



## LOUGH CARRA CATCHMENT ASSOCIATION (LCCA)

Reg. Charity No. 20206138

Email news from LCCA 13 February 2022

### **1) Next meeting**

Our first public meeting for 2022 will be held in March. The exact date and location will be sent to you in the first week of March.

### **2) Soil Scientist from Rothamsted Research Station**

The soil scientist from Rothamsted Research Station, Rob Dunn, will be visiting us in the first week of March to deliver and demonstrate the new and innovative soil testing kit. Phil Brookes has initiated this link with Rothamsted and has been liaising with them on behalf of the LCCA. The plan is to have a small group of LCCA people (6-8) to take part in the demonstrations so that Rob can show how they should be used and what's involved. These people will be able to show others once trained by Rob.

### **3) NPWS Invasive Species Control Officer under the Carra LIFE Project**

Padraig Farrell has been appointed the Invasive Species Control Officer for NPWS as one element of their contribution to the Carra LIFE Project. This is to help protect and recover the ground nesting birds which have been greatly affected by predators such as mink and rats. In the 1980s there were large numbers of mallards and other ducks, as well as redshanks, lapwings, ringed plover etc. all of which have suffered and are greatly reduced in numbers in part due to the impact of the invasive predators. Padraig has just started work in this role which will run for the full duration of the project.

### **4) NPWS Ranger**

A new ranger has been appointed for the area which covers Lough Carra. He is expected to be in position by the end of February.

### **5) LIFE Project now features on the EU website**

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/life/publicWebsite/project/details/5648#>

### **6) Teagasc Meeting in Ballinrobe on 17 February 2022 at 8pm in Teagasc Office**

The Teagasc ASSAP team are hosting an information meeting on Thursday 17 February evening at 8pm in Teagasc Ballinrobe on a range of topical regulations such as slurry spreading, spraying, hedge cutting etc. This meeting is designed for sharing knowledge and updating agricultural contractors and farmers. Details at the link below

<https://www.facebook.com/100064832315875/posts/312748587562883/>

### **6) LCCA Finance**

At 25 January we had just over €6,000 in the Credit Union account. Next week we will be applying for the €1,069 grant to reclaim funds spent on the computer and printer.

### **7) O'Reilly video on youtube channel**

Catherine O'Reilly has very kindly given permission for the LCCA to upload the video of their father Frank onto the LCCA youtube channel. The video is "Moorehall a



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Personal Perspective - James O'Reilly 2001 (son of the last steward of Moorehall".  
You can find the video at the following  
link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QjUMF6L2rHo>

### **8) Mayo Communities Caring for Water Course**

The next on-line event for the Mayo Communities Caring for Water Course will be held on the 14 February from 6.30 to 8.30pm. The topic is "Water Quality and Pollution / Trout, Pike and Perch in Co. Mayo". If you'd like to attend this zoom meeting you can contact Ken Whelan for the link at [ken.whelan@hotmail.com](mailto:ken.whelan@hotmail.com)

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Best wishes  
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