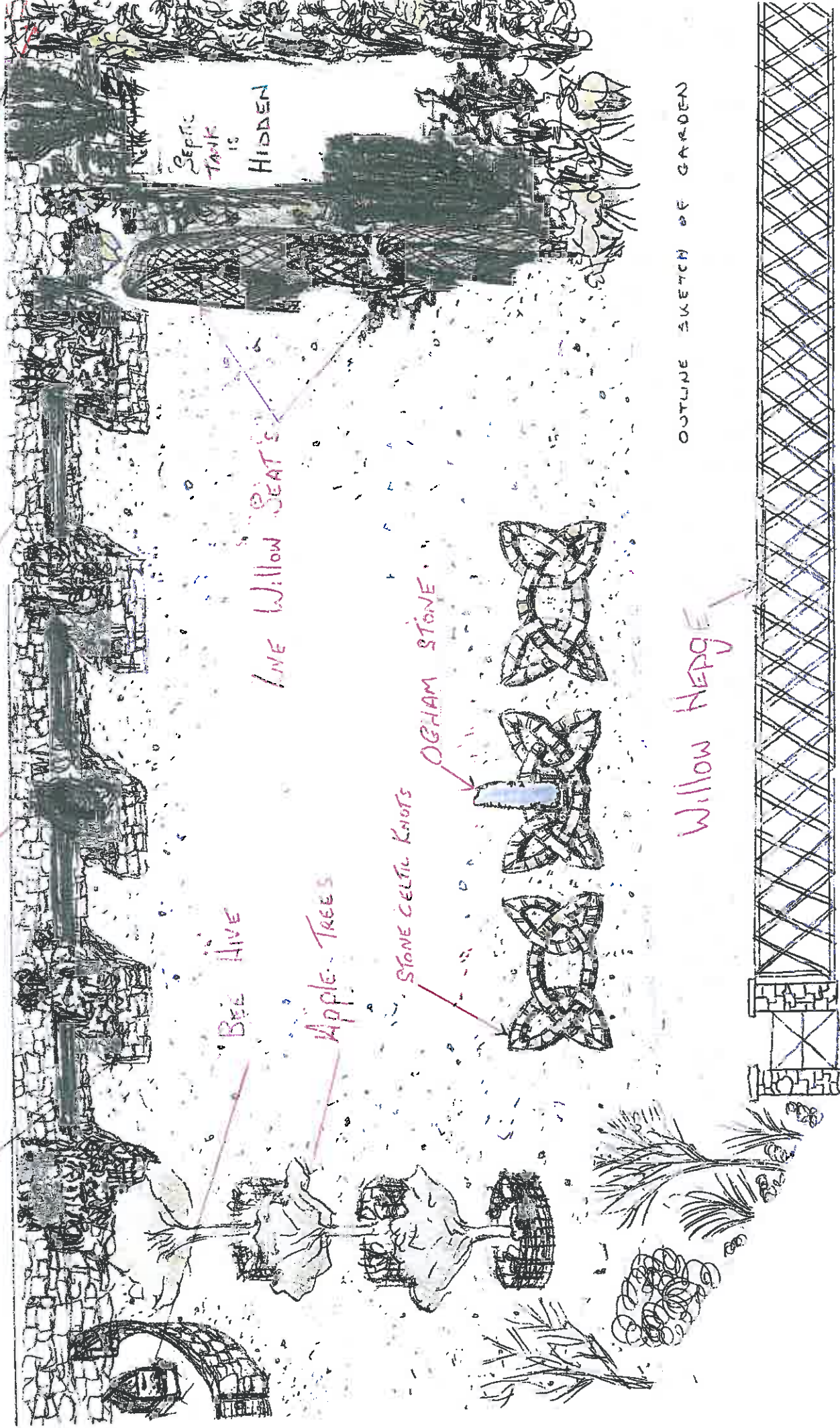
OGHAM STONE

LINE WILLOW SEAT'S

SEPTIC TANK IS HIDDEN

WILLOW HEDGE

OUTLINE SKETCH OF GARDEN



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INVOICE No: 1

INVOICE TO:

Kilsheelan Tidy Towns Comm.
Kilsheelan

<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>COST</u>
19/09/2013	1 * Monumental Quality Sandstone 3ft * 4ft * 6in	€330.00

TOTAL DUE: €330.00

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19/09/2013	1 * Monumental Quality Sandstone 3ft * 3ft * 8in	€285.00

TOTAL DUE: €285.00

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>COST</u>
19/09/2013	1 * Limestone (Ogham Style) 5ft * 2ft * 5in	€360.00

TOTAL DUE: €360.00

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>COST</u>
19/09/2013	3 * Bundles of Dried Willow Weave	€135.00

TOTAL DUE: €135.00

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>COST</u>
19/09/2013	4 * Bundles of Live Willow Weave (12ft)	€230.00

TOTAL DUE: €230.00

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>COST</u>
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19/09/2013	6 * Bundles of Live Willow Weave (16ft)	€430.00
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TOTAL DUE: €430.00

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>COST</u>
19/09/2013	Invoice for Mosaic Work	
	4 * Bags of Sand / Cement mix @ €6.99 ea	€ 27.96
	Concrete Dye	€ 20.00
	Brush on Paper Glue (Copydex)	€ 12.00
	Large Sized Crushed Gravel (15-25 mm) @ 10.99 per bag	
	Pink	€ 10.99
	Dark Brown	€ 10.99
	Grey	€ 10.99
	White	€ 10.99
	Green	€ 10.99
	Black	€ 10.99
	Gold	€ 10.99
	Work boards (min 600 * 500) min ¾ (ply or melamine coated chip)	€ 20.00
	TOTAL DUE:	€156.89

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19/09/2013

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3 BUNDLES of DRIED

Willow WEAVE €135.00

4 BUNDLES of LIVE

Willow WEAVE (12") €250.00

6 BUNDLES of LIVE

Willow WEAVE (16") €450.00

Patsy Cahill - Basketmaking Instructor - Baskets made to order - Willow for sale