



“Restoration of the Lower Shannon SAC (Mulkear River) for Sea Lamprey, Atlantic Salmon and the European Otter”

Press Release

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Mulkear Conservation Volunteers: 2013 Schedule of Outings

The Mulkear Conservation Volunteers (MCV) work to help protect, manage and enhance the Natural Heritage of the Mulkear Catchment through volunteer participation in practical conservation projects. The provisional schedule for MCV outings in 2013 is available here: [Mulkear Conservation Volunteers: 2013 Schedule of Outings](#). Please download and keep for the year.

All events listed are free of charge. Membership of the MCV is open to all and becoming a member is free of charge. A membership form is available here: [Membership Form](#)

Areas of conservation work include removal of invasives plants, e.g. Himalayan Balsam, path clearance and scrub clearance work, river clean-ups, assisting in otter survey work, installing artificial otter holts, building otter holts, assisting with field trips (Heritage Week events), organising talks, workshops, training, etc.

The Mulkear Conservation Volunteers help to enhance biodiversity through volunteer participation in practical conservation activities linked to MulkearLIFE's work programme within the Mulkear catchment – covering Limerick & Tipperary.

The MCV also assist in the work of local authorities (Limerick County Council / Tipperary County Council North & South Riding) and the National Parks & Wildlife Service in maintaining access to, conservation of and protection of the natural environment of the Mulkear Catchment.

In addition, the MCV assist in the conservation work of local community groups to maintain the natural environment of the Mulkear Catchment while helping to promote awareness of the natural environment through practical conservation activities.

Anyone wishing to find out more about the work of the MCV can contact the MulkearLIFE project office 061 300 238. Please forward this information to anyone you feel might be interested in becoming a member.

Looking forward to a great year practical conservation outings and fun in 2013.

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.mulkearlife.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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