



The award of the EDPA to the Burren in 2014. Michael Usher presents the EDPA to Minister Jimmy Deenihan of the Dept. of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht.



In celebration of the 50th 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 30th to May 18th. 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. Entry to walks will be €10 and talks are €5 unless otherwise stated. These are free for Burrenbeo Trust members. www.burreninbloom.com

The Burren Winterage Weekend 2015 will take place from October 22nd – 25th. 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

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 (on the first Sunday of every month), 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. Open your eyes to the living Burren with Burrenbeo. www.burrenbeo.com