



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

Press Release

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More Good News for Annacotty

MulkearLIFE learnt with great delight of the results of the Limerick ‘Going for Gold’ campaign this week in which Annacotty came in second place overall. This resulted in the Tidy Towns Committee in Annacotty village picking up a nice tidy cheque of €10,000.

The competition was a major campaign to encourage businesses, community groups and individuals to improve their areas in a bid to make Limerick city and suburbs Ireland’s cleanest city. Limerick City Council, in association with the JP McManus Charitable Foundation, sought the involvement of all communities to go the extra mile in improving their areas. The ‘Going for Gold’ campaign consisted of three separate categories including City Centre Businesses, Tidy Towns 2012 Entrants and Environmental Grant recipients/Individuals. All were able to compete for the €50,000 ‘Going for Gold’ prize fund to spend on improvements in their local areas.

The second place finish by Annacotty is a testament to the hard work by the Tidy Town Committee and the dedication and hard work of local members. From the perspective of the Mulkear River, the award is also a wonderful endorsement of the work of people in the village. They have taken ownership of the Mulkear River and have taken the river into their everyday lives in the village.

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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