

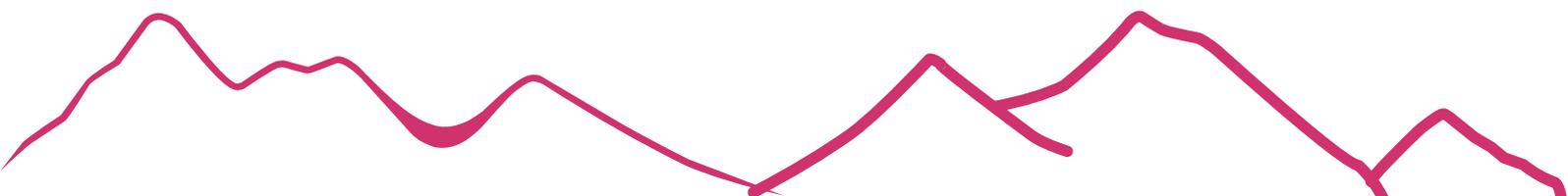
Comeraghs Wild Festival

An Evening of Song & Story
Woodhouse Estate, Stradbally
Sunday 12th July 5pm.

As the light softens and the day drifts gently into evening, the walled garden of Woodhouse Estate will come alive with song, story and soaring harmonies for a very special open-air celebration of music.

Leading the Line Up are **The Backyard Band** — a powerhouse five-piece made up of three former members of the much-loved band Tweed. Featuring Brendan Ryder (vocals/guitar), Dave Hallissey (sax, harmonica and vocals), Gay Brazel (guitar and vocals), Mick Grace (drums/vocals) and Peter Dowley (bass and vocals), the band has been writing, recording and lighting up stages across the South-East since 2019.

Known for their energy, musicianship and rich vocal blend, The Backyard Band will deliver their trademark mix of classic favourites, beloved Tweed songs and original material. Festival favourites in their own right, they have previously headlined The Comeraghs Wild Festival and return to the Comeraghs by popular demand in 2026.



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They are firm regulars at Kilkenny Roots Festival and Dunmore East Bluegrass Festival. Expect a set packed with heart, soul and songs that were made to be sung along to beneath an open sky.

Also taking to the stage are the extraordinary **White Horse Guitar Club** — music storytellers and carriers of song, eleven voices blending as one. From a rainy evening in their local pub in Ballincollig, Co. Cork in 2012 to sold-out tours, millions of online views, and a special performance for President Michael D. Higgins and Sabina Higgins at Áras an Uachtaráin, theirs is a remarkable journey.

Formed after an open call by founder Joe Carey at The White Horse pub, what began as a casual gathering around songs and stories evolved into one of Ireland's most distinctive musical collectives. Built on camaraderie, friendship and a deep reverence for storytelling traditions, the eleven-man ensemble is celebrated for its rich harmonies and soulful reinterpretations of folk, Americana and traditional Irish music.

Eleven guitars, voices in unison, harmony and melody — on paper it shouldn't work, but in performance it is nothing short of spellbinding. Set within the intimate beauty of the Estate's historic walled garden, this early evening concert promises warmth, connection and unforgettable live music in a truly magical setting. Bring a chair, gather your friends, and let the songs carry you into the summer night.

