

Events are open to all and include tea, coffee and biscuits.

To make sure we have enough please let us know you are coming.

Register with Alison Henderson at the Ring of Gullion Landscape Partnership Scheme on **028 308 61949** or **info@ringofgullion.org**.

These events are in partnership with DARDNI, HSENI, Woodland Trust, Leitrim Development Company and RSPB.

2nd March

Nutrient Management

Grainne McCarney – CAFRE

7.30pm – 9.30pm **Cullyhanna Community Centre**

Learn about the importance of carrying out a soil analysis on your farm to help maximise the use of farm nutrients and minimise the cost of chemical fertilisers as well as helping you comply with the Nitrates Directive. You can bring along your soil sample for analysis too!

9th March

Bracken Control / Wildfires / Land Eligibility

Graeme Campbell – CAFRE

6.45pm – 9.30pm **Mullaghbane – Ti Chulainn**

SC Mark Smyth – NIFRS

Learn about the various control methods for bracken, an extremely invasive plant which can make it very difficult to destroy. Find out about the NIFRS wildfire management and wildfire awareness in the Ring of Gullion. Is your land eligible under the Single Farm Payment system? Find out here and how land with bracken is affected.

SC Glen Cleland – NIFRS

DARD

16th March

Wildlife on the Farm

Philip Carson – RSPB

7.30pm – 9.30pm **Jonesborough Pastoral Centre**

Claire Barnett – RSPB

The farmed landscape can provide a home for a range of birds and other wildlife. Join us to learn how you can help provide the requirements that birds and other farmland wildlife need to survive.

24th March

Farm Safety

Camilla Mackay – HSE

7.30pm – 9.30pm **Crossmaglen – Community Centre**

We think accidents will never happen to us but they do happen in the main areas farmers work in every day. Stop and Think SAFE - don't become another tragic story. Come along to stay SAFE on your farm.

26th March

Farm Diversification

Siobhán Sheppard – DARD

7.30pm – 9.30pm **Forkhill Community Centre**

This workshop will address key areas to consider when setting up a farm diversification business; accessing grant aid i.e. Rural Development Programmes; alternative support available to advance farm diversification; and training programmes from CAFRE/DARD which could help farmers.

30th March

Renewables on the Farm

David Trimble – DARD

8pm – 10pm **Newtownhamilton – Football Club Dundalk Road**

This informal workshop will look at the economics of renewable energy on the farm and in the home.

31st March

Common Agricultural Policy Changes

DARD

7pm–9pm **Courtooms Markethill**

Find out more about the Common Agricultural Policy Changes from Roadshow DARD representatives.

14th April

Woodland Creation and Woodland Grants

Gregor Fulton – Woodland Trust

7.30pm – 9.30pm **Camlough – The Yellow Heifer**

Did you know 6 – 7 acres of trees will provide enough timber to heat the average farmhouse permanently? Come along if you are interested in advice relating to planting areas of your farm and timber harvesting skills.

21st April

Social Farming

Brian Smith – Leitrim Development Company

7.30pm – 9.30pm **Jonesborough – Carrickdale Hotel**

Matthew McGreehan – Farmer

Learn what 'Social Farming' is and hear first hand from one of the pilot farmers about the farm family experience of social farming.



Ring of Gullion
Landscape Partnership

Are You Interested in Traditional Countryside Skills?

Stone walling, hedge planting, hedge laying, woodland skills, wood turning, butter churning, and much much more...

If you are interested in any of these traditional countryside skills or you would like to suggest other skills training we can provide, please let us know. We will be running a series of heritage skills training seminars. This training will only be provided if there is enough interest. So gather a few friends and discover your heritage.

Want to be part of something special?

Do you love the outdoors and have a passion for conservation?

If this sounds like you, GET INVOLVED as a VOLUNTEER with the Ring of Gullion and Cooley AONBs!

We are looking for enthusiastic people to volunteer as Volunteers for Gullion and Cooley to help us to deliver a variety of initiatives aimed at conserving and enhancing this outstanding area. Volunteering offers you a chance to make a real and visible difference to the wildlife and landscape of The Ring of Gullion and Cooley; learn new skills, meet like minded people, discover the habitats and heritage of the Ring of Gullion and Cooley AONBs, and enjoy the outdoors.

So, whether you have a skill you would like to share, or wish to learn something new, get in touch and we'll find a place for you or your group. All we ask in return is enthusiasm and a willingness to learn.

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You can also get in touch through



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