

DURROW Scarecrow FESTIVAL 2024

JULY 28TH - AUGUST 5TH



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Once again, it is my pleasure as Chairperson of Durrow Development Forum, to extend a huge welcome to all of you to our 13th All-Ireland Scarecrow Festival. Being the last nine-day festival, it is a special one for all of us as we begin the process of developing our event with exciting new plans.

This programme of events will guide you around the festival and help you get the most out of your visit. We continue to be overwhelmed by and never take for granted the growing success of our festival each year. We have a long list of volunteers who give of their time for months in advance to give you, what we feel is, a great fun event with something for all the family.

To the people of Durrow, the many scarecrow makers, sponsors and all those who provide services free of charge, we say a huge Thank You! The continued support of these people from year to year is a true testament to the community spirit that is at the very heart of our beautiful village. As is the case every year, all the profits from this festival are reinvested straight back into the community.

Our flagship project currently is the building of a new Community Centre. This will be of huge benefit to all organisations in the area. So once again, we invite you to enjoy 9 days of uninhibited imagination, creativity, music and fun. We are sure you will find plenty of things to make you smile during your time with us.

Evelyn Clancy

Chairperson of Durrow Development Forum

Durrow Development Forum Committee

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There's so much more to Durrow!

Durrow, a beautiful village in the heart of the Midlands, is the hidden gem of Ireland's Ancient East and has a beauty that leaves a lasting impression on all who visit here. Whilst attending the Durrow Scarecrow Festival, why not take the time to see everything else the area has to offer. For starters there is the beautiful Castle Durrow Gardens, Aylwards Heritage Museum, Pedal Vintage Bike Hire, Castleview Open Farm and Castlewood Organic Farm & Walk. After that, if you are feeling energetic, you can explore the many different walks, on Durrow's Leafy Loop Trail, The Cullohill Mountain or the MacGiollaPadraig Walks,

the many cycle trails or even enjoy some kayaking or fishing.

The community playground is a must for children, and is in the Irish Times 50 best playgrounds in Ireland. Spend time in our village, and have something to eat in our restaurants or cafes and enjoy our pubs and shops. Durrow is a welcoming, friendly and happy place which will no doubt find a very special place in your heart.

Nearby Abbeyleix bog covers an area of 500 acres, thriving with life from all its flora and fauna. The Fly Fishing and Game Shooting Museum in Attanagh, Donaghmore Workhouse Museum, Aghaboe Abbey, The Slieve Blooms, Heywood Gardens, and Timahoe Round Tower & Heritage Centre, are all well worth a visit! Our festival is a volunteer run event raising funds for projects to preserve and enhance our village.



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Entry Fees

SCARECROW VILLAGE

Adults €6
Children €1

FUNKY ZONE

Adults €4
Children €1

PARKING

€2 on Sunday 28th July,
Thursday 1st August, Friday 2nd August,
Saturday 3rd August, Sunday 4th August
and Monday 5th August

FREE PARKING

On Monday 29th July, Tuesday 30th July
and Wednesday 31st July

**Please use designated car parks, all
within easy walking distance of the village.
Illegally parked vehicles will be towed!**

SCARECROW VILLAGE OPENING TIMES

Opening Hours:

Sunday 28th July – 11am-6:30pm

Monday 29th July to Friday 2nd August
2pm to 6:30pm

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th August
11am to 6:30pm

Monday 5th August – 11am to 6pm

During the week, from Monday 31st July
to Friday 4th August, the Scarecrow
Village opens from 2pm, as our Summer
Camp takes place there each day from
10am to 1pm.

THE FUNKY ZONE

The Funky Zone opens from 11am - 6pm
on all 9 days of the Scarecrow Festival,
with Europe's Largest Mega Slide - The
Miami Slide, a Scarecrow Maze to explore,
Chair O Planes, a Tots Merry Go-round,
Scarecrow Maze, Sandpit Play Area, Kids
Games, including Target Practice and
Paint Me, Food, Durrow & District Pipe
Band, Lego, Picnic Area, & lots of Games

SCARECROWS

**Scarecrows are on display
throughout the village of
Durrow, every day of the
festival, regardless of the
opening times above!**

PLEASE NOTE: The Independent Vendors
located within the Scarecrow Village
charge their own rates for the use of
bouncy castles, games etc.

This is at their own discretion and does
not fall under the responsibility of the
Durrow Development Forum.



FESTIVAL

HIGHLIGHTS



Food & Craft Fair

The Food and Craft Fair is one of the main attractions of the festival and is situated across from the Scarecrow Village. It is a week-end event taking place on Sunday 28th July, Saturday 3rd August, Sunday 4th August and Monday 5th August. Opening Hours are 11am to 6pm.

Not visiting at the week-end? If you're a week-day visitor there are also a limited amount of craft and food traders in the Scarecrow Village and the Funky Zone along with local businesses and eateries to help you enjoy your visit to Durrow.

We take great pride in highlighting some of the best local crafts and produce. Take the time to browse through the stalls and enjoy the quality and variety of what is on offer.

Scarecrow Summer Camp

The Scarecrow Summer Camp runs each day from 10am-1pm in the Scarecrow Village, right in the centre of Durrow. The camp is for children aged between 5 years and 12 years. The ever popular event will provide children with a host of different activities over the week, including: Clay Modelling, Drama, Sports, Arts and Crafts and much, much more. Every effort will be made to ensure that all materials used for Arts & Crafts will be recycled material.

Ladies Night

The ever popular Ladies Night at Castle Durrow will take place on Wednesday 31st July. On the night there will be a Fashion Show in association with Fifty Seven Boutique and Gift Emporium, Durrow, and Ladybelle Boutique, Abbeyleix, who will provide all the trends! Also a Three Course Meal with wine, raffle prizes, and a DJ and entertainment 'til late.

Photographic Exhibition

"A FORGOTTEN GENERATION" – 100 years history of rural community and agricultural relics in Co Laois," by Annie Holland, takes place in the ICA Hall, Durrow, R32 Y206, for 5 days, from Thursday 1st August to Monday 5th August. The exhibition, which is funded by the Arts Council, is open from 2pm to 5pm each day.

Talking Buddies

Are you worried about your child's talking or communication skills? The Durrow Scarecrow Festival is offering two special workshops to support parents and young children, hosted by Laura Lalor, a Senior Speech and Language Therapist. These workshops are designed to provide valuable advice, support, and fun activities for your little ones.

On Wednesday 31st July there is a drop-in advisory session at 2pm, and on Thursday 1st August, a Play-Sing-Move, interactive workshop starting at 2pm. Please allow 45 minutes for this workshop. See website for more details.

Obedience Dog Training

Attention all dog lovers! Bring your furry friends to the Durrow Scarecrow Festival for the Hund Obedience Dog Training sessions on Sunday, July 28th and Saturday, August 3rd from 12PM to 3PM. Whether your pooch needs some general obedience training or you want to learn fun activities to enjoy together, we've got you covered!

12PM – 12:45PM: General Obedience Problems
Learn how to address common issues.

1PM – 2PM: Kids Handling & Skills and Demos
2PM – 3PM: Training, Fun, Games & Activities with dogs
Join us for a really pawsome time!



DURROW Scarecrow Festival

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**Our thanks to all our sponsors
for their continued support of
Durrrow Scarecrow Festival.
It is their genouosity that
keeps our event going!**

WHERE'S WALLY?

FIND OUR WALLY SCARECROW AND WIN A PRIZE

On each day of this year's Durrrow Scarecrow Festival our **Where's Wally Scarecrow** will be hiding out in a different location along the Scarecrow Trail. All you have to do, to be in with a chance of winning some prizes, is to firstly find where Wally is at, then fill in the form available at Scarecrow Village or Funky Zone entrances, or take your best photo and post it on Instagram or Facebook using the hashtag **#DSFWALLY**

DURROW Scarecrow Festival 2023

MAP & GUIDE

Visitor Tips

There are picnic tables at Community Playground, Kilkenny Road and on the Abbeyleix Road at the bridge.

All Parking is within easy walking distance of Durrow village centre.

Please use designated car parks.

Illegally parked vehicles will be towed.

Scarecrow Treasure Hunt sheets and Colouring Competition available at Scarecrow Village Entrance.

Durrow strives to recycle - please consider your litter. Bring home to recycle, or use the correct bins.

Toilets available on Green in Square, the Library, The Funky Zone and inside the Scarecrow Village, where you will also find our Baby Changing Facility.

First Aid, information and event details, are all available at the Scarecrow Village Entrance.

Please use footpaths and if crossing the road, please use Zebra crossings and adhere to stewards instructions.

We are a Volunteer run festival - please have respect for our volunteers.

Abusive behaviour will not be tolerated.

Above all - Enjoy yourself!

Our Website

Check out our website DurrowScarecrowFestival.com for all details and the latest information!



#DSF23

If you are posting videos or photographs from Durrow Scarecrow Festival 2023, on social media, please use #dsf23, so we can find, appreciate and share!!

SCAN ME



SCARECROW VILLAGE

FOOD & CRAFT
LASER TAG

TOILETS

DOG OBEDIENCE

PLAYGROUND

River Erkina

Castle Durrow Avenue

Toe Lane

Kilkenny Road

Cork Road

Abbeyleix Road



What's On

GUIDE



What's On Every Day

Scarecrow Village

Please note: Weekday opening time is 2PM

Sand Art, Bouncy Castles, Pick 'n' Paint, Glitter Art & Inked Tattoos, Games, Face Painting, Food Stalls, Workshops, Scarecrows, Entertainment, Live Music, Arts, Crafts & Colouring.

Fun'Ky Zone - 11am-6pm

Europes Largest Mega Slide - **THE MIAMI** Scarecrow Maze, Sandpit Play Area, Mud Kitchen, Giant Jenga, Kids Games, Durrow and District Pipe Band Memories, Scarecrow Exhibitions, Refreshments, Lego, Picnic Area & lots more too!

Sunday 28th July

11am Funky Zone Opens

11am-6pm Agri Aware Pet Farm

11am Durrow Pipe Band

11am Food & Craft Fair in Small Green

11am-5pm Julie Rose Puppeteer!

11.15am Monsieur Gusto

12pm Kelly Brothers Live Music

12-3pm Hund Obedience Dog Training

1.15pm Grand Opening Ceremony

With Bernard O'Shea

1.30pm Live Music with Abbeyfolk

3.30pm Monsieur Gusto

3pm Jeca The Clown

4.15pm Live music with The Finns!

6:30pm Scarecrow Village Closes

Monday 29th July

10am Festival Summer Camp

11am Funky Zone Opens

11am Laser Tag Situated in small Green opposite Scarecrow Village

2pm Scarecrow Village Opens

2pm Music with Joe Laffan

2pm Scarecrow Cookie Workshop

€10 pre-book on Scarecrow Festival Website

2pm Coder Dojo | Ages 8-17yrs | Free Event

E Headsets, Podcasting, Graphics Tablets

2pm Portarlinton Arts Collective

Crafts Workshops for ages 12+ Free Event

4pm Slime Workshop with The Wonder Years

€12 pre-book on Festival Website

6:30pm Scarecrow Village Closes

Tuesday 30th July

10am Festival Summer Camp

11am Laser Tag Situated in small

Green opposite Scarecrow Village

2pm Scarecrow Village Opens

2pm Live Music with Joe Laffan

Meet & Greet Unicorns & Dinos

Various times in the Scarecrow Village

2-3pm Rhythm & Drum Workshop

Free Workshop in the Scarecrow Village

2pm Scarecrow Cookie Workshop

€10 pre-book on Festival Website

3:30pm Fairy Door Workshop!

€5 Drop In Workshop | No booking required

4.30pm Live music with Ray & Paddy

6:30pm Scarecrow Village Closes

7pm Durrow Historical Walk & Talk

Meet at 6.50pm at Castle Durrow Gates

Wed. 31st July

- 10am** Summer Camp
- 11am** Funky Zone Opens
- 11am** Laser Tag In small Green
- 2pm** Scarecrow Village opens
- 2pm** Music with Joe Laffan
- 2-6pm** Julie Rose Puppeteer
- Various Shows in the Scarecrow Village
- 2-4pm** Talking Buddies | Free Event
- Speech, Language and Communication
- 2pm** Scarecrow Cookie Workshop
- €10 pre-book on Festival Website
- 2-4pm** Food Cloud Talk Food waste, & serving food that is saving the planet
- 4pm** Live music with Johnny Keegan
- 6:30pm** Scarecrow Village Closes
- 7pm** Ladies Night at Castle Durrow
- Contact Irene on 086 8412683

Thursday 1st August

- 10am** Summer Camp
- In Scarecrow Village - Booking on Eventbrite
- 11am** Funky Zone Opens
- 11am** Laser Tag In small Green
- 2pm** Scarecrow Village Opens
- 2pm** Music with Billy White
- 2-5pm** Photographic Exhibition
- By Annie Holland - ICA Hall - R32 Y206
- 2-6pm** Julie Rose Puppeteer
- 2pm** Talking Buddies | Free Event
- Singing & Nursery Rhymes for Under 5's
- 3.30pm** Slime Workshop
- €12 pre-book on Festival Website
- 4.30pm** Music by Billy Dollard & Eddie Larkin
- 6:30pm** Scarecrow Village Closes
- 7pm** Duck Racing at the River Erkina

Friday 2nd August

- 10am** Summer Camp
- 10am** Dunmore Country School
- Family Stroll - Booking on Festival Website
- 11am** Funky Zone Opens
- 11am** Laser Tag In small Green
- 12pm** Dunmore Country School
- Family Stroll - Booking on Festival Website
- 2pm** Music with Billy White
- 2pm** Food & Craft Fair | Scarecrow Village
- 2-5pm** Photographic Exhibition ICA Hall
- 3pm** Teddy Bear Hospital | Clown Jeca
- 4pm** Live music with Ray & Paddy
- 4pm** Grand Slam Wrestling in Castle Arms Hotel | Tickets €10 Festival Website
- 6:30pm** Scarecrow Village Closes

Saturday 3rd August

- 11am** Scarecrow Village & Funky Zone open
- 11am** Agri Aware Pet Farm in the Funky Zone
- 11am** Food & Craft Fair in Small Green
- 11am-6pm** Irish History Live
- 11:15am** Rush Workshop
- See Festival website for booking details
- 12-6pm** Kayaking Open Day
- River Erkina - No booking required €10
- 12-3pm** Hund Obedience Dog Training
- 12pm** Live music with The Culprits
- 2-5pm** Photographic Exhibition
- By Annie Holland - ICA Hall - R32 Y206
- 2:15pm** Des Hopkins Dixieland Jazz Band
- 3pm** Jeca The Clown in Scarecrow Village
- 3:30pm** Fairy Door Workshop
- €5 drop in workshop - No booking required
- 4:30pm** Live music with Brian & Figs
- 6:30pm** Scarecrow Village Closes

Sunday 4th August

11am Scarecrow Village opens
11am Funky Zone Opens
11am Agri Aware Pet Farm in the Funky Zone
11am Food & Craft Fair in Small Green
11:15am Geraldine Wisdom Rush Workshop
See Festival website for booking details
12pm Live music with Brian & Figs
12-6pm Kayaking Open Day
River Erkina - No booking required €10
12pm | 1:15pm | 2:30pm | 4:15pm
Go Fly a Kite, Make & keep your own kite!
€6 pre-book on Festival Website
2-5pm Photographic Exhibition
By Annie Holland - ICA Hall - R32 Y206
2:15pm Drops of Green, Live Music
3pm Jeca The Clown in Scarecrow Village
4:15pm Prize Giving Ceremony
4:30pm Diarmuid Guinan - Live Music
6:30pm Scarecrow Village Closes

Monday 5th August

11am Scarecrow Village opens
11am Funky Zone Opens
11am Agri Aware Pet Farm in the Funky Zone
11am Food & Craft Fair in Small Green
11:15am Geraldine Wisdom Rush Workshop
See Festival website for booking details
12pm Brinda Irani - Live Music
1:30pm Music with Joe Laffen
2pm Scoil Rince Katrina
Irish Dancing Display in Scarecrow Village
2-5pm Photographic Exhibition
By Annie Holland - ICA Hall - R32 Y206
2:45pm Kids Talent show with Joe Laffen
3pm Jeca The Clown
3:45pm Sweet Freedom - Live Music
Meet & Greet Unicorns & Dinos
Various times throughout the day
6pm Scarecrow Village Closes
Our thanks to all our visitors!

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BOOK WORKSHOPS





Notable Workshops & Events

Sunday July 28th

1:15pm Official Opening Ceremony
With Bernard O'Shea

July 28th & August 3rd

Hund Dog Obedience Training
Best training for your best friend!

July 29th, 30th & 31st

12:30pm: Scarecrow Cookie Workshop
With Ballinakill Cookery School
Booking on Festival website

July 29th & August 1st

Slime Workshop
3pm: Ages 5 years +
Booking on Festival website

Monday July 29th

2pm: Coder Dojo | With VR headsets,
Podcasting, Graphics Tablets & Coding
Ages 8-17 | Free Event

Tuesday July 30th

7pm: Durrow Historical Walk
Meet at 6:50pm at Castle Durrow Gates
€6 | Booking on Festival website

Wednesday 31st July

7pm: Ladies Night @ Castle Durrow
Food, Wine, Music, Fashion & More
To book: Contact Irene on 086 8412683

Thursday August 1st

Photographic Exhibition by Annie Holland
2-5pm: "A Forgotten Generation"
Runs until August 5th in the ICA Hall

Friday August 2nd

Dunmore Country School Family Stroll
10am to 11am OR 12pm to 1pm
Booking on Festival website

Friday August 2nd

4pm: Grand Slam Wrestling
In The Castle Arms Hotel
Booking on Festival Website

August 3rd & 4th

12pm to 6pm: Laois Kayaking Sessions
€10pp | No booking Required
On the River Erkina

Sunday August 4th

12pm | 1:15pm | 2:30pm | 4:15pm
Go Fly A Kite Workshops
€6 | Booking on Festival website

Sunday August 4th

4:15pm: Prize Giving Ceremony
All Ireland Scarecrow Championship
Winners announced in the Scarecrow Village

Monday August 5th

2pm: Scoil Rince Katrina
Irish Dancing Display
In the Scarecrow Village

THE MIAMI SLIDE

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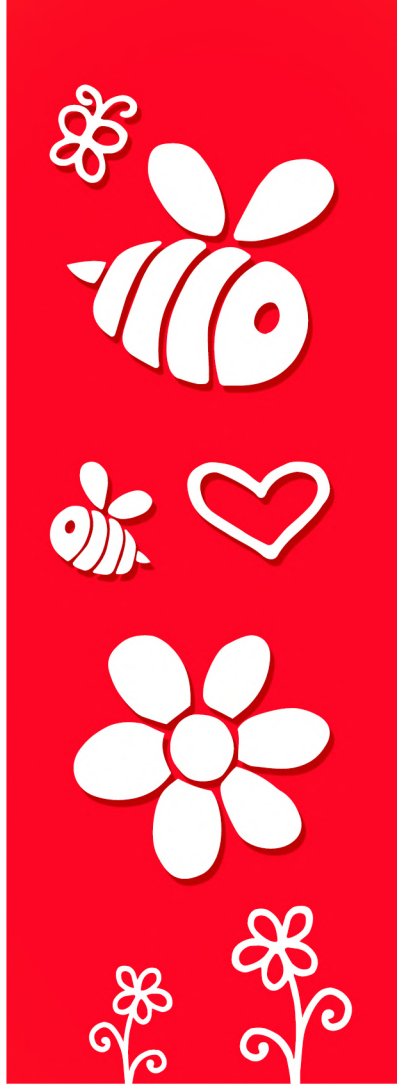
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 YOUR FEEDBACK AND IDEAS!**

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