



IRISH PEATLAND  
CONSERVATION COUNCIL

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# Action for Bogs No.33

Photo: An army of Emperor moth caterpillars (*Saturnia pavonia*) © N. Madigan

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**\* Summer updates on the work of the Irish Peatland Conservation Council \***



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# Welcome



Image: Great fen-sedge (*Cladium mariscus*) © N. Madigan

**Welcome to Action for Bogs, the IPCC's summer digital newsletter sharing with you progress on current peatland species and habitat projects being undertaken on your behalf, updates from the Bog of Allen Nature Centre and an invitation to you to join the IPCC at upcoming events. You can visit the IPCC at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre Monday to Friday 10am-4pm or contact us at [bogs@ipcc.ie](mailto:bogs@ipcc.ie) or 045-860133.**

## Volunteer Action for Peatland Habitat and Biodiversity Conservation



Image: Volunteer groups on Lullymore West Bog from the Ismaili Civic and Diageo supporting to maintain habitat for the Marsh Fritillary butterfly © Ismaili Civic and Diageo

The IPCC are grateful to all those individuals and groups who give their time to support the IPCC with peatland habitat management and species monitoring through volunteering. We were delighted to welcome groups from both Ismaili Civic and Diageo to our Lullymore West Bog nature reserve, in June. Guided by the IPCC Conservation and Education Officers both groups supported with maintenance of

butterfly habitat on the reserve. The IPCC are also thankful and acknowledge funding in 2026 from the Timahoe North Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund which supported the IPCC purchase gloves and tools for use by volunteers during peatland habitat maintenance. E-mail [bogs@ipcc.ie](mailto:bogs@ipcc.ie) if you would like to join the IPCC volunteer network.

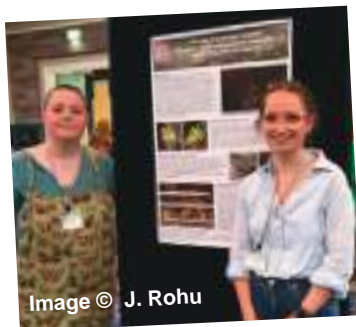


Image © J. Rohu

The IPCC attended the Irish Peatland Society International Conference in June. This conference brought together peatland researchers community, eNGO's and state agencies from Ireland and abroad to share our collective peatland knowledge and experiences. The IPCC were invited to join the organising committee for

## The IPCC Present a Poster at the Irish Peatland Society Conference

this conference and were tasked with coordinating a peatland poster session. 48 posters from peatland researchers from sixteen countries took part including the IPCC. The IPCC's poster shared our research using micropropagated *Sphagnum* moss for peatland restoration at Girley Bog NHA supported by a Meath County Council Heritage Grant 2026.



## Kildare County Council's Community Grant 2026



Image: A selection of peatland resources purchased with funding awarded. © N. Madigan

The IPCC acknowledge funding from and thank Kildare County Council for supporting volunteers at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre. Funding awarded has been allocated for new swift boxes, pond dipping equipment and Marsh Fritillary butterfly nest markers.



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Kildare County Council

## Peatland Advocacy - A Voice for Peatlands on Your Behalf



Image: IPCC CEO, Nuala Madigan and IPCC Policy Officer, Tristram Whyte with Dr Musonda Mumba, Secretary General of the Convention on Wetlands at the Irish Ramsar Wetlands Voices and Vision Conference, 2026 © H. Lawless

Peatland advocacy is one of the core activities of the IPCC. This year, to date, on your behalf the IPCC have represented peatlands on the Irish Ramsar Committee, Peatlands Council Irish Uplands Forum, Peatland Finance Ireland Community Advisory Committee, SWAN and Environmental Pillar. In June we got the opportunity to present to the Secretariat of the Convention on Wetlands sharing peatland challenges, changes and the future that the IPCC campaign for. We also response to peatland planning and scoping documents and public consultations most recently responding to the National Nature Restoration Plan, Counties Donegal and Mayo Draft Biodiversity Action Plans and the EU Birds and Habitats Directive.



Image: IPCC Conservation and Education Officers Laura Cullinane and Áine O'Donoghue monitoring water levels on Girley Bog, 2026 © N. Madigan

## Peatland Habitat and Species Monitoring

The summer months are busy for the IPCC Conservation and Education Officers who's work includes managing your network of peatland nature reserves and undertaking valuable peatland species monitoring, collecting data to support the national understanding of peatland butterfly, bumblebee, dragonfly and damselfly, Common Frog and bird populations. Their work is supported by a network of volunteers and in 2026 through funding from the Heritage Organisational Support Fund of the Heritage Council. If you would like to get involved and learn with and from the IPCC Conservation and Education Officers e-mail the IPCC at [bogs@ipcc.ie](mailto:bogs@ipcc.ie) and join our volunteer network.



## Dragonfly and Damselfly Survey on Lullymore West Bog

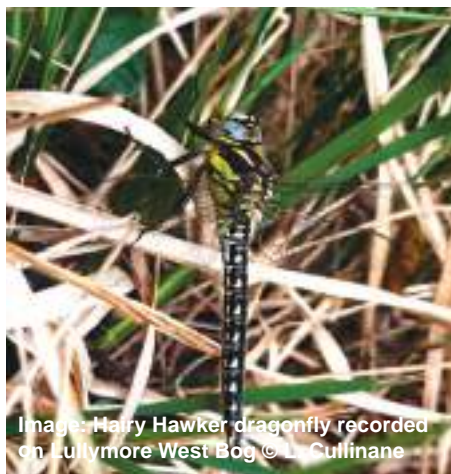


Image: Hairy Hawker dragonfly recorded on Lullymore West Bog © L. Cullinane

With support from Kildare County Council through their Heritage Grant Scheme in 2026 the IPCC are undertaking a dragonfly and damselfly survey on Lullymore West Bog, Co. Kildare. According to the National Biodiversity Data Centre the last submitted record for either of these species at Lullymore West Bog was in 2022. Dragonfly and damselflies are biological indicators of our environmental quality, in particular water quality, as they

spend most of thier life cycles as nymphs in peatland pools. Ireland has fourteen resident dragonfly, 11 resident damselfly and five vagrant species. The IPCC have already recorded a variety of dragonfly and damselfly including the Hairy Hawker dragonfly. You can read the final results of this survey in Peatland News, Autumn 2026. Make sure you join the IPCC as a Friend of the Bog to receive your copy.



## Féile an Dúlra 2026 - International Bog Day & Heritage Week

To date together we have celebrated World Curlew Day, National Biodiversity Week and hosted a compost talk as part of this annual festival of nature.

Some upcoming dates for your diary include Sunday 26th July International Bog Day from 11.30am to 4pm at the Bog of Allen Nature Centre (R51V293). The peatland exhibition and peat free wildlife gardens will be open but you may also like to join a wildlife photography class with wildlife author and photographer Carsten Krieger between 11.30am-1pm (booking required by e-mail to [bogs@ipcc.ie](mailto:bogs@ipcc.ie)), the Breeding Waders EIP will provide a talk on wetland birds at 2pm, the IPCC will guide a walk to Lodge Bog at 3pm and for younger visitors a fun pond dipping activity will be available.

For National Heritage Week the IPCC have organised a series of events including offering free admission to the Bog of Allen Nature



Image: The IPCC's Lodge Bog walk and talk during Heritage Week 2025 © N. Madigan

Centre from Monday 17th-Friday 21st August from 10am-4pm. Other dates include:

- Monday 17th August - 11am - Dragonfly and damselfly walk to Lullymore West Bog.
- Tuesday 18th August - 6.30pm - Girley Bog walk meet the IPCC at Girley Hall (C15 PV21).
- Thursday 20th - 8.30pm - A bat walk with Kildare Bat Group at the Bog of Allen Centre.
- Friday 21st August -11am - Lodge Bog walk.

Full details of IPCC upcoming events visit <https://www.ipcc.ie/events/>.



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## You can take Action for Bogs by taking any of these steps



Save an Acre of Bogland Support IPCC's mission to purchase endangered and unique peatlands. Purchase a symbolic share in 1/16th acre of bog and receive a certificate to commemorate your work in saving Irish bogs. **€45 (PC116)**

Help Restore a Bog.  
Stop damaged bogs leaking greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Your donation will be used to block drains, monitor water levels in bogs and undertake *Sphagnum* moss transplantation. **€50 (PC161)**



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Donation to the Save the Bogs Campaign. Donations to the campaign are used to make a planning observation in favour of bogs or to train volunteers. **€20 PC10**

Bog of Allen Nature Centre Visitor Pass. Receive unlimited access to the Bog of Allen Nature Centre, Gardens and Nature Reserves in Kildare. Pass valid for 1 year, for either 5 adults or a family of 2 adults and 4 children **€20 PC1138**



**Join the Irish Peatland Conservation Council  
as a Friend of the Bog**



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I would like to join as a Friend of the Bog (tick category)

- Single** €40
- Joint/Family/Teacher** €45
- Unwaged** €27

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Mastercard account for €.....

Card number.....

Signature .....

Expiry date .....

Security Code (last 3 digits above signature panel) .....

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Address .....

Tel: ..... Date of Birth: .....

Post to: IPCC, Lullymore, Rathangan, Co. Kildare



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