

Teagasc Notes for week ending Friday 8th October 2021

Comeragh Uplands Communities EIP Project

Learning together about our unique mountain and shaping its future for upland communities

The Comeragh hill sheep farmers are organising a series of five talks between October and December. They will take place every second Tuesday evening, alternating between the Rathgormack and Ballymacarbry Community Centres. The talks will be given by interesting local and guest speakers and will begin at 8.00 PM.

Date	Venue	Speaker	Topic
October 5	Rathgormack	B. Dunford	Working together to sustain our rural communities and their heritage: Reflections from the Burren.
October 19	Ballymacarbry	M. O'Donoghue	How the geography of the Comeragh's make them unique.
November 2	Rathgormack	Hugh Carey	The Comeragh's archaeological treasures.
November 16	Ballymacarbry	M. Desmond	The story of a Cluster village on the Comeraghs – a telling tale.
November 30	Rathgormack	Sean & Shelia Murphy	A bit of Comeragh folklore – telling tales.
December 14	Ballymacarbry	J. Russel O'Connor	Linking the Comeragh's natural and cultural heritage.

So, if you are looking for something interesting to do as the evenings get darker and colder – then look no further. Join us for the talk and enjoy a complimentary cup of tea and good company while you listen! The tea talks are sponsored by the Comeragh Uplands Communities EIP project, which is funded through the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Reflections from the Burren – relevant to special places like the Comeraghs.

The Comeragh hill sheep farmer's first talk in the series will take place in Rathgormack Community Centre on Tuesday October 5th, 2021. The doors will open at 7.30 PM and there will be a welcoming cup of tea with the talk starting at 8.00PM.

Brendan Dunford is the invited speaker, and he will talk to us about *Working together to sustain our rural communities and their heritage: Reflections from the Burren*.

The Burren Programme has evolved over the last 25 years. Its success, can in the main, be attributed to fostering and growing the engagement between Burren farmers and local communities and their share heritage. Individually and together, they have delivered social, economic and environmental dividends for the Burren.

Brendan will share the story of the Burren Programme and its ongoing development, focussing on those aspects which may have relevance to other special places such as the Comeraghs. We will have the

opportunity to discuss with him and how these might inform us on developing a strategy for the sustainable future of the Comeragh's.

Brendan is a native of west Waterford, though now fully adopted by the Burren community, will in his own special way be "bringing it all back home".

