



HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

'SCARE CLARE' 2023



Experience the enchantment of Halloween in County Clare. From spine-tingling night walks under the full moon to family-friendly farm fun and storytelling steeped in Irish mythology, the county's Halloween Happenings offer something for everyone. Join in the festivities and immerse yourself in the spirit of the season!



Take a St Tola Farm Tour and Meet the Goats - they're not Scary!



Location: Inagh, Co. Clare.
V95 XA9C
Date: Tuesday, November 1, at 11.30am.

Get up close to the goats at St Tola Goat Farm. Visitors will get to pet the lovely nanny goats, learn all about farming, feeding, and breeding. Visit the milking parlour. Taste all the delicious award-winning St Tola Goat Cheeses!

Admission: €15/adult, €8/child, or €35/family ticket.
See: www.st-tola.ie



Spooky Season at the Cliffs of Moher Experience



Location: Cliffs of Moher, Co. Clare
Dates: Saturday, October 28 to Tuesday, October 31 (kids activities 12pm-3pm).

The Visitor Centre will be adorned with Halloween decorations, and they will have some Spooktacular entertainment planned from Halloween Treasure Hunts to Spooky Story Telling and Face Painting. Open 8 am – 7 pm during October. For the best rates, book online in advance of your arrival.

See: www.cliffsofmoher.ie



An Exciting Halloween at Vandeleur Walled Garden & Visitor Centre



Location: Kilrush Co. Clare
Date: Saturday, October 28 to Friday, November 3, 10am – 4pm.

Experience an exciting fancy dress spooky trail, where you can dress up and follow the trail to solve the mystery of the haunted garden. There will also be daily Halloween-themed activities, including pumpkin carving, stories with Eddie Lenihan and much more. Standard admission rates/local access pass apply:

See: www.VandeleurWalledGarden.ie/halloween



12 O'Clock Hills Invite You to Join Their Halloween Night Walk



Location: Belvoir Carpark, Kilkishen V95 YKN5
Date: Sunday, October 29 at 7.45pm. Starts 8pm sharp.

This walk is suitable for all ages, but be sure to bring torches/head lamps and wear boots and warm clothes. Expect a few surprises along the way! Adult supervision is required for young children. Donations welcomed.

See: www.12oclockhills.com



Halloween Pottery Painting at Charm Bee, Labasheeda



Location: Charm Bee Studio, Labasheeda
Date: Saturday, October 28 to Sunday, November 5.

Paint your own scary ceramic pumpkin, pirate skull, plate, or bowl, and they will glaze and kiln-fire it for you, creating a ceramic keepsake of your own art. They have lots of Halloween-themed pieces, or you can design your own. They are always on hand to guide you or your kids. Suitable for adults and kids of all ages. Stay for a home-baked treat or lunch in their cafe.

See: www.CharmBee.ie



Monsters, Misfits And Mayhem Take Over Bunratty This Halloween



Location: Bunratty Castle & Folk Park, Co.Clare
Date: Saturday, October 28 to Monday, October 30.

Bunratty Castle and Folk Park hosts its biggest Halloween celebration yet when Monsters, Misfits, and Mayhem take over the castle grounds. From ghosts swooping from the skies to a deathly torture chamber in the castle basement and from the witches' kitchen to the haunted train, no gravestone will be left unturned

See: www.BunrattyCastle.ie/halloween



Halloween at Doolin Cave



Location: Doolin, County Clare
Date: Tuesday, October 31.

Enjoy a spine-tingling journey deep into the heart of a spooky underground world. With ghoulish rock formations and eerie tunnel adventures, their cave tour promises thrills and chills. Cave tours run daily throughout the October midterm break. **Event:** Tuesday, October 31, children (aged 4-12) in fancy dress go free (free child admission per paying adult), and each child will receive a treat bag. **Book** by calling 065 707 5761.

See: <https://fb.me/e/3cf1JNQ6>



Full Moon Halloween Women's Circle, Ballynacally



Location: The Shannon Estuary Way Retreat, Ballynacally
Date: Sunday, October 29, 6.30pm

Arrive at 6:30pm and feast on Halloween treats. Followed by an outdoor hot tub and sauna firewood burning to the light of the full moon. Cacao ceremony around the candlelight sharing scary stories. Drumming and sound journey with breath followed by a trance dance in costume. Circle time outside around the Firepit. Leave with treats. **See:** www.ShannonEstuaryWayRetreat.ie



Samhain Celebrations in East Clare - Irish Mythology Storytelling for Kids



Location: Tulla Library, County Clare
Date: Tuesday, October 31.

Bring the children along to enjoy some storytelling on Irish mythology. They can wear a costume if they like! Times: 2:30 to 3.30pm for under 10s 4:30 to 5.30pm for age 10 and over. €2 per child. Booking details are available on website.

See: www.VisitEastClare.ie



Experience a Haunted History Walking Tour of Ennis



Location: Ennis, County Clare
Date: October and November for private groups.

Unlock the darker side of medieval Ennis on this Haunted History Tour. The town's chilling history, mythology, ghosts and more are all explored as you make your way through the atmospheric winding streets and bowways of the town. Ennis and Clare are rich in lore and legendary tales.

See: www.EnnisWalkingTours.com



Samhain Púca Storytelling Festival at the Michael Cusack Centre



Location: Michael Cusack Centre, Carran, Co. Clare. V95 XT95
Date: Sunday, October 29.

Storytelling, face painting, fancy dress competitions, An Púca and the mysterious fairy trail, 'trick or treat' at the witch's cottage. Ghosts, ghouls, witches, and vampires are all at the Michael Cusack Centre this Halloween. Book early online to avoid disappointment.

See: www.MichaelCusack.ie.



Ennis International Fantastic Filmfest (EIFF). Horror, Sci-fi & more



Location: Various venues in Ennis, Co. Clare
Date: Friday, October 27 to Sunday, October 29.

Now in its second year, Ennis International Fantastic Filmfest (EIFF) is Ireland's first film festival based on the 'fantastic' genre, which covers horror, fantasy and sci-fi. The festival attracts worldwide submissions. Lots of creative dimensions - brilliant films; a Fantastic Film Challenge, with crews shooting 5-minute films in Ennis, workshops and more.

See: www.EnnisInternationalFantasticFilmFest.com



Fun Samhain Crafts & Storytelling, Music & Dancing in Tulla



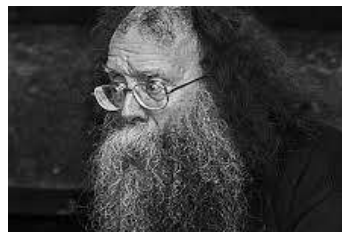
Location: Cnoc na Gaoithe Comhaltas Cultural Centre, Tulla
Date: Friday, November 3 - 12pm - 2pm.

An afternoon of fun with Samhain/Halloween crafts, storytelling, music and dancing for 6 - 14 year olds. Feel free to come along in costume. €5 per person. Booking details are available on their website.

See: www.VisitEastClare.ie



"Tall Tales" - Samhain Storytellers Competition. Go Along and Listen!



Location: Cnoc na Gaoithe Comhaltas Cultural Centre, Tulla
Date: Saturday, November 4, 8:00 - 10:00pm

A Storytelling Competition, open to anyone over 16. Tell your tale of Irish mythology, traditions, or a spooky ghost story. The competition will be judged by Clare-based Seanachai Eddie Lenihan, who will also tell a tale or two! €10 entry fee for storytellers - winner takes all! Come along and listen to these "Tall Tales". All are welcome. Admission is free.

See: www.VisitEastClare.ie



Dial a Seanchai - Listen to Curated Irish Folklore Stories and Songs



Location: Dial in phone service to listen!
Date: Tuesday, October 31 to Thursday, November 30, 2023

Dial A Seanchai offers a phone service for the public to enjoy curated Irish folklore stories and songs from six contemporary voices. Callers can select recordings by well-known Irish artists. These stories and songs, filled with cures, curses, epic battles, and mythical tales, have been carefully crafted to reignite our connection to myth and spark the imagination.

See
<https://clarearts.ie/projects/dial-a-seanchai-2023/>



Children's Magic Show and Balloon Modelling at Moher Farm



Location: Moher Hill Open Farm, Liscannor
Date: Sunday, October 29 at 2pm

Halloween is the time of year when ghosts and goblins visit Moher Hill Farm. Visit for a family fun afternoon with a Magic Show and Balloon Modelling on October 29 at 2pm. Feed and pet all the animals including our new baby llama Luna, Peewee our ostrich, and Maisie our highland cow. Whizz in the go karts, enjoy the bouncing castle and more.

See: www.moherfarm.com



Guided Foraging Walk for Adults in Scariff



Location: Scariff Town Park, Co. Clare
Date: Thursday, November 2, 10:30am - 12:30pm

The Festival of Samhain marks the end of the Celtic year and the harvest season, and the beginning of the new one. On this guided foraging walk (1km) in Scariff Town Park with expert forager Lena Hughes, you will learn about how our ancestors lived, what they ate at different times of the year and how you can begin the wonderful journey of wild foraging. €5 pp. Booking essential.

See: www.VisitEastClare.ie



Saving, Drying, and Preserving Seeds After Foraging



Location: College of Further Education and Training, Scariff Campus
Date: Thursday, November 2, 2:00pm - 4:00pm.

Once you have come back from wild foraging, what do you do with your hoard? This demo will show easy, practical ways to save, dry, and preserve your seeds so that they can be used throughout the year. Lena will also give tips on how to use them in your own recipes.

See: www.VisitEastClare.ie



Pickling and Preserving Your Foraging Hoard



Location: East Clare Community Co-Op, Scariff
Date: Friday, November 3, 10:00am - 1:00pm

A demonstration by Lena Hughes on how to pickle and preserve your hoard. This demonstration will show you some great pickling food preservation techniques to capture the riches of seasonal foods to last throughout the year. €5.00 pp. Adults only. Booking details are available on the website.

See: www.VisitEastClare.ie



Things Change - Always Check Event Details

Even in the world of Halloween enchantment, things can change. Please always verify event dates, times, and venues, and if possible, book ahead. Also, check their websites directly for full details, as it wasn't possible to feature everything on these pages. That way, the surprises will always be on the fun side!



www.VisitClare.ie/scares