



Press Release

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A Review of the Work of the MCV in 2013

As the New Year kicks off it is perhaps a good time to reflect on the great work undertaken this past year by the Mulkear Conservation Volunteers. In 2013, members of the Mulkear Conservation Volunteers participated in a total of 8 practical conservation outings, 2 training events and two days of survey work. In addition, volunteers participated in and supported 8 talks, 2 events during Heritage Week 2013, BioBlitz in the Burren National Park and other outreach events and fieldtrips. The fine summer weather made it a great year for practical conservation work throughout the Mulkear Catchment.

In keeping with the various year end reviews of the work of MulkearLIFE posted over the past few weeks, the review of the work of the Mulkear Conservation Volunteers in 2013 is testament to the wonderful work done by this dedicated grouping of volunteers.

The following set of images outlines the extent of the practical conservation work undertaken by the Mulkear Conservation Volunteers in 2013.



MCV members build artificial otter holt (Image: Glen Wightman)



MCV members plant a significant number of trees, Feb 2013 (Image: Ruairí Ó Conchúir)



A wonderful location to record Ireland's rich biodiversity (Image: Ruairí Ó Conchúir)

MulkearLIFE would like to thank all volunteers who gave of their time in 2013 and would especially like to thank new volunteers who have joined in recent months. A full listing of outings for 2014 will be posted on this website in the next week. New volunteers are always welcome.

Notes for Editors

1. High Resolution Digital Images are available to accompany this Press Release.
2. Interviews can be arranged with the Project Manager by using the contact details below.
3. MulkearLIFE is a new €1.75 million European Commission funded LIFE Nature project working on the restoration of the Lower Shannon Special Area of Conservation (with a focus on the Mulkear River catchment) for Atlantic Salmon, Sea Lamprey and European Otter. Further details may be viewed on the project website www.mulkearlifeproject.com

4. Inland Fisheries Ireland (Limerick) is lead partner together with the OPW and Limerick County Council. Additional funding support comes from National Parks and Wildlife Service. Other supporters include Teagasc, IFA, ICMSA, and local angling groups.
5. The project is one of the first and most important integrated catchment management projects in Ireland. It is a flagship EU LIFE Nature project –covering some 650 sq km which contain a variety of habitats and protected species. Much of the area is designated as a Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) under the EU Habitats Directive and forms part of the Natura 2000 Network.

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