



*In celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> birthday of the European Diploma for Protected Areas, a number of events will take place in the Burren, Ireland's only EDPA site, in 2015.*

The Burren in Bloom Festival 2015 will take place from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 18<sup>th</sup>. This charming festival celebrates the rich and diverse natural heritage of the Burren. The festival itself will feature a series of illustrated talks and guided walks which will introduce people to just some of the habitats and species of the Burren. Walks will be held on Wednesdays and Sundays with talks on Tuesdays and Thursdays. [www.burreninbloom.com](http://www.burreninbloom.com)

The Burren Winterage Weekend 2015 will take place from October 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. This community-led event highlights the importance of farming traditions to the landscape, culture and heritage of the Burren region. A wide variety of activities and events will take place including a 'Winterage School' on the theme of High Nature Value Farming in Europe, Herdsmen's walks with local farmers, a 'Food fayre' of local produce and the famous 'Cattle Drove' where the community come together to herd the livestock back on to the Burren hills for winter. [www.burrenwinterage.com](http://www.burrenwinterage.com)

The Burrenbeo Trust will hold a series of events this year to share the wonder of Ireland's ultimate 'learning landscape', the Burren. These events will include monthly walks, training courses for people interested in 'Place based learning', events enabling people with physical disabilities to share in the wonder of the Burren, and much more including community feasts and 'wild child' days out for young people. [www.burrenbeo.com](http://www.burrenbeo.com)

*The EDPA 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary poster will be on display at these events and in the local NPWS and the Burren Farming for Conservation Programme offices. The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo will also be visible on relevant websites.*