

Festival Timetable

7th-17th August

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CHAIRMEN'S WELCOME

Welcome to the Loughside Festival 2025!

We're delighted to welcome you to The Loughside Festival 2025 – a ten-day celebration of community, culture, and family fun, running from Thursday 7th August to Sunday 17th August.

This year is extra special, with exciting new events added to our programme and a packed line-up of activities for all ages. Events will take place across Warrenpoint – in the town park, town hall, and town square – transforming the area into a vibrant festival hub.

A major highlight of this year's programme is the 20th Irish International Currach Championship, proudly hosted by the Carlingford Lough Currach Club on Warrenpoint Beach from 7th–10th August. This promises thrilling races and an incredible coastal atmosphere.

Don't miss our much-loved Annual Parade on Sunday 10th August – set to be bigger and better than ever, with more bands, more fun and plenty of lively community spirit. Be sure to line the streets and cheer them on!

Warrenpoint has a long-standing tradition of celebrating 15th August, and we're marking the occasion with a full day of free events and entertainment for all the family. The day concludes with a breathtaking firework display over Carlingford Lough at 10pm, presented in partnership with Tidy Towns Omeath, and kindly supported by NMDDC and Louth County Council.

As the festival draws to a close on the 17th August, we pause to remember a cherished member of our community. This year, we sadly lost Anna O'Hagan, a dear friend and former committee member. In her honour, we'll close the festival with "A Run to Remember", in aid of Dementia NI – a heartfelt tribute to Anna's spirit and dedication to our town.

The Loughside Festival wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our local business community. Their ongoing sponsorship and enthusiasm make this celebration a reality. We're also delighted to welcome new sponsors this year – please support these businesses, featured in our online programme.

A sincere thank you also goes to our dedicated voluntary committee and event volunteers, whose hard work and passion bring the festival to life year after year.

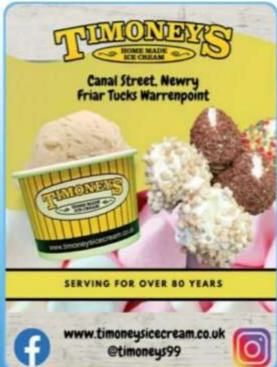
We hope you enjoy every moment of Loughside Festival 2025 – and that it leaves you with memories to last a lifetime.

Warmest regards, Elmer Bell / Simon Grant Joint Chairmen, Loughside Festival









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Thursday 7th August

The 20th Irish International Currach Championships

Family & Community "Come and Try It" Sessions (free) 9:30am-11:30am Session 1 @ Front Shore (beside Baths)

11:30am Photo call with participants, coaches, Council Chair & Sponsor 12pm-2pm Session 2 @ Front Shore (beside Baths)

Friday 8th August

7pm Outdoor Cinema @ The Town Park
£5 Donation per group/family with free entry into the raffle
Sponsored by Mully's Donuts, The Little Red Pizza Truck &
Coffee Shack

The 20th Irish International Currach Championships 7:30pm-10:30pm Competitors and visitors arrive, informal

Meet & Great, with Music by Currach Folk & Friends @ The Posh Pig Bar & Bistro

Saturday 9th August Heats of Currach Championships

9:30am Registration @ Front Shore (beside Baths)

10:15am Race Start @ Front Shore (beside Baths)

2:30pm Completion of Heats @ Front Shore (beside Baths)
(BBQ, tea, coffee & water available throughout the day to participants and spectators)

11am-5pm Artisan Market @ The Town Park

12pm Dog Show @ The Square

Registration at 12pm, Show at 1pm Sponsored by Pet Connection & Pet Point

2pm Fun Day In The Park

- Market Stalls/Face Painting/Food Stalls/Games
 Tribal Drummers
- Genoa Ice Cream Stand
- Warrenpoint GAA Football Tester/Games/Activities
- 2:30pm Warrenpoint Theatre Group performance @ Band Stand

3pm Silent Disco with Silent Vibes NI @ Band Stand (£3 entry)







Mourne Hot Barrel Sauna

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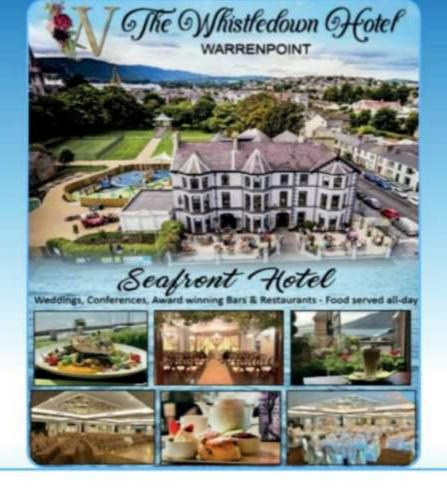














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Sunday 10th August

8am-8pm Peace Stone Ultra 12 Hour Charity Run @ Warrenpoint Promenade

The 20th Irish International Currach Championships

11am-3:30pm Currach Championship Finals @ Front shore (beside The Baths)

4pm Presentation of winners trophies by Chair of Council & Sponsor

@ Front shore (beside The Baths)

11am-3pm Warrenpoint Art Group Exhibition

@ The Pavilion, Town Park Showcasing the creative talent of local artists

11am-4pm East Coast Adventure "Come & Try" events @ The Beach

Sessions running on the hour, every hour (£11 per person) Online booking only www.eastcoastadventure.com

3pm Festival Parade

4pm Fun In The Park Event

- Face Painting/Balloon Modelling/Music
- Food Vendors/Market Stalls
- Tribal Drummers
- Genoa Ice Cream stand

4pm McAvoy School of Irish Dancing performance @ The Whistledown

5pm-7pm Live music with Matthew McGrath & Friends (feat Mary McGrath) @ The Band Stand

The 20th Irish International Currach Championships 7:30pm-11pm Reception Buffet, entertainment & close

of event @ The Posh Pig Bar & Bistro









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Monday 11th August

9pm Trad Session @ The First & Last Bar

Tuesday 12th August

1pm Mourne Hot Barrel Sauna @ The Beach(£10 per seat)

2pm Tea with The Friendship Club @ GAA Clubrooms with music supplied by Janice McGivern & Friends Sponsored by Diamonds Restaurant

4pm Kids Disco @ The Town Park with DJ Red Marty

Wednesday 13th August

2pm Mourne Hot Barrel Sauna @ The Beach (£10 per seat)
7pm Blues In The Park/Zac Mac Band Live

@ The Band Stand Sponsored by The Whistledown

Thursday 14th August

7pm Red Ferry Plaque Unveiling @ Omeath
A special cross-border commemorate event in Omeath Village

recognising the Red Ferry Service that once linked Warrenpoint & Omeath, serving as a vital connection between communities

on both sides of Carlingford Lough.

This poignant ceremony will feature the unveiling of a commemorative plaque in Omeath, complementing the existing

plaque in Warrenpoint.

7pm Loughside Festival Pub Quiz

@ The Vic Bar (function room) £5 per person

7:30pm Story-Telling of Memories of the Ferrymen

@ The Strand Hotel, Omeath (refreshment provided)









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Friday 15th August

11am-5pm Fayre Day @ The Square Sponsored by Friar Tucks & Timoney's Ice Cream

Market stalls/Face Painting/Games/Music/Balloon Modelling

Farm Animals & Petting Zoo
Sponsored by AV Taxis

11am-3pm Warrenpoint Art Group Exhibition

@ The Pavilion, Town Park
Showcasing the creative talent of local artists

1pm DJ Red Marty @ Main Stage, The Square

2pm Kids Fancy Dress Competition @ Main Stage Sponsored by The Whistledown

4pm-5pm Live Music @ Main Stage Cara-Rose Toale & Beth McElroy Music Sponsored by Rosemary Connolly Solicitors

5:30pm-7pm Live Music @ Main Stage The Fawn Ewes Sponsored by The Vic Bar

7:30pm-9:30pm Live Music @ Main Stage Gavin Gribben Sponsored by Diamonds Restaurant

10pm Light Up the Lough Carlingford Lough Firework Display @ The Pier Visible from Warrenpoint Seafront & Omeath Shoreline.

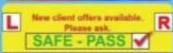
Don't miss the spectacular Annual Carlingford Lough Firework
Display, lighting up the skies in celebration of 15th August Fayre

Day. This much-loved tradition with vibrant fireworks reflecting across the lough in a breathtaking show of colour and community

spirit.

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Saturday 16th August

10am Yoga in The Park With Jenny T @ Town Park Free entry, Ages 16+

Bring your own mat

11am Poc Fada on the Beach

U16s Competition male/female £3 Senior Competition male/female £5 Sponsored by Safe Pass School of Motoring

- 2pm-4pm Teddy Bear Picnic @ Town Park Sponsored by The WBR Credit Union
 - Kids Disco with DJ Red Marty
 - Market Stalls/Face Painting/Food Stalls Tribal Drummers
 - Genoa Ice Cream Stand
 - Warrenpoint GAA Hurling/Camogie Tester Games/Activites
 - Special appearance by Ghostbusters Northern Ireland

Treats and snacks Sponsored by Fresh Food Centre Warrenpoint

Panic Station Comedy Night with Paddy McDonald & Friends @ The Town Hall (Tickets on Eventbrite)

6:45pm Doors Open

8pm Show Starts

Sunday 17th August

- 10am Loughside Run To Remember 5K/10k Charity Run @ The Pier Sponsored by Kelly Brothers
- 11am-3pm Warrenpoint Art Group Exhibition @ The Pavilion, Town Park

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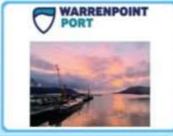


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