

Cootehall Retreat

social/education case study



Situated on a sensitive site on the banks of the Shannon River at Cootehill, the National Association of Housing for the Visually Impaired (NAHVI) required a retreat centre on the for visually impaired children. The brief dictated a building of over 500 sqm, however, the sensitive setting prohibited a monolithic structure of such scale.

Project: **Cootehall Retreat**

Category: **Social/education**

Client: **NAHVI**

Scale: **500m² one storey structure**

Completed: **2007**

Value: **€1.6m**



Architects Comment

In relation to dealing with the sensitive setting, the solution lay in burying some of the buildings into an existing hillock on the site with the remainder being dispersed as a cluster of agricultural forms. The result was an intimate cluster of interesting and connected spaces flooded with natural light.



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