

HOW DO WE APPLY?

Just complete the Expression of Interest Form and send to:

Golden Way
Anne-Marie Curley
c/o Heritage Office
Cavan County Council
Farnham Street
Cavan

We will arrange for a mentor to contact to you.

GOLDEN WAY EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Name of Group:

Name of Walk:

Contact Person:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

**EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST MUST BE RETURNED BY FRIDAY
AUGUST 15th 2014.**

PRIZE CATEGORIES

Main Awards

- Walk with the best Built Heritage
- Walk with the best Natural Heritage
- Best Social History / Cultural Heritage Award
- Best General Upkeep
- Award for best Schools involvement
- Best Community Input and Engagement Award

JUDGES COMMENDATION

Special Categories

- Best Heritage Inventory
- Most inventive use of media to promote local heritage
 - Best YouTube video of the Walk
 - Best Blog of the Walk
- Accessibility Award
- Craftsmanship Award
- Farmer Participation Award
- Garden/orchard award

For more information checkout:

www.thisiscavan.ie
www.cavanheritage.ie



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WHAT IS “THE GOLDEN WAY”?

FOR THE WALKER

The Golden Way is a standard to indicate an outstanding, interesting and appropriately maintained rural walk, including safety considerations.

FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

The Golden Way Standard is a standard of excellence for community groups to aspire to.

The Golden Way project is a rural community initiative run by Cavan County Council with support from the Heritage Council. Its objectives are to inform and support rural communities:

- To identify and promote outstanding country roadscapes and walks.
- To recognise and reward the efforts made by rural communities in conserving the heritage features of those roads and walkways
- To promote best practice in the recording and management of the rural heritage features of country roadscapes.
- To provide a safe and interesting environment for recreational walking / exercise in rural areas.
- To strengthen the bonds of the rural community.

The Golden Way developed out of the Golden Mile Competition which ran for a number of years in Cavan and a number of other counties.

Groups will submit a Golden Way application which will be assessed by an independent team of assessors and will be scored in relation to best practice in six categories;

- Suitability for Walking
- Safety considerations
- Recording of Heritage Features
- Quality & Maintenance of Natural Heritage
- Quality & Maintenance of Built Heritage
- General Upkeep
- Community Participation

There will be three levels of Award - Gold, Silver and Bronze

WHO CAN TAKE PART?

The Golden Way is open to all existing and new community and local groups.

Individuals can also submit an entry but group participation and community involvement are a key part of the initiative so it is better if you can get others involved.

It is fine if you want to set up a Golden Way group specifically for your walk.

DO WE HAVE A SUITABLE WALK IN OUR AREA?

A suitable Golden Way entry should be a route, of between half a mile and 3½ miles [5.6km], suitable for pedestrian use. The walk can start or end in a town or village but the majority and character of the walk should be rural.

Non-road walks are eligible so long as there is a right of way or acknowledged public access. If a Walk does not have structures such as stone walls, hedges, old gates, etc. it cannot score under these categories.

The walk should contain a good range of natural and man-made heritage features.

WHAT DOES IT INVOLVE?

First fill in the expression of interest form on this leaflet. The heritage office will arrange for a mentor to work with you in selecting a suitable route, developing your application and generally advising and supporting you towards the goal of achieving the Golden Way standard for your walk.

Later in the year an independent team of assessors will assess the walk to see if it qualifies for a Golden Way award.

A small bursary fund will be available to groups working with mentors which must be used towards improving their walk.

WHAT CAN WE GET OUT OF IT?

All walks entered will be promoted by Cavan County Council through their website and other promotional literature and will be included in the 2015 Golden Way calendar.

Walks that are awarded the Gold Standard will receive branded signage which can be erected at the Start and End of the Walk.

In addition to this, in order to reward the efforts made by communities, there will be a number of category prizes.

