

WELCOME

Welcome to the August Edition of the Burrenbeo newsletter, which comes to you via our new website. We've been working on updating our website over the past few months and the new site just went live so we are delighted to share it with you. We have worked hard so that the message of what we do and how we are doing it is more visible.

As ever, there is plenty to report on from the past month as well as more to look forward to in August - including a very full events with our very first Working for Wellbeing of People and Place event and of course the annual National Heritage week. August is a fabulous time to visit the region, over this month the blues of the harebells and scabious, the yellows of the goldenrod and ladies bedstraw, the whites of the eyebrights and the gorgeous 'grass of parnassus' will be making appearances. At the end of the month there'll be around 450,000 people travelling to Ennis for the All Ireland Fleadh Cheoil – if you're one of those visitors be sure to take a trip to the Burren for a break from all the music!

BURREN NEWS

Spanking New Burrenbeo Trust Website has arrived!

Technology moves faster than any of us these days and while we've been served excellently by our brilliant website to date we decided to update to mark our own evolution as an organisation and to adapt to the many different platforms that people now use to view websites. So if you want any information on the Burren, the organisation, news and events, and how to support us go to www.burrenbeo.com and let us know what you think. We are hugely grateful for the work and patience of Andy Smith from Made in Trenbania (www.madeintrenbania.com)! Get in touch with Andy if you need



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST THIS MONTH

- Traditionally, August marked the beginning of the harvest season and it was a time of great celebration in rural Ireland. The season began on the first of the month with the festival of Lughnasa, the Irish word for August.
- The first ever Working for Wellbeing Event in Corofin (12th-13th August).
- The annual Heritage Week (20th – 28th). See www.heritageweek.ie for more details.

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Burrenbeo Trust is a landscape charity
dedicated to connecting all of us to our
places and our role in caring for them

anything website related. This upgrade would not have been possible without the extremely generous support of Pat Cassidy from Clare's Rock Hostel (www.claresrock.com). We are really grateful to Pat and encourage anyone visiting the Burren to stay at Clare's Rock Hostel in Carron. Finally we would like to thank Martin Kiely and Brendan Dunford for their fabulous eye-catching photos that make this website a beaut!

Along with the new website we also have new email addresses, so to get in touch with a general enquiry email info@burrenbeo.com or to speak to a specific member of staff contact brigid@burrenbeo.com, aine@burrenbeo.com, kate@burrenbeo.com or elaine@burrenbeo.com. Volunteer enquiries can still be sent to volunteer@burrenbeo.com.



open your eyes to the living burren

Working for Wellbeing of People & Place
Corofin, Co.Clare
11th-12th August, 2016

Speakers & workshop leaders - Who is lined up so far...

				
<small>Stuart Brooks John Muir Trust</small>	<small>Duncan Stewart EcoEye</small>	<small>Emanuele Russo & Fergal Anderson Leaf and Root</small>	<small>Valentine Seymour University of London</small>	<small>John Murphy Bird Watch Ireland</small>
				
<small>Rory O' Shaughnessy Archaeologist</small>	<small>Dr John Duncan Duncan Medical Services</small>	<small>Eileen O'Connor Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers</small>	<small>Mary Hawkes Greens Burren Centre of Creative Leadership</small>	<small>Sophie Price Leave No Trace</small>
				
<small>David Staunton Walk Innu</small>	<small>Mary Howard Supernova Trust</small>	<small>Kate Lavender Burrenbeo Trust</small>	<small>Michael and Clodagh Lynch Archaeologists</small>	<small>Ruth Hanniffy Vincent Wildlife Trust</small>

More to come...

Celebrating Active Conservation Volunteering - Working for Wellbeing of People & Place

Tickets are selling fast for the very first Working for Wellbeing of People and Place event to celebrate active conservation volunteering this summer. This event will be held on the weekend of 12th-13th August 2016 in Corofin, Co.Clare and out in the ultimate learning landscape, the Burren. Featuring inputs from Duncan Stewart, presenter of Eco Eye and Stuart Brooks, CEO of the John Muir Trust, along with local speakers the event will include talks, workshops and fieldtrips focused on the benefits of active conservation for both the participants and the place. Bringing together local and visiting communities, participants will consider the challenges associated with conservation volunteering while working together towards potential solutions. The event is open to everyone - for anyone that is interested in helping to conserve their local natural and built heritage. The event cost is minimal (€10 for members, €20 for non-members) in order to remain as inclusive as possible so register now [HERE](#). Or like and share the [Facebook post](#) on our page to be in with a chance to win 2 tickets and a Burren info pack.

Rising concern around charities

The recent coverage around the Irish charity Console and the terrible allegations of misconduct there has caused concern around charity regulation. Burrenbeo Trust wish to assure all our supporters that we are compliant with Ireland's Code of Good Governance for charities, have a voluntary Board of Directors, and Executive Committee, have annual reports, are independently audited and certified, have an AGM and policies on best practice— all of these are available online [here](#). We are a registered charity with the Charities Regulatory Authority. If you ever have any queries please get in touch by emailing info@burrenbeo.com or calling 091 638096.

The Big Burren Picnic Memorial Walk

While the weather could only be described as changeable at best, a great group of walkers took the pilgrimage from Boston church to Coolorta on the 14th July in memory of Ann O'Connor Dunford, co-founder of the Burrenbeo Trust. The walk brought together friends and family to enjoy the Burren and think about those that have left us. Huge thanks to the landowners for letting us traverse their land - Paddy and Denis O'Brien. And of course Emma Glanville at NPWS. We are grateful to all those that contributed to the Ann O'Connor Dunford Young Burren Ambassador Bursary on the day. A special thanks to Brendan Dunford and Richard Morrison for organising the route and to Linda Tough and Liz Davoren for helping set up the picnic. And of course to Martin Kiely as always for his superb photos that truly capture the day.



Last chance to comment on the application for a Offshore Generating Electricity Station on Galway Bay/Burren.

An application has been made for an offshore electricity station on the North Shore of Galway Bay, opposite Black Head Lighthouse. Following a public meeting, hosted by the developer, The Marine Institute, on 21st July, Catherine Connolly, supported by Senator Ó Clochartagh, Ministers Hildagard Naughton and Eamonn O'Cuiv, and three County Councillors, highlighted the lack of meaningful public consultation and called for an extension to the public consultation period in order to give ordinary people time to submit informed observations on the proposed 35 year Lease application. You can contact Minister Coveney at minister@environ.ie to make a request for the public consultation period to be extended. The Foreshore Lease application is number FS006566 and this should be put on the submissions people make. The whole application can be found [here](#). Submissions can be made to: Marine Planning and Foreshore Section, Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government, Newtown Road, Wexford, Co. Wexford or foreshore@environ.ie. Submissions received outside of the public consultation period cannot be considered. Closing date is currently the 2nd August. More info on the 'Protect Galway Bay's Wild Atlantic Waves' campaign [here](#).

Walk with a Difference back for 5th year

Burrenbeo Trust are again organising the Walk with a Difference in association with Irish Wheelchair Association on Wednesday 24th August as part of National Heritage Week. The event is designed to open the wonders of the Burren to those with access issues. On the day the group will visit the High Commons above Kilnaboy followed by tea and scones in the beautiful farmhouse of the Daly family. Contact either IWA Ennis (<http://www.iwa.ie/information/locations/item/iwa-location-31>) or Richard Morrison on 087 207 4205 to book a place on the walk.



Paper on transferring the family farm

The Whitaker Institute have published a recent policy brief entitled Transferring the Family Farm: The Human Element is authored by Shane Conway who is a member of the Environment, Development and Sustainability research cluster at the Whitaker Institute, NUI Galway. Intergenerational family farm transfer is a complex and highly topical issue that is increasingly seen as crucial to the survival, continuity and future prosperity of the agricultural sector, traditional family farm and broader sustainability of rural communities. While financial incentives to stimulate and entice the process are important, there are many more facets to the farm transfer decision-making process, which in a large part have been neglected. This has resulted in the formulation and implementation of largely unsuccessful policy strategies, which have had little regard for elderly farmers' emotions. One key example was the recent Early Retirement Scheme (ERS 3), which requested farmers retiring under the scheme to 'cease agricultural activity forever'. Essentially, farmers were asked to revise their self-perceptions upon retirement. It is in probing the behavioural intentions and attitudes of older farmers towards succession and retirement that this research is based. Read on www.whitakerinstitute.ie.



Golden Mile of Galway 2016 competition

Now in its thirteenth year running, the aim of the Golden Mile of Galway Awards is to bring rural communities and neighbours together, to highlight a one mile stretch of public road in their area and to recognise and celebrate the features that make up their unique locality, rural roadways, stone walls, flora and fauna. This countywide initiative is rolled out on an annual basis by Galway County Council and Galway Rural Development Company Ltd in partnership with Comhair na nOileán Teo and FORUM Connemara. The first steps to entering the competition is to request a Golden Mile of Galway information pack, gather a local community group together and select a one mile stretch of public roadway outside the 50km speed limit with interesting features of built and natural heritage. Follow the guidance given in the information pack. Contact Marie Mannion, Heritage Officer, Galway County Council on 091 509198 or email mmannion@galwaycoco.ie or Frank Keane in Galway Rural Development Company on 091 844335 or email fkeane@grd.ie

Fundraising for Burrenbeo at Ballinsheen

Thank you to Ballinsheen House (www.ballinsheen.com) who recently held an open garden event and raised €250 for the Burrenbeo Trust. For more information on fundraising for Burrenbeo Trust go [here](#).

Build your own Coole House

On Monday the 1st of August there'll be an art and craft activity for children from 3pm – 4.30pm. The beautiful old house may no longer be standing in Coole Park but here is your opportunity to construct your own version from card using a Coole House Kit. With the original house as a starting point invent your own interior and decorate the exterior in any style you like. Best suited to 8 years upwards but there are also plenty of cool colouring opportunities for younger children. Find us in the stable block next to the tearooms in the cobbled yard. No booking required. All materials supplied free of charge. For enquiries or information please ring 091 631804 or email coolepark@ahg.gov.ie.

Job opening at the Courthouse Gallery

The Courthouse Gallery and Studios in Ennistymon seeks qualified applicants for the position of Gallery Co-ordinator/Curator. The Gallery Coordinator/Curator will implement and manage the programme of art exhibitions and art events, oversee daily operations of the gallery, promote the gallery and implement publicity and fundraising, and will develop the gallery's profile and audience. For more information, email info@thecourthousegallery.com or check our web page under Gallery News for full information and job description. Deadline Monday 22nd August 2016.

Burren included in John Deere's Homestead Magazine

The Burren's farmers and their stories were included in a recent edition of the John Deere homestead magazine. View the article here <http://johndeerehomestead.com/2016/05/13/hike-with-a-farmer/>

Guidelines for All-Ireland Pollinator Plan

A set of guidelines aimed at the public has been released within the All-Ireland Pollinator Plan. The plan explains how to make your garden pollinator friendly and can be viewed on www.biodiversityireland.ie/pollinator-plan.



BURRENBEO TRUST EVENTS CALENDER August 2016 (Print & Post)

Sun 7th 2pm Garryland

Burrenbeo Trust August walk is 'Above and Below Garryland' exploring the ecology & underground rivers of Coole – Garryland with Dr David Drew and Dr Micheline Sheehy Skeffington meeting at 1.30pm at Tierneevin Church (52M 479 020) to carpool. More info on 091 638096 or email aine@burrenbeo.com

Sun 7th 11am Ballyvaughan

The Ballyvaughan Fanore walking group are walking the Burren Fidhans over looking Lismactigue and the Feenagh Valley before descending Cappanawalla to pick up the Wood loop. Meet Pier Ballyvaughan @ 10.30am. Walk @ 11am Leader: Berry Guthrie 087 6608242 & Denise Casserly 086 3317535

12th -13th Corofin

Working for Wellbeing of People and Place. More info on www.burrenbeo.com

Sun 14th 11am Ballyvaughan

The Ballyvaughan Fanore walking group are walking the Burren Twin Peaks. Meet: Pier Ballyvaughan @ 10.30am. Walk @ 11am Leader: Paddy Power 087 7401509

Wed 24th Clooncoose

Burrenbeo Trust in association with the Irish Wheelchair association coordinate the Walk with a Difference for wheelchair users. More info on www.burrenbeo.com

Heritage Week Events (20th-28th August) check website www.heritageweek.ie for specific event details and for other events throughout the counties and country)

20th – 28th Doolin

An Exhibition of Doolin Heritage. Venue: Doolin Cave Café. Cost: Free. Email: doolincave@gmail.com. Telephone: 065 7075761

20th Cliffs of Moher

Natural Heritage at the Cliffs of Moher. Focusing on how people make places and what that has meant for the Cliff of Moher's built, natural and cultural heritage over the last 100 years. Email: info@cliffsofmoher.ie Telephone: 0657086141 Website: www.cliffsofmoher.ie.

20th Burren Nature Sanctuary

Local Herbs for Common Ailments Launch of the Celtic Serpent Herb Bed. Discover the traditional uses of herbs that grow locally and simple recipes for Elderflower, Thyme and more. Email: info@bns.ie Telephone: 091 637 444 Website: www.bns.ie

21st Burren Nature Sanctuary

The Magic of Trees Join Siobhán on a walk around the Burren Nature Sanctuary trail learning about native Irish trees, their place in folklore and how to identify trees by their unique features. Email: info@bns.ie Telephone: 091 637 444 Website: www.bns.ie

21st Dromore

Mini Beast Hunt. Explore the nature reserve looking for bugs and insects and the habitats they live in. Fun and interesting for all the family. Venue: Dromore Wood Nature Reserve Cost: Free. Email: coolepark@ahg.gov.ie . Telephone: 085 8085199

21st Burren Nature Sanctuary

Between a Rock and a Hard Place Join Aoife our resident Geologist on a guided walk around the Burren Nature Sanctuary and spot features of human habitation in the Burren from Neolithic times to the present day. Email: info@bns.ie Telephone: 091 637 444 Website: www.bns.ie

22nd Fanore

Geopark Walk and Talk A walk and talk about some aspects of the geology of the Burren with Dr. Eamon Doyle, geologist for the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark. Venue: Fanore Beach Cost: Free. Email: edoyle@clarecoco.ie Telephone: 0879008031 Website: www.burrengeopark.ie

23rd Corofin

Walk & Talk Dysert O'Dea Monuments Walk through the more prominent monuments of Dysert O'Dea with a talk by Ristead Ua Croinin, County Archaeologist and County Conservation Officer. Venue: Dysert O'Dea Castle Cost: Free. Email: cmcquire@clarecoco.ie Telephone: 065 6846408

- 23rd Coole**
The Story of Coole A guided walk through the nature reserve at Coole, discovering the history of the site and its globally important landscape. Venue: Coole Park Visitor Centre. Email: coolepark@ahg.gov.ie Telephone: 091 631804 Website: www.coolepark.ie
- 24th Coole Park**
Nature at Coole through the Eyes of 'Me and Nu' Explore the woods at Coole through the eyes of Lady Gregory's granddaughters Anne and Catherine ('Me and Nu') who spent a magical childhood here roaming the woods here a hundred years ago. Venue: The Visitor Centre coole Park Email: coolepark@ahg.gov.ie Telephone: 091 631804 Website: www.coolepark.ie
- 24th Clooncoose**
Walk with a Difference Event for wheelchair users in association with IWA. Experience the Burren's famous built, natural and cultural heritage on the High Common and end the day with tea and scones in a local farmhouse. Email: info@burrenbeo.com Telephone: 091 638096 Website: www.burrenbeo.com
- 24th Flaggy Shore**
Geopark Walk and Talk A walk and talk about aspects of the geology of the Burren by Dr. Eamon Doyle, geologist for the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO global Geopark Venue: Flaggy Shore. Email: edoyle@clarecoco.ie Telephone: 0879008031 Website: www.burrengeopark.ie
- 25th Dromore**
Bat walk Learn about the bats in the nature reserve and take a walk with the Conservation Ranger to discover their habitats and hopefully see and listen to these fantastic creatures. Venue: Dromore Wood Nature Reserve Email: coolepark@ahg.gov.ie Telephone: 085 8085199 `
- 26th Gortlecka**
Geopark Walk and Talk A walk and talk up the slopes of Mullaghmore with Dr. Eamon Doyle, geologist with the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark. Venue: Gortlecka crossroads, Burren National Park Email: edoyle@clarecoco.ie Telephone: 0879008031 Website: www.burrengeopark.ie
- 26th Kilshanny**
Flora, Fauna & Folklore History and habitat weave together on this guided walk covering the history of Holy Wells, abbey, cairn and castle. Identify plants and wildlife, then retreat to Kilshanny House for lunch. Venue: Kilshanny House. Email: kilshannyhouse@gmail.com Telephone: 00 353 65 7071660 Website: www.kilshannyhouse.ie
- 26th Kilshanny**
Mulkere, Music & Musings. In this olde worlde pub local seanacháí, Dessie Mulkere, will enthral you with tales & songs of times past. Musicians, singers and wordsmiths weave in and out to stir the memories. Venue: Kilshanny House Cost: Free. Email: kilshannyhouse@gmail.com Telephone: +353 (65) 7071660 Website: www.kilshannyhouse.ie
- 27th Gort**
Legendary Landscapes of the Burren and its Lowlands An illustrated talk with Jackie Queally that meanders (or spirals) across the landscapes, waters and artefacts, connecting with legends and folklore in the Burren Lowlands and Burren- covers Counties Galway and Clare. Venue: Gort Library Email: info@earthwise.me Telephone: 083 4117498 Website: www.earthwise.me
- 28th Inchiquin**
Open Day at Inchiquin House. An opportunity to see the conservation work of Irish Landmark Trust. Enjoy a self-guided tour of this elegant Georgian country house set in gardens and now available as holiday accommodation. Venue: Inchiquin House Cost: Free. Email: caroline@irishlandmark.com Telephone: 016704733 Website: www.irishlandmark.com `
- 28th Coole Park**
Weaving Works From frame loom to table loom - Simple weaving techniques explained and demonstrated. Try your hand at this ancient craft and learn about it's relevance in today's world. Venue: Coole Park Visitor centre Email: coolepark@ahg.gov.ie Telephone: 091 631804 Website: www.coolepark.ie
- 28th Coole**
Over a Hundred Years of Trees A guided walk covering the history of tree planting at Coole and the recent clear felling of non-native conifers. Discover the many native and exotic tree species growing in the nature reserve. Venue: Coole Park Visitor Centre. Email: coolepark@ahg.gov.ie Telephone: 091 631804 Website: www.coolepark.ie

Festivals:

19th – 21st Kinvara

Cruinniú na mBád www.cruinniunambad.com

25th -28th Doolin

Doolin Craft Beer Festival www.hoteldoolin.ie

PLACE-BASED LEARNERS

Learning about place, through place, in place.

Burrenbeo Trust aims to help connect people to the Burren landscape and their role in safeguarding it—this is place-based learning and community stewardship. The following sections give an insight into some of our programmes and how you can get involved.

Young Burren Ambassadors Bursary application deadline extended

We've received feedback from a number of teachers, parents and young people who were very interesting in applying for the Young Burren Ambassador Bursary but were too busy around the application deadline which corresponded with the end of the school year. In light of this we've decided to extend the deadline and will be visiting schools in September to speak to students about the Bursary and help with applications. Watch this space!

Using your place as a learning resource

We had a brilliant two weeks with an enthusiastic bunch of teachers and educators on our recent place-based learning courses. The feedback was very positive and hopefully all that attended will use the learning to bring the local built, natural and cultural heritage into their teaching spaces. Thank you to the Clare Education Centre who provided support for the courses.



Wild Child Summer Camp

We'd a brilliant three days exploring the Burren recently with a great group of young people on our wild child summer camp. From exploring fossils and limestone pavement, to pond dipping, picture hunts at Templecronin and games, we all learned and had fun together in the Burren.

Monthly Walks & Talks

The August Burrenbeo Trust walk is 'Above and Below Garryland' exploring the ecology & underground rivers of Coole – Garryland with Dr David Drew and Dr Micheline Sheehy Skeffington on the 7th August, meeting at 1.30pm at Tierneevin Church (52M 479 020) to carpool. Join Burrenbeo Trust for an exploration of the fascinating ecology and underground rivers of the Coole – Garryland turlough complex. This turlough system is unusual in that, though farmed at Garryland, it is surrounded by native woodland that gives it a primeval aspect which is unusual in the east Galway area. David and Micheline will share their respective expertise and shed light on the wonders of this habitat. Formerly a lecturer on karst, hydrology and hydrogeology in Trinity College Dublin, David's particular interest is in limestone (karstic) regions of Ireland such as the Burren and especially in the underground waters in these areas and is actively involved in research into the groundwater in the Burren. Dr Micheline Sheehy Skeffington has recently retired as lecturer in Plant Ecology in the Botany Department, NUI Galway, where she taught for 34 years. The walk will meet at Tierneevin Church at 1.30pm to allow carpooling to the start location which has limited parking. The walk will last for roughly 2 hours, depending on water levels. The walk start point is marked [here](#). Please bring good walking shoes and waterproofs or suncream if needed. No dogs allowed. The walk is open to everyone, and will focus on information sharing rather than covering long distances, although a reasonable level of fitness is required. It is free for Burrenbeo Trust Members and a donation of €10 is suggested from non-members. For more information please aine@burrenbeo.com or phone 091 638096. Thank you to the National Parks and Wildlife Service for allowing us to walk at Coole-Garryland. Thanks to Jesmond Harding for leading the July walk on a beautiful sunny day perfect for butterfly spotting.

CONSERVATION NOTES

We have developed this section to fill you in on what is special about the Burren, what are some of the conservation challenges, and how you can get more actively involved.

Active Conservation – Working for the wellbeing of people & place

Finding value in and understanding the significance of our local 'place' is so integral to its survival for future generations. Engaging with our surrounding environments does not impede their conservation – rather it has been proven (once done responsibly) to hugely enhance it – preserving the natural and built heritage, while also building a sense of pride and an even bigger sense of community on the ground. By following achievable and informed steps to looking after our 'place', we not only can enhance it hugely, but as a community and as an individual – we can gain substantially from the process as well.

We live in a world where information is so readily available online, through social media, the news and so on. Where this is wonderful, it does present a gap in transitioning from the desire to 'learn more' to actually practically putting into action what we learn by 'doing'. Perhaps it comes down to the fact that we are time poor and find it hard to see how being outdoors more and embracing local nature can be slotted into our lifestyles. Wouldn't it be nice to find value in that time – realising it doesn't have to cost you, rather you actually achieve much more for yourself in return? There is no substitute for getting outdoors more, but it doesn't have to be something that takes away from your day to day life, rather it can easily be a part of it. There are ample opportunities waiting for you – conservation volunteering locally could be just one.

Then that leads us to -what is 'conservation volunteering'? Well, it can mean different things to different people, depending on your background and interests. Not surprisingly, some people may even engage in conservation volunteering activities and not really know it. If you're involved in keeping your local area tidy,



maintaining built heritage, mapping and tracing history, archaeology, playing your part to maintain habitats – or if you have a deep rooted interest in your local area, chances are you have engaged with multiple accounts of conservation volunteering. You've placed value on your local area!

There is much research out there to highlight the benefits – environmentally and personally of conservation volunteering. Not only by engaging in such practices are you preserving the built, natural and cultural heritage of your local area, but more often than not you are connecting with your community, creating a sense of belonging, creating awareness and responsibility, sharing ownership and being a part of something truly special. Getting outdoors, embracing nature and connecting with people while being active is hugely beneficial and something that does not necessarily require a huge abundance of time. That is why we want to celebrate all the wonderful volunteering that is happening over the length and breadth of the country, while also learn from others about what 'conservation volunteering' really means for them. On the 12th and 13th August in Corofin, Co. Clare, Burrenbeo Trust and Burrenbeo Trust Conservation Volunteers are coordinating a wonderful event giving you the opportunity to explore this concept more and providing the networks to learn from one another, while also giving you a practical taster outdoors in the beautiful Burren. The event is entitled: *'Working for Wellbeing of People and Place'* and will be spread out over two days.

We have fantastic keynote addresses from Stuart Brooks (CEO of the John Muir Trust) and Duncan Stewart (Presenter of Eco Eye), along with an opportunity for other groups to demonstrate their work through an information sharing session; nine spectacular talks; workshops; active conservation fieldtrips and a celebratory community picnic. Places are filling up fast, so make sure to book your ticket today and don't miss out on what promises to be a wonderful weekend. For more information, see [HERE](#).

Join the Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers



Becoming a volunteer offers you an opportunity to build skills, knowledge about place and indeed, lasting friendships whilst also making a difference to the conservation of this unique landscape. This is an active group of conservation volunteers that have been working in areas of archaeology conservation, rare species monitoring, managing scrub encroachment and much more since 2010. We have 1-2 events a month. Why should you get involved?

- **Get outdoors, enjoy some healthy exercise and give something back in the region**
- **Learn new skills in conservation and heritage management**
- **Be part of a friendly, inclusive and active conservation community**

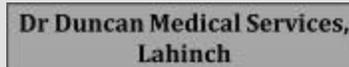
The Burrenbeo Conservation Volunteers are continuing to work on a range of projects including stone wall building and scrub clearing. Volunteer events are interesting, sociable and educational – why not get out and join the volunteers this month! This month's upcoming events are an archaeology event and a bat workshop. See below. **More information contact volunteer@burrenbeo.com**

BURRENBEO TRUST BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP

BURRENBEO BUSINESS MEMBERS 2016

Please support these businesses that support the work of the Burrenbeo Trust working towards the future sustainability of the region together.

More details on our business members [here](#)



Why not become a Burrenbeo Business Friend this year?

Not only are you supporting the education and conservation of the Burren region but you are giving your business an advantage—it is advertised here on our newsletter and on our website with an accumulative audience of 80,000 people. It is €180/€360/€600 for the year. Our business friends so far this year are listed above. More information go [here](#).

BUSINESS MEMBERS Augst NEWS

Support those that support the work of the Burrenbeo Trust. See the full list of Business members above. Their news this month...

Burren College of Art

Dazzle : Dissolution, a Solo Exhibition by Robert Platt

August 11 - September 24, 2016

Opening Reception - Thursday, August 11 from 6-8pm

'Dazzle: Dissolution' presents a dynamic confluence of architectural installation, performance, razzle-dazzle murals, paintings, moving image, and the mediated reality of optical filters. Visitors will experience a hypnotizing multidimensional way of looking that is not singular but contextual and responsive. The visual experience provides a sensory interaction where an awareness of image and form grows and opens up over time with the viewer's imagination providing a continued 'filling in' as a new understanding of the complex nature of vision can unfold. Frequent states of indeterminacy activate a new awareness of the alternation between stable structure and the moving dynamic appearances between artificiality and naturalness, design and control and unbounded randomness. The multiple shifts between substance and virtuality bring viewers a new awareness of the physiological and phenomenological experience of seeing. Platt's diverse approach to creative practice explores a range of potential meanings of vision and landscape and the dialectics of visibility and invisibility, passage and obstruction that make up the enigmatic pleasures and meanings of our interaction in the built, natural and virtual environment.

Robert Platt received his MA in painting from The Royal College of Art (2001) and a PhD at Kyoto City University of Arts 2010. His interdisciplinary approaches to the expanded field of painting draw on cave exploration, optics and neuroaesthetics in his approach to forging pluralistic representations and perception of the built and natural environment. He currently lives and works in Michigan and teaches at the Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design (more: www.robert-platt.com).