



## LOUGH CARRA CATCHMENT ASSOCIATION (LCCA)

Reg. Charity No. 20206138

Email news from the LCCA 5 April 2022

We hope this email finds you all keeping well.

Please find below news from the LCCA:

### **1) LIFE Project**

The interviews for the Project Manager were held and a candidate selected.

We understand that the successful candidate will be in position once all formalities are completed.

### **2) Soil Testing Prototype Kit from Rothamsted Research Station**

On 1st and 2nd March, we had a visit from Dr Robert Dunn from Rothamsted research in England. He brought us the prototype soil testing kit for trialling. It enables quick testing of soil for levels of Phosphorus at very low cost per sample. Dr Dunn demonstrated the use of the kit to Chris Huxley, Joe Flannelly, Pat Gibbons and Phil Brookes. Initially, we have tested ten soil samples and sent the results to Rothamsted, together with the actual soil samples. They are now testing the samples again in the laboratory to compare the results with those from the kit. We await the results of this comparison. The kit has been left with us to continue trials and we will be demonstrating its use in the coming weeks. If proved successful, Rothamsted expects to produce kits for sale. This could be of great long-term benefit to the LCCA and the LIFE project.

### **3) Grant Applications**

We have applied for funding support to:

- The International Charity Bazaar (<https://icbdublin.com>)
- The LawPro Community Water Development Fund

### **4) Free courses 4th to 9th April**

The Mayo Communities Caring for Water programme is offering some Free citizen science courses and site visits this week 4th to 9th April. See poster attached for details of locations and times. You can email [mcmgarrigle@gmail.com](mailto:mcmgarrigle@gmail.com) to book your place or see the website links

<http://mayo.waters-project.com/citizen-science-stream.../>

### **5) Finances**

The balance in the Credit Union Account is €8,552.91

#### Recent outgoings are:

Public Liability Insurance €863.23

Affiliation to South West Mayo €50.00

Office rent for February and March €400.00

Soil augur for testing €108.40

Secretary reimbursement €19.50

#### Recent income:



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Grant for office computer/printer €1,069

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Thank you to everyone for your support.

If you no longer wish to receive emails from the LCCA please let us know.

Best regards Lynda Huxley  
Secretary LCCA