

# LUGGALA RECEIVES FUNDING FOR HERITAGE AND BIODIVERSITY PROJECTS

Luggala Estate Limited is delighted to announce that two exciting projects, Luggala Nature and Luggala Heritage, have both received funding from County Wicklow Partnership under the 2020 EU LEADER Biodiversity application programme.

With work already underway, it is intended that the two projects will be completed before the end of 2021.

The first project, Luggala Heritage, is a survey of the estate's historic landscape and cultural heritage. It aims to bring to light more knowledge and insight about the estate's past, while also assessing the significance of various heritage features, considering their archaeological, historic, architectural, and artistic value. In addition, the project will provide suggested strategies for further evaluation, as well as recommendations to conserve heritage within the survey area.

The objective of the second project, Luggala Nature, is to produce a biodiversity action plan to conserve, develop, and restore the highest priority species and habitats to ensure a rich and diverse wildlife community across this beautiful upland landscape. Furthermore, the project's key focus is the provision of a survey of key biodiversity features, which will identify priority biodiversity conservation and environmental needs.

Luggala Estate is fortunate to be working with ecologist, Alan Lauder, and archaeologist, Donald Murphy (and team from the Archaeological Consultancy Services Unit) on both projects. In addition, Luggala would like to acknowledge the support provided by Wicklow County Partnership's Brian Carty and Siobhan Mehigan, which is sincerely appreciated.

The Luggala Estate is looking forward to the successful completion of both projects and to being able to provide updates about both projects as appropriate throughout the rest of 2021.

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## Information on the Leader Programme

The LEADER programme has been supporting communities and businesses in County Wicklow for over 25 years. Since the programme was introduced in 1992, it has supported projects from across a diverse range of sectors, but primarily in the areas of farm diversification, enterprise, rural tourism, heritage, town and village renewal, community facilities and amenities, renewable energy and environmental projects.

The LEADER Initiative (Liaisons entre actions de développement de l'économie rurale) was established by the European Commission in 1991 and was designed to aid the development of sustainable rural communities following the reforms of the Common Agricultural Policy. Highly successful, it operates across the European Union and in all rural areas of Ireland. LEADER is part funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the Irish Exchequer.



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