



**Laois Climate Action Plan  
2024-2029**

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**Appendix K**

**Climate Action Extracts from  
Heritage and Biodiversity Strategy**



## Appendix K: Extract from Laois Heritage and Biodiversity Strategy 2021-2026

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The Climate Action Plan does not seek to duplicate the focus of other plans produced by Laois County Council. However, the Laois Heritage and Biodiversity Strategy 2021-2026 contains policies and objectives relevant to climate action.

The following pages contain selected extracts from the Laois Heritage and Biodiversity Strategy 2021-2026. For proper context these strategic aims and objectives should be read in their full context within the Laois Heritage and Biodiversity Strategy 2021-2026. Nevertheless, the extracts in the following pages give an indication to the reader of the extent of such commitments in the Laois Heritage and Biodiversity Strategy 2021-2026.

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### **STRATEGIC AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

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The aims of the Laois Heritage and Biodiversity Strategy 2021-2026 are to:

- a) Conserve and enhance the heritage and biodiversity of Laois;
- b) Commemorate the people and events of historical significance for Laois;
- c) Integrate our work across built, natural and cultural heritage, where possible; and
- d) Celebrate and promote the heritage and biodiversity of Laois. In order to deliver on our aims over the life of the strategy, we will target delivery of objectives across eight key action areas as set out below:

#### **1 RESEARCH, DATA COLLECTION AND BEST PRACTICE**

Objective: Document Laois heritage and biodiversity and ensure that all partners have access to the data, insights and expert guidance required to inform decision-making and guide future investment.

#### **2 INVESTMENT IN KEY SITES AND PROGRAMMES**

Objective: Build on investment in conservation and biodiversity undertaken to sustain and enhance key built, natural and cultural heritage assets in Laois.

#### **3 INVESTMENT IN PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY-LED HERITAGE AND BIODIVERSITY**

Objective: Support the work of heritage and biodiversity champions and build the capacity of local communities to conserve, commemorate, and celebrate local heritage and strengthen pride of place.

#### **4 ENGAGEMENT AND EDUCATION**

Objective: Promote understanding, appreciation, and dialogue; cultivating a collective responsibility to safeguard the heritage and biodiversity of our county and create a sustainable future.

#### **5 POLICY AND ADVOCACY**

Objective: Work with key partners and policy stakeholders to strengthen their understanding of the value and potential in supporting heritage and biodiversity in Laois.

#### **6 PLACE-MAKING AND CONNECTING LANDSCAPES**

Objective: Enhance the integrated experience of heritage and biodiversity at visited sites, and the connections between heritage places across Laois and further afield, to strengthen our sense of place and reveal our storied landscapes.

#### **7 CHAMPIONING LAOIS**

Objective: Target important heritage and biodiversity milestones, connections, stories or developments to raise national/international awareness and appreciation of our county.

#### **8 TARGETING RESOURCES**

Objective: Scope key resource requirements and target investment from local and national sources for delivery of this plan.



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