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THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE HEART OF THE GLENS LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

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Meet the Team!



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RÉAMÁT MATHERS, LPS MANAGER

I'm especially interested in Biodiversity and Language and am looking forward to implementing the wide range of projects we have planned. We're trying to include as many people as possible, this Scheme is about and for the community of the Glens.



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EAMON MCBRIDE, LANDSCAPE PROJECTS OFFICER

Growing up in the Glens I'm really interested in how I can help support the rural and farming communities. I'll be working closely with land owners and those that work the land for a living, contact me if you're interested in finding out more.



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CIARA O'ARTGHAILE, OUTREACH AND VOLUNTEER OFFICER

I'll be out and about a lot in the Glens, meeting community groups and local schools and learning more about this beautiful and diverse landscape. If you're interested in getting involved in a specific project or giving some of your time to gain experience or new skills then feel free to contact me!



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CATHY MCCLINTOCK, ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE OFFICER

I'll be keeping this lot on their toes by making sure the finances are in place and that the day to day running of the office is efficient.

Heart of the Glens



Landscape Partnership Scheme

What's it all about?

The Heart of the Glens Landscape Partnership Scheme is made up of 21 exciting different projects over five years and covers a large area from Ballycastle to Glenarm. This Scheme is focused on and for the benefit of the communities and beautiful landscape of the Glens.

- TO CONSERVE AND ENHANCE THE BUILT, NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE
- TO ENGAGE AND INSPIRE COMMUNITIES
- TO IMPROVE ACCESS AND LEARNING IN THE AREA
- TO OFFER HERITAGE SKILLS AND TRAINING



GET INVOLVED!

Since the Scheme is focused on the community we are planning to give as many opportunities as possible to local people, this will include fun and interesting events, training, accredited courses and projects that people can get stuck in on!

Projects this year...

EAMON

Myself and Ciara will be working together for the next few months on delivering some great wild outdoors events, including bird and bug box making, wildlife identification and for all would be Ray Mears/Bear Grylls types; a foraging event! The events are free of charge and are a great opportunity to find out about the wildlife and the flora and fauna that make up our amazing landscape right on your doorstep! The events programme is on the back page.



We're proposing creating access on some really great old walks, including Cregagh Wood and the old salt trail between Ballycastle and the Carrickmore salt pans.

Another exciting potential project is sprucing up our roadside verges- we're working closely with the Road Service and Forest Service to create some large expanses of wildflower meadows on our verges and forest parks, creating hubs of fantastic plant and insect wildlife in the most unlikely of places.



We are looking at our peatland education project which should start with secondary schools next year to tie in with the cultural uses of peat and the stories of working and farming on the bog. Recapturing the essence of what was important to our ancestors will ensure that the past is preserved in a way everyone can relate to. That's what it's all about!

CIARA



We've just finished this year's community archaeology project which was great fun. Queens University Centre for Archaeological Fieldwork excavated a site in Cushendun and although no artefacts were discovered we engaged with local community, had volunteers trained up and helping out and showed over 120 school children the wonders of archaeology in their area!



The Salmon in the Classroom project is also drawing to a close for this year-we've been working with local schools to encourage learning about our native salmon and the challenges it faces. The project included a mini hatchery in the classroom, a visit to a river to release the hatched 'alevins' and a visit to Bushmills Salmon Station. We celebrated the project with an art installation and competition in partnership with the Cushendun Big Arts Weekend, well done to our winners Caolán Lennon and Eamon Carey.

I'm now working on Heritage Festivals and Events (more on back page) and focusing on our volunteer activities, get in touch if you would like to learn new skills, meet new people and have fun!

Wild about Nature Events...

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO ALL, HURRAH!
TO MAKE SURE WE'VE GOT ENOUGH BISCUITS/TEA/EQUIPMENT PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU'RE COMING!

ALL IRELAND BIO-BLITZ 2014

23 MAY - 5.00PM TO 24 MAY - 5.00PM
Glenarm Estate

A BioBlitz is an exciting race against the clock. Over a 24 hour period, scientists, naturalists and members of the public work together to find as many species as possible. Not only is a BioBlitz great fun, but it also collects useful biodiversity information which can help conservation.

SCAWT HILL ROCKY RAMBLE

24 MAY - 11:00AM
Meet at Coast Road Car Park Glenarm

Come and explore the geology and wildlife of the beautiful Scawt hill in the Antrim Hills, a challenging 7 mile walk offering spectacular views of the coastline. Organised by Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust, please pre book with Tierna- tierna@ccght.org or phone 028 2075 2100

GARDEN VISITORS

4 JUNE - 8.00PM
Hosted by Glenarm wildlife group in
Glenarm Tourism Centre



Glenarm Wildlife group will be hosting a fantastic introduction to garden bird watching with Pol Mac Cana from the BTO. Join them for an evening of talks on how you can survey and identify birds and how to help our feathered friends through proper bird box upkeep and feeding.

MAKE YOUR GARDEN SING

7 JUNE - 10:30AM
Watertop Farm, Ballycastle

Bird box building and bug box creation will be the main focus of this incredibly fun family event run in conjunction with the RSPB. Learn how to give nature a home in your garden from creating ponds to choosing the right plants-help the wildlife in your garden flourish! Organised by Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust, please pre book with Tierna- tierna@ccght.org or phone 028 2075 2100

NATIONAL MOTH NIGHT AND BIG MOTH BREAKFAST

4 JULY - 7:30PM & 5 JULY - 11:00AM
(2 part event)
Watertop Farm, Ballycastle

Join Catherine Bertrand on two part Moth event. Catherine will give a superb presentation on moth identification and will distribute traps to attendees. The next morning there will be a big moth breakfast with identification of moth species caught the night before, followed by a big moth ramble.

BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT (2 part event)

1 AUGUST - 7:30PM &
2 AUGUST - 11:00AM
Moth Night and Breakfast Ballyeamon Barn,
Cushendall



Join Catherine at the fantastically cosy Ballyeamon barn situated in beautiful Glenballyeamon. Catherine will give a presentation on butterfly identification and distribute moth traps. The next morning there will be a big moth breakfast followed by a butterfly ramble over some of the glens beautiful scenic walks.



WILD ABOUT FOOD!

16 AUGUST - 10:30AM
Breen Wood - Meet at Breen Wood Car park,
Ballycastle

Calling all Bush Tucker Enthusiasts! Glen white will lead a hike and foraging event through Breen wood and will help you source and identify all the natural edible treats the wild glens has to offer! Come along, bring a basket and an appetite for discovery!

"A SENSE OF THE GLENS" SYMPOSIUM
19 JUNE - MARINE HOTEL

Find out about the opportunities and support available
for local festival and event organisers.

