



Winter Newsletter



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Welcome to Castle Leslie Estate

On behalf of the Leslie family, my team and I, we wish to extend a very warm greeting to you. *Céad míle fáilte* and welcome to Castle Leslie Estate, home to the Leslie family for over 300 years. We are delighted to welcome you to our hidden corner of Ireland.

Winter is a truly magical time to spend at Castle Leslie Estate. Our 1,000 acres take on a serene beauty as frost dusts the landscape and crisp air fills the shorter days. It is a wonderfully cosy season, perfect for peaceful walks and quiet moments by the fire. Enjoy the stunning scenery and expansive outdoor space, including our secluded grasslands, tranquil lake views, and enchanting woodlands, all set in the heart of the countryside.

We hope that you thoroughly enjoy your time with us as you explore our part of Ireland. To truly get the most out of your stay with us, we bring you a flavour of some of the highlights at Castle Leslie Estate and things that you can do in our local area. We look forward to being of service and if we can be of any assistance to you during your visit, please do not hesitate to ask any of the team who are always genuinely delighted to help.

Brian Baldwin
CEO

Things To Do

In our local area

Golf

There is an abundance of golf courses situated close to Castle Leslie Estate.

Concra Wood Golf and Country Club is a mere 20 minute drive from Castle Leslie Estate and is an 18 hole Champonship Golf Course. The golf course was designed by two of Ireland's golfing legends: Christy O'Connor Junior and Senior. Their names are already embedded in Irish golfing history with Christy O'Connor Junior's famous Ryder Cup victory over Fred Couples. Concrawood is a remarkable landscape located in Castleblayney, which is surrounded by Lough Muckno and an overview of the Monaghan drumlins, it is a jewel not only in the northern part of the country, but Ireland as a whole. It will challenge and thrill golfers of all types.

Rossmore Golf Club is located just 15 minutes from Castle Leslie Estate and is a very challenging drumlin style golf course. With its undulating fairways, its numerous streams and lakes, this parkland course offers the ideal golfing combination of challenging yet enjoyable golf over its 18 holes. The course is playable all year round and visitors are assured the warmest of welcomes.

We are delighted to offer our guests special Green Fees for these courses. Please contact our Reservations Team directly on **+353 (0) 4788100** or email: **reservations@castleleslie.com** for further details.

Walking

Sliabh Beagh is an area of upland heathland, blanket bog and outstanding natural beauty that transcends counties Monaghan, Fermanagh and Tyrone. There are several walking routes in the Sliabh Beagh area. These include the Sliabh Beagh Way, a 46km long distance walk, marked from St. Patrick's Chair & Well in Co. Tyrone, entering Co. Monaghan at Lough More, going over Bragan Mountain, carrying on through the lower moorland behind Knockatallon and into Fermanagh via Mullaghfad, Jenkin Carnmore/Carnrock, winding its way through Tully Forest and aptly ending at Donagh. There are additional walks throughout the Sliabh Beagh region, all of which are way[1]marked and vary in length from 6.5km – 10km.

For further useful resources on walking the Sliabh Beagh Way, visit **www.sliabhbeaghadventures.ie/walking**

Game of Thrones Studio Tour

Located at the authentic filming location of Linen Mill Studios in Banbridge, Northern Ireland, Game of Thrones Studio Tour invites you to step behind the scenes of The Seven Kingdoms and beyond. Prepare to experience the world of Game of Thrones like never before and explore how one of the world's greatest ever TV series was created and brought to life on screen.

For further details, please visit **www.gameofthronesstudiotour.com**

Things To Do

In our local area

Discover the Monaghan Peace Campus

A wonderful new addition to Monaghan town, the Peace Campus is a vibrant hub for culture, heritage, and community. Home to Monaghan County Museum, the County Library, youth spaces, and cultural exhibitions, it offers visitors a chance to connect with local history and enjoy engaging events.

Just a short trip from Castle Leslie Estate, the Peace Campus is the perfect stop this autumn to experience the heart and spirit of Monaghan.

For further details, please visit
www.monaghanpeacecampus.com

The Market Place Theatre & Arts Centre

This is Armagh's 'Home Of Entertainment'. Whatever the time of year you choose to visit The Market Place Theatre and Arts Centre, you'll always find a plethora of activities and events to keep you busy and entertained. From top quality new, original theatre to comedy nights, from children's shows to opera, from world-class ballet to professional pantomime, their performances are ready to satisfy even the most discerning culture vulture. For further details and to view event listings, please visit
www.visitarmagh.com/places-to-explore/the-market-place-theatre-arts-centre/

Patrick Kavanagh Centre

The Kavanagh Centre tells the story of Inniskeen's most famous son – the poet, Patrick Kavanagh using immersive and interactive techniques to inspire visitors. There are 6 key zones in the exhibition and these focus on different times/aspects of Kavanagh's life. A multi-media experience provides the emotional core of the exhibition with its visuals and sound effects and this is also used as a performance space for concerts and dramas. Very few writers have rooted their work so physically in recognisable fields and buildings as Kavanagh did and many of these places still exist. Visitors are encouraged to follow the Kavanagh Trail which takes in a number of these sites. This November, Kavanagh is commemorated with the annual Patrick Kavanagh Weekend in the poet's hometown.

For further details, please visit
www.patrickkavanaghcentre.com

Things To Do

In our local area

Armagh Observatory and Planetarium

Armagh Planetarium is the longest running planetarium in the British Isles. The planetarium was opened in 1968 and celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2018.

An icon of the space age when inaugurated, the 12m diameter Dome has witnessed the development of planetarium technology over the past half century. Initially equipped with a starball Goto projector, Armagh then pioneered the introduction of the video revolution into planetaria in the 1970's. Today, Armagh Planetarium is equipped with a state-of-the art digital projector system providing an immersive experience under the full dome. The technology behind Armagh Planetarium includes a Digistar 7 digital projector with two Sony GTZ270 laser diode projectors providing 4K native resolution and a contrast ratio of up to 20,000:1 on the dome. Images are processed using three computers, a host and a graphic processor for each projector, to produce dynamic, real-time representations of the cosmos onto the dome. A 64bit LED cove lighting system illuminates the dome when entering and leaving. A 5.1 audio system from Dante provides a high-quality audio experience to accompany the digital presentations. Armagh's Education team deliver a variety of presenter-led shows under the dome, taking in journeys around the solar system and the stars. These are accompanied by full dome

digital planetarium shows that can take the viewer anywhere in the cosmos. The dome can seat up to 95 people for a show.

For further details or to make a booking for a show, please visit **www.armagh.space**

Rossmore Playpark and Giants

Rossmore Forest Park boasts a new adventure playpark which is suitable for children up to 12 years of age. There is a variety of play equipment in the park including swings, zip lines, climbing frames and see-saws and there are also opportunities for exploration. The play park contains natural play items which encourage initiative, creativity and self-confidence with log piles, willow tunnels, and beehive huts all waiting to be explored.

Another key feature in the park is its resident giants. Roddy den Drum overlooks the lake and Big Ross is asleep under the playpark with only his head and feet visible. There are more giants than these two - so visitors are asked to keep watch for any new ones that appear. For further details, please visit **monaghantourism.com/listing/rossmore-playpark-and-giants/**

Things To Do

In our local area

Glaslough Christmas Winter Wonderland

*Sat, 6th and Sun, 7th Dec 2025
4pm and 6pm*

This is the ultimate festive family experience – a magical holiday show for children and everyone young at heart!

Step into a world of sparkling decorations, heartwarming Christmas spirit, sweet festive treats with games and activities that will make the season unforgettable. With surprises, laughter, and joy around every corner, Meet and chat to Santa and you never know he just might have Rudolph with him. This is where Christmas dreams truly come alive.

For further details, please visit
glasloughchristmaswonderland.com

Monaghan Christmas Street Food Festival

*Sat, 6th Dec 2025
11am to 5pm*

Monaghan Town transforms into a Christmas wonderland stretching from Church Square to The Diamond. Expect mouthwatering street food, seasonal treats, and global flavours from food stalls and trucks, alongside artisan crafts, handmade gifts, and holiday treasures. Live music and carol singers will fill the streets, while communal dining spaces create a warm, social atmosphere. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season with friends and family, savour delicious food, shop local, and make festive memories. It's the perfect day out for family & friends!

For further details, please visit:
tasteofmonaghan.com

For details of all our Winter events or to arrange a booking please visit our website www.castleleslie.com or call us on +353 47 88100



Moments of equestrian adventure...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN EXPERIENCED RIDER to visit us at the Equestrian Centre. Even if you've never ridden a horse, we'd love you to visit and begin your equestrian adventure with us! Although it's Wintertime, don't let the cold weather put you off. We have a world class Indoor Arena with heated seats in our viewing gallery. We even have a Mechanical Horse to teach you or to improve your skills. Throughout the Winter we're giving riding lessons in our superb Indoor Arena with a 45-minute private lesson at €90.

However, if the saddle is not for you, why not enjoy a one-hour enchanting horse drawn carriage ride and journey back in time through the tree-lined avenues and bridleways. This is a wonderful way to experience the beauty of Castle Leslie Estate. Carriage rides may be booked through reception or directly with the Equestrian Centre. They are subject to availability and advance booking is essential at €140 per carriage ride (seats 4 adults, or 2 adults and up to 2 children).

For a complete list of activities visit www.castleleslie.com or call reception.

Bookings can be made within 24 hours notice or sooner depending on availability and weather conditions.

We advise early booking where possible to avoid disappointment.



Moments of lasting bliss...

OUR SKIN GOES THROUGH its own unique transition in response to the changing seasons. To ease that transition guests can enjoy several wonderful facials at the Victorian Treatment Rooms. Some examples of these are below:

EMINENCE FIRE AND ICE HOUSE FACIAL – €140 (75 mins) A fantastic exfoliation with a warming spicy kick of paprika, sage and the horsetail plant. The tingling hot sensation is cooled with an application of chilled rosehip menthol masque followed by a lightly whipped moisturiser. It increases circulation, plumps the skin and refines it to smooth out fine facial lines.

EMINENCE GREEN LAKE FACIAL – €115 (60 mins) A phyto facial of rich organic garden nutrient greens, this treatment also includes oxygenated parsley, red clover, yucca and agnus castus blended with mineral rich thermal lake waters. See and feel extraordinary results of fresh oxygenation on fatigued skin leaving you revived and refreshed.

VOYA RADIANCE FACIAL – €115 (60 mins) This organic facial is deeply detoxifying. It helps to revitalise, even skin tone and increases clarity. It incorporates a relaxing facial massage that releases any build-up of toxins which helps improve radiance and restore a glowing complexion. Suitable for oily, sensitive and dry skin.

In addition to our facials and our seasonal offers, our highly-trained therapists will pamper you with a range of traditional organic therapies from the 'Eminence Organics' & 'Voya' ranges.

For a full menu list please visit please visit our Victorian Treatment Rooms brochure here.

To contact the Victorian Treatment Rooms directly dial extension 405 or email victorianspa@castleleslie.com to make an appointment.
T&C's apply.





Moments of indulgence to savour...

AN AGE OLD IRISH HOSPITALITY DECREES that you get out the best linen, pick the finest food and treat your guests to the best. This tradition continues at Castle Leslie Estate. There is little chance of anyone going hungry—from lazy lunches in Conor's Bar & Lounge at The Lodge, to delightful Afternoon Teas until finally dinner at the multi award winning Snaffles Restaurant.

Our Executive Head Chef, Aaron Duffy and his team celebrate the Winter season in abundance and have created some wonderful menus for you to enjoy. Conor's Bar & Lounge is the perfect place to enjoy traditional style home cooking in a relaxed environment. Choose between the bar, lobby or conservatory.

Snaffles Restaurant serves hearty morning breakfasts to kick start any cold Winter morning, and wonderful sophisticated Winter fare each evening.

*All of our dining
options must be booked in
advance of arrival.*

**Bookings can be made online
by clicking [HERE](#) OR via
Reception on 04788100 /
info@castleleslie.com**



Moments of outdoor adventure...

OUR ACRES OF WOODLANDS, lakes and grasslands make it the perfect location for a wide variety of outdoor activities.

During your stay, wander through our undulating Irish countryside, there are many attractions to see; from the Equestrian Centre and working farm, to the unique flora and fauna and historical sites. These include building ruins, a Gothic Lodge, Walled Garden originating from 1850, the Pinetum, St. Salvator's Church and an Integrated Wetlands project.

There is a host of outdoor activities to avail of at Castle Leslie Estate including:

Walking

There are a variety of exceptional walks, from short jaunts to long leisurely strolls. Wander throughout the Estate grounds and around the village of Glaslough. Breathe in the fresh country air and stunning scenery as you walk throughout the beautiful landscape of our estate. With several walks mapped out, all of which containing stunning scenery, Castle Leslie Estate has something for everyone.

Falconry

Experience a unique insight into the noble and ancient art of Falconry which offers a stimulating, unique, and memorable experience. The majestic, beautiful birds are captive bred both in Ireland and abroad. They include different species of falcons, hawks, owls, and the magnificent golden eagle. We have four different packages which you can choose from, and bookings can be made 72 hours in advance.



Clay Target Shooting

Experience the thrill of Clay Target Shooting at Clontibret Shooting Centre, Clontibret, Co Monaghan (only a 15-minute drive from Castle Leslie Estate). Glenn Ross is an ICPSA accredited Safety Officer and Coach and recognized by An Garda Síochána to carry out gun competency training. He has represented Ireland 11 times at Home International level and once at the World Cup in Rome 2005. He has won the Ulster Open twice and Irish Grand Prix twice in recent years and has 11 Ulster Inter-Provincial badges, 10 of which are winning badges.

Archery

Test your strength and accuracy to the full in a versatile and competitive sport. Archery will not disappoint in the entertainment, satisfaction and fun that it offers. Archery is extremely competitive and really gets a group energized quickly. Your qualified instructor will always accompany you. All necessary equipment is included.

Fishing

The Leslie family have been the custodians of the stunning 'Glaslough' or Green Lake for generations. The lake is brimming with monster pike, and fishermen widely consider it to be one of Ireland's best-preserved loughs. In fact, in 1991 a fisherman reeled in a catch weighing 38lb 9oz (17.5kg) and broke Ireland's 18 year record. Fishing is charged per rod (person) per day and includes the use of a boat.

Boating

Enjoy a morning or afternoon boating on our glistening Glaslough Lake or 'Green Lake'. While away the hours by relaxing on one of our boats and admire the stunning scenery all around you including our ancient woodlands, gardens and of course our beautiful Castle.

Please contact us at reception for information, prices and to make a booking for any of our onsite activities.



Spoil Someone Special With a
Castle Leslie Estate
Gift Voucher

THIS WINTER, GIVE THE GIFT OF ENCHANTMENT
with a Castle Leslie Estate Gift Voucher. It's
the perfect way to treat someone you love to an
unforgettable experience. From December 2025
through February 2026, let the magic of the season
inspire a thoughtful gesture they'll treasure. From
relaxing spa rituals and equestrian breaks to
luxurious overnight stays and the finest dining...
there's something for everyone!

And with Valentine's Day just around the corner, why
not elevate the romance? Treat that someone special
in your life to a luxurious getaway designed to delight
the senses. Think candlelit dinners, fine wines, cosy
corners, and the timeless atmosphere of our historic
estate — the perfect backdrop for love to blossom.





Castle Leslie Estate – Giving Back

AT CASTLE LESLIE ESTATE, we believe that a thriving community is built on kindness, compassion, and connection. Our charitable program is rooted in a personal approach. Each year, we select recipients who are closest to our team members' hearts. These causes are chosen with care, reflecting the people, stories, and challenges that inspire us to make a difference.

We believe it is important to give back to those less fortunate or vulnerable in today's society. Beyond charitable donations, we actively assist our local community in many ways, from supporting sports clubs, tidy towns initiatives, and local fundraisers to contributing towards vital services and awareness campaigns.

This year, we have been proud to support a wide range of local and national organisations, offering our help in the form of vouchers, financial donations, spot prizes, and hands-on volunteering.

National Organisations Supported

- » Focus Ireland
- » Down Syndrome Northeast
- » Make-A-Wish
- » The Brooke Foundation
- » Saint Vincent de Paul
- » The Ifrah Foundation

Local Organisations Supported

- » Glaslough Harriers
- » Glaslough Soccer Club
- » Tidy Towns
- » Monaghan Lions Club
- » Monaghan Rotary Club

Alongside these, we have contributed to many other wonderful causes this year, including:

COPD Cavan/Monaghan Maternity Unit – Sudden Cardiac Arrest, Sean McDermotts GAA for Mothers & Others, Pieta House, Glaslough Villa, Monaghan GAA (Yearbook), Cancer Focus Northern Ireland, Jack & Jill Foundation, Corracrin National School, Debra Butterfly Charity, Cancer Connect NI – Fermanagh Camino, Emyvale GAA, Blackwater Steelers, Women's Aid, Emyvale Ladies GAA, Currin GAA, Joe Donaldson, Hope for Youth Swim NI, Little Blue Heroes, Rehab Centre and more.

We have also provided spot prizes for events hosted by the Lions Club, South Tyrone Hunt Ball, Glaslough Harriers, Dundalk Garda Station, and others.

Our Charitable Highlights This Year

- » Main Stage Sponsor for the Monaghan Food Festival Demo Kitchen
- » Employability Cavan/Monaghan – providing 5 individuals the opportunity to work via this scheme
- » Project Children – proud to be one of the main sponsors for its Move to Monaghan Peace Campus
- » Volunteering with our local Tidy Towns

Our Official Charity Partners

For the first six months of 2025, we supported Down Syndrome Centre Northeast with initiatives including a cookery demonstration, the “Lots of Socks” awareness campaign, and our €1 per guest bedroom donation scheme. From the second half of the year, our focus was on Save Our Sons and Daughters Monaghan (SOSAD) and Focus Ireland, with an additional cookery demonstration in December for SOSAD. We will also hold our annual December collection for St. Vincent de Paul. At Castle Leslie Estate, community is at the heart of what we do. Whether through donations, volunteering, or simply raising awareness, we are committed to making a difference together.



ESTABLISHED IN 2015, The Leslie Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded with a mission to foster regenerative, sustainable land-use and social innovation spanning ecological, cultural, and community spheres. Its overarching vision is “to rebalance our relationship with our land to collectively restore our futures,” driven by the integration of nature, heritage, people, and culture. The foundation acts as a bioregion, using regenerative design principles to pilot nature-based solutions, ecosystem-based adaptations, and social innovations across its landscapes—natural, agricultural, and economic to build climate resilience and communal well-being. Overseen by a board of seven trustees, chaired by Kate Burns (an expert in business and natural resource planning), with trustees including environmental scientists, heritage specialists, and a representative from Castle Leslie Estate, the foundation was formally launched by Castle Leslie Estate in 2017 to ensure that the social and economic benefits generated by the estate could continue and grow across future generations, focusing on the four P’s: people, place, planet, and peace. The Leslie Foundation offers an innovative model of regenerative land stewardship, using our estate to pilot systems that blend environmental restoration, social collaboration, and cultural preservation.

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