

Press Release

www.logainm.ie Sound files of Meath placenames

Visitors to www.logainm.ie can now listen to sound files that have been added to 339 placenames in County Meath. Sound files in Irish and English have been added to the names of the baronies, civil parishes and electoral districts as well as the names of some physical features. The names of the townlands within the Gaeltacht are also included. Sound files are already available for placenames in Counties Waterford, Galway, Donegal, Kerry, Tipperary, Louth, Leitrim and Limerick. Pádraic Mac Craith from Ráth Chairn did the sound recordings for the placenames in Meath.

www.logainm.ie is a public website which provides the official Irish-language names of almost 100,000 towns, streets and post offices throughout the country. The placenames website has attracted 3.5 million hits since its official launch on 1st October 2008. Placenames are most commonly searched for by their English version. The most-searched placename is Dublin, with 1,052 searches, Cork is in second place (661), and Blackrock is third (656). Ballina comes fourth, with 638 searches. The most frequently searched placenames in Co. Meath so far are Kells, with 537 searches, followed by Navan with 430, Trim with 313 and Ashbourne, with 281 searches.

Students, teachers, journalists, translators and others who need the authoritative Irish form of placenames can find them easily by searching on www.logainm.ie. The site is also of interest to people worldwide who are interested in the heritage, culture and geography of Ireland.

Minister Pat Carey said: “I am very pleased that logainm.ie is doing so well. The high number of hits shows that this service is very popular. I am certain that the new resources will greatly add to the site and that those using them will benefit greatly from them”.

Work on www.logainm.ie is ongoing and more placenames, sound files and new interactive features will be added to the website.

www.logainm.ie is being developed by Fiontar, Dublin City University’s Irish-medium teaching and research unit, in collaboration with the Placenames Branch of the Department of Community, Equality and Gaeltacht Affairs.