

18 August 2021 – News Email from the LCCA

Dear Friends of Lough Carra

Please find below latest news from the Lough Carra Catchment Association

Heritage Week (14-22 August)

Sunday 22 August is Water Heritage Day. To mark this day and Heritage Week, the LCCA are launching two videos which will go live on-line at 9am on the 22nd of August on [LCCA Youtube Channel](#)

Video 1 : The Natural and Cultural Heritage of Lough Carra

The LCCA and the Heritage Office of Mayo CoCo, with the support of the National Biodiversity Action Plan Funds have produced a short video which features the rich natural and cultural heritage of the lake.

Video 2 : The Marl Crusts of Lough Carra by Dr Philip Doddy

Dr Philip Doddy, an expert on Marl Crusts that coat the rocks on the lakeshore and lakebed of Lough Carra, has produced a short video on this Lough Carra speciality for the LCCA. He will share with you some of the interesting facts that he has discovered about this unique feature. This project has been supported by the Water Communities Office.

You can find a full list of Heritage Week events on www.heritageweek.ie

CARRA LIFE Project

After several weeks of providing additional information to the EU LIFE office we have finally successfully responded to all queries and the agreement document will be signed with the EU at the end of the month. The resulting queries added pages to the document which is now a total of 170 pages. Woodrow SS co-ordinated all the responses on behalf of the co-ordinating beneficiary Mayo CoCo. As soon as the agreement is signed a Project Steering Group will be established and the positions for the Project Team will be advertised. We'll keep you informed as we go through this process.

Charitable Status

The LCCA is now a registered charity
REG. CHARITY NO. 20206138

Group Water Scheme(GWS) Project

The Lough Carra GWS are working with the National Federation of Group Water Schemes (NFGWS) and consultants CDM Smith on developing an integrated source protection plan (ISPP) for their drinking water source. As part of this project CDM Smith hydrogeologists accompanied by representatives of the GWS and NFGWS will be out walking in the catchment on 18 and 19 August.

LawPro Quarterly Newsletter

Water Communities Officer, Tom Carolan, circulated a PDF copy of the LawPro Quarterly Newsletter - copy attached. There is a link to a nice booklet prepared by Michael Waldron of Tuam Tidy Towns on the River Nanny. The LCCA have sent in an application for the Water and Communities Special Award for LCCA activities carried out in 2020.

Directors' Meeting Minutes

Please find attached copies of Meeting Minutes of LCCA Directors' Meetings held in June and July 2021.

Minutes of all previous LCCA meetings can be found on www.loughcarra.org

News from LawPro

Bernie O'Flaherty, LawPro Coordinator for Border and Western Regions sent the following information "The Salmon Sanctuaries" Booklet by Streamscapes/Coomhola Salmon Trust is a really lovely publication. [Streamscapes » News](#) is informative and might be a useful resource for your programmes. Another useful resource with detail on educational providers & resources available at [2021-03-22-Water-educational-resources-and-inspirational-stories.pdf \(thewaterforum.ie\)](#)"

If you no longer wish to receive emails from the LCCA please inform us by return email.

Thank you for your continued support of the LCCA.
Lynda Huxley

LAWPRO's was established by Local Authorities to engage and support communities, and work with public bodies and stakeholders to protect and care for the natural waters of Ireland.

UPDATE FOR THE WESTERN REGION

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Public Consultation and Local Engagement on the Draft River Basin Management Plan for Ireland 2022—2027

Darragh O'Brien, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government, and Heritage is due to publish the 3rd cycle Draft River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) in the coming weeks for a six-month public consultation.

Local Authorities have a role in both development and implementation of the RBMP. To assist with this, LAWPRO will hold public meetings at Municipal District in every county, 116 meetings in total. Meetings will take place later this year from September onwards.

LAWPRO is developing an online Virtual Consultation Room to provide public access to relevant information on the draft plan, and an online submission form. This will give 24-7 access to people and opportunity to make their submissions during the public consultation.

For more information, visit the new LAWPRO website <https://lawaters.ie/>

Waters and Communities Tidy Towns Special Award

The Tidy Towns competition was not held in 2020 because of COVID-19. We are delighted that it has returned this year. The Waters and Communities Special Award is part of the overall SuperValu Tidy Towns competition. Closing date for applications is Friday, 23rd July.

The Waters and Communities Special Award is open to all community groups. Inland Fisheries Ireland, Waterways Ireland, and the Local Authority Waters Programme support the award with funding. The prize fund of €7,000 is divided across the four regions for the Tidy Towns competition. The overall winning group will receive €2,000 to support their local initiatives.

Application form and details are available on

www.tidytowns.ie



