



**WICKLOW
CRAFT
FOUNDATION**

**Annual Report
and
Financial Statements
2021 – 2022**

Wicklow Craft Foundation

CHAIRPERSON'S STATEMENT

The need for a Craft Strategy for Co. Wicklow was conceived in 2018.

A debt of gratitude is due to Wicklow Partnership's CEO Brian Carty and Evelyn Murray for supporting the concept.

In the very early stages, it was identified that a vehicle was required to assist with the implementation of the Strategy proposal and ultimately to take on board the task of promoting the Strategy to potential members and seek strategic partners.

A team of committed volunteers have worked as an interim committee, giving generously of their time over the past number of years. They have brought a range of qualifications and personal talents to the table, being able and willing to share their expertise. When combined, they have risen to the challenges and helped to guide the newly formed Wicklow Craft Foundation into existence.

Thanks, and appreciation are offered to:

Muriel Beckett	PR Communications
Geoff Healy	
Peir Leonard	PR Negotiations
Tony Monaghan	Graphics and Photography
Gerald Sullivan	Treasurer
Mark Wilkes	Secretary and IT Consultant

From 2018 and after the closures of the pandemic, the activities of WCF Committee have been primarily focused on the establishment of the Craft Foundation.

This has entailed debating the name of the organisation, designing the Logo, and developing the website. Many thanks due to Tony for all his graphic options and his patience as we made our choices. And to Mark, for his hard work in setting up a website and making it seem so effortless.

The committee has generously given a lot of time to considering a Constitution and as you can imagine, this took many hours of discussion. But there was always one point discussed which was unanimous ... that was ... that Carol makes an excellent apple pie!

The first WCF Constitution was signed by the Committee in July 2021 and WCF is now recognised as a Not-for-Profit Organisation.

Gerald has played a valuable role in setting up a bank account and establishing an impressive and detailed accounting presentation. These first end of year accounts are available to members on the website.

The WCF committee then progressed to providing backup support to Wicklow Partnership and Arts Leaders in pushing the Craft Strategy towards completion. Meetings were held with Brian O'Reagan, who kindly tried to keep us in the loop as the process was building, and latterly with Brian and Evelyn, in the Brockagh Centre almost a year ago. Naturally, both meetings inspired discussions and debates and I can only hope that our contributions were of some value towards the success of the completed research.

The Craft Strategy was published and launched on 8 July 2022 and again, on behalf of all concerned, I express our sincere gratitude to Wicklow Partnership and in particular Evelyn Murray and her colleagues for all their hard work in organising the launch at Russborough House. Also, to Orla Gallagher (CEO of Russborough House) and her team for permitting the launch in such splendid surroundings. That was truly a real pleasure to be enveloped by such stunning standards of artistic and skilled material applications. The launch was attended by no less than five CEOs from local government agencies and officiated by Minister Simon Harris TD. As stated at the time, their presence was accepted as an endorsement and support for both WCF and the County Wicklow Craft Strategy.

Since July:

- Muriel and Geoff have, on behalf of WCF, made an application to join the Guilds, Associations, Networks and Societies (GANS). This organisation is under the auspices of the Design & Craft Council Ireland (DCCI). A successful application to GANS will provide opportunities for WCF to seek financial assistance and supports for certain project proposals. This would be part funding. Such membership will not preclude applications to other agencies for funding for other projects. More likely, it will enhance the potential for success for additional interactions and grant support. The result of this application will be known within a three-month timeframe.
- Mark has created the foundation for a digital Craft Trail, placing important and informative location tags onto members' addresses.
- The Craft Strategy, a public document, has been uploaded onto the WCF website (<https://wicklowcraftfoundation.ie>) and is accessible to everyone who is interested.
- Muriel has begun to circulate information on the existence of the WCF by way of press release.

- Peir has been organising meetings with the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board (KWETB) seeking information on financial support opportunities for educational developments.
- Tony is developing graphic applications for publicity cards and posters for a membership drive.
- Gerald has completed the first year set of accounts and these are available to all members.

So, the committee continues to be pro-active, working hard to lay firm foundations for the future.

Looking forward, the 2022 / 2023 year will hopefully bring the WCF closer to the public eye.

The aims for the coming year will be:

- A concerted membership drive to increase awareness of WCF and, where budget permits, a publicity campaign to promote the Craft Sector to retailers, specifiers, and consumers. (This element will require assistance from our core members by way of active participation.):
- To assist in the establishment of a Craft Strategy Group (a Steering Committee) that will act constructively to begin implementation of the Craft Strategy. The group will be assembled from individuals from a cross section of interested parties all of whom will contribute from different perspectives. This group will seek Strategic Partnerships who can play a role in the development of the Craft Sector in Co. Wicklow:
- Liaising with the Craft Strategy Group, WCF will endeavour to seek support for a Craft Liaison Officer:
- Provide further input towards the establishment of a broad County Digital Craft Trail:
- Continue Education, Training and Development supports such as working closely with KWETB, Wicklow Partnership, WCC Arts Office, DCCI and other agencies:
- Provide support to the Railway House Arklow project as required: and
- WCF will aim to source a venue to field a major exhibition of Craft by professional standard practitioners to highlight the potential for locally made high end work.

Coupled with aspirations outlined in the County Wicklow Craft Strategy 2023 - 2027, the coming year will be very busy.

The WCF will require help and support from every angle in order to fulfil the goals towards the creation of a vibrant Craft Sector in County Wicklow.

This twinned initiative is unique, and in community terms, it will change the entire landscape of the Craft Sector in Wicklow.

Signed

Chaim Factor

Chairperson. Wicklow Craft Foundation.

October 2022.

**Community Benefit
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Individual Benefit**

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COMMITTEE

The names of persons who were Committee Members during the year ended 31 July 2022 or who have since been appointed are set out below. Except where indicated they served as Committee Members for the entire period up to the date of approval of these financial statements.

Chairman:	Chaim Factor	
Secretary:	Mark Wilkes	
Treasurer:	Gerald Sullivan	
Committee Members:	Muriel Beckett	
	Geoffrey Healy	
	Lisa Johnston	retired January 2022
	Peir Leonard	appointed August 2022
	Tony Monaghan	

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COMMITTEE DECLARATION

We, being Members of the Committee of the Wicklow Craft Foundation, approve the financial accounts for the year ended 31 July 2022.

Chaim Factor
Chairperson

Mark Wilkes
Secretary

Muriel Beckett
Committee
Member

TREASURER'S REPORT

In my opinion, the financial accounts on pages 7 to 9 of the Wicklow Craft Foundation for the year ended 31 July 2022 have been properly extracted from the books and accounting records of the Foundation.

Gerald Sullivan
2 Chestnut Grove,
Ballinteer,
Dublin 16.

8 October 2022.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year Ended 31 July	Notes	2022	€
Income			€
Membership Subscriptions		1,200.00	
Total Income		1,200.00	1,200.00
Expenditure			
Printing		(65.50)	
Internet Costs		(404.24)	
Bank Charges		(15.90)	
Web Commission		(24.57)	
Total Expenditure		(510.21)	(510.21)
Operating Surplus for the Year		689.79	689.79
Fund at Beginning of the Year		—	—
Fund at End of the Year		689.79	689.79

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BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 July	Notes	2022	€
Fixed Assets			€
Tangible Fixed Assets		—	—
Current Assets			
Stocks		—	
Debtors		—	
Cash at bank and in hand		1,044.03	
		<u>1,044.03</u>	
Current Liabilities			
Sundry Creditors		(354.24)	
Accrued Expenses		—	
		<u>(354.24)</u>	
Net Current Assets			689.79
Net Total Assets			<u><u>689.79</u></u>
Represented by:			
Revenue Account			689.79
			<u><u>689.79</u></u>

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Cash Flow Statement

Year Ended 31 July	2022	
	€	€
Net cash generated from operating activities		
Operating surplus for the year	689.79	
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	—	
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	—	
Increase/(decrease) in creditors and provisions	354.24	
	—	
Net cash generated from operating activities		1,044.03
Cash flow from Investing activities		
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	—	
	—	
Net cash used in investing activities		—
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		1,044.03
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year		—
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year		1,044.03

Treasurer's Note.

The Foundation Accounts for 2021 –2022 are being made available to members on the Foundation website (<https://wicklowcraftfoundation.ie>) and will be presented to members at the AGM on Saturday 8 October 2022 for formal approval and ratification.