



Dian an beart: coinigh an bhithéagsúlacht slán
take action on biodiversity loss

Celebrate Biodiversity
with
The National Parks & Wildlife Service
North Midlands Region

Please dress appropriately for outdoor activities such as warm clothing, rain jackets and wellingtons or walking boots. Toilet facilities are available on-site. Feel free to bring your own picnic, refreshments will also be available to purchase

This is a Free Event

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Saturday May 22nd
&
Sunday May 23rd
2010

Please park your vehicles at Lecarrow and avail of our free shuttle bus service to St. John's Wood

Guided walks of the woodland will be available as follows:

- (i) 11.30 – 12.30
- St. John's Wood – Ecology and Management
 - Mini Beast Safari
 - Tree Identification
- (ii) 2.00 – 3.00
- St. John's Wood – Ecology and Management
 - Mini Beast Safari
 - Tree Identification
- (iii) 4.15 – 5.00
- St. John's Wood – Ecology and Management
 - Mini Beast Safari
 - Tree Identification

*All walks will run consecutively during these times. This will allow you the opportunity to partake in all three

St. John's Wood
Lecarrow,
County
Roscommon



Comhshaoil, Oidhreacht agus Rialtas Áitiúil
Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Where's the turf cutting report? – Naughten

Local TD Denis Naughten (*right*) has been informed that the Minister for the Environment has yet to present his report on turf cutting to the cabinet for decision.

After raising the issue again in the Dáil Denis Naughten was told by Minister Gormley that he will be "in touch with affected individuals and representative groups in regard to the position".

"It is clear from this response that the Govern-

ment has still to decide how to proceed with the issue of the ban on turf cutting," said Denis Naughten. "In light of this fact the Government must allow turf cutting to continue on all designated bogs this year to at least allow local communities to consider the implications of the report. It is not acceptable that the Government is trying to implement a ban before the report is even considered by Cabinet.

"With the Government

introducing the recent carbon tax, the cost of alternative fuel sources will become far more expensive. The Government has a solution to this problem based on the detailed submission made by the turf cutters' committee and that should form the basis of a long term agreed solution to this issue," concluded Denis Naughten.

"I expect to bring proposals to Government shortly regarding turf-cutting in Raised Bog Special

Areas of Conservation and Natural Heritage Areas. I will then be in touch with affected individuals and representative groups in regard to the position."



Cadhla McCrann and Molly Collins, pupils Gael Scoil de hÍde, Roscommon, winners in the Roscommon/Athlone School Art and Essay Competition in the Abbey Hotel.



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ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL

Temporary Closing of Roads, Section 75 Roads Act, 1993 Roads Regulations 1994-Article 12 NOTICE OF DECISION TO CLOSE ROAD IN ELPHIN

Road No(s) & Description(s):

Roscommon County Council hereby gives notice that a decision has been made to close a section of the R369 from its junction with the L-14001 (Windmill Road) in an easterly direction to its junction with the R368 (Strokestown Road) in Elphin town from 8.00 a.m. on **Monday 31st of May to 6.00 p.m. on Friday, 18th June 2010.**

This road closure is required to facilitate the laying of sewerage mains in Elphin as part of the Roscommon towns and villages sewerage scheme development for Roscommon County Council.

Alternative Route(s): Traffic travelling along the R369 in an easterly direction will turn left onto the L-14001 (Windmill Road), travelling in a northerly direction until turning right onto the (New Road), continuing forward until its junction with the R368, turning right, travelling in a southerly direction until rejoining the R369 - detour ends

Traffic travelling along the L-60171 in a westerly direction will turn right onto the R368, travelling in a northerly direction until turning left onto the (New Road), travelling along in a westerly direction until its junction with the L-14001 (Windmill Road) and turning left, travelling in a southerly direction until rejoining the R369 in Elphin - detour ends.

Traffic travelling on the R368 from Strokestown will turn right at its junction with the R369 and turn left on the R368, travelling in a northerly direction until turning left onto the (New Road), travelling along in a westerly direction until its junction with the L-14001 (Windmill Road) and turning left, travelling in a southerly direction until rejoining the R369 in Elphin - detour ends.

Traffic will have access to Elphin town up to the junction of the R369 and R368 for Strokestown.

Director of Services
Water Services Department,
Roscommon County Council,
Courthouse,
Roscommon.
20th May 2010

Angling Association raise funds for special needs

The Ballinlough-based Lake O'Flynn and District angling association recently made a donation to the Kiltullagh branch of the Co. Roscommon Association Supporting People with Special Needs. Chairperson of the Lake O'Flynn club Ronan Baggott said that he was very pleased to make a donation on behalf of the club to the excellent hard-working local branch.

Ronan paid tribute to the local support group who have been in existence for over 30-years and have raised much needed funds to improve the quality of life for those affected

by intellectual disabilities.

Mr. Baggott said that he had seen the great work that the local Kiltullagh branch had carried out in supporting the Brothers of Charity in providing an excellent housing facility in Ballinlough as well as making services available that serve the needs of people with intellectual disabilities and their families. Mr. Baggott concluded by calling on more sporting organisations to make an effort to support local charitable organisations as he said funding was hard to find owing to the recession and reduced Government funding.



Nikita Connaughton and Chris Connaughton are pictured making the donation on behalf of Lake O'Flynn and District Angling Association to members of the Kiltullagh branch of the Co Roscommon Association Supporting People with Special Needs.