

A Christmas Message

It's the most wonderful time of the year and here at Luggala we are crossing off the days on our Christmas advent calendar in anticipation.

2021 has been a busy year for the estate. We started and completed our 2 LEADER projects, Luggala Heritage and Luggala Nature, which both produced promising reports in support of the protection of the natural and historic heritage of the Estate.

During the month of May, Dublin and Wicklow Mountain Rescue visited Luggala to introduce us to their new dedicated search dog team.

That same month we announced a commitment to undertake the restoration of 1,200 hectares of peatland dry and wet heath and bog. This ambitious project will take many years to complete, but in time it will help sequester carbon from the atmosphere and will encourage greater biodiversity.

As a Natura 2000 designated Special Area of Conservation and a Special Protection Area, located in the heart of Wicklow National Park, Luggala is a very special place. This was recently again highlighted when the RTÉ Radio One series, Custodians of Ireland, featured a wonderful piece about Luggala's unique and sensitive ecological heritage.

As custodians of the land, we are consistently working on initiatives intended to support the biodiversity of the Estate. For example, this year we started upland planting of native trees along water courses throughout the Estate. These trees will help stabilise banks and improve water quality downstream.

With many other nature and heritage projects planned, including our Estate Environmental Management Plan, which we will launch in the spring, we expect that next year will be an even more exciting year for Luggala.

As this year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our neighbours, the wider local community, and our stakeholder partners for their support and good will. Thanks also to all the walkers, hikers, and runners who respected and followed Luggala's visitor's code of conduct.

We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to continuing our engagements with you in the coming year.



Nollaig Shona & Athbhliain Faoi Mhaise Daoibh

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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