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1st July 2016

To: GLAS Advisors

Re: **GLAS Farm Walks – July 2016**

Dear Advisor,

Please see details of GLAS Farm Walks that will take place at various locations in July, on the attached.

Sincerely,

GLAS
Agriculture Structures & Market Supports Division
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DAFM Farm Walks for Twite, Corncrake and Grey Partridge Farmland Birds.

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM), in consultation with National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) and BirdWatch Ireland (BWI), introduced specific farmland bird prescriptions within the GLAS scheme for Twite, Corncrake and Grey Partridge.

To encourage further uptake of these specific farmland birds in future tranche(s) of GLAS, the Department, in conjunction with NPWS, BWI and other experts, are running a number of Farm Walks in the coming weeks in Mayo, Donegal and Offaly.

The objective of the farm walks is to provide information on Twite, Grey Partridge and Corncrake, as to why they are included as a Tier 1 priority within GLAS and to explain to farmers who wish to join the GLAS scheme what they must do to comply with the scheme specification in order to draw down their GLAS payments.

Farmers that are currently participating in GLAS that have the Twite, Grey Partridge or the Corncrake as GLAS actions on their GLAS are also invited to attend.

At the end of each of the Farm Walks, there will also be an opportunity for general Q&A on the GLAS scheme.

The schedule for the Farm Walks is set out in the following table:

Co. Donegal

Farm Walk No.	Specific Farmland Bird	County	Farmer Name and Meeting Point	Dates and Time
1.	Grey Partridge	Donegal	Farmer: John Boyd Bryce, Strahack, Inch Island, Lifford, Co. Donegal Meeting Point: Address as above – follow GLAS Farm Walk Signs from Burnfoot	6 th July with Farm Walk commencing @ 6pm sharp
2.	Twite	Donegal	Farmer: Brian McGill, Maghera, Donegal PO, Co. Donegal Meeting Point: Address as above – follow GLAS Farm Walk Signs from Ardara	7 th July with Farm Walk commencing @ 2pm sharp

Co. Mayo

Farm Walk No.	Specific Farmland Bird	County	Farmer Name and Meeting Point	Dates and Time
3.	Twite	Mayo	Farmer: Pdraig Reilly, Glenlara, Belmullet, Mayo Meeting Point: Address as above – follow GLAS Farm Walk Signs from Belmullet	12 th July with Farm Walk commencing @ 2pm sharp
4.	Corncrake	Mayo	Farmer: Brendan Lynskey, Carne Fowler, Belmullet, Mayo Meeting Point: Address as above – follow GLAS Farm Walk Signs from Belmullet	12 th July with Farm Walk commencing 6.30pm sharp

Co. Offaly

Farm Walk No.	Specific Farmland Bird	County	Farmer Name and Meeting Point	Dates and Time
5.	Grey Partridge	Offaly	Farmer: Joseph & Paul Molloy, Leamore, Tullamore, Co. Offaly Meeting Point: Teach Lea Community Centre (beside Bord Na Mona works), Boora, Co. Offaly.	13 th July with Farm Walk commencing @ 2pm sharp

DAFM would like to thank the farmers above for making their lands available for these GLAS Farm Walks and would remind all attending to wear suitable clothing and footwear.