



Bere Island Co. Cork



Making their Way Home After the Game

Bere Island sits across the mouth of Berehaven, the deepest natural harbour in Europe. The island has all the advantages of being a mere ten minutes ferry ride from the busy and vibrant fishing port of Castletownbere, while still enjoying the beauty and quiet associated with islands.

The people of Bere are proud of their island and won the Tidiest Island Award this year. Like many islanders, they have a strong sense of civic and community responsibility and are active in local environmental, conservation,

sporting and childcare groups. They have a keen interest in organic vegetable production and sustainable farming and energy and have piloted the growing of Miscanthus grass to fuel burners which dry the seaweed used to feed the abalone being farmed on the shore. They also like their sports and there is a football pitch, tennis court, hand ball alley and a rowing club on the island, as well as well marked walking routes.

Islanders make their living from building, aquaculture, boat building and tourism.

The provision of Broadband Internet access means that journalists and others involved in professional and service sectors can also comfortably work and live on the island.

The people of Bere Island welcome new islanders and if you would like to find out more, contact John Walsh at the Community centre on 027 75099 bereisle@eircom.net www.bereisland.net



Facts

Population	187
Nearest Port Ferry	Castletownbere or Pontoon Roll on-roll off, several times a day, 10 mins
Nearest Town/ City	Castletownbere/ Cork
Schools	Primary School - 19 children
Childcare	Full time crèche with after school care 10 hours Mon-Fri
Broadband	Wireless and BB enabled exchange
Shops	Supermarket and mobile fish shop
Health Care	Full time nurse Doctor once a month
Hotel Pub	None Two pubs
Housing	5 houses available to rent. Council housing to be built 2008
Work Space	Available. There are also plans to build an enterprise centre
Existing Businesses Include	Builders, Boat Builders, Marina, Mechanic, Journalist, Administrator, Fish farm.
Enterprise/ Job Opportunities	Hotel, Marine activities, Painters, Welders, Engineers, Aquaculture, Bar staff
Recreation	GAA Club, Rowing Club, Tennis Court, Marine Activities