

HIDDEN GEMS AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

MAYO NORTH HERITAGE CENTRE



The Ruston Hornsby Loco Bórd na Móna at Enniscoe on Heritage Day, July 20th, 2008.



Side view of the Ruston Hornsby Loco Bórd na Móna Bog Train on Heritage Day at Enniscoe, July 20th, 2008.

BORD NA MONA BOG TRAIN

In the 1951 bog development started at Oweninny North Mayo for the production of Milled Peat, to fuel the 40 MW ESB power station being built locally. This meant draining and levelling the bog as well as laying down approx. 30 miles of a narrow gauge railway network, used to transport man and machine to their place of work. The track would be used later to transport Milled Peat to the Power Station.

One of the earliest machines to arrive on site was the Ruston Hornsby locomotive, locally known the Bog Train or Loco. One in particular was built in 1947 and served Bord Na Mona throughout until work ceased in 2004. This machine was acquired by the local Vintage Engine and Tractor club, it is now fully restored and running on a track at the Mayo North Heritage Centre.

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