



Feb. 2025, Drummin Bog Project hosted LAWPRO Community Officers from across Ireland

Highlights of the Year



We were so pleased to share the story of the Drummin Bog Project with Minister Chris O'Sullivan, a keen birder. We acknowledge all of the support from the different departments of Carlow County Council and regional NPWS staff who also visited.

The voluntary Drummin Bog Project Committee have been delighted to host a number of events, highlight the special natural heritage of Carlow's Drummin Bog throughout the year. A big focus for the committee was working on getting planning permission for a boardwalk for Drummin Bog, which was successfully awarded in September.

Feb: Members of the Drummin Bog Project Committee were honoured to host a tour of Drummin Bog for LAWPRO Community Water Officers from across Ireland.

Apr: Volunteer Morning –invasive species removal & tea on the bog

Over 2025: Engagement with Drummond National School with Jules Michael

Aug: Heritage Week, Flight, Water, Home —The Home of Drummin Bog: Mick Wright talked about birds, especially those seen on raised bogs

Oct: Volunteer Morning –invasive species removal & tea on the bog

Oct: Committee Member Jules Michael features on new Carlow County Council Eco Chats Podcast

Nov: Drummin Bog represented in Mary Robinson's 'Fite Fuaite' Quilt for the UN COP30 Climate Meeting in Brazil

Nov: Drummin Bog welcomes Minister Chris O'Sullivan and County Carlow Council Staff

Dec: Committee member Cathy Fitzgerald announces new online Evening Thoughts: Dark Skies, Deep Time course, supported by Carlow Arts Office

Our Mission and Objectives

The chief objectives of the Bog Project are:

- To restore the peatland site to an active peat-forming bog which is the only example of a raised bog in the South East of Ireland. Drummin Bog is near Drummond, St. Mullins and Carlow's beautiful Barrow River
- To develop the bog and adjacent woodland as an amenity and educational resource
- Creative strategies will also be employed alongside science activities to engage the hearts and minds of the local community to celebrate this unique natural heritage feature of South Carlow.
- Recording local cultural and folk histories of people who have long interacted with Drummin Bog
- **Overall, these science and cultural activities will develop Drummin Bog as an important South Carlow conservation, educational and amenity area for the local community and beyond.**

The Drummin Bog Project is led by a volunteer committee.

Invasive Species Removal Work Party for Biodiversity Week - with tea on the bog!



Sunday 27 April, 2025: We celebrate a beautiful Spring by one of our Drummin Bog Volunteer Mornings!!

We were able to prove that some lopping and chopping is a great way to finish a stressful week!!

Check out our New Volunteer Web Page to mark the date of our next Volunteer Mornings!

[Read more on the blog.](#)

Our very special Heritage Day celebrating the birds of Drummin Bog: with Mick Wright



Aug: Such an incredible day at Drummin Bog for Heritage Week 2025, with a talk on at-risk birds led by birder Mick Wright and supported by LAWPRO, with a picnic and 'tea on the bog' afterwards

**What birds live on Drummin Bog? Who are our native birds?
Where do they find water?
What can we do to support them?**

These are the questions Mick Wright answered for us



Nov: "I saw 'Fite Fuaite' | interwovenness, the title of Mary Robinson's Quilt project, as an inspiration to weave together aspects of the environment and community in South County Carlow—represented in The Drummin Bog Project' and connect them by a diagonal thread all the way to Ballina in Co. Mayo." Brigid O'Regan, Committee Member of The Drummin Bog Project

[Read more on the blog.](#)



Our thanks for continuing water-level monitoring of Drummin Bog by hydrogeologist James Lawlor, Co. Kilkenny

**Drummin Bog is getting wetter, and supporting more species and wildlife
- it's more beautiful every year!**



[Read more on the blog.](#)



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FRIENDS & SUPPORTERS - overview



Carlow Arts Office subsidised new online course hosted by **Drummin Bog committee member Cathy Fitzgerald**, introduces Irish & international speakers on the Universe Story, Dark Skies, Deep Time Walks, Light Pollution - [ALL WELCOME BOOK HERE](#)

Future Plans for 2026

- **Working with Carlow County Council and other organisations to raise funds and build the Drummin Bog Boardwalk**
- **Develop a Strategic Plan** to guide the future direction of the Drummin Bog Project in consultation with our local community
- **Continuing our important Volunteer work days**
- **Continue to liaise with other stakeholder groups** (LAWPRO, Coillte, NPWS, LEADER, The National Reptile Zoo, for Drummin Bog Aims, including closer ties with St Mullins SMPHTG)



We appreciate your fantastic support over 2025:

Thank You to all Drummond & St. Mullins area supporters and Joe Moylan for assistance with bog data monitoring & hydrogeologist James Lalor

Thanks to Carlow County Council and Local Authority Waters Programme LAWPRO for their significant assistance in supporting our ongoing work. LAWPRO: for insurance & IT costs

Pat Murphy & Drummond Hall Committee

Drummond National School

Thank you to all those who purchased patches of Drummin Bog with our 2025 fundraiser campaign (which we are repeating for 2026) and to our donors - [You can Sponsor a Patch of Drummin Bog for 2026 HERE](#)

Carlow Local Authority County Manager Coilín O'Reilly, Director of Services Michael Brennan and Staff, Carlow Climate Office Aine Byrne, Heritage Officer Eoin O'Sullivan, and Carlow Arts Officer Aileen Nolan and staff

Tom Murphy & Company Accountants, Carlow, since 2017

Carlow LEADER

Coillte for the new gate and fencing at the Drummin Bog entrance

Forester Manus Crowley, EnFor and Sean Hoskins

Local media, including KCLR radio and The Nationalist

County Carlow Environmental Network CCEN

NPWS staff for their visits to Drummin Bog in 2025

