### **OURS TO PROTECT**

# **REWILDING AND BIODIVERSITY**

WHAT'S INSIDEThis week on Ours to Protect, show producer Ethna Quirke chatted to<br/>Brian O'Toole of Wild Acres, a social enterprise based in Wicklow,<br/>chats about rewilding, sustainability and their workshops, one of<br/>which takes place locally on Monday.

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As people with the smallest of holdings of land try to make their contribution to securing a more sustainable future, Savour Kilkenny are presenting one of the country's leading exponents of rewilding on bank holiday Monday. Wildacres, a social enterprise dedicated to the protection and preservation of Ireland's native wildlife and environment, will be hosting a rewilding workshop at the main festival stage on the Parade.

The workshop will take place on Monday, October 30th at 11am and will be led by Brian O'Toole, Founder of Wildacres. During the workshop, participants will have the opportunity to learn about the process and potential of rewilding and discover the habitats that have been created on Wildacres' 17.5-acre site in Wicklow.

From wildlife ponds to native woodlands and wildflower meadows, attendees will gain insights into attracting a vibrant array of wildlife to their own land.

"Gardening with pollinators in mind and building habitats for natural wildlife are essential steps in promoting biodiversity and creating a sustainable future," said Brian O'Toole. "We are excited to share our practical advice, tips, and tricks for transforming the biodiversity and sustainability of any land, regardless of its size."

Chairperson of Savour Kilkenny, Ger Mullally, said that the festival is delighted to host this

#### workshop:

'We are acutely aware, as a festival, of how vital it is to protect our environment for the future generations of Kilkenny citizens. Huge numbers of landowners, both farmers and others are looking to do their bit in ensuring that our biodiversity, on which all of our food needs depend, is not just protected, but enhanced. This focus on sustainability has been at the core of our festival for the past fifteen years and we believe that Brian and Wildacres will create new challenges for us all.



## **Useful Resources**

www.wildacres.ie/

<u>www.ourstoprotect.ie</u>

www.savourkilkenny.ie

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