



News Update Sent by Email to the LCCA mailing list on 24 December 2020

Dear Friends of Lough Carra,

Christmas Greetings to you all. We hope you have a happy and peaceful christmas.

The work of the LCCA continues despite the Covid-19 situation and we have some positive news to share with you :

1) LIFE project Full Application

Having been successful with the LIFE Concept Note we are now moving into the stage of the Full Application. Mayo CoCo are the lead agency and WoodrowSS won the Mayo Co Co tender to prepare the Full Application on for them. You may remember that WoodrowSS drew up the Concept Note for the LCCA. Will Woodrow and Philip Doddy of WoodrowSS have already set out a schedule for what needs to be done and for meetings with relevant beneficiaries and partners including the LCCA. The deadline for submission of the Full Application is mid-February. We'll keep you posted on progress.

2) Water Communities Grant for Solar Pumps

The LCCA Agriculture Group applied for the 2020 LAWPro Waters Communities grant of €10,000 for 3 solar pumps and 3 manual nozzle pumps but were unsuccessful in this full application. However, they were allocated a grant of €2,400.00 and one solar pump and accessories for installation were purchased. IFI (Inland Fisheries Ireland) have kindly offered to install this unit with a possible location being the Ballintubber Stream. It is planned that this unit will be used as a reference pump, where we can bring farmers and locals to view its operations and detail the benefits it will bring. It will support education and awareness, water quality improvements, ecological and biodiversity, social and public good.

They are currently preparing an application for the 2021 grants, so if anyone would be interested in having a solar pump installed or any other water quality benefitting measures we are open to suggestions and would love to hear from you.

Please send expressions of interest to loughcarraca@gmail.com

3) Lough Carra Catchment Leaflet

The LCCA received €1,000 from the 2020 Lawpro Water Communities grants for the production of a Catchment Leaflet - design and printing of 3,000 copies. The leaflet is folded to A4 opening up to show the Lough Carra Catchment in A3 - the catchment boundary is marked on the map with a black outline. This grant also covered the reprinting of 300 copies of Philip Doddy's Marl Crust booklet. Attached is a copy of the Catchment Leaflet in pdf form. Both documents will be placed on the Lough Carra website www.loughcarra.org in the coming days

If you would like to receive a hard copy of both or either of these leaflets, please email your address to [loughcarraca@gmail](mailto:loughcarraca@gmail.com)

The Committee of the Lough Carra Catchment Association would like to send you Season's Greetings. We hope to be able to have meetings in some form or other in 2021.

Best wishes
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Secretary LCCA