

Lets Get Buzzing! Community Actions for Biodiversity

FREE One Day Workshop

Ashford Community & Heritage Centre

Sat 22nd Feb 2020 10am – 3.pm.

Booking Required / limited capacity

To Book: jallery@wicklowcoco.ie , or dburns@wicklowcoco.ie



A one day workshop to support community led actions for biodiversity and climate action in County Wicklow. The focus is on practical 'hands on actions' to improve biodiversity in Wicklow and an opportunity to network and to share knowledge and experience among Tidy Towns groups, interested individuals and other community representatives. Organised by the Environmental Awareness and the Heritage Offices of Wicklow County Council.

PROGRAMME

10.00 - 10.45am

1. **The County Wicklow Swift Project:** Swifts in Wicklow + how you can help?

Oran O Sullivan, Project co-ordinator for Wicklow and Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer

Case Study: Swift Recording in Baltinglass and Grangecon

10.45-11.30

2. **Biodiversity's role in Climate Action:** Building resilience to Climate Change with Biodiversity in our communities. Jim Callery, Wicklow County Council

Case study : Beekeeping

11.30-12.15

3. **Getting to Know Your Local River:** Information, resources and practical actions Donal O Keeffe, Local Authorities Water Protection Officer (LAWPRO)

Case Study: Introducing the Small Stream Characterisation Course (SSCC) by East Wicklow Rivers Trust

12.15-1.00

4. **All Ireland Pollinator Plan:** Community Actions, Supports and Opportunities

Juanita Browne, National Biodiversity Data Centre and Deirdre Burns, Heritage Officer

Followed by screening of latest NBDC pollinator animation + videos

1.00 **LUNCH (provided in the centre)**

2-3 pm An outdoor visit and kick sample in the nearby Vartry river at Ashford Playground + tour of local pollinator friendly planting courtesy of EWRT+ Ashford Tidy Towns Group

Further information and queries to
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