


Stonebuilt Ireland wall stone types recording scheme

This recording scheme can be undertaken as part of **Heritage Week 2021** or at any other time, and can be done as a collective exercise by local heritage groups, by schools, or by individuals.

Boundary walls in Ireland are wonderful structures that often reflect the local underlying geology. More information is needed on the varieties of style and materials used. This exercise focusses on walls in particular but information can also be recorded of stone used for buildings, monuments, and gravestones. Follow the *Stonebuilt Ireland* Workshop Modules 2a-2c on www.stonebuiltireland.com where the major stone types (Igneous, Sedimentary and Metamorphic) are characterised and you will learn how to identify them. Then follow Module 3 on 'Walls' which provides more information on this project. Examine walls in your locality, record the stone types used, and document where they were quarried and who built the walls if known. Note the construction style of the walls, and detail how the stone was finished by the craftspeople who built them.

This can be done as a community exercise by local groups, students, or by individuals as a 'Wall Game'. The information documents features of important local heritage and fabric that is often threatened with removal, and will be particularly useful if and when walls require repair.

Sample recording sheet. You may wish to modify this for your own particular circumstances.

Wall location:							
Grid reference:		GPS:		Date built/repared:			
Rock type	Colour	Texture	Stone ID	Use	Decayed	Finish	Quarry
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
Construction style (coursed/uncoursed; random rubble/shaped stone; shape/thickness):							
On the reverse of the sheet or on a separate sheet add further notes; give a list of any photographs (recent or archival); sketch wall and mark location of stone types identified.							
Recorder, address and date:							

Stonebuilt Ireland would be delighted to receive the recording sheets, sketches and photographs documenting stone walls anywhere in Ireland. For further information please contact us.

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