



CLARE CASTLE  
COUNTRY PARK

## NEWSLETTER – MAY 2017

**Heritage Lottery Fund Project.** Julia Holberry Associates have now met many groups, both within Clare and beyond, to find out how they see the park in future and what would make it more attractive to them. The on-line survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CCCP17Survey>) can still be completed but hard copies will also be available in the library and Platform One café from 2pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

At the Party in the park (1<sup>st</sup> July), and the following week-end at the craft fair in the Priory, there will be displays of the ideas that are being developed for making the Park more attractive and interesting (without changing its basic nature). Everyone will have the chance to express their views; these will all be taken into account before the plans are finalised.

**'Platform One' Café.** The café opened on 28<sup>th</sup> April and is proving to be very popular. Richard Palmer is to be congratulated on his ideas that have so cleverly emphasised the railway theme. Leaflets that promote other attractions in the town are available in the café which in future will have a small, but specific, 'Clare tourist information' display area.

**Ladies Walk steps.** The steps at the eastern end of Ladies Walk have come to the end of their life. They have been closed off and will remain so until a new flight has been installed. This is obviously not very satisfactory but has to be done. Consideration is being given to replacing them in a slightly different place; to make them less steep and there is a better view while climbing them.

**Local schools.** On 11<sup>th</sup> May 150 children from the Stour Valley Community School and Clare Primary School completed a successful Humanities Day in the Park.

**Co-op donation.** We are most grateful for the £1,558 that the Co-op donated to the Park from their scheme to promote local charities in 2016/17.

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