

Visit the Burren

VISITOR NEWSLETTER Edition 8 | July 2020











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How things are in the Burren post lockdown

JARLATH O'DWYER

Welcome to the 8th edition of the Visit the Burren Newsletter! Since we were last in touch, we have been on roller coaster journey through the Covid 19 crisis and are now preparing for its aftermath. It has been a tough year, but the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark is a resilient place and will be here to be seen and enjoyed long after this pandemic has passed. Our businesses are opening gradually and are welcoming visitors from all over Ireland. As business owners we are getting used to the new operational procedures and have taken every precaution to make our premises and our destination safe, with all of our members committing to Covid 19 Safety Charter. If we do not see you this year, we look forward to welcoming you as soon as possible.

The Burren Ecotourism Network

As part of the recovery program for tourism in the Burren & Cliffs of Moher Geopark, the Burren Ecotourism Network have been working hard in creating awareness among the domestic market to help bridge huge shortfall in international visitors in 2020. Currently, the Burren Ecotourism Network is comprised of 65 businesses that, since the start of the Covid 19 pandemic, have collaborated in delivering a regional response to the crisis.

As well as having launched the Burren Baskets and Burren Holiday Vouchers on-line, the Burren Ecotourism Network has also worked hard on making the destination a desirable option among Irish people that would traditionally have gone abroad, or may have visited here many years ago by running generous holiday competitions.

Keep an eye on www.burren.ie for further holiday competitions!!

The Burren Ecotourism Network is a membership organisation embedded in a sustainable tourism ethos. In line with international sustainability principles, the purpose of our network is to connect tourism enterprises in the Burren region and enable them to work

together to deliver economic, social and environmental benefits, both for themselves and for their communities. The Network has existed for the past decade and is comprised of a substantial number of well-established businesses that collectively employ over 1,000 people in the area.









COVID 19 SAFE CHARTER

OUR COMMITMENT TO OUR VISITORS

In line with World Health Organisation and HSE guidelines, the Burren Ecotourism Network has put the following measures in place to ensure health and safety of our visitors and an enjoyable experience for all. Our members will be the daily guardians of this charter and look forward to welcoming you to the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Geopark.



Created as per Fáilte Ireland guidance on 9th June 2020, subject to change.



PLANNING YOUR VISIT

- Detailed visitor information and FAQs available at www.burren.ie
- Reduced capacities to allow for social distancing.
- Online bookings in advance or mobile tickets (where applicable).



OUR MEMBER PREMISES PROVIDE

- Advanced and consistent cleaning regimes.
- Hand-washing and hand sanitising facilities.
- Non-contact interactions with staff.
- Pre-planned visitor flows.

OUR MEMBER BUSINESSES

- Fully trained and confident staff.
- Social distancing quardians.
- PPE for all staff as required.
- Sustainable ethos supporting communities and environment.







5 STAR CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

- A safe, welcoming and memorable experience.
- Social distancing guidelines and execution.
- Distanced seating and outdoor benches (where possible).
- Contactless till points and payments.









BURREN DINNERS

WHERE TO BUY

Burren Dinners is now available to buy in

BALLYVAUGHAN @Quinns Craftshop, @Aillwee Cave &

@Wild Atlantic Lodge, @Gregans Castle Hotel,

@Burren College of Art & @Burren Fine Wine & Food

DOOLIN @Irish Crafts, @Hotel Doolin & @Doolin Cave @Doolin Inn

ENNISTYMON @The Falls Hotel and @The Market House

LAHINCH @Wild Kitchen

INAGH Inagh @St Tola Goats Cheese, LISDOONVARNA @The Burren Smokehouse, KILFENORA @Vaughan's Pub & Burren Hub, KINVARA @The Merriman Hotel and ENNIS @Craft Works.

The book is an ideal gift for anyone that knows the farmers, producers and chefs of Burren and who loves great food.

Burren Dinners is also available on-line at

https://www.irishcraftsonline.com/products/burrendinners





CODE OF PRACTICE

Our Code of Sustainable Tourism Practice which is the only one of its kind in Ireland has provided a standard that monitors waste output along with water and energy usage and assists the businesses in becoming increasingly more efficient. Burren Ecotourism Network member businesses range from hotels, guest houses, glamping and camping providers, restaurants, pubs, island ferries, castles, caves cliffs, walking guides, cycling guides, farm tours, distilleries, brewers, butchers, bakers, fish smokers, retailers, heritage sites, food producers, growers and interpretive centres!!

The wide span of experiences and offerings allow the network to offer itineraries and trails close proximity that visitors can chose from.

The Burren offers its guests a chance to engage in an action-packed holiday and the reassurance that their trip will have minimal impact on the environment. The businesses engage in initiatives such as Adopt a Hedgerow where groups of members will engage in physically maintaining the ancient walls and hedges that the Burren is famous for!

Send someone a gift from the Burren!!

BURREN Vouchers

now available at

www.burren.ie/shop



If you can't make it to the Burren, let the Burren come to you!

Send someone a taste of the Burren!!

Burren Baskets

available at www.burren.ie



For ongoing updates visit our Facebook Page and Like us to get a regular newsfeed from the Burren.

You can also keep an eye on what is going on the area on our main website

www.burren.ie





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OPEN EVERY DAY 1pm to 9pm



The Burren Storehouse is a food and music venue in Lisdoonvarna, a place to watch sport events and more right next door to the Roadside Tavern! Ideal for families, couples, all ages - it offers real-fire, artisan, top-notch pizzas with amazing toppings. You can be sure that we always use locally sourced ingredients like fish, shellfish, local meats and poultry, as well as hand-cut chips.

On the drink side of things, we serve characterful micro-brewery beers from the Burren Brewery next door, locally roasted coffees, a wide variety of Irish gins and whiskeys and much more.

www.roadsidetavern.ie



THE BEST OF IRISH NATURE DELICATELY SMOKED BY HAND ON THE WILD ATLANTIC COAST





For updates on opening times, extra events and more visit our blog at: www.burrensmokehouse.com/blog/visitors-centre/





TASTE THE ATLANTIC - SALMON EXPERIENCE

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Due to reduced capacity in our Restaurant, there will be limited availability for non-residents and a reservation would be essential.

Full details of our packages can be found on www.sheedys.com/offers









BURREN CENTRE

Tea Rooms will reopen at 10am on Wednesday 1st July.

Opening days and times may change so please keep an eye on our Facebook page.



The exhibition area enables the visitor to experience the development of the Burren and its civilisation from formation 320 million years ago to how the Burren is today.



Audio Visual Display

Craft Shop

The Kilfenora Céilí Band Parlour

Traditional Irish Music is enjoyed throughout the world and The Burren Centre Kilfenora, Co. Clare is pleased to announce the addition of an exhibition namely dedicated to the music and history of The Kilfenora Céilí Band.









@TheBurrenCentre



The Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark is like a Box of Chocolates!!





Stay another Night!



STONECUTTER'S KITCHEN DOOLIN

Stonecutters Kitchen is a family run, bistro style, mid-price range, restaurant set in a 100 year old traditionally built stone cottage. It offers a warm welcome to the whole family and outside seating with views of the Wild Atlantic Way

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK 12.30 TO 8pm

ADVANCE BOOKING RECOMMENDED - 087 2837118

WALK INS WELCOME

PLEASE TEXT FROM CAR PARK FOR AVAILABILITY



www.stonecutterskitchen.ie



Burren Fine Wine & Food Summer Season 2020

Burren Fine Wine and Food will reopen on Saturday evening 18th July with a series of pre-booked dinner continuing through August.

Offering a feast of local, seasonal and organic delights many produced by other network members. Weather permitting starters may be served in the garden and move indoors for mains and some mouth-watering desserts.

SUNDAYS WILL BE MORNING COFFEE AND LUNCH DAYS.

For the remainder of the week it will be more or less back to where we started in 2002. Serving tea, coffee, sandwiches, pizzas, home bakes and a range of Deli style goods to take and bake and of course Wine!

AS ALWAYS KEEPING LOCALLY PRODUCED, HOME COOKED FOOD AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO!





www.burrenwine.ie





Aillwee is home to Ireland's Premiere Show Cave, a dramatic Birds of Prey Centre and an artisan Farmshop where you can taste our unique Award-Winning Burren Gold Cheese. Witness underground and overground marvels at Aillwee and immerse yourself into the true Burren.

Following government guidelines, we have implemented all the necessary protocols and procedures which allow us to

OPEN DAILY from 10am - 5pm





We have a brand new booking system live on our website which allows you to book your visit to Aillwee Cave & Birds of Prey Centre prior to arrival.

GUIDED TOURS OF AILLWEE CAVE DEPART REGULARLY THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

Visit the Birds of Prey Centre and witness free flight flying demonstrations scheduled at 12pm, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm and 4pm.

Each display is approximately 30 minutes long.







Burren Food Fayre

The Pavilion, Lisdoonvarna, Co.Clare OCTOBER Bank Holiday Weekend



Burren Food Fayre will take place on October Bank Holiday 2020

Full programme will be revealed soon on burren.ie















DOOLIN MUSIC HOUSE

OUTDOOR SESSIONS in our new Secret Garden Venue starting on Thursday, JULY 9th.

As we adapt for Covid 19 restrictions this will be a scaled back version of our usual event. Like everyone, we are trying to make the best decision under very difficult circumstances. We will only open while continuing to respect health safety concerns and by following the latest guidelines.

Our event will take place outdoors, in our garden, with limited roof cover.

We will operate one night per week – Thursdays at 8pm.

Should the weather change we will use our sitting room where we can safely cater for 8-10 people. The large double doors will be left open. Seating will adhere to the social distancing regulations whether inside the house or outside in the garden.

We have signed up to the Doolin Tourism Coved 19 Charter and will be focusing on hygiene before, during, and after each session.

We will host a great event of traditional music and stories and offer guests complimentary refreshments.

We will not be able to shake hands with our visitors, but we will give them a great welcome when they arrive at Doolin Music House.









St. Tola Farm is closed temporarily for farm visits & tours due to the pandemic but we will be reviewing our decision in September with notifications on our website & social media platforms.

We would like to thank our fellow network members & the public who have supported us to date & we look forward to working with them as we all move forward!

Stay safe, Siobhán Ni Gairbhith.







INAGH www.st-tola.ie

River Spa

Experience the pampering River Spa Float Experience

Arrive for your Experience which begins with time to yourself in our heat chamber, followed by a pampering dry float treatment.

After this, enjoy some hands on time with your therapist with some wonderful hot stones touch therapy.

Then, choose between a relaxing foot massage or a head, neck & shoulders massage.

Finally, blissfully enjoy time in our relaxation room!

All for €85



Please book in advance to avoid disappointment 065 707 0937 riverspa@fallshotel.ie





Check out our Nature Magic podcasts, this week features Patrick McCormack from the Burren.

We have started seed collecting with Dr Noeleen Smith from the Botanic Gardens Glasnevin for the National Seed Bank. The Burren Nature santuary has passed the Safety Charter.

WE ARE OPEN WED- SUN 10-6.

You can get tickets at reception and you can book tickets online.

Visit our online shop for Avoca gifts and animal adoptions. Fairy Pig Walks are back bookable on Airbnb experiences.

The Burren Nature Sanctuary book

Nature Magic will be launched on

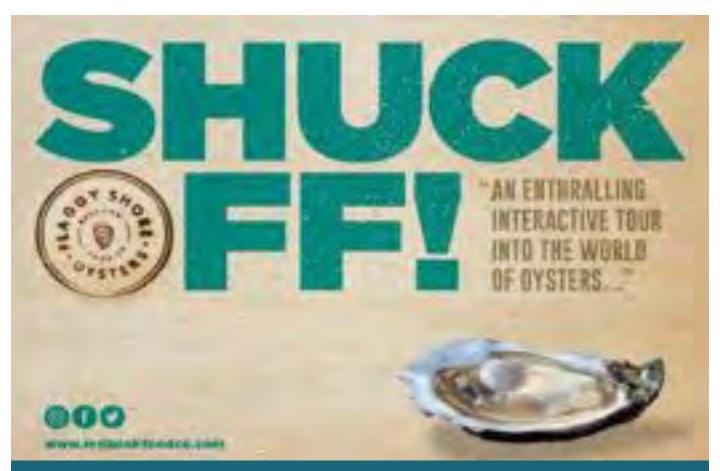
Amazon on 28th July.

Get it for €0.99 on launch day!



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Restarting Thurs 23-Sat 25th & full time from Thursday 30th.

Learn all about oysters and the local marine life, how oysters are farmed and how to shuck them. Enjoy taking oysters directly from the sea, Shucking (Opening) your own, while you experience all you can eat oysters paired with a glass of carefully selected wine.





Hylands Burren Hotel is now open



Restaurant open for non residents Thursday to Monday for dinner from 5.30pm.

Serving from 1pm Saturday and Sunday

Closed Tuesday and Wednesday





Reservations preferred but walk-ins will be accommodated where possible info@hylandsburren.com or ring 065-7077037

Hylands Burren Hotel, Ballyvaughan, Co. Clare

www.hylandsburren.com

SPACED OUT SESSIONS



Sharon Shannon 01.08.20 Luka Bloom- 08.08.20 **Lisa Hannigan- 21.08.020**

Scullion-02.08.20 Maírtín O'Connor Trio-07.08.20

More to be announced and tickets are on sale from

www.ticketweb.ie

PIZZA MENU

served from 9.30pm-11pm every night

GARDEN MENU

5pm-11pm in our Garden or Barn weather dependant

LIVE MUSIC EVER NIGHT

from 7-9pm on our Garden or Barn weather dependant.









Dear Visitors,

We are delighted to welcome you to Doolin Cave once again, and although things will operate a little differently, we are determined to make your visit to Doolin Cave a memorable experience as always. In response to Covid-19, we have implemented the following additional measures in line with the HSE recommendations:

Tours are running at a reduced capacity to 13-15 people per tour (previously 24).

Visible markings, Covid-19 information, and signage will guide you safely around the visitor centre and our team will observe social distancing.

All tour participants are required to wear personal protective equipment – PPE (masks and gloves). We encourage you to bring your own PPE where possible or we can provide PPE at cost price.

Contactless payment options are encouraged. Where this is not possible, payment terminals will be disinfected before and after each transaction.

You can also book your tour on our website.

We have provided alcohol-based hand sanitiser at the entrance of the visitor centre.

All common touchpoints including door handles, chairs, and tables are cleaned, sprayed and disinfected multiple times each day.

All tour safety hats are disinfected after each use. Our team have been trained to implement and manage the new safety measures.

As members, Doolin Cave is committed to supporting the local tourism network safety charters which include Doolin Tourism and the Burren Ecotourism Network.

We ask that all visitors sanitize their hands at the entrance to Doolin Cave, wear PPE, and to practice proper respiratory hygiene to ensure everyone's safety.

Doolin Cave and Visitor Centre

Tel: 065 707 5761 | Mobile: 087 2224798

www.doolincave.ie







GARRIHYS

DOOLIN2ARAN FERRIES

are now sailing from **Doolin** to the **Aran Islands** and the **Cliffs of Moher EVERY DAY**

We have implemented a Covid 19 Safe Charter, including mandatory face masks for all crew and passengers over 13 years.

Sailing is a fantastic way to breathe in the fresh Atlantic air after all of those weeks in lockdown!

BOOKING ONLINE RECOMMENDED www.doolin2aranferries.com

New Restaurant In Doolin



Anthony's Doolin

For more information & reservations go to www.doolininn.ie/our-food



For more information visit www.burren.ie

Or find us on our Visit the Burren Facebook Page

Please see a list of our proud members and associates below

BUSINESS MEMBER	LOCATION	WEBSITE
Aillwee Cave and Birds of Prey Centre	Ballyvaughan	www.aillweecave.ie
Airmid Natural Handmade Skincare	Kilfenora	www.airmidsoap.com
Ballinsheen House Garden	Lisdoonvarna	www.ballinsheen.com
Burren Distillery	Ballyvaughan	
Burren Experience Guided walks	Corofin	www.mullaghmore-burren.com
Burren Farm Experience	Boston	www.burrenfarmexperience.ie
Burren Fine Wine Food	Ballyvaughan	www.burrenwine.ie
Burren Free Range Pork Farm	Kilfenora	www.burrenfreerangepork.com
Burren Nature Sanctuary	Kinvara	www.bns.ie
Burren Smokehouse Ltd	Lisdoonvarna	www.burrensmokehouse.ie
Cafe Linnalla ice cream	New Quay	www.linnalla.ie
Caherconnell Fort	Carron	www.caherconnellfort.com
Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience	Liscannor	www.cliffsofmoher.ie
Cormac's Coast	Liscannor	www.cormacscoast.com
Doolin Cave	Doolin	www.doolincave.ie
Doolin Campsite and Caravan Park	Doolin	www.doolincamping.com
Doolin Ferry Co.	Doolin	www.doolinferry.com
Doolin Inn	Doolin	www.doolininn.ie
Doolin Music House	Doolin	www.doolinmusichouse.com
Doolin2Aran Ferries	Doolin	www.doolin2aranferries.com
Dunguire Castle	Kinvara	www.dunguairecastle.com
Ekotree Knitwear	Doolin	www.ekotree.ie
e-whizz electric bikes	Kilfenora	www.e-whizz.com



Visit the Burren, Stay another Night!



BURREN ECOTOURISM NETWORK - MEMBER LISTING

BUSINESS MEMBER	LOCATION	WEBSITE
Falls Hotel	Ennistymon	www.fallshotel.ie
Fiddle and Bow Hotel	Doolin	www.fiddleandbow.ie
Flaggy Shore Oysters	New Quay	www.redbankfoodco.com
Gregans Castle	Ballyvaughan	www.gregans.ie
Hazelwood Lodge	Ballyvaughan	www.hazelwoodlodge.ie
Hotel Doolin	Doolin	www.hoteldoolin.ie
Hylands Burren Hotel	Ballyvaughan	www.hylandsburren.com
Irish Crafts Online	Doolin	www.irishcraftsonline.com
Irish Herbal Roots	Lahinch	www.irishherbalroots.ie
Lahinch Golf Club	Lahinch	www.lahinchgolf.com
Lahinch Property Management	Lahinch	www.lahinchpropertymanagement.ie
Linannes Lobster Bar	New Quay	www.linnanesbar.com
Lisdoonvarna Fáilte	Lisdoonvarna	www.facebook.com/lisdoonvarna.failte/
Market House	Ennistymon	www.markethouseennistymon.com
Merriman Hotel	Kinvara	www.merrimanhotel.com
Michael Cusack Centre	Carron	www.michaelcusack.ie
Moher Cottage	Liscannor	www.mohercottage.com
Monks Seafood Restaurant and Bar	Ballyvaughan	www.monks.ie
Newtown Castle	Ballyvaughan	www.newtowncastle.com
Roadside Tavern	Lisdoonvarna	www.roadsidetavern.ie
Sea View House	Doolin	www.seaview-doolin.ie
Sheedys Hotel	Lisdoonvarna	www.sheedys.com
StoneCutters Family Restaurant	Doolin	www.stonecutterskitchen.com
St Tola Cheese	Inagh	www.st-tola.ie
The Boghill Centre	Kilfenora	www.boghill.com
The Burren Centre	Kilfenora	www.theburrencentre.ie
The Farmyard	Corofin	www.thefarmyard.ie
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The Lodge Doolin	Doolin	www.doolinlodge.com
Vaughans Guesthouse	Kilfenora	www.kilfenorahostel.com
Walk with Pius	Corofin	www. walkwithpius.com
Whites Hotels	Lisdoonvarna	www.whitestours.com
Wild Atlantic Lodge	Ballyvaughan	www.thewildatlanticlodge.com
Wild Honey Inn	Lisdoonvarna	www.wildhoneyinn.com
Wild Kitchen	Lahinch	www.wildkitchen.ie











