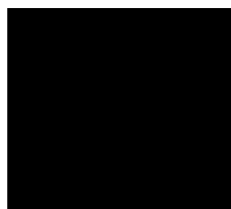


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To whom it concerns.

My observation is about Cullohill Mountain

There are numerous beautiful benefits for keeping the mountain in its present unchanged form, many of the wild grasses and plants have remained unspoiled for hundred of years, local walks are made available for people to enjoy this amenity.

As a Herbalist, I can appreciate the value of unspoilt wild herbs and plants on the mountain

On walk last summer, I saw numerous butterflies and dragonflies beside a stream, I realised how lucky we are to have beautiful countryside

The mountain walks take us past a number of wells, a "Rath" in original condition, a "Fulacht fai" and a "Monamunt bush" related to Mac Giolla Phadraig of Cullohill Castle.

From a tourism point of view, there is a panoramic view from the mountain top, of up to seven counties including Co. Laois.

In my opinion this is a wonderful attraction for Laois tourism and must remain in its natural condition to achieve this.

Regards,  
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