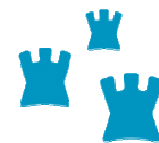


CMF 2021 Grant Projects

(Archaeology, Conservation & Heritage/
Parks, Biodiversity & Landscape)

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Community Monuments Fund

- The Community Monuments Fund was established by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in 2020 to provide investment in Ireland's archaeological heritage.
- Part of this funding is prioritised for local authorities, private owners and custodians and community groups for the care, conservation, maintenance, protection and promotion of archaeological monuments and the provision of measures to ensure safe access during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The core aims of this Fund are the conservation, maintenance, protection and presentation of archaeological monuments.



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Community Monuments Fund

Aims

- Enable conservation works to be carried out on monuments which are deemed to be significant and in need of urgent support.
- Encourage access to monuments and improve their presentation.
- Build resilience in our monuments to enable them to withstand the effects of climate change.
- The Department encourages project promoters to incorporate a traditional skills training element in projects.
- The CMF applications for Dublin City are assessed by a professional team from Dublin City Council Archaeology, Conservation and Heritage section, coordinated by the City Archaeologist.

Introduction

- The nine projects pertinent to Parks, Biodiversity and Landscape and Archaeology Section are outlined in the next table.
- Drimnagh Castle is a community led project guided by the Heritage Officer, with advice from the Conservation Office and Archaeology Section.
- The CMF projects are streamed as follows:
 - (1.) Conservation works/repairs
 - (2.) Conservation Management Plans
 - (3.) Interpretation and Access

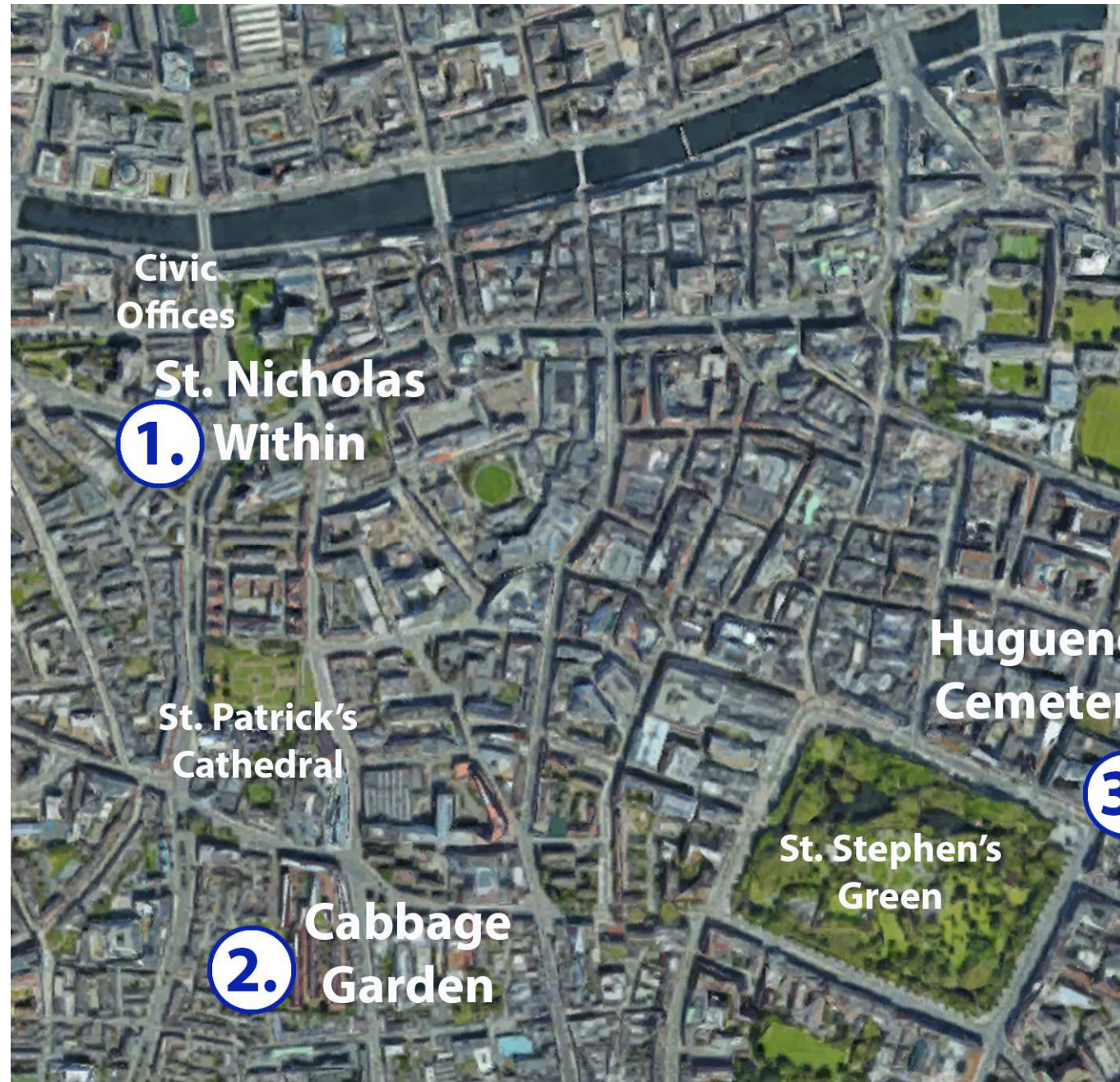
Project Title/Location	Stream	Project Deliverable
Clontarf Graveyard and Church	1	Conservation works to the church ruins
Donnybrook Graveyard	1	Conservation of the Boundary wall
St Nicholas Within	2	Conservation Management Plan (report)
Merrion (Bellevue) Cemetery	2	Conservation Management Plan (report)
Bluebell Cemetery	2	Conservation Management Plan (report)
St Canice's Graveyard	2	Conservation Management Plan (report)
Jewish Cemetery, Ballybough	3	Interpretation Strategy & Audio-Guide
Huguenot Cemetery, Merrion Row	3	Interpretation Strategy & Audio-Guide
Cabbage Garden	3	Interpretation Strategy & Audio-Guide
Drimnagh Castle	1	Conservation works

Location plan (sites outside city centre)



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| 1 | Bluebell Graveyard & Cemetery, Drimnagh |
| 2 | Drimnagh Castle |
| 3 | St Canice's Graveyard, Finglas |
| 4 | The Jewish Cemetery, Ballybough |
| 5 | St John the Baptist, Clontarf |
| 6 | Bellevue, off Merrion Road |
| 7 | Donnybrook Graveyard, Donnybrook Road |

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n aerial photo map



St Canice's, Finglas

- The Conservation Management Plan for St Canice's Graveyard Finglas is of note, due to the significance of the site and the scope and complexity of research.
- The project is managed by the City Archaeologist, steered by the Finglas Area Office, Parks and the Conservation Officer with support of Survey and Mapping and DCLA Historians in Residence.
- The consultant team is broad and multi-disciplinary and there has been early public engagement including an online public lecture, as well as in-person meetings on site with elected representatives and local groups.
- An application for Stream 1 conservation works to the church and mortuary monuments is a priority for 2022

Illustration of High Cross,
By Katy Halpin



Drimnagh Castle - Community Project

Conservation works

Description of works -

Original application:

- Removal of vegetation
- Localised rebuilding of tower parapet
- Localised repointing of tower
- Reconstruction of a section of moat

***Additional works may be funded
subject to CMF approval***

Photograph shows Drimnagh
Castle, from the courtyard



Clontarf Graveyard and Church



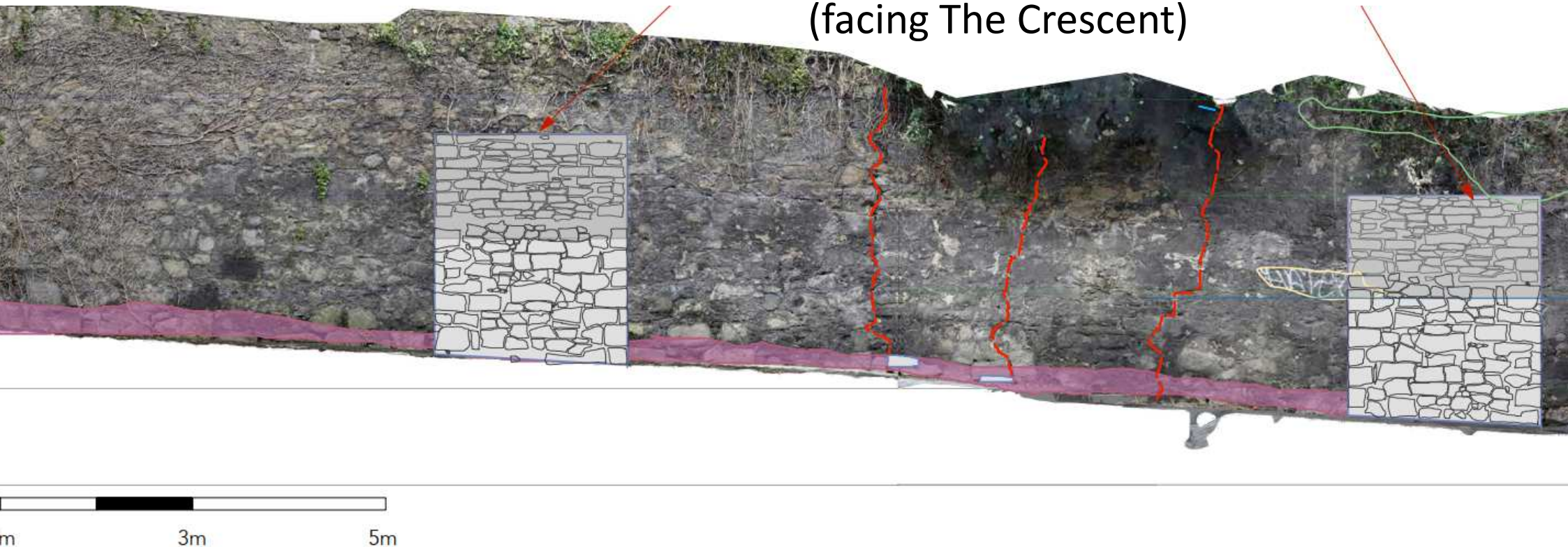
Photograph shows Clontarf Church interior and gravemarkers

**Conservation works
to the church ruins**

Donnybrook Graveyard

Conservation works to the boundary walls

External elevation illustrating the
boundary walls and proposed buttresses
(facing The Crescent)



Church of St Nicholas Within Conservation Management Plan (report)



Photo of the church walls and a window ope, illustrating the extent of vegetation on the ruin

Historic line drawing of
the church elevation
c.1786 (Wikipedia)



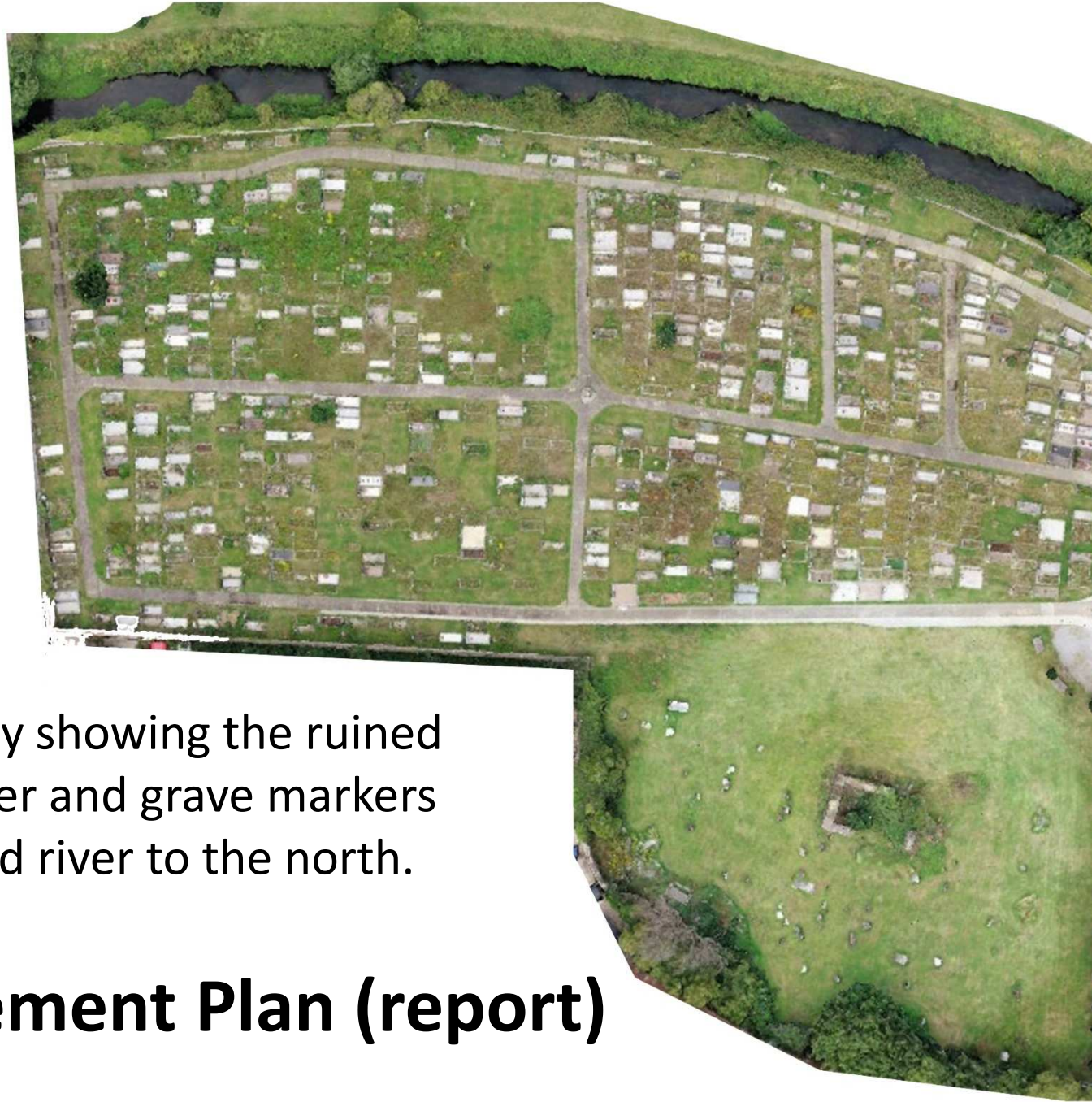
Merrion (Bellevue) Cemetery

Photograph of Merrion cemetery showing grass, trees, path, gate and grave markers.



Conservation Management Plan (report)

Bluebell Cemetery



Aerial photo of Bluebell Cemetery showing the ruined church in the south eastern corner and grave markers and paths with boundary wall and river to the north.

Conservation Management Plan (report)

Jewish Cemetery, Ballybough

Interpretation Strategy



Photo of plaque on mortuary house that reads 'Built in the year 5618', (1857 in the Gregorian Calendar)



Photograph of grave markers with text inscribed in Hebrew.

Huguenot Cemetery, Merrion Row

Photograph of Merrion Row cemetery showing trees, path and grave markers.



Interpretation Strategy

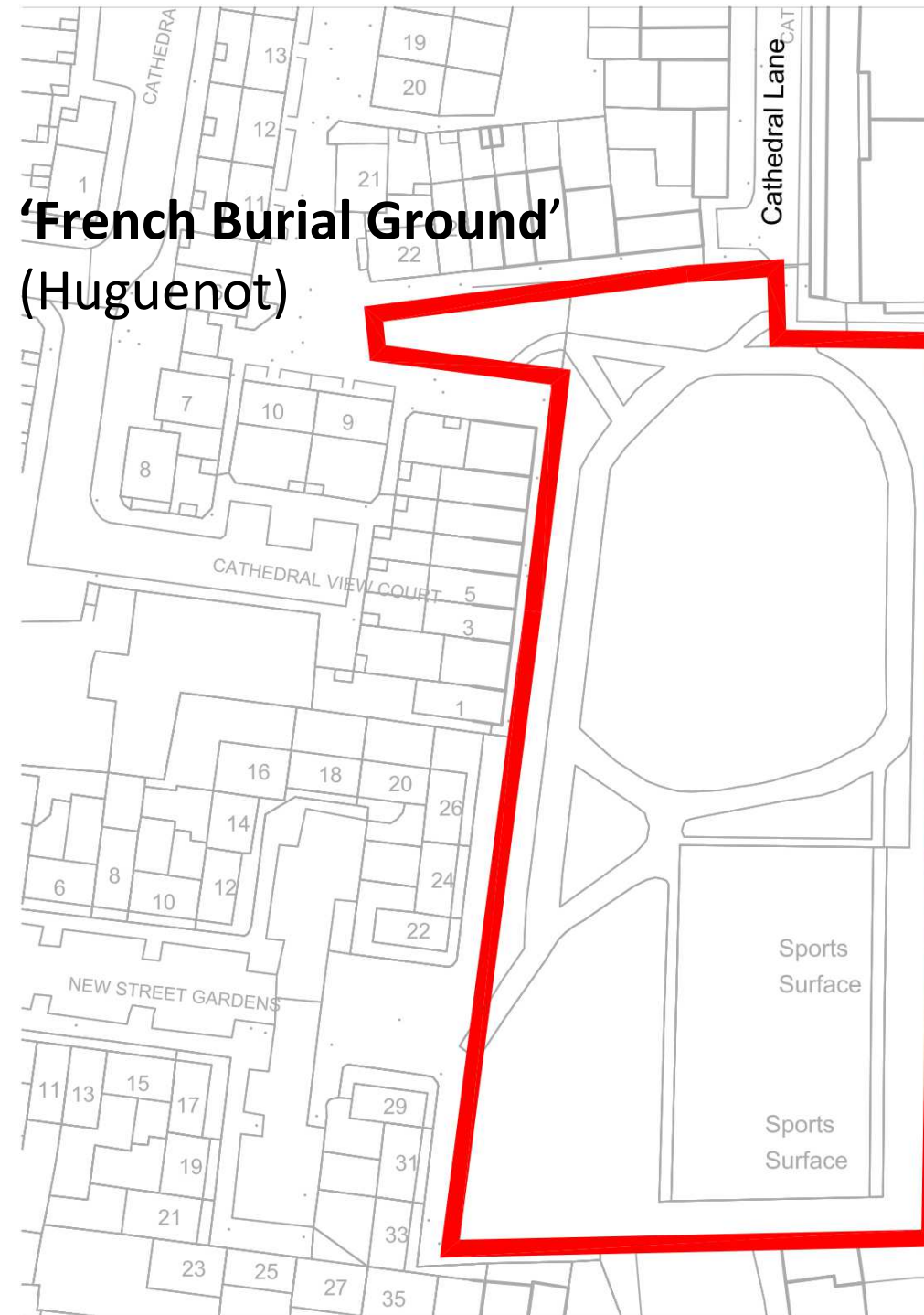
Cabbage Garden

Interpretation Strategy

Site location map with the Cabbage Garden burial ground marked with a red outline.



Photo of gravemarker at eastern boundary



CMF 2021 Grant Allocation & Planning for 2022

- The CMF is a new grant established in 2020 and is going to be an annual item.
- € 4.2m was allocated by the Government of Ireland to the CMF in 2021, nationally.
- The allocation to the ten Dublin City projects was originally valued at €309,937. It has since been increased by €30,000 to a total of €339,937, of which the Drimnagh Castle Community Project grant is €43,308.
- All ten Dublin projects are currently underway and on track for completion by the deadline .
- Budget 2022 announced €5m for the Community Monuments Fund 2022, supporting 1650 projects nationwide.

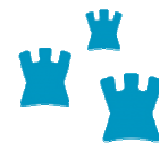
Summary

- Assessing and managing the grant funding and associated projects requires professional and administrative resource from both the Archaeology Conservation and Heritage Section of Planning Property and Economic Development and Parks CRES.
- This work includes preparation and assessment of grant applications, procurement and management of specialist consultants, overseeing project delivery, and the assessment and certification for the drawdown of grants by local authority heritage professionals.
- Extensive support is given by local authority heritage professionals to community led projects.
- Engagement between the National Monuments Service and CMF team of the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government and the local authority heritage professionals in Dublin City Council is ongoing throughout the process.

Thank you for your time,
we welcome your questions...

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