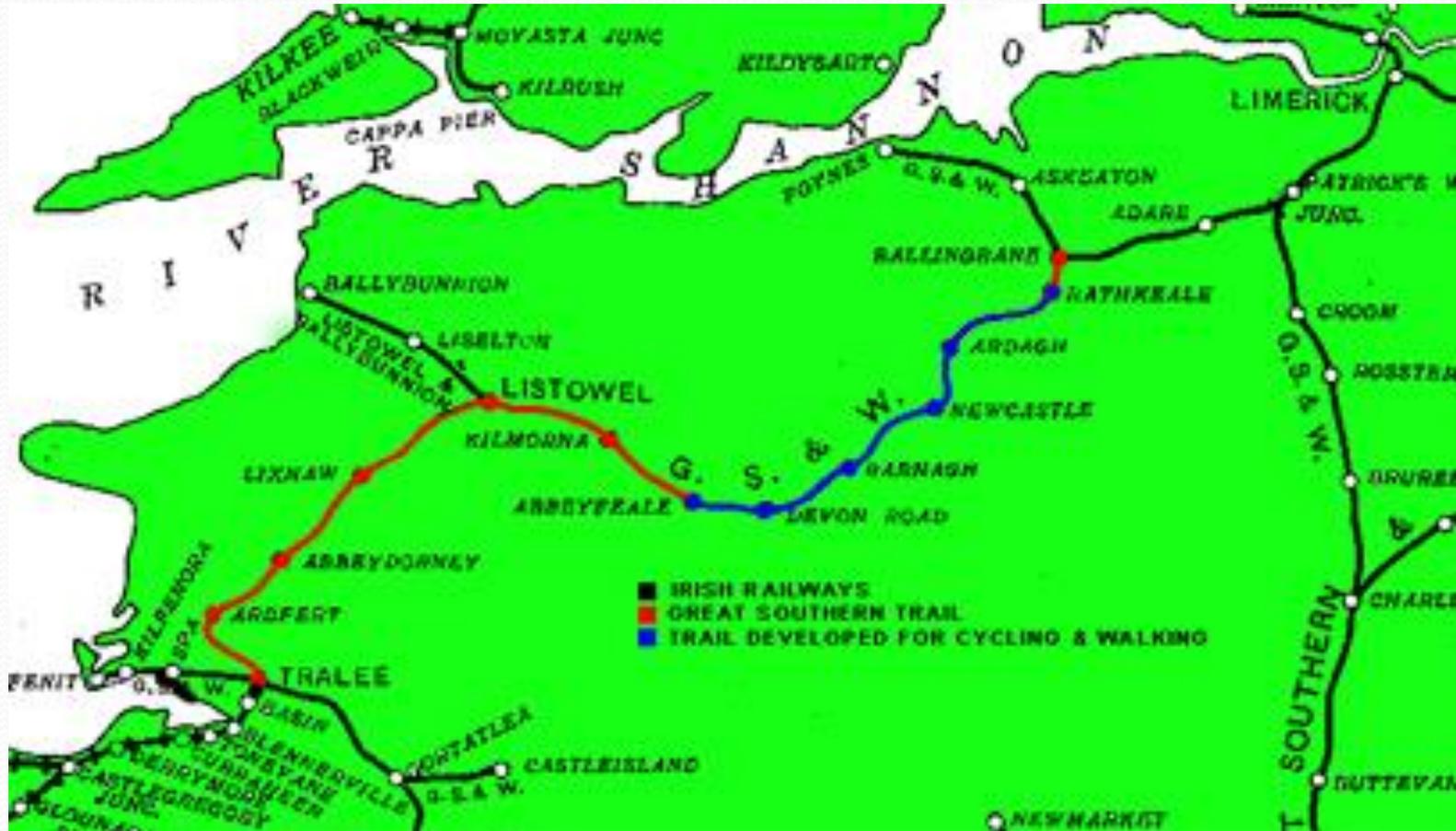


# GREAT SOUTHERN TRAIL

- LOCATION
- HISTORY & CAMPAIGN 1991 - 2019
- FUTURE PLANS 2019+
- ROLE OF EGWA & ECF
- UNLOCKING THE GST'S POTENTIAL

# LOCATION



# HISTORICAL IMPEDIMENTS



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# CULTURAL & FOLKLORE EVENT



# REFURBISHMENT, 2008



# RESTORATION, 2008



# PROMOTION & EVENTS

- WEBSITE - [www.southerntrail.net](http://www.southerntrail.net)
- MEDIA
  - NEWSPAPERS
  - YOU TUBE
  - FACEBOOK
  - LOCAL RADIO
  - PARISH BULLETINS
  - EMAIL
  - TEXT MESSAGES
  - POSTERS

# PROMOTION & EVENTS

- HOSTING VISITORS
  - GOVERNMENT MINISTERS
  - FRATERNAL VISITORS
  - TV FILMING
  - RADIO
  - FEATURE WRITERS
- PRODUCTION OF LITERATURE
  - HISTORY OF TRAIL
  - STUDIES OF FLORA & FAUNA
  - EDUCATIONAL SIGNAGE
  - INFORMATION BROCHURES

# PROMOTION & EVENTS

**1991 PERIOD UP TO 2015**

- VOLUNTARY DEVELOPMENT OF SHORT SECTIONS AFTER THE ABANDONMENT OF THE PROJECT BY STATE BODY
- SLIDE SHOWS & FILM SHOWS / REGULAR WALKS
- OVERSEAS TOURS
  - SPAIN
  - ITALY
  - GERMANY
  - FRANCE
  - BELGIUM

# PROMOTION & EVENTS

## 2015 TO PRESENT

- VISITS TO OTHER IRISH GREENWAYS
- CHRISTMAS WALK / CYCLE ON GST
- ADVOCATING THE EXTENSION OF THE GST WESTWARDS AND EASTWARDS
- WELCOMING EGWA TO ADARE IN 2017
- HIGHLIGHTING OF RAILWAY HERITAGE
- IDENTIFYING NEARBY SITES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST

# OPENING OF GREENWAY TO BARNAGH

31<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2007

BY MINISTER ÉAMON Ó CUÍV



**OPENING OF GREENWAY EXTENSION TO THE  
KERRY BORDER  
23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2013  
BY MINISTER LEO VARADKAR**



# NEWCASTLE WEST STATION HOUSE WITH MINISTER JIMMY DEENIHAN, 2011



# INFORMATIVE HERITAGE SIGNAGE – FLORA & FAUNA



# VISIT TO KASTELLAUN, GERMANY, 2003



# HERITAGE BRIDGE ON RIVER FEALE



# RIVER FEALE BRIDGE, FINUGE



# RESTORED DEVON ROAD STATION



# RESTORED DEVON ROAD STATION



# RESTORED STATION, RATHKEALE



# NEWCASTLE WEST STATION



# 2013 IMPEDIMENTS (CO. KERRY)



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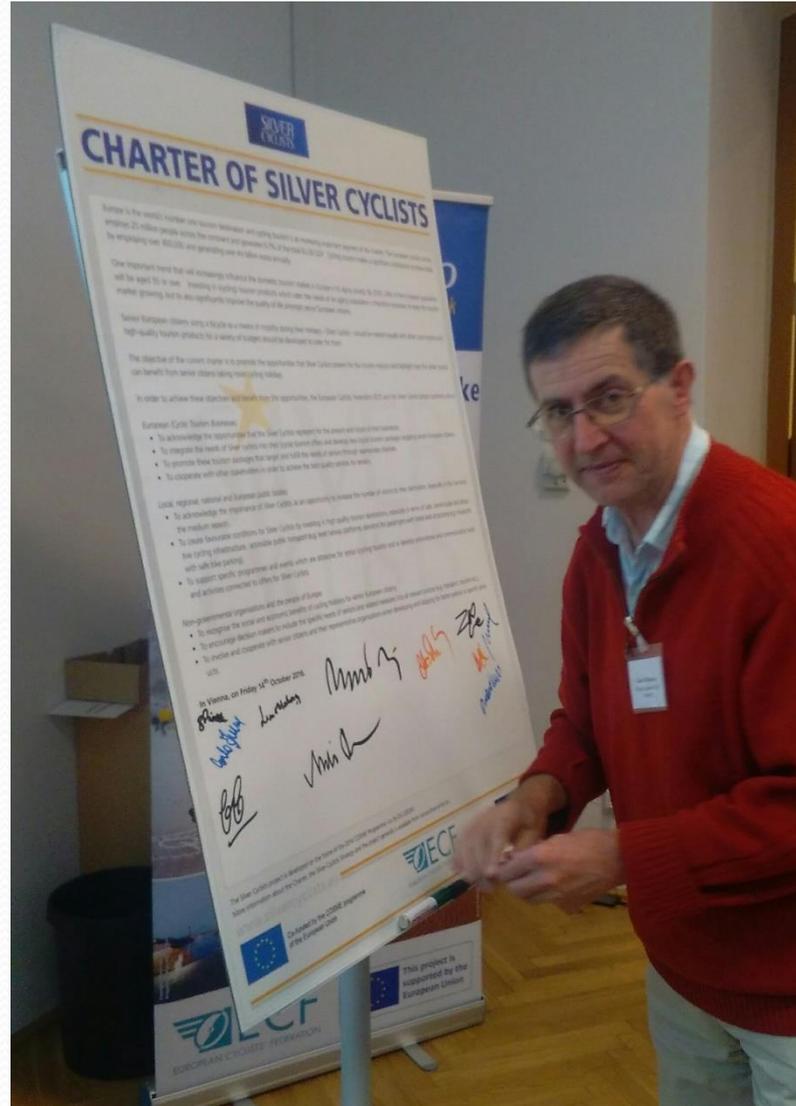
# INITIAL CONTACT WITH EGWA, GILBERT PERRIN



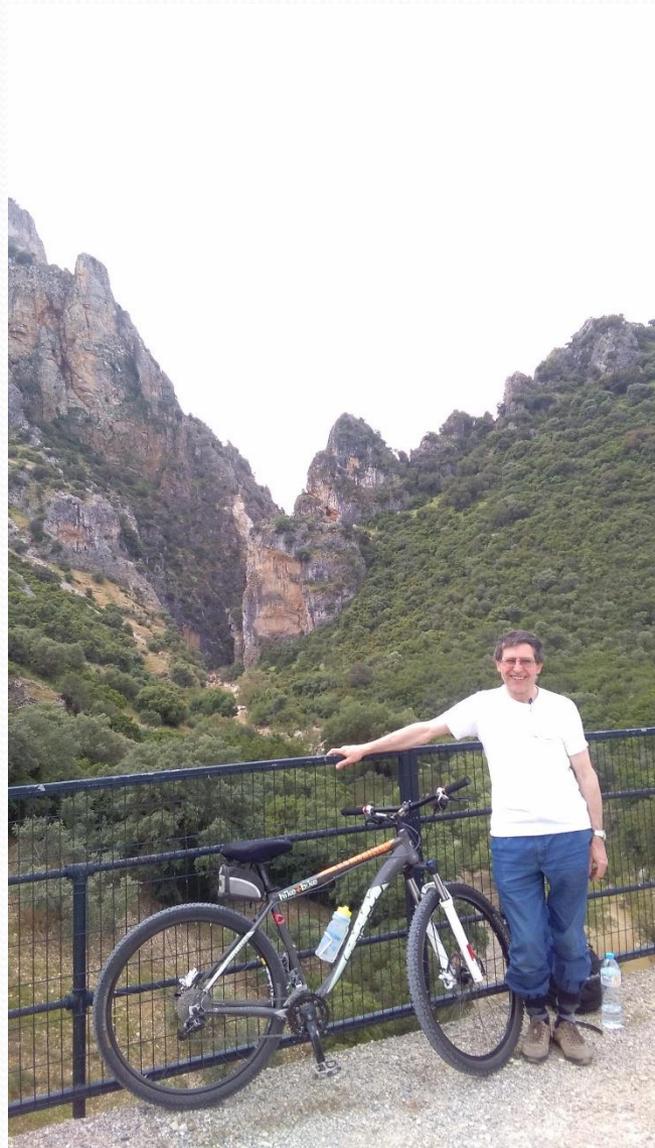
# RATHKEALE STATION – NOW A MUSEUM



# VIENNA – GST SIGNS UP!!



# VIA VERDE DE LA SIERRA, 2018



# SPANISH VISITORS TO BARNAGH TUNNEL



# EGWA CYCLE ON GST, 2017



# EGWA VISIT TO WATERFORD GREENWAY, 2018



# GST BILINGUAL TOWNLAND SIGNAGE, 2018





# Great Southern Trail Greenway Christmas Walk

Close to 100 people of all ages enjoyed the annual Great Southern Trail Greenway Christmas Walk last Thursday. This year the 9km walk/cycle route along the old railway was from Tullig Wood, Temple-glantine to Abbeyfeale. The

participants were ferried to the starting point by courtesy coach thanks to Phelim and Margaret Kinahan and the ever obliging and driver, Pat Liston. The weather was spring-like and enabled everyone to admire and enjoy the surrounding

countryside. At journey's end there were copious quantities of delicious mince pies to be enjoyed in the homely atmosphere of Leen's Hotel and the personal attention of Olive, Mary and the team.



Pat Condon, Mike MacDomhnaill, Martin Tobin, (Newcastle West), and Tom Heffernan, Ardagh, enjoying the Great Southern Trail Greenway Christmas Walk/Cycle on Thursday 27th December.



Aileen Dillane along with Caitlín, Susan, Jodie and Jim Barrett on the Walk/Cycle on Thursday December 27th.



The courtesy bus dropping walkers at Tullig Wood, Templeglantine, for the 9km GST walk to Abbeyfeale on Thursday December 27th.



Waiting outside Leen's Hotel, Abbeyfeale, for the shuttle to Tullig Wood.

# TRANSPORT MINISTER, SHANE ROSS, LAUNCHES GREENWAY STRATEGY AT MOATE ON THE 'OLD RAIL TRAIL', 2018



# CONFRONTATION AT LIMERICK – KERRY BORDER, 2013



# CONVERSION OF THE OPPONENTS, 2018!!



# JOHN GRIMSHAW & FRIENDS AT BARNAGH TUNNEL, 2018



# NEW ACCESS TO BARNAGH TUNNEL, 2019



# LEGACY ISSUE: ROUTE DEVIATION ?



# GST PROMOTES RAILWAY HERITAGE

## “Limerick and Kerry Railway”

*Twilight Years*

*A Chronicle of Newcastle West's Trains  
(1950's-1980's)  
and Miscellaneous Historical Documents*



*by Liam O'Mahony*



## THE NORTH KERRY LINE

*(A HISTORY OF THE LIMERICK-TRALEE RAILWAY  
AND THE BRANCHES TO FOYNES AND FENIT)*



*by Alan O'Rourke*

# REFLECTIONS

- INFORMATION ON ANY PROPOSED TRAIL MUST BE COMMUNICATED AT LOCAL LEVEL
- STRUCTURE MUST BE ROOTED IN COMMUNITIES
- MUST BE WILLING TO DEBATE OPENLY WITH ANY OBJECTORS
- MUST BE AWARE THAT OFFICIALDOM MAY BE SCEPTICAL / DISINTERESTED INITIALLY
- MUST DEMONSTRATE ABSOLUTE COMMITMENT IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE LONG TERM SUCCESS
- PUBLIC FUNDS SHOULD ALWAYS BE USED WISELY