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## **Family fun guaranteed at Waterford Country Fair June 11, 2017**

**Make-A-Wish fundraiser to help grant wishes for children**

Fearless jousting knights on horseback, stunning birds of prey and artisan food and crafts from the four corners of Ireland are just some of the countless attractions expected to spur thousands to attend this year's Waterford Country Fair, a fun-filled, family-focused fundraiser on Sunday, June 11, which this year will help grant wishes to children with cystic fibrosis through Make-A-Wish Ireland

The third annual Waterford Country Fair is a unique chance for everyone to embrace all that is exciting, fascinating and captivating about country life and living this summer in the extensive grounds of stunning Curraghmore House and Gardens in Portlaw, Co. Waterford.

Shuttle busses are planned from Waterford city and it is hoped that families walking or cycling along the stunning new Waterford Greenway will also make the short journey to Curraghmore for what the organisers promise will be their best Country Fair yet.

Funds raised go to Make-A-Wish Ireland, a children's charity which grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions and gives them hope, strength and joy. Make-A-Wish CEO Susan O'Dwyer, says, "We are delighted to be the charity chosen by the Waterford Country Fair committee this year and look forward to holding a fundraising collection at this great family event.

"We recently granted our 2000<sup>th</sup> wish and since we receive no government funding, we rely on the generosity of the general public to help us to continue to grant wishes to children living with life-threatening illnesses."

The day-long event starts from 10am and includes jousting, sheep dog trials, poultry displays, falconry, dressage, side saddle and pony club games qualifiers for the Royal Dublin Horse Show. Gundog guru, Keith Matthews, makes his first appearance and Fair-goers will also have a chance to try their hand at fly fishing, archery and so much more, Committee Chairperson, Jo Breheny, explained.

"We've delighted to have the jousters back – they were a huge hit last year and they really add to the sense of occasion on what is always a fantastic family day out. We're thrilled to link up with Make-A-Wish, a charity that does so much good work.



“Our event is very much the Bloom for Country Living. All of the popular attractions are back, such as live music, beekeeping and a “living” medieval village which will quite literally take visitors back in time to experience medieval life in Ireland,” Jo explained.

- Admission is €10 per adult, young children €5. Fomore log on to <http://curraghmorehouse.ie/country-fair/> or visit our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Waterford-Country-Fair-712555788872303/>

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