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Picture from the cover of the Heritage Council Report – Vol 1.

## 1. Vol 1: Report on the Present and Future Protection of Thatched Structures in Ireland

The Heritage Council published a policy paper *Irish Thatched Roofs and The National Heritage* in 2002. Arising from this paper, a steering group, led by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, including representatives from the Environment and Heritage Service (N.I.), the Heritage Council, the Office of Public Works and Wexford County Council was established to examine the issues surrounding thatch structures on the whole island of Ireland. This group decided that a report setting out a three-year plan of action was necessary.

### Volume 1 The Action Plan

- 1 Introduction and Summary
- 2 Key Findings of the Research
- 3 Issues
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<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/Heritage/ArchitecturalHeritage/FileDownload.3495.en.pdf>



Picture from cover of Heritage Council Report – Vol 1

## 2. Report on the Present and Future Protection of Thatched Structures in Ireland – Vol Supporting Information August 2005

This is volume 2 of the report published by the Heritage Council.

### Volume 2 Supporting Information

1. Summary of Survey Review
2. State of the Trade
  - Database of Thatchers in Ireland
  - Thatchers and Thatching Suppliers Questionnaire
3. Practical Information and Research
  - Regional Thatching Styles
  - Durability and Cost
4. Case Studies
  - Surveyed Buildings
  - Summary of Main Issues and Findings
5. Insurance Information
  - List of insurance companies insuring thatched buildings in Ireland
6. Training Information
7. Grant Support for Thatch
  - Summary of grant support available (Republic of Ireland)
  - Summary of grant support available (Northern Ireland)
  - Grant uptake

<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/Heritage/ArchitecturalHeritage/FileDownload.3497.en.pdf>



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## 3. Conservation Guidelines

This is an attractive publication by the Heritage Council giving useful and practical conservation guidelines – well worth a look.

<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/Heritage/ArchitecturalHeritage/FileDownload.2234.en.pdf>

## 4. Other Heritage Council Publications available online include:

[A Guide To Protected Buildings](#) (doc, 28 kb)

[Action on Architecture 2002-2005](#) (pdf, 2,367 kb)

[Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines 2005 - Walls](#) (pdf, 363 kb)

[Architectural Heritage Protection Guidelines 2005 - Roofs](#) (pdf, 367 kb)

<http://www.environ.ie/en/Publications/Heritage/ArchitecturalHeritage/FileDownload.2210.en.pdf>

## 5. Google in 'thatch in Ireland' and you will be presented with the following list:

[Thatch in Ireland: Buildings of Ireland: National Inventory of ...](#)

Report on **thatch in Ireland**; Grants for **thatched** buildings; Insuring **thatched** buildings ... A list of sources for **thatch** materials in **Ireland** (PDF, 11KB) ...

[www.buildingsofireland.ie/Resources/ThatchinIreland/](http://www.buildingsofireland.ie/Resources/ThatchinIreland/) - 12k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

[DOEHLG Publications: Buildings of Ireland: National Inventory of ...](#)

Report on the Present and Future Protection of **Thatched** Structures in **Ireland**-Volume 2 Supporting Information : (PDF , 905KB) ...

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[thatched cottage, thatching in Ireland, thatch, great pictures and ...](#)

In Memory of Mick O'Gorman - Master Thatcher 1927 - 1998. **Thatching** a **thatched** cottage. spires for **thatching, thatching in Ireland** with spires and scallops ...

[www.ballybegvillage.com/thatching.html](http://www.ballybegvillage.com/thatching.html) - 35k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

[Irish Cottages and thatched cottages, Holiday Cottages](#)

For over 9,000 years, **thatch** has been used as a roofing material in **Ireland**. Nowadays, the difficulty of finding people to **thatch**, the further difficulty ...

[www.ballybegvillage.com/irish\\_cottages.html](http://www.ballybegvillage.com/irish_cottages.html) - 67k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

[Thatching Ireland Master Thatchers Ireland Kyran OGrady Thatcher ...](#)

Kyran OGrady Master Thatcher County Wicklow **Ireland**.

[www.reed-thatching.com/](http://www.reed-thatching.com/) - 10k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

[Thatch Types Thatch Materials Ireland Thatchers Ireland Kyran ...](#)

**Thatching** by Kyran OGrady Master Thatcher County Wicklow **Ireland**.

[reed-thatching.com/thatch-types.htm](http://reed-thatching.com/thatch-types.htm) - 15k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

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[Resources: Buildings of Ireland: National Inventory of ...](#)

A resource dedicated to the conservation and study of **thatched** buildings in **Ireland**. Includes details of thatchers, suppliers of **thatching** materials and ...

[www.buildingsofireland.com/Resources/](http://www.buildingsofireland.com/Resources/) - 10k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

[Thatching in Doolin, County Clare, West Coast Ireland Cottage ...](#)

**Thatching** Doolin, is the ideal base for touring The Burren, The Cliffs of Moher and The Aran Islands.

[www.dubblinhouse.com/gallery2.html](http://www.dubblinhouse.com/gallery2.html) - 11k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

[Thatch Ireland](#)

Master Thatcher Mark Taggart offers **thatching** services for new build and renew. Terminology, photographs, news and articles, including a history of ...

[homepage.eircom.net/~thatchireland/](http://homepage.eircom.net/~thatchireland/) - 1k - [Cached](#) - [Similar pages](#)

## 6. UK Sites : Well worth a visit

<http://www.thatched-group.com>

If you own a home with a thatched roof, you will find here all the information and advice you will ever need.

"We have a specialist [thatch house insurance](#) division; we offer advice on owning a [listed building](#); contact details for [roof thatchers](#) in your area; financial advice on [grants for re-thatching](#) and VAT exemption for owners of listed buildings; fire safety information and [products](#) and a [complete directory of all the specialists products and services](#) you could ever need for your perfect thatched cottage.

We will provide advice and assistance in the renovation and repair of your thatched house, and have a network of advisors and specialists on hand to give you, the homeowner, the help you need.

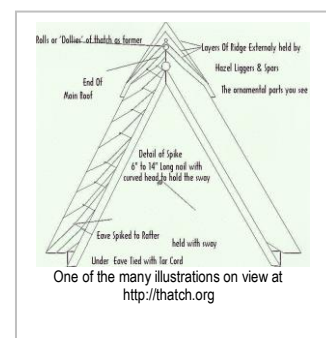
Thatched cottages still represent a traditional image of rural life that is instantly recognisable around the world. For many, owning a typical thatched cottage represents the epitome of rural England. The Thatched Owners Group is here to help you enjoy living under thatch, wherever you may be in the UK"

## 7. Be the 407,000 visitor to this web site about thatch

<http://thatch.org/>

Thatch roof owners, Thatching Information, for anyone responsible for the upkeep or interest in thatched property. Written & maintained by a thatcher with over 40 years experience of both thatching and living under thatch. I hope this site will help you to avoid any expensive mistakes. I am semi retired so have no financial interest in thatching, I do not act as an agent for anyone, you will not even find an advert, all you will find for sale here is my thatching book and demonstration and survey costs - all clearly priced, 'sales' help keep this site independent.

The number of thatched buildings in England decreased from one million in 1800 to 35,000 by 1960 due partly to mechanisation and transport enabling other materials to be used. Today there are around 24,000 listed thatched buildings in England. If you want on site unbiased advice on your roof, or advice



prior to purchase involving thatch that cannot be answered free by email, see [Trouble Shooting /Surveys](#) for personal assistance. Illustrated talks/displays are also available, you will also find my address, phone, & email here

## See some lovely photos on:

<http://www.thatchco.com>

<http://www.thatchco.com/thatchpg/faq.htm>

## 8. UK Thatchers and Thatching Resources featured on Google

### [Bardsley & Brown Master Thatchers](#)

Small British thatching company. Dealing with all sorts of thatch to produce high quality traditional roofs. We can do any thatching work from repairs to brand news properties.

### [Building Conservation](#)

BuildingConservation.com offers directories of thatching organisations and services. It's a good starting point for your thatching research.

### [East Anglia Master Thatchers Association](#)

Materials, standards, members, maintenance...

### [The Guild of Straw Craftsmen](#)

Interesting articles on thatch ornaments, thorough lists of examples of thatching craft around Britain.

### [In Thatch](#)

Suppliers of thatching materials and accessories to thatchers, builders and developers and to homeowners throughout the British Isles and Worldwide. Wheat and water reed.

### [JCK Thatching](#)

Jack Kenward, third generation thatcher. Based in South England, will travel.

### [Long Straw Thatching](#)

Brian Mizon, thatching specialist. The Mizon Family have been thatching in Cambridgeshire, Suffolk and Essex for a number of generations.

### [Thatched Living](#)

Dedicated to the tradition of thatching, including thatch house sale, thatch insurance, answers to thatch-related questions, and advice on thatched property associations.

### [Thatch.org](#)

Thatch roof owners, Thatching Information, for anyone responsible for the upkeep or interest in thatched property. Written & maintained by a thatcher with over 40 years experience of both thatching and living under thatch.

### [WJM Thatching Services](#)

Rutland & Leicestershire Master Thatchers Association Member. Thatching Quality Assured. Free Estimates - Thatch Repairs Undertaken.

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