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Flame! Burns brighter

Ireland's sole surviving coal gasworks, the Flame! Gasworks Museum in Carrickfergus, has just won a prestigious all-Ireland award by the Industrial Heritage Association of Ireland.

The Museum beat off stiff competition for the award for 'Best Site/Museum in Ireland' to reward initiatives by organisations and individuals committed to preserving and promoting rich industrial heritage.

Part-funded by Carrickfergus Borough Council and only one of three such museums left in the British Isles, Flame! is undoubtedly one of Carrickfergus Borough's best-loved visitor attractions. The museum, which opened in 1855 and supplied Carrickfergus with gas for over 100 years, has been restored by the team of dedicated volunteers of Carrickfergus Gasworks Preservation Society. The museum tells the fascinating story of how gas was made from coal on the site which was then used for light, power and heat supplied to the

Borough. The museum also features a number of artefacts and traditional gas appliances which provide a fascinating insight into a bygone era.

Commenting on the accolade, Mayor Alderman David Hilditch MLA said: "This major award for Flame! is a fantastic achievement for one of the Borough's best-loved visitor attractions and is clear testament to the hard work that the many volunteers have put into ensuring the long term sustainability of one of the few remaining relics to our proud industrial past."

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Above right l-r: Mary McMahan, President Industrial Heritage Association of Ireland; Billy Dunlop, Chairman, Flame! The Gasworks Museum of Ireland; Fred Hamond, IHIA; Brid Horan, Director, ESB; bottom, Mayor Alderman David Hilditch MLA sharing in the museum's celebrations.



