

European Geoparks Week 2013

Report

Name of Geopark: **Copper Coast Geopark**

Dates of EGN week: May 18 – May 31

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Special motto of geoparks week: A story captured in time

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during geoparks week 10
- number of press releases announcing geoparks week events ...6.
- number of printed copies for program flyer/brochure/posters 100 +....
- number of printed articles on EGN week activities ...6.
- total number of visitors/participants ...80+.

2. Highlight most successful activities of your Geoparks Week 2012:

Mining Heritage day, covered a wide range of historical events of the Copper mining days in Ireland during the 19th Century. It took into account what the copper was used for, how it was transported, the memories of the working life, family life and how games the children of the mines used to play. But it also lead into the listing of family names and townlands through researching the ancestry of the areas of mining. Guest Speakers included; Des Cowman, John H Morris, Sharon Schwartz Joan Kavangha, Tony Hennessy and Tina Keating.

Beneath our feet, a Geophysics Workshop with Kevin Barton has afforded us a unique opportunity to gain insights into non-intrusive methods of detection. This is part of the ArchaeoLandscapes Project and comprise of a hands-on workshop on the use of metal detector, magnetic gradiometer and earth resistance instruments. A wide range of ages turned out for this workshop.