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# FOOTSTEPS IN THE FOREST

26–27 August 2016  
Slieve Gullion Forest Park



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District Council

# Foreword by the Chairperson of Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

“Is mór an pléisiúir domh tú a choinneáil ar an eolas faoi na féiltí nua sa Cheantar. Léiríonn Wake the Giant agus Footsteps in the Forest glórmhian na Comhairle go mbainfidh an ceantar álainn seo an-cháil amach mar óstach d’imeachtaí thar barr. Ba mhaith liom aitheantas a thabhairt do Chomhairle Ealaíon Thuaisceart Éireann, agus a Ciste Dúshláin na Rialtais Áitiúla as an mhaoiniú chun na himeachtaí seo a chur ar fáil. Tá an dá Fhéile seo mar chuid dár sraith imeachtaí ‘Giant Adventure’. Dearadh agus cuireadh le chéile iad ionas go bhféadfaí an deis a thapú chun oidhreacht chultúrtha agus áilleacht nádúrtha an cheantair seo a chur chun tosaigh.

Tabharfar finscéal an fhathaigh suain chun beatha i gceiliúradh dhá lá a bheas fóirsteanach do chách idir óg agus aosta. Tá mé ag súil go mór leis an ócáid seo: tá an chosúlacht air go mbeidh craic ollmhór ann.

Chomh maith leis sin beidh aistear diamhair draíochta ann i bPáirc Foraíse Fáinne Cnoc Shliabh gCuillinn nuair a bheidh cuairteoirí ag bualadh le muintín na coille agus créatúir na sléibhte agus na n-uiscebhealaí. Léigh an t-eolas faoi na himeachta, na huaireanta agus na háiteanna uilig. Tá mé tnúth go mór le tú a fheiceáil ann!”

“It gives me great pleasure to introduce you to these new festivals for the District.

Wake the Giant and Footsteps in the Forest represent my Council’s ambition that our beautiful Newry, Mourne and Down District will gain an enviable reputation as the host of world-class events. These two form part of our “Giant Adventure” series of events, and have been conceived and developed in order to capitalise on the wealth of natural beauty and mythical legends we are so proud of here. I would like to acknowledge funding from Arts Council Northern Ireland, through their Local Authority Challenge Fund, for the delivery of these events.

The legend of the sleeping giant in Warrenpoint will be brought to spectacular life in a two-day celebration which we believe will cater for all ages. I am so excited about what this will bring to the area: this promises to be Gigantic Fun!

Meanwhile, Slieve Gullion Forest Park will come alive as visitors encounter forest folk and creatures from our mountains and waterways in a magical mystery tour. Read on to find out all the essential details about what’s happening, when and where. I look forward to seeing you there!”



**Clr Gillian Mhic Giolla Pádraig**

An Cathaoirleach,  
Comhairle Ceantair an Iúir,  
Mhúrn agus an Dúin

**Councillor Gillian Fitzpatrick**

Chairperson, Newry, Mourne  
and Down District Council

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**Friday 26 & Saturday 27 August**  
From 10am in Slieve Gullion Forest Park

It's High Summer at Slieve Gullion Forest Park, and the mythical creatures who live within our District are coming together for their annual meeting. Step in, and step outside the world as you know it. Leave behind all that is familiar and let the gentleness of nature restore your weary spirit.

From land, sea and sky, a mythical people are coming together, to meet old friends, to make new friends; to share with us their stories of a world that has been forgotten and which is just waiting to be explored.

Slieve Gullion Forest Park has been chosen to host the annual meeting of the woodland, sea-world and forest folk!

Such excitement at the honour! Walk the trail, guided by tricke pathfinders, and meet them all. Have you heard about the Birdman of Slieve Donard?, or the Tree Family from Castlewellan? Did you know that Newry Mourne and Down District is home to these magical marvels? NO?

Well, seeing is believing! Join in the fantastic forest fun and encounter all manner of mythical wonders; all here to make big decisions which affect their enchanted lives. They're here for a meeting, but you'll get to meet them before the business of the day is done.

What's that hiding in the shadows, darting to and fro in murky places? That'll be the Cailleach Bheara, here to settle a score with Finn McCool.

Can the Queen of the Faeries keep the peace...?

This is a guided tour theatrical performance; to book your slot please visit [www.ringofgullion.org/events](http://www.ringofgullion.org/events)

Please allow plenty of time to get to the park for your allotted tour; please follow the traffic signs for the park & ride.

We recommend that you book early to avoid disappointment. The tour will take approximately 1 hour 15 minutes so please ensure you bring suitable footwear and clothing.

We do not recommend bringing pushchairs as per normal activities on the mountain.

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Fun and the aroma of delicious food of local provenance.



## **Children's Entertainment** From 10am in the car park

- Face Painting
- Balloon Modelling
- Fire Performers
- Jumping Clay
- Mr Mess the Clown
- Monster mask making
- Alice in Wonderland production
- Blacksmith Forge with Gerard Loughran



## **Artisan Food Fayre** Higher Car Park 10am – 7.30pm

The market will offer excellent food produce of local provenance in a traditional style market place as well as live demonstrations, so why not ensure you visit and enjoy a tasty treat.



## **Footsteps of Traditional Irish Music** Higher Car Park 10am – 7.30pm

Traditional Arts Partnership boasts very talented young musicians from South Armagh, who come together weekly to teach each other different instruments and take on partners to master each others instruments. They perform live in the Welcome Inn, Forkhill every Tuesday evening supporting the local traditional music scene.

These young musicians have been showcased at a number of high profile events including the recent Women in Unison concert in London, Keep NI Beautiful Annual General Meeting and they have appeared at several civic ceremonies as well as playing at lots of other smaller gigs all across Ireland, the UK and Spain.

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## Thursday 25 – Sunday 28 August

### Traffic & Parking Arrangements

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Newry, Mourne and Down District Council wishes to advise the public of the following **traffic and parking arrangements** for Slieve Gullion Forest Park:

### FREE Park & Ride

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Available from:  
The Jade Centre, Jonesborough  
and Wood Road, Meigh.

Please follow traffic signs on  
approach.

### Disabled Parking

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FREE Park & Ride facility will  
be available from:  
Killeavy GAC  
49 Forkhill Road, Newry  
BT35 8QX

### Please Note

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**No car parking will be  
available at Slieve Gullion  
Forest Park from 6pm on  
Thursday 25 August until 8pm  
Sunday 28 August.**

For more information contact Festival Office on +44 (0) 2830 313170  
or check out: [visitmournemountains.co.uk](https://www.visitmournemountains.co.uk)

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For further information contact our  
Festival Office at the following address:

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Bagenal's Castle, Castle Street  
Newry BT34 2BY  
+44 (0)28 3031 3170

Or check out:  
[newrymournedown.org](http://newrymournedown.org)  
[visitmournemountains.co.uk](http://visitmournemountains.co.uk)

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