



BRIDE Project

Farming with Nature



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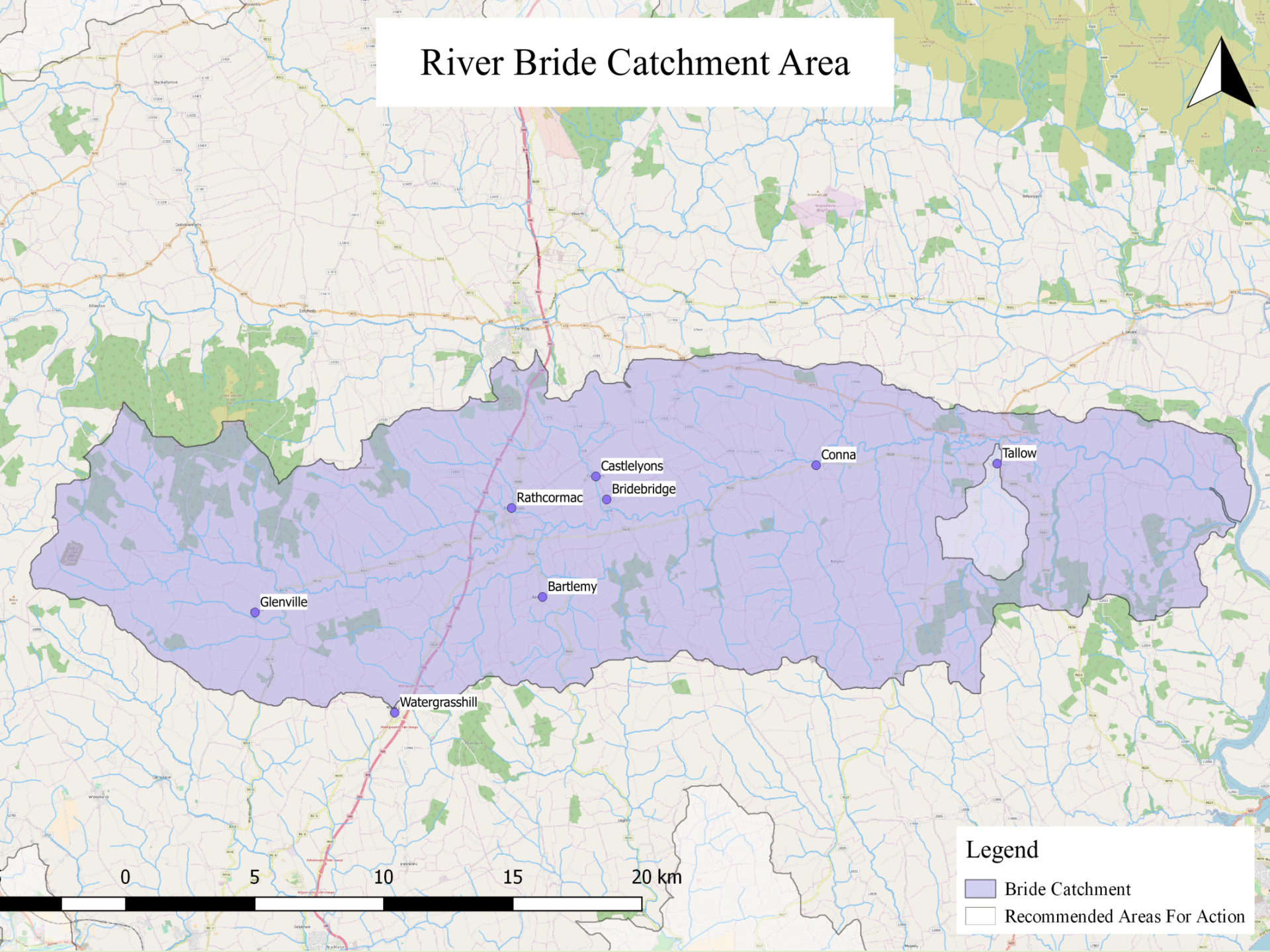


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River Bride Catchment Area



Legend

-  Bride Catchment
-  Recommended Areas For Action

Actions: Minimum/ Maximum Units, Completion deadlines and Payment Rate

Action		Minimum	Maximum	Completion deadline	Payment Rate
Planting New Hedgerow		10m ¹	200m	31 st March 2016	€5/m/yr
Arable grass margin	a) 3 metre width		*	All tillage crops harvested in 2016	€0.35/m/yr
	b) 4 metre width		*		€0.50/m/yr
	c) 6 metre width		*		€0.70/m/yr
Bat Box		3 boxes	15 boxes	31 st March 2016	€13/box/yr
Bird Box		1 box	15 boxes	31 st March 2016	€6/box/yr
Conservation of Solitary Bees (Boxes)		1 box	5 boxes	31 st March 2016	€6/box/yr
Conservation of Solitary Bees (Sand)		1 habitat	2 habitats	31 st March 2016	€45/habitat/yr
1. Breeding Waders			*		€366/ha/yr
2. Chough			*		€365/ha/yr
3. Corncrake			*		€364/ha/yr
4. Geese and Swans			*		€205/ha/yr
5. Grey Partridge		200m	*	31 st May 2016	€2.10/m/yr
6. Hen Harrier			*		€370/ha/yr
7. Twite A			*		€375/ha/yr
Twite B		50m	*	31 st May 2016	€1.50/m/yr
Twite C		0.25ha	3ha	31 st May 2016	€900/ha/yr
Commonages Management Plan			*		€120/ha/yr
Farmland Habitat (Private Natura)			*		€79/ha/yr
Coppicing of Hedgerows		10m ¹	1,000m	28 th February 2017	€2.20/m/yr
Environmental Management of Fallow Land		0.25ha	3 ha	31 st May 2016	€750/ha/yr
Catch Crop		10 ha (Priority Area) / 4 ha (General Action)	30 ha	15 th September 2015	€155/ha/yr
Laying of Hedgerows		10m ¹	1,000m	28 th February 2017	€3.70/m/yr
Low Emission Slurry Spreading			*		€1.20/m ³ /yr
Low Input Permanent Pasture / Traditional Hay Meadow			10 ha		€314/ha/yr and €315/ha/yr
Minimum Tillage		10 ha (Priority Area) / 4 ha (General Action)	*	1 st crop establishment following approval	€40/ha/yr
Protection and Maintenance of Monuments	a) Tillage	1	20	31 st May 2016	€146/unit/yr
	b) Grassland	1	20	28 th February 2017	€120/unit/yr
Protection of Water Courses from Bovines			*	31 st December 2015	€1.50/m/yr
Rare Breeds		0.15 LU	10 LU		€200/unit/yr
Riparian Margin	a) 3 metre width		*	31 st March 2016	€0.90/m/yr
	b) 6 metre width		*	31 st March 2016	€1.20/m/yr
	c) 10 metre width		*	31 st March 2016	€1.60/m/yr
	d) 30 metre width		*	31 st March 2016	€3.60/m/yr
Small Woodland Establishment		0.05ha / 250 whips	0.09 ha / 450 whips	31 st March 2016	€0.90/whip/yr
Traditional Dry Stone Wall Maintenance		10m ¹	4,000m		€0.70/m/yr
Traditional Orchards		0.05ha / 10 trees	0.05ha / 10 trees	31 st March 2016	€23.50/unit/yr
Wild Bird Cover		0.25ha (General Action) 1.0ha (Priority Action)	3 ha	31 st May 2016	€900/ha/yr

* = Overall maximum payment is €5,000 per GLAS contract / year

¹ Must be in 1 continuous length yr = year, m = metre, ha – hectare and m³= cubic metre

BRIDE “Farming with Nature”

- Local scheme – not national
- **All farmer** scheme – not just for a specific sector(s). Landscape-scale effect
- Targeted measures for biodiversity losses, water quality and carbon reduction in the targeted area.
- All farmers “singing from the same environmental hymn sheet” – no confusion
- Livestock/tillage/equine maximising biodiversity enhancement within their individual farms

Challenges for the project

- Raising awareness - involvement of the project partners and the industry in doing this
- Historically agri-env. schemes were for the “less intensive farmer” resulting in lack of awareness in intensive farming sector
- Agricultural education and farm advisory services need to realise the environmental issues that are facing intensive agriculture and the link between quality food production and healthy eco-systems
- Land is the new quota – resulting in further intensification and habitat pressure
- Embracing the green rather than fearing it

Why is BRIDE different

- National schemes – difficult to get full engagement. Local schemes for specific goals. Targeted measures
- Targeted measures at local level – every farm/farmer is different
- Fear of inspections – leading to less participation – needs to be “Simple for the farmer”. Plan is drawn up with the farmer.
- Expertise for improving biodiversity.
Ecologists advising on biodiversity/environmental issues.
Agronomists advising on food production.
- Reconnecting farmers with nature – importance of environment/biodiversity and farming needs to be addressed.

Goals of the Project

- Improve biodiversity on Irish intensive farmland
- Reward farmers for environmental improvements
- Create a positive image of farming and get a premium market for produce
- Aim to get farmers more tuned into their surroundings and re-connect with nature, leading to a more enjoyable working environment – a happy farmer is a productive farmer!
- Next generation – will they want to farm?

BMA Farm Map

(Biodiversity Managed Area)



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No.	BRIDE Project Habitats	SYMBOL	Area-Sq.m	BMA % Rating	Calculated BMA %
1	Bog			1	
2	Coniferous Forest			0.25	
3	Derelict Building / Historic Monument	●		1	
4	Watercourse/drain		1479	1	0.28
5	Exposed Rock			1	
6	Farmyard		10344	0.3	0.59
7	Field Margin		8169	1	1.56
8	Hedgerow/Treeline	---	15020	1	2.87
9	Marsh		3119	1	0.60
10	Native Woodland			1	
11	Mixed Woodland			1	
12	Pond			1	
13	Quarry			1	
14	Reed Bed			1	
15	Riparian Buffer Strip		12739	1	2.44
16	Scrub / Wasteground			1	
17	Multi-species Grassland			1	
18	Wet Grassland			1	
19	Winter Stubble			0.05	
TOTAL BMA			5.09 Ha		8.35

% of Biodiversity Managed Area (BMA)	Total farm area	52.27 Ha/522777 SqM
0 - 4	BMA Habitats occurring	6
5 - 9	BMA% =	8.35%
10 +	BMA AREA (Ha)	5.09

Measures/Actions

- Aim to have 10% biodiversity managed area (BMA) – **need to put a value on the non-productive area of the farm.**
- Farmer paid to manage habitats for biodiversity and environmental improvement. Results-based Payments (RBP's)
- 10% to include hedgerows, watercourses, wetlands, derelict buildings/historical monuments, scrub areas, waste ground, ponds, tree lines, old grassland, buffer zones, non-commercial woodland, winter stubble, etc. etc.

Results-based Payments – RBP's

- All habitats scored and payments made accordingly. The more habitats – the more payments
- E.G. - Hedgerows on an A-F scale
- Management plan for each habitat
- Will I be allowed to....?



Tree-line



Riparian buffer strip



Retention of wetland areas



A wide-angle photograph of a rural landscape. The foreground and middle ground are filled with a field of winter stubble. The vegetation consists of clumps of green grass interspersed with dry, brown, and yellowed stalks of previous crops. The field stretches out to a flat horizon under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. In the far distance, a line of trees is visible on the horizon, including a few tall, dark evergreens and some bare deciduous trees.

Winter Stubble





























Pollinator-rich Margin

The image shows a landscape with a clear boundary between two types of vegetation. On the left is a well-maintained, green grassy field. On the right is a 'margin' area, which is a strip of land left to grow wild. This area is filled with tall, golden-brown grasses and a variety of wildflowers, including red poppies, yellow flowers, and white daisies. A thin wire fence runs along the edge of the green field, separating it from the wild margin. In the background, there are trees and a cloudy sky.









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