

Green Sod Ireland is a Land Trust that protects Land and its Biodiversity.

“Our vision is to protect wild acres in every county in Ireland for the benefit of our future generations.”

Carbon Offsetting Scheme

Green Sod Ireland is excited to announce we are now in a position to help organisations looking to make a meaningful difference in combating climate change and protecting the environment.

We currently have 900 tonnes of biodiversity-friendly carbon credits available to sell to organisations who meet our criteria.

The carbon storage in several sites around Ireland simultaneously provides habitats for native species, in woodlands, heaths, natural grasslands, blanket bogs, lakes and wetlands.

This is a unique carbon offsetting scheme, certified by Ecomerit, that is actively tackling the biodiversity crisis in Ireland alongside the climate crisis.

We believe that it is vitally important that these two intrinsically linked issues are addressed simultaneously to give us the best chance of protecting our planet.

If you are interested in our carbon offsetting programme you can contact us at rory@greensodireland.ie

The Organisation

Green Sod Ireland is a registered charity, #20062262, which was established in 2007 in response to a rapid loss of land and biodiversity.. It is a nationwide land trust with gifted land in its care – by holding these lands in trust, myriad species on the land are enabled to thrive and flourish.

It is governed by a strong, diverse and passionate board of 8 voluntary trustees. We have an active group of volunteers who are educators, ecologists, conservationists and passionate individuals.

The purpose of Green Sod Ireland is to protect and conserve Irish land in perpetuity, for the sake of its indigenous inhabitants: animals, plants, soils, rocks, micro-organisms and the like for their own sake, for present and future generations.

As we are faced with the twin emergencies of climate change and biodiversity loss as the vital living systems of our common home – sunlight, fresh air, clean water, healthy soil - are under serious threat and we humans are implicated in this destruction. Humanity is slowly waking up to the reality of what is happening, recognizing the value of what is lost and sensing the preciousness of what still survives. Green Sod Ireland is shaping a new environmental ethic, one that recognizes the rights of the total earth community and awakens our collective consciousness for the sake of the soul of our native land before it is too late.

To deliver on its purpose, Green Sod Ireland works with local communities and schools, raising awareness of the benefits of caring for land and its biodiversity; from a health, educational, social, economic and environmental point of view.

It is also one of the two Irish members of the European Rewilding Network;

<https://rewildingeurope.com/rew-project/green-sod-ireland/>



Photo of land in Salrock, Connemara, Co Galway. Donated to Green Sod Ireland by Eileen Coyne

The land currently in Green Sod Ireland's care (almost 100 acres in six sites across Ireland) has been gifted by visionary individuals and communities in Galway, Cork, Carlow, Donegal, Mayo and Cavan. Gifted land is appraised by our ecologists who complete an ecology report with findings and recommendations. The diversity of land across Ireland means that the creation of 'individual' management plans is necessary in order to address the specific needs of each.

This involves the undertaking of ecological surveys, fencing of the individual sites to protect them, erection of bird, bat and owl boxes where necessary and the removal of invasive species.

Each land in Green Sod's care is nestled amidst a community. Our teams work with the nearby communities and schools, educating and supporting them to be proactive; each doing our bit to, not only address the current environmental emergency, but to be part of shaping how, together, we can care for the precious land and its life that sustains us.

"Together, we hold this land in trust"