

Quarterly review

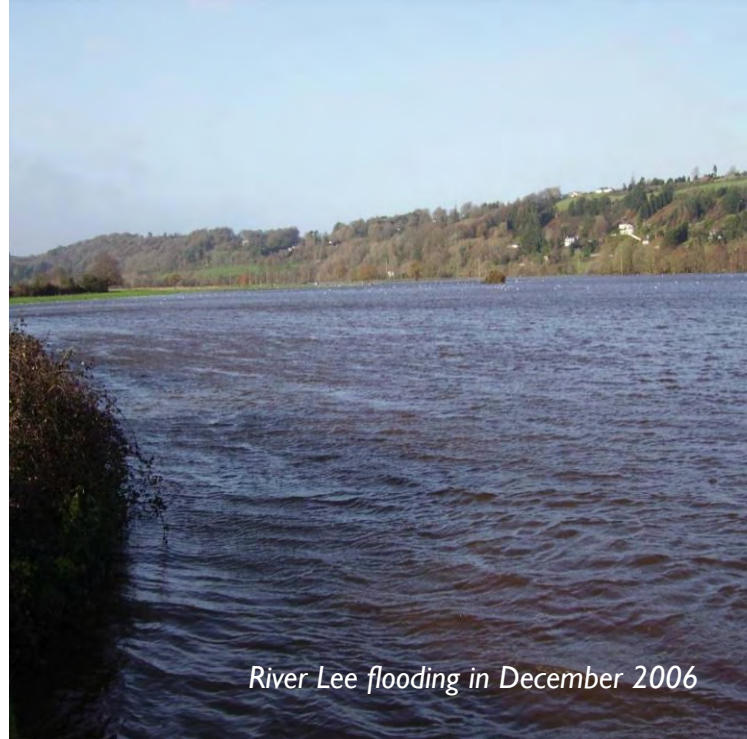
To date the project is running to schedule. A significant amount of data has been gathered and analysed over the last 3 months. We have completed the inception stage of the project and are in the process of writing up our scoping report for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). We have completed the first round of public consultation and information days and our defence asset survey has commenced. You can keep track of our progress in future issues of the newsletter or by logging on to our website.

Project website

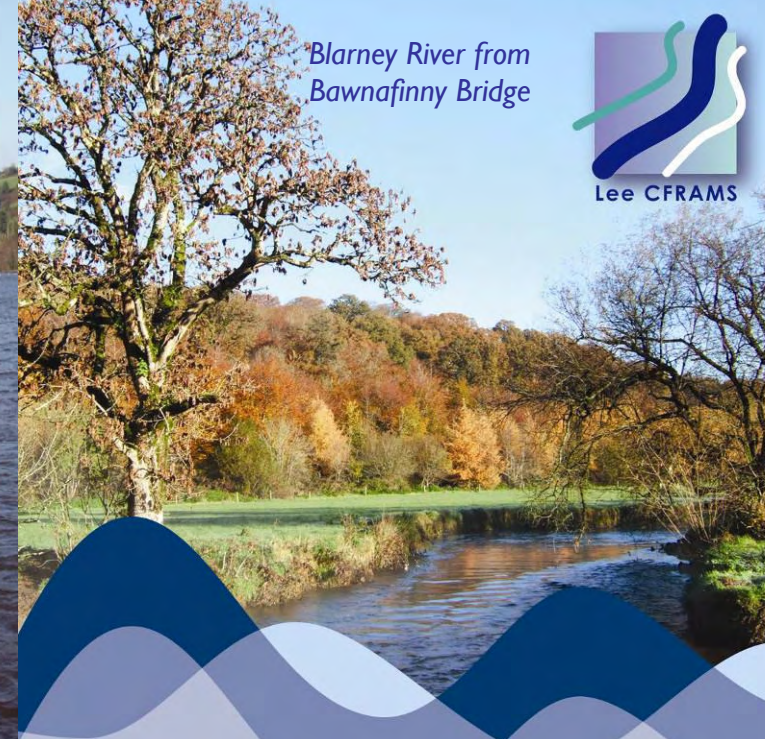
Our project website has recently been launched. The website has been set up to provide information on the project and allow users to give feedback. Information available on the project includes a background to the study, maps, schedule of work, latest news and a 'downloads' section where the monthly newsletter is published. A feedback form allows users to provide any information they may have relating to the study. Please visit our site at www.leecframs.ie for further information.

Next issue

The next issue of the newsletter will be available in late January. Our 'Focus On' section will provide details on the cross sectional survey of the rivers and structures within the catchment, which is due to commence in January. In the mean time, the project team would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.



River Lee flooding in December 2006



Blarney River from
Bawnafinny Bridge



Contact details

If you have any questions or require any further information relating to this study or if you would like to be included on a distribution list for future issues of this newsletter please email LeeCFRAMStudy@opw.ie

Further information is also available on our project website at www.leecframs.ie

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Introduction

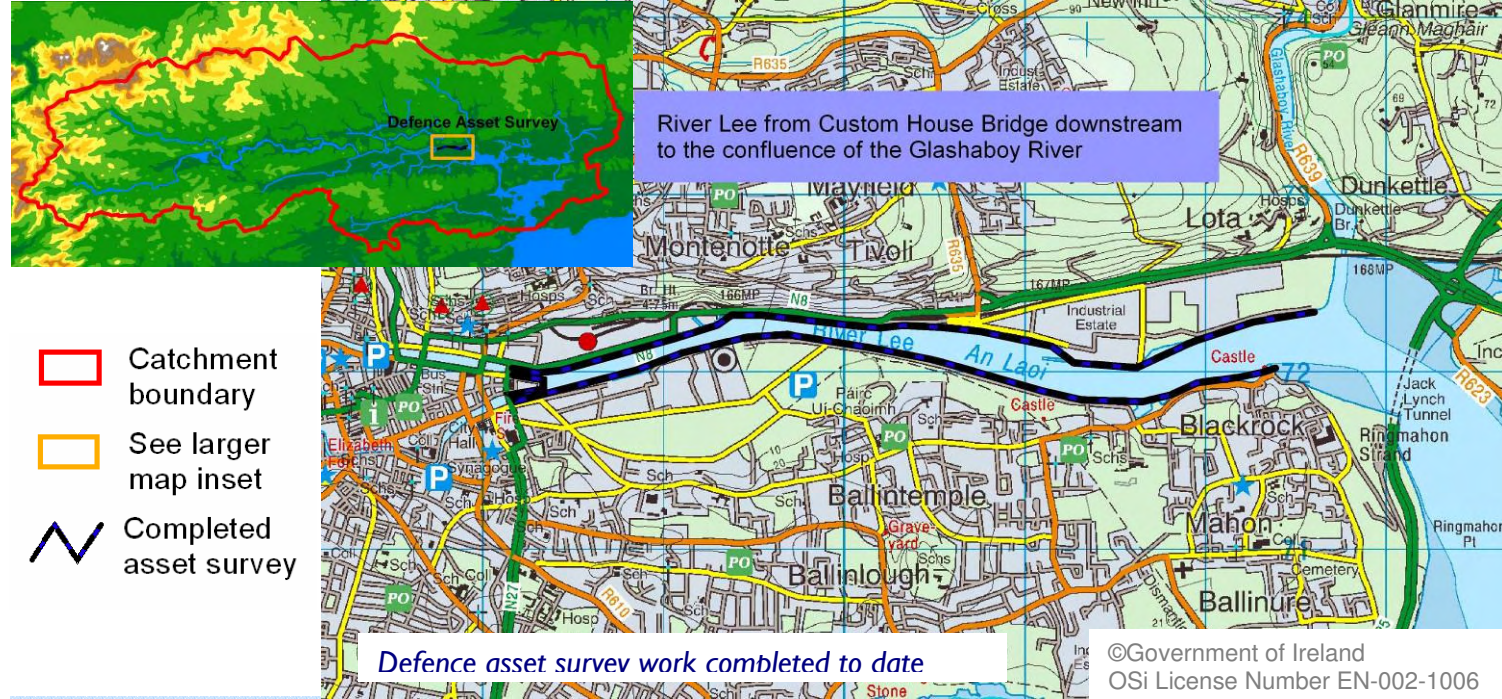
Welcome to the fourth edition of the Lee CFRAMS monthly newsletter. Since our last newsletter there has been significant flooding in the Lee Catchment. Our project team has visited some of the areas worst affected to gather information about the flooding. If you have any further information about the recent flooding or previous flood events please log onto our website at www.leecframs.ie and fill out a feedback form or email us at LeeCFRAMStudy@opw.ie.



Where we are at

We have just completed our public information and consultation days which took place at seven venues around the catchment. The project team would like to thank everyone who attended and for the information they provided. We will review this information over the coming weeks.

Our defence asset survey has commenced and is the subject of our 'Focus On' section for this month. A surveying contractor has been appointed for the channel and structure cross sectional survey which will commence in January.



Focus On

Defence asset survey

The defence asset survey will provide an overall indication of the condition of various structures within the River Lee, its tributaries and Cork Harbour. This information will be incorporated into our flood risk assessment, and used to develop a programme of defence asset management and maintenance.

Structures that are to be surveyed include walls, embankments, bridges and piers. The surveys are carried out by boat in the wider sections of river, and on foot for the remaining sections. Digital background mapping is loaded onto rugged laptops and this, along with GPS, helps the surveyors to accurately locate assets along the river. Once mapped, the asset is inspected more closely and the physical condition is recorded in a database. Historical information from other organisations along with other data, such as existing surveys and aerial

photography have also helped to inform the study.



The survey commenced on the 4 December starting with the boat sections. The map shows the extent of the survey completed to date. The survey is expected to be complete by the end of January 2007. The data collected will be presented in a database which can be updated as further inspections or repairs take place.