

THE KILKENNY FIELD NAMES RESEARCH PROJECT

The _____ Parish Field Name Survey

Dear _____

This is an invitation to take part in the **Parish Field Name Survey** which aims to gather together as much of the heritage relating to our local landscape as possible before it disappears. We are especially interested in recording as many of the **old field names** as we can. Due to the needs of modern farming practices many of the old fields have proved too small to be viable and they have been consolidated into larger units. As the field disappears so too does the name. With the name disappears a part of the history of a place and of those who have lived here before us.

The Parish Field Name Survey is recording the local landscape history through the place names and field names of the following townlands :

Enclosed is an aerial photograph(or map) of the townland landscape within which your fields may lie. Also enclosed are a **Survey Form** and a coloured pencil.

We will be grateful if you :

1. Colour in all the fields within your farm.
2. Then, using a plain pencil or biro, number any of those fields on the photo or map for which you, or your family, can recall a name.
3. On the **Survey Form**. Please write the names of the fields corresponding to their numbers on your photo or map along with the townland in which they are located.
4. We will also be grateful for any other information about your fields which you might be able to provide such as old monument bushes, fairy thorns, lime kilns mass rocks, etc. Such information can be listed in the **Field Notes** section.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the project or about how else you might like to participate, please call :

056 _____ or mobile no.: _____

A committee member will visit in a few weeks to collect the maps and survey forms. Hopefully we might then be able to talk some more with you about the forms and the field names you have recorded. We can also complete the survey form together at that time if this seems more suitable.

With thanks,

This project is an action of the Kilkenny Heritage Plan and is co-ordinated by the Heritage Office of Kilkenny County Council with co-funding from the Heritage Council.



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