

IMBOLG NEWSLETTER

Farming is rarely easy, but it's been a particularly tough start to the year after Storm Eowyn, especially in the West. We know farmers and growers are amongst the most resilient people and have witnessed the amazing community spirit that gets us through the tough times. This Imbolg, we invoke the wisdom, healing and protection associated with the pagan goddess of farming and livestock, Brigid, and latterly a saint to the same name to give us hope for the brighter, longer days right around the corner.

In this issue, we bring you up to speed on what's new with the project and signpost some events and resources that might help you farm for nature this Spring.



Our Newest Ambassadors

Over the next three months we will be launching our three newest Ambassadors. Rob Kennedy & Seán Gilligan (pictured below) of Knocknarea Farm are this month's Ambassadors. They run a mixed regenerative enterprise in Co. Sligo.

In March, Mayo sheep farmer Colum Ginnelly (left) will be our featured ambassador of the month. And in April, organic Offaly beef farmer Ken Gill (far left) will do the honours.

Upcoming Events

All our new ambassadors will take part in an online Q&A each month over the year. Next Tuesday 11th February, Seán & Rob from Knocknarea Farm will be telling the story of their 20 ha mixed farm in Co. Sligo. No-dig market gardening, mob-grazing and closing their fertility loops are some of the ingredients to their success. Register for the Q&A [here](#)





Project Updates

Nominations for this year Farming for Nature Awards have recently closed.

The adjudication process has begun in earnest with interviews to take place over February and March and farm visits scheduled for April and May.

The nominees will be announced in due course...

How To Farm For Nature This Spring

Our website and YouTube channel are filled with valuable advice from farmers on how to farm in harmony with nature. The information is organized by season and month, so you'll know exactly what steps to take this February.



The Best Insurance Policy

The Farming for Nature Handbook is the best long-term investment you could make in your farm.

Guaranteed returns include farm resilience to floods and drought, increase in margin and the sound of birdsong back on the land.

Available to buy on our website

Celebrating Nature on Farmland North and South

Farming For Nature are delighted to have been awarded a grant from the Irish Government's Shared Island Civic Society Fund, to deliver a 'Where Nature Knows No Borders' project in 2025. The project aims to coordinate a series of farm walks and online webinars, involving Farming For Nature Ambassadors from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Keep an eye on our next newsletter and socials in the early Summer for the exciting events we are organising both sides of the border and how you can join in.



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