



## **COMMUNITY ACTIONS** FOR BIODIVERSITY





Join our half day workshop organised by the Climate Action team of Wicklow County Council to support community led actions for biodiversity and climate action in County Wicklow. The focus is on practical actions to improve biodiversity in Wicklow with lots of opportunites to network and to share knowledge and experience among Tidy Towns and other community and voluntary groups and interested individuals.

**PROGRAMME** 

10.00 - 11.00

Latest Wicklow Biodiversity News & Opportunities.

Introduction by Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer, with presentations from with Damian Clarke, National Parks & Wildlife Service and Oran O Sullivan from Irish Garden Birds on;

- Wicklow Barn Owl project
- Update on the Wicklow Swift Project

11.00 - 11.30.

## Pollinators and Community Actions

Pollinator Do's & Don'ts plus a practical tutorial on filling in the Local Authority Pollinator application form for Tidy Towns by Kate Chandler, Communities & Engagement Pollinator Officer, National Biodiversity Data Centre

Followed by Q&A and Discussion- 15 mins

11.45-12.30

## Trees and Tree Planting

Wicklow County Council's Tree Policy by Jim Callery, Environmental Awareness Officer Importance of native trees and hedgerows by Deirdre Burns Opportunities for Community Woodlands: Overview of Vartry Neighbourwood Scheme

Followed by Q&A and Discussion- 15 mins

LUNCH (provided in the centre) followed by an optional field visit led by Faith Wilson, Ecologist and Roundwood Tidy Towns to explore the nearby Vartry Neighbourwood planting and walk (approx 1 hour)



Booking Required / limited capacity

E-mail: eao@wicklowcoco.ie to register giving name, group and number of participants.
Presentations will be recorded and made available online after event

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