

National Heritage Week

A Heritage Council programme

15-23 August

County Monaghan Event Guide





A message from your Cathaoirleach

I am delighted to welcome you to Heritage Week 2026 and to this year's programme of events taking place throughout County Monaghan.

The theme for Heritage Week 2026, "Heritage at Risk," encourages us to reflect on the heritage we cherish and the challenges it faces. From historic buildings and archaeological sites to natural habitats, traditional skills, stories and customs, our heritage is a vital part of our identity and connects us to the generations who came before us.

Heritage Week provides an opportunity not only to celebrate our rich and diverse heritage but also to consider the importance of protecting it for the future. Through the many walks, talks, exhibitions and community events taking place across the county, people of all ages can discover, learn about and engage with Monaghan's unique heritage.

This year also marks an important milestone with the development of the new Monaghan County Heritage Strategy 2026-2031, which will help guide and support the protection, promotion and appreciation of our heritage in the years ahead. The strategy reflects our shared commitment to safeguarding the rich cultural, built, and natural heritage that makes County Monaghan such a special place.

I would like to thank the organisers, volunteers, community groups and individuals whose hard work and enthusiasm have made this programme possible. Their commitment plays an important role in ensuring that our heritage continues to be valued and appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank the staff of Monaghan County Council for the fantastic work they do throughout the year to promote, support and preserve heritage across our county. Their ongoing efforts, together with those of local communities and heritage organisations, help to ensure that our rich heritage remains at the heart of county life.

I encourage everyone to take part in the events on offer and wish all participants and organisers a successful and enjoyable Heritage Week 2026.

Councillor Aidan Campbell

Cathaoirleach, Monaghan County Council





A message from the Chief Executive

On behalf of Monaghan County Council, I am pleased to welcome you to Heritage Week 2026 and to this year's varied and engaging programme of events.

This year's theme, "Heritage at Risk," reminds us that many aspects of our heritage face growing challenges. Historic structures, archaeological monuments, biodiversity, archives, traditions and local knowledge can all be vulnerable to change, neglect or loss. Heritage Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness of these challenges while celebrating the heritage that enriches our communities and shapes our sense of place.

The programme reflects the tremendous dedication of local communities, heritage groups, volunteers and organisations across County Monaghan. Their efforts help to preserve, promote and share our heritage with current and future generations.

Monaghan County Council is committed to supporting heritage through partnership, education and community engagement, and I would like to thank everyone involved in delivering this year's events. I encourage people of all ages to participate, explore their local heritage and enjoy all that Heritage Week has to offer.

I wish you an enjoyable and inspiring Heritage Week 2026.

Robert Burns

Chief Executive, Monaghan County Council





A message from your local Heritage Officer

I am delighted to welcome you to Heritage Week 2026 and to this year's programme of events across County Monaghan.

The theme, "Heritage at Risk," invites us to explore the heritage that is under threat and to consider how we can help protect it for future generations. Whether it is a historic building, an archaeological monument, a rare habitat, a collection of photographs, or a traditional skill passed down through generations, our heritage is an irreplaceable resource that deserves our care and attention.

County Monaghan is fortunate to have a rich and diverse heritage, shaped by its people, landscapes and history. Heritage Week provides a wonderful opportunity to discover this heritage through a varied programme of walks, talks, exhibitions, workshops and family-friendly events. It also highlights the important work being carried out by communities, volunteers, researchers and organisations across the county to record, celebrate and safeguard our shared heritage.

I would like to sincerely thank all those who have organised and contributed to this year's programme. Their knowledge, enthusiasm and commitment ensure that Heritage Week continues to inspire people of all ages to engage with their local heritage.

I encourage everyone to take the opportunity to participate in the events, learn something new, and enjoy discovering the stories, places and traditions that make County Monaghan unique. I wish you an enjoyable Heritage Week 2026.

Kara Ward

Heritage Officer, Monaghan County Council



Welcome to National Heritage Week 2026

Welcome to your guide to the events taking place during National Heritage Week 2026! This year's theme, Heritage at Risk, invites us to look closely at the places, practices, stories, and natural environments that are under threat and to consider how we can respond with care, creativity, and collective responsibility. From vulnerable historic buildings to fading cultural traditions and endangered habitats, this year for National Heritage Week the Heritage Council wants to shine a light on what we stand to lose, and what we can still protect.

We are deeply grateful for the dedication of heritage and biodiversity officers in local authorities, as well as the passionate volunteers and community groups across the country. Their commitment has brought together the events you'll find in this guide, helping to safeguard our shared heritage and ensure it remains vibrant and valued for generations to come.

New events will continue to be added right up to the beginning of National Heritage Week, so be sure to visit heritageweek.ie regularly for updates. There, you can explore the full programme, create your own customised calendar, and discover projects happening near you and online including many that highlight the built, cultural, and natural heritage most at risk today.

Virginia Teehan
CEO, Heritage Council





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Monaghan Heritage Week Launch

Join us at Lough Muckno, Castleblayney, for the launch of Monaghan Heritage Week and a fantastic day of family fun and discovery! Visit the Big Dig at the Walled Garden from 11am–3pm, where children can excavate for artefacts. Session times 11am, 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm. Participants can also take part in coin-making and coin pouch-making workshops, creating their own unique souvenirs to bring home. At Castleblayney Library, enjoy heritage storytelling sessions with Francis McCarron at 10.30am, 11.15am and 12 noon, inspired by his local heritage trails. The library will also launch its Heritage Scavenger Hunt, running throughout Heritage Week. Heritage Explorers will journey through the history and stories of Castleblayney as they follow clues inspired by the town's old streets, historic buildings, beautiful park, and local landmarks. Along the way, they'll discover fascinating facts about the people, places, and events that have shaped the town over the years! Pick up a Heritage Scavenger Hunt form in Castleblayney Library and return it completed for a chance to win prizes. Can you solve the clues, complete the trail, and become a Castleblayney Heritage Explorer? A great day out for all the family!

Date	Start	End
Sat 15th	10:30	15:00

Organiser: Monaghan County Council - Heritage Section

Venue: Lough Muckno

Address: Castleblayney

Eircode: A75 V383

Email: heritage@monaghancoco.ie

Telephone: 047-73722

Cultural heritage, Accessible by public transport, Car parking available, Fully wheelchair accessible, Specifically an event for children, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor, Outdoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Dartrey Temple Heritage Walk, Co. Monaghan

Departing Tanagh Outdoor Education & Training Centre and walking to the Dartrey Temple on Black Island. The walk will be approximately 4km with plenty of stops to explore the heritage features of Dartrey Demense along the way. The walk will reach James Wyatts Temple dedicated to Lady Anne Dawson with its amazing sculpture by Joseph Wilton. Event supported by Monaghan County Council Heritage Section.

All walkers must have moderate fitness to complete this 4km walk and wear sturdy shoes and clothing appropriate to the weather on the day.

Date	Start	End
Sat 15th	10:30	12:30

Organiser: Tanagh Outdoor Education and Training Centre

Venue: Tanagh Outdoor Education Centre

Address: Dartrey

Eircode: H16 HC83

Email: info@tanaghoutdooreducation.com

Telephone: 0495552988

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TanaghOETC/>

Booking Link: tanaghoutdooreducation.com/adults-courses-events

Built heritage, Car parking available, Free, Outdoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Free Walking Tour of Monaghan Town

Join us for a tour around Monaghan town, covering the history, architecture, people, myths and legends of the place. The tour lasts approximately two hours, and all are welcome to join, no need to pre-book! Weather appropriate wear is advised as the tour is outside.

Date	Start	End
Sat 15th	11:00	13:00

Organiser: Monaghan Town Tours

Venue: Outside the Westenra Arms Hotel

Address: Westenra Arms Hotel, The Diamond, Monaghan

Eircode: H18 XA97

Email: monaghantowntours@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100056774125007>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/monaghantowntours>

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Free Family Friendly Fun

THE BIG DIG
SIA
THE SCHOOL OF IRISH ARCHAEOLOGY
www.sia.ie
info@sia.ie

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING EXCAVATION OF A REPLICA "Viking House" WITH THE SCHOOL OF IRISH ARCHAEOLOGY.
NO BOOKING REQUIRED - PLACES ARE LIMITED.

12 SPACES PER SLOT
FIRST COME FIRST SERVED
PARENTAL SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES.
OUTDOOR EVENT DRESS FOR WEATHER

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST
@ WALLED GARDEN, LOUGH MUCKNO, CASTLEBLAYNEY
11AM, 12PM, 1PM & 2PM

Suitable for children 6 - 12yrs old

For more information email
heritage@monaghancoco.ie
or call 047-73722

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Ceanntail

THE BIG DIG

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The Big Dig

Join us for an exciting excavation of a replica Viking House with the School of Irish Archaeology! Children can dig for hidden artefacts and discover how archaeologists uncover clues from the past. Participants can also take part in coin-making and coin pouch-making workshops, creating their own souvenirs to take home. • No booking required – places are limited • 12 spaces available per session • Sessions at 11am, 12 noon, 1pm and 2pm • First come, first served • Parental supervision is required at all times • This is an outdoor event, so please dress appropriately for the weather Come along, get digging, and discover the thrill of archaeology first hand!

Date	Start	End
Sat 15th	11:00	15:00

Organiser: Monaghan County Council - Heritage Section

Venue: Walled Garden

Address: Lough Muckno, Castleblayney

Eircode: A75 V383

Email: heritage@monaghancoco.ie

Telephone: 047-73722

Cultural heritage, Accessible by public transport, Car parking available, Autism friendly, Fully wheelchair accessible, Specifically an event for children, Suitable for families, Free, Outdoor



STITCHED TOGETHER
PROGRAMME OF EVENTS
AUGUST CRAFT MONTH

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 2026
STORY SHAWL EXHIBITION
Explore the handcrafted charms and stitched stories woven into our Community Story Shawl – each piece tells a tale.
Monaghan County Museum
Gallery 1 - Level 2
12.00AM - 5.00PM

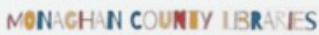
SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST 2026
LEARN HOW TO KNIT & CROCHET
Pick up your hooks, bring your needles and yarn! Try crochet and knitting with friendly guidance. All levels welcome.
Monaghan Town Library
Outreach Room - Level 1
10.30AM - 12.30AM
Limited spaces
Booking required

SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST 2026
HOOKED ON HISTORY
Unravel the fascinating social history of lacemaking in County Monaghan with Theresa Loftus, Museum Research Officer.
Monaghan Town Library
Outreach Room - Level 1
2.00PM - 3.00PM
Limited spaces
Booking required

SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 2026
LEARN TO FINGER KNIT
Get hands-on with needle-free finger knitting! Just bring your own yarn, and use your fingers to create magic
Monaghan Town Library
Outreach Room - Level 1
10.30AM - 12.30PM
Limited spaces
Booking required

SATURDAY 29TH AUGUST 2026
SIT & KNIT
Settle into the tranquil surroundings of the museum – bring your project, have a yarn, and unwind.
Monaghan County Museum
Gallery 1 - Level 2
12.00AM - 5.00PM

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE
FOR BOOKINGS: CONTACT MONAGHAN TOWN LIBRARY
TEL: 047 81830 / EMAIL: MONAGHANLIBRARY@MONAGHANCOCO.IE

AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Hooked on History

Unravel the fascinating social history of lace-making in County Monaghan in a talk given by Theresa Loftus, Museum Research Officer at Monaghan County Museum. This talk will delve into the history of Clones and Carrickmacross Lace and their origins.

Date	Start	End
Sat 15th	14:00	15:00

Organiser: Monaghan Town Library & Monaghan County Museum
Venue: Outreach Room, Monaghan Town Library
Address: Monaghan Town Library, Peace Campus, Monaghan
Eircode: H18V6V3
Email: monaghanlibrary@monaghancoco.ie
Telephone: 047 81830
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Monaghanbranchlibrary>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/monaghantownlibrary>

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AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY, A LIVE PERFORMANCE, RE-ENACTMENT OR DEMONSTRATION

Blacksmiths Demonstration and Family Day at Essexford Forge

Blacksmiths forge built in 1869 and restored in 2012 open day with blacksmithing demonstrations. Including vintage, music, food, local history talk and family fun. All welcome. Event supported by Monaghan County Council Heritage Section.

Date	Start	End
Sat 15th	14:00	20:00

Organiser: Essexford Heritage Group
Venue: Essexford Forge
Address: Essexford
Eircode: A91 A21H
Email: thomasoconnorirl@gmail.com
Telephone: 0874369158
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/essexfordforge>

Cultural heritage, Free, Outdoor



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Newbliss Church Family Heritage Fun Day & BBQ

Exploring the Story of Newbliss Parish Church and It's Landscape. A family fun day, with BBQ and Heritage walking tour through Newbliss village to the church. A community heritage programme centred on Newbliss Parish Church, featuring a National Heritage Week open day, heritage talks, illustrated presentations and guided tours, raising awareness of Newbliss' built and landscape heritage. Activities: Guided Heritage Tours Walking Treasure Hunt Around the Village BBQ Bouncy Castle Children's Entertainment Live Music Local Artefacts & Vintage Display This event has been part funded by Monaghan County Council Heritage Section.

Date	Start	End
Sat 15th	16:00	20:00

Organiser: Newbliss Parish Church

Venue: Newbliss Presbyterian Hall

Address: Lisdarragh Newbliss Newbliss, Monaghan

Eircode: H18 A296

Email: keatingfamilycorkish@gmail.com

Telephone: +353 86 851 0512

Built heritage, Car parking available, Fully wheelchair accessible, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor, Outdoor



AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Sharing Memories of Magheracloone

Sharing Memories of Magheracloone. Join us in Magheracloone Community Centre A81HC99 on Saturday 15th August at 8pm. Readings from local published books along with guest speakers Robert Burns reading an extract from Kings and Queens of the Road & Frank McNally author of 'Not making Hay'. Memorabilia of our past on display on the night. All Welcome. This event has been funded by Monaghan County Council Heritage Section.

Date	Start	End
Sat 15th	20:00	21:30

Organiser: Magheracloone Community Centre CLG

Venue: Magheracloone Community Centre CLG

Address: Knocknacran East Magheracloone co Monaghan

Eircode: A81HC99

Email: magheracloonecc@gmail.com

Telephone: 087 483 7602

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/18r1jx1Cg9/>

Cultural heritage, Car parking available, Autism friendly, Fully wheelchair accessible, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR, A TRAINING EVENT OR WORKSHOP, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Inniskeen Fields Names Project

We propose an historic tour through Inniskeen. Initially to gather at Drumcatton Chapel Sunday at noon 16th August to commence our historical walk. There will be an introduction by local historian Thomas Ruddy and then a talk on Drumcatton and the history of the surrounding area. The tour group will then proceed to Inniskeen Village, via Staire na Gadai, The Bog Road and Ednamo. En route local placenames and field names will be pointed out/discussed. In the Round Tower Church, a lecture will be presented by Grace Moloney -Coordinator of Fieldnames Project for MCC Heritage Section. The townland maps of the Parish of Inniskeen will be on display and we will invite people present to record field names, mass paths, mass rocks, rock art, holy wells and stories of the area. This will be an introduction to the Field Names Project, which we then intend rolling out across the parish with the assistance of our local primary schools and other groups within the parish comprising Macra na Feirme, The Irish Farmers Association, the GAA etc.

Date	Start	End
Sun 16th	12:00	17:00

Organiser: Inniskeen Enterprise & Development Group

Venue: Drumcatton Church & Inniskeen Round Tower Church

Address: Inniskeen Round Tower Church, The Glebe, Inniskeen, Co. Monaghan

Eircode: A91D1WT

Email: inniskeenenterprisedevelopment@gmail.com

Telephone: 0873506409

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100094599537676>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/inniskeenenterprisedevelop/>

Cultural heritage, Car parking available, Free, Indoor, Outdoor



AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY

Tydavnet Hidden Heritage Launch of Photographs

Join us for the launch of the revitalised Tydavnet Hidden Heritage Project, a unique community initiative dedicated to preserving and celebrating the rich history of Tydavnet and its people.

Originally established in 2012 by a group of local volunteers, the project brought together hundreds of photographs and memories of people, places and events from across the area. The collection was organised into seven themes: Social Life, Buildings, School, Sport, Music, Farming, and Portraits.

In the same year, Tydavnet was nominated for the Pride of Place Awards by Monaghan County Council. At that time, Cornagilta Old School was lying derelict. A dedicated group of volunteers came together to clean and paint the building, with paint generously donated by Monaghan County Council. The restored school became the new home of the Hidden Heritage collection, which had previously been stored in Clones Library, and was renamed Cornagilta School Heritage Centre.

Over the years, the original photographs began to deteriorate. With support from the Monaghan County Council Heritage Section, funding was secured to professionally reproduce the collection using higher-quality materials. Thanks to this grant, the photographs have now been restored and returned to the walls of Cornagilta School Heritage Centre for future generations to enjoy.

Date	Start	End
Sun 16th	15:00	17:00

Organiser: Cornagilta School Heritage Centre

Venue: Cornagilta School Heritage Centre

Address: Shee, Tydavnet, Co Monaghan

Eircode: H18 ED89

Email: mariemcq101254@gmail.com

Telephone: 0872434517

Cultural heritage, Car parking available, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor, Outdoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

A Guided Tour of the Walled Garden at Castle Leslie Estate

As part of National Heritage Week 2026, we invite you to come and see what's afoot this year in the Walled Garden at Castle Leslie Estate. Built in the 1860's the Walled Garden housed plants utilised for a variety of purposes and provided an environment for exotic fruits and flowers. The walled garden provided produce for the Castle and the surplus was sold locally in Glaslough. The gardens and greenhouses continued to be capably maintained until the end of the 1970s when due to rising costs, the decision was made to wind down the gardens and to have it, as Desmond Leslie put it, 'temporarily mothballed'. In recent years significant work has been undertaken to slowly bring the Walled Garden back to its former glory and create a haven for pollinators and biodiversity. Due to the uneven outdoor terrain, walking shoes/wellington boots are advised. Due to the nature of the site, parts of the tour are not wheelchair accessible. Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The meeting point for the tours is at the Front Gate & Garden Lodge at Castle Leslie Estate. Attendees are asked to park on the Main Street. Castle Leslie Estate is a member of Historic Houses of Ireland.

Date	Start	End
Mon 17th	11:00	12:00
Mon 17th	13:00	14:00

Organiser: Castle Leslie Estate

Venue: Meeting point for the tours is at the Front Gate Lodge at Castle Leslie Estate

Address: Castle Leslie Estate, Glaslough, Co Monaghan

Eircode: H18 FY04

Email: castlearchive@castleleslie.com

Telephone: 04788099

Built heritage, Free, Outdoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Stories From Our Past

Heritage Week in the Cassandra Hand Folk and Famine Centre will cover both the rich Built and Cultural Heritage of the town of Clones and its people. There will be: 4 daily morning guided walking town tours of Clones Monastic Sites and rich history. 5 daily afternoon sessions of recorded oral history from the people who lived in/grew up in Clones. Talk, walk, history of four sites on the newly mapped Clones to Clogher Pilgrim Pathway that was launched in March 2026 in joint partnership with Clogher Village Forum.

Walking on footpaths and gravel paths, some steps and gates, gradual inclines, graveyard paths and grass, narrow in places. Dress according to the weather on the day, comfortable footwear. Booking: Email: clonescommunityforum@gmail.com Facebook: Cassandra Hand Folk and Famine Centre Phone: Anne 0868358210 or drop into the Centre Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm.

Date	Start	End
Mon 17th	11:00	12:15
Mon 17th	14:00	15:15
Tue 18th	11:00	12:15
Tue 18th	14:00	15:15
Wed 19th	11:00	12:15
Wed 19th	14:00	15:15
Thu 20th	11:00	12:15
Thu 20th	14:00	15:15
Fri 21st	11:00	14:00
Fri 21st	11:00	14:00

Organiser: Clones Community Forum, The Cassandra Hand Folk & Famine Centre

Venue: Cassandra Hand Folk and Famine Centre

Address: Abbey Lane, Clones, Co. Monaghan

Eircode: H23PC60

Email: clonescommunityforum@gmail.com

Telephone: 0868358210

Facebook: [@Clones Community Forum](https://Clones Community Forum) @Cassandra Hand Folk and Famine Centre @Cassandra Hand Centre @St. Tigernachs Pilgrim Way

Instagram: <https://Cassandra Hand Centre>

Built heritage, Accessible by public transport, Car parking available, Autism friendly, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor, Outdoor



A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Sir Shane Leslie: Conversion and the Story of St Salvator's

What do Oscar Wilde, Lord Alfred Douglas and John Henry Newman have in common with Shane Leslie? All of them were devout Anglicans who converted to Catholicism. The talk by the Reverend Tim Irvine explores Shane Leslie's conversion to Catholicism and how the architecture of St Salvator's reveals something of Shane Leslie's spiritual journey . This event has been funded by Monaghan County Council Heritage Section

Date	Start	End
Mon 17th	12:00	13:00

Organiser: Donagh Group of Parishes (C of I) , Glaslough, County Monaghan Heritage Committee

Venue: St Salvator's Church, Glaslough

Address: Castle Leslie Demesne

Eircode: H18 HV49

Email: david.ethne@btinternet.com

Telephone: 0044/7884411896

Cultural heritage, Accessible by public transport, Car parking available, Fully wheelchair accessible, Free, Indoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR, AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Bessmount Park Tour

Get ready for an in-person adventure at the Bessmount Park tour! Explore the charm and history of this beautiful home while chatting with fellow enthusiasts. Whether you're into architecture or just love a good stroll through unique spaces, this tour is perfect for you. Don't miss out on the stories and surprises waiting around every corner!

Strictly No Pets Allowed

Date	Start	End
Mon 17th	14:00	15:00

Organiser: Monaghan County Council

Venue: Bessmount Park

Address: Bessmount, Monaghan

Eircode: H18 FH73

Email: heritage@monaghancoco.ie

Telephone: 047-73722

Booking Link: eventbrite.ie/e/bessmount-park-tour-tickets

Built heritage, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor



A LIVE PERFORMANCE, RE-ENACTMENT OR DEMONSTRATION

Echoes of the Past: A Night of Storytelling, Exploring Lost Traditions and Ways of Life

Join our storytellers Grace and Laura as they explore days gone by and traditions lost and forgotten by the modern world, through the art of storytelling. Grace Connolly is an accomplished storyteller born in Zimbabwe who has a passion for sharing African stories. Come with a story of your own to tell, or come just with your listening ears, all are welcome to join! Refreshments will be served.

Date	Start	End
Mon 17th	18:00	19:30

Organiser: Monaghan Town Library
Venue: Monaghan Town Library
Address: Monaghan Town Library, Peace Campus, Monaghan
Eircode: H18V6V3
Email: monaghanlibrary@monaghancoco.ie
Telephone: 047 81830
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Monaghanbranchlibrary>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/monaghantownlibrary>

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A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING, A LIVE PERFORMANCE, RE-ENACTMENT OR DEMONSTRATION

Tommy McArdle, Stories from a Long Life - Nurture in Nature Fringe Festival for Older People

Tommy McArdle is well known for his work on dramatic, film and television productions such as Glenroe, but less well known for his own stories from his long life. Tommy's Tales – Stories from a long life... Tommy McArdle Tues 18th Aug, 12.30 in Iontas Centre, Castleblayney, Tommy tells some stories from the countryside about his own life and childhood in Drumhowan, Co. Monaghan. This is a real treat and part of the Nurture in Nature Fringe Events for Older People running through August and heritage week. No booking required for this event, refreshments provided. FREE event kindly supported by Monaghan County Council Heritage and Healthy Monaghan

All events as part of the Nurture in Nature fringe festival are available to view here <https://canva.link/nxua0rw0n2nxar9>
 Queries, please contact Duana 087 284 3315 or email nurtureinnature26@gmail.com

Date	Start	End
Tue 18th	12:30	14:00

Organiser: Castleblayney Town Team

Venue: Iontas Theatre, Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan

Address: Conabury Castleblayney Co. Monaghan

Eircode: A75 HK09

Email: nurtureinnature2026@gmail.com

Telephone: 0872843315

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/nurtureinnature26/>

Cultural heritage, Car parking available, Fully wheelchair accessible, Free, Indoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Discover South Monaghan's Hidden Heritage

Step aboard for a fascinating journey through the heart of South Monaghan with local historian and tour guide Larry McDermott. Join us for an engaging heritage bus tour exploring the rich history, remarkable landscapes, and hidden treasures of South Monaghan. Led by Larry McDermott, this guided tour will uncover the stories behind ancient wells, historic churches, monastic sites, and forgotten landmarks that have shaped the area's unique heritage. Whether you're a history enthusiast, a local resident, or a first-time visitor, this is a wonderful opportunity to experience South Monaghan's rich cultural legacy and discover places often overlooked. Tour Highlights Include: • Tobar Inver and the historic Pound Well Inscription • Old St. Finbarr's Church and Magheross Graveyard, an ancient monastic site • A scenic route past the former Fever Hospital, Workhouse, Glebe House, Dry Bridge, Reilly's Cross, and Barton's Mill • Fr. Holland's Bridge, an ancient bridge steeped in history and local tradition • St. Molua's Church, Magheracloone • The renowned Spa Well • The Old Well Restoration Project at Bracken Lodge Light refreshments will be provided. Discover the stories, heritage, and hidden gems that make South Monaghan such a special place. Join Larry McDermott for a memorable journey through centuries of local history and tradition. Please wear comfortable, suitable footwear. Dress appropriately for the weather conditions, as some stops will involve short walks and time spent outdoors. A moderate level of fitness is recommended for participants. Places are limited, so early booking is advised.

Date	Start	End
Tue 18th	13:30	16:30

Organiser: Monaghan County Council

Venue: Civic Offices

Address: Riverside Road, Carrickmacross

Eircode: A81 RY22

Email: heritage@monaghancoco.ie

Telephone: 047-73722

Booking Link: eventbrite.ie/e/discover-south-monaghans-hidden-heritage-tickets

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A TRAINING EVENT OR WORKSHOP

Logainmeacha Leachtáin

This workshop offers young people from the area a chance to learn the meaning of the names of their local townlands as well as hearing stories about these areas from those who are involved with the Latton Bawn Historical Group. Following which, young people will create artwork representing this meaning. Participants will be provided with a wide range of materials to encourage a mixed media, modern and living interpretation of their local areas. This will also be an opportunity to learn about the ongoing work of Latton Bawn Historical Group on their 'Field Names' collection project.

Date	Start	End
Tue 18th	19:00	21:00

Organiser: Latton O'Rahilly GAA Club

Venue: Latton O'Rahilly GAA Centre

Address: Latton, Co. Monaghan

Eircode: A75 NY32

Email: secretary.latton.monaghan@gaa.ie

Telephone: 0868433588

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057227780392>

Twitter: https://x.com/lattongaa?s=11&t=TdmvAqJ_iz8vDgeKqHIZQ

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/lattongaa?igsh=b3Q4OTlycDI6ZGg3>

Cultural heritage, Car parking available, Autism friendly, Free, Indoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Talk on the History of St. Patrick's Church in Monaghan and Historical Records

Join us as we explore the rich history of one of Monaghan towns most iconic landmarks built between 1831 and 1836. The talk will focus on the history of St. Patrick's Church, its connection to one of Ireland's famous literary figures, Bram Stoker and its historical records. This event has been funded by Monaghan County Council Heritage Section.

Date	Start	End
Tue 18th	19:00	20:30

Organiser: St. Patrick's Church

Address: Church Square, Monaghan Town

Eircode: H18 T972

Email: suzannebuck24@gmail.com

Telephone: 0876982362

Built heritage, Car parking available, Fully wheelchair accessible, Free, Indoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR, AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

The Story of the Rossmore Memorial Fountain

The Rossmore Memorial Fountain is one of Monaghan Town's most iconic landmarks. Erected in 1876 in memory of Henry Westenra, 4th Baron Rossmore, the ornate Gothic-style monument has stood at the heart of The Diamond for almost 150 years. Join Gissella Renolfi, Senior Conservation Consultant with Carrig Conservation for a fascinating talk exploring the architectural significance of this unique Victorian memorial and learn about the upcoming conservation works planned for one of Monaghan's most treasured heritage features. Outdoor Event - Meet at the monument. All are welcome.

Date	Start	End
Wed 19th	11:00	11:30

Organiser: Monaghan County Council Heritage Section

Venue: Rossmore Memorial Fountain

Address: The Diamond, Monaghan

Eircode: H18 XA97

Email: heritage@monaghancoco.ie

Telephone: 047-73722

Built heritage, Accessible by public transport, Car parking available, Fully wheelchair accessible, Suitable for families, Free, Outdoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR, AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Preserving the Past: The Conservation of Rossmore Mausoleum

Join us as we re-open the doors of the iconic Rossmore Mausoleum following extensive conservation works. Gissella Renolfi, Senior Conservation Consultant with Carrig Conservation, will explore the fascinating history and architecture of this uniquely beautiful building and provide an insight into the conservation project that has helped secure its future. Outdoor event – meet at the mausoleum. Dress for the weather. All are welcome.

Date	Start	End
Wed 19th	13:00	14:00

Organiser: Monaghan County Council

Venue: Rossmore Mausoleum

Address: Rossmore Forest Park, Monaghan

Email: heritage@monaghancoco.ie

Telephone: 047-73722

Built heritage, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Balancing Past and Present: A Walking Tour of Monaghan's Buildings

Join our tour guide Laura as she explores the history of the buildings and architecture of Monaghan town. The changing uses of existing buildings will be examined on this tour, as well as buildings that have been lost to time. The walking tour will last approximately 90 minutes, with refreshments served afterwards. Weather appropriate attire is advised.

Places are limited, booking is required. Please ring Monaghan Town library to book your spot.

Date	Start	End
Wed 19th	18:00	20:00

Organiser: Monaghan Town Library

Venue: Monaghan Town Library

Address: Monaghan Town Library, Peace Campus, Monaghan

Eircode: H18V6V3

Email: monaghanlibrary@monaghancoco.ie

Telephone: 047 81830

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Monaghanbranchlibrary>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/monaghantownlibrary>

Built heritage, Accessible by public transport, Car parking available, Free, Outdoor



A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Book Launch - Fireside Miscellany

The Old Monaghan Society are delighted to host this Heritage Week Event that sees Denis & Josephine Higgins launch their brand new heritage publication Fireside Miscellany that captures memories, meanderings, history and lore.

The book launch will feature a selection of readings from the publication interspersed with musical interludes by The Forge Anvils and The Squealing Ukuleles.

Date	Start	End
Wed 19th	20:00	22:00

Organiser: Old Monaghan Society

Venue: St. Joseph's Pastoral Centre

Address: Broad Road, Monaghan Town

Email: kegalligan1@hotmail.com

Telephone: 086-3128637

Cultural heritage, Car parking available, Fully wheelchair accessible, Free, Indoor



A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

The Diaspora of Errigal Shanco and Errigal Truagh

Ethne McCord will conclude her research recording the old homesteads of the families who once attended Errigal Shanco and Errigal Truagh churches. Her journey around the parishes will end at the Monaghan/Tyrone border near Clara. This event has been funded by Monaghan County Council Heritage Section

Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

Date	Start	End
Wed 19th	20:00	21:30

Organiser: Donagh Group of Parishes (C of I) , Glaslough, County Monaghan Heritage Committee

Venue: St Maudain's Church, Errigal Truagh

Address: Mullanderg, Emyvale, Co Monaghan

Eircode: H18 NH68

Email: david.ethne@btinternet.com

Telephone: 0044/7884411896

Cultural heritage, Accessible by public transport, Car parking available, Fully wheelchair accessible, Free, Indoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Mullan Factory Tours

Join us for Mullan Factory Tours during Heritage Week on Thursday, 20 August, from 10:00am to 2:00pm, and discover the story of our factory within the historic Old Mullan Flax Mill. Explore the rich industrial heritage of Mullan, whose name derives from the Irish word Muileann, meaning "mill". Learn how the village evolved from flax milling and boot manufacturing into a thriving centre for lighting design and production. The tour will also celebrate the return of the original mill engine to Mullan. Discover how this important piece of local history is being restored and preserved before returning to its original location within the factory. You will also enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at our modern manufacturing facility and see how Mullan Lighting products are created, from initial design through to production and dispatch. This event is supported by Monaghan County Council Heritage Section and The Heritage Council.

Date	Start	End
Thu 20th	10:00	14:00

Organiser: Mullan Lighting

Venue: Mullan Lighting

Address: Mullan Village, Emyvale, Ireland

Eircode: H18 EC98

Email: ellen@mullanlighting.com

Telephone: 04786584

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mullanlighting/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mullanlighting/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@MullanLightingDesign>

Register Link: eventbrite.ie/o/49742304703

Cultural heritage, Car parking available, Free, Indoor



A TRAINING EVENT OR WORKSHOP

Marsh Fritillary Workshop

Marsh Fritillary Workshop – National Heritage Week 2026. Join us during National Heritage Week for a fascinating workshop exploring the Marsh Fritillary, one of Ireland’s most iconic and protected butterfly species. This unique event will introduce participants to the butterfly’s remarkable lifecycle, the habitats it depends on, and the conservation measures helping to safeguard its future. Facilitated by experts from Butterfly Conservation Northern Ireland, the workshop combines an informative classroom session with a practical field survey. You’ll learn how to identify suitable Marsh Fritillary habitat, recognise larval webs, and gain an insight into the survey and monitoring techniques used by conservationists. Suitable for wildlife enthusiasts, landowners, farmers, students and anyone with an interest in biodiversity, this workshop offers an excellent opportunity to develop your knowledge while enjoying the landscapes around Sliabh Beagh. The workshop takes place on Thursday, 20 August 2026, from 10.00am to 3.00pm, at Sliabh Beagh Hotel (H18 H985). Please wear suitable outdoor clothing and sturdy footwear, as part of the day will be spent in the field. A light lunch will be provided. The event is hosted by the Biodiversity Section, Monaghan County Council, facilitated by Butterfly Conservation Northern Ireland, and funded by The Heritage Council as part of National Heritage Week 2026. Advance booking is essential as places are limited at biodiversity@monaghancoco.ie.

Date	Start	End
Thu 20th	10:00	15:00

Organiser: Biodiversity Officer Monaghan Co Co

Venue: Sliabh Beagh Hotel

Address: Knockatallon, Monaghan

Eircode: H18 H985

Email: biodiversity@monaghancoco.ie

Telephone: (042) 9428330

Natural heritage, Car parking available, Free, Indoor, Outdoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Aghabog Heritage Bus Tour

Join local historian Vincent McCarvill for a fascinating guided bus tour exploring the rich heritage and archaeology of the Aghabog area. The tour will include visits to: St Mary's Church, Latnamard, Carn Court Tomb, Leacht na mBard (Giant's Grave), Famine Grave, Drumhillagh Agricultural Model School, Fear Bréige Wedge Tomb and many more. Refreshments will be served after the tour. Booking is essential as places are limited. Book your place via Eventbrite. Please note: Suitable footwear is required. A moderate level of fitness is needed, as participants will be crossing fields and walking to several sites. Please dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Come along and discover the stories, landscapes and monuments that make Aghabog's heritage so unique.

No Pets Allowed

Date	Start	End
Thu 20th	14:00	16:00

Organiser: Monaghan County Council

Venue: Aghabog GAA Grounds

Address: Corleck, Smithborough, County Monaghan

Eircode: H18 R996

Email: heritage@monaghancoco.ie

Telephone: 047-73722

Booking Link: eventbrite.ie/e/aghabog-heritage-bus-tour-tickets-

Built heritage, Car parking available, Suitable for families, Free, Outdoor



A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Tales From Beyond The 93 Steps

As part of the refurbishment of the Historic CBS facade on Park Street, funded by the Heritage Section of Monaghan Co Council, the Knights of St Columbanus in Monaghan invite you to a reading of stories about reminiscences of school days spent at the Christian Brothers School on St Mary's Hill in Monaghan Town.

Date	Start	End
Thu 20th	14:30	16:00

Organiser: Knights of St. Columbanus (Monaghan)

Venue: Dun Mhuire Adult Education Centre (Former CBS Primary School)

Address: Mullaghmonaghan, Monaghan Town

Eircode: H18 T383

Email: kegalligan1@hotmail.com

Telephone: 086-3128637

Built heritage, Car parking available, Fully wheelchair accessible, Free, Indoor



AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Athbheochan na Gaeilge: Seoda ó Bhailiúchán Chomhaltas Uladh

Beidh Séamus Mac Dhaibhéid, ó Ghaeláras MhicArdghail inIúr CinnTrá, aglabhairt faoi athbheochanna Gaeilge i gCúige Uladh agus ag taispeáint iarsmaí ó chartlann Chomhaltas Uladh. Beidh caint ann fosta faoin obair atá ag dul ar aghaidh ó thaobh stair phobal na Gaeilge i Muineachán a chaomhnú.

Maoinithe ag an Rannóg Oidhreachta de Chomhairle Contae Mhuineacháin.

Date	Start	End
Thu 20th	18:00	19:30

Organiser: Muineachán le Gaeilge

Venue: An Nead

Address: 20 Sráid na Páirce, Muineachán

Eircode: H18 TN88

Email: muineachan@cnag.ie

Telephone: 086 335 2220

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/muineachan>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/muineachanlegaeilge/>

Cultural heritage, As Gaeilge, Accessible by public transport, Car parking available, Autism friendly, Fully wheelchair accessible, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Ardagh & Corvally Church Visits

Visit to two local Churches to learn about the history of these beautiful buildings. Firstly, St. Patrick's, Church of Ireland Church, Ardagh and secondly Corvally Presbyterian Church as well as the adjoining Community Hall which was once the local Presbyterian primary school and previously the local post office.

Date	Start	End
Thu 20th	19:00	21:00

Organiser: Corduff Raferagh Heritage Group

Venue: Corvally Church

Address: Corvally Presbyterian Church, Shanco, Corduff, Carrickmacross

Eircode: A81 FY50

Email: bmarronruth@gmail.com

Telephone: 087 9555762

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064695428381>

Built heritage, Car parking available, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor, Outdoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR, A TRAINING EVENT OR WORKSHOP, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING, A FESTIVAL, SHOW, FAIR OR MARKET

Nurture in Nature Festival Castleblayney

Nurture in Nature Festival is a unique three-day celebration of heritage, culture, arts, and wellbeing, taking place in Castleblayney, Co. Monaghan from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd August. Rooted in the rich heritage of the local landscape and community, the festival invites people of all ages to reconnect with the traditions, stories, skills, and natural environment that shape our shared identity. Over the weekend, people will discover crafts and heritage practices through experiences such as heritage walks, native tree exploration, fermentation workshops, wildflower and fairy tree explorations, and storytelling that celebrates local history, folklore, and biodiversity. These activities honour traditional knowledge while encouraging people to appreciate and protect the cultural and natural heritage that surrounds them. Alongside its heritage programme, the festival offers a wide range of creative and wellbeing activities including music, dance, creative arts, outdoor sketching, yoga, Tai Chi, sound baths, forest meditation, and accessible movement sessions for all ages and abilities. We welcome families, older people, young people, migrant communities, LGBTQ+ communities, and people with disabilities to take part in this inclusive programme. Connect with each other. Inspired by the Five Ways to Wellbeing—Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning, and Give—the festival demonstrates how our heritage can become a living resource for health and wellbeing. By bringing together local history, artistic expression, and nature, A Nurture in Nature Festival celebrates the past while creating new shared experiences for the future, strengthening a sense of place in beautiful Lough Muckno and its surrounds. Supported by Monaghan County Council Heritage Section.

<https://canva.link/nurtureinnature26> has the most up to date programme of events and find out more on www.castleblayney.ie

Date	Fri	Start	End
21st	Sat	10:00	21:30
22nd		09:00	21:30
Sun 23rd		09:00	18:00

Organiser: Castleblayney Town Team

Venue: Lough Muckno (Large Stretch Tent, Castleblayney Library, Castleblayney Gatehouse)

Address: Lough Muckno (Beside Hope Castle), Onomy, Castleblayney, Co.Monaghan

Eircode: A75ND34

Email: nurtureinnature2026@gmail.com

Telephone: 0872843315

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/people/Nurture-in-Nature-2026/61591321505057/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/nurtureinnature26/>

Booking Link: eventbrite.com/e/a-nurture-in-nature-festival-tickets

Natural heritage, Car parking available, Autism friendly, Specifically an event for children, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor, Outdoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Carrickmacross Famine Workhouse Guided Tour

Join our tour guide for a one-hour tour of Carrickmacross Famine Workhouse to hear the story of life, death, and emigration in the Barony of Farney, before, during and after the Great Famine.

Date	Start	End
Fri 21st	14:30	15:30

Organiser: Carrickmacross Famine Workhouse

Venue: Carrickmacross Famine Workhouse

Address: Shercock Road, Carrickmacross, Co. Monaghan.

Eircode: A81 E372

Email: heritage@carrickmacrossworkhouse.com

Telephone: 042 9692929

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CarrickmacrossWorkhouseCoMonaghan>

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Dartrey and Rockcorry *Heritage Weekend*

Friday, 21st August to Sunday, 23rd August, 2026

 **FRIDAY, 21ST AUGUST, 2026**

7.30pm - 9.00pm
An Evening of Music and Poetry
with Le Chéile Choir, Cootehill
in *St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey*



 **SATURDAY, 22ND AUGUST, 2026**
AT ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH, DARTREY

 **3.00pm - 3.45pm**
An Historic Talk on the Dawson Family
by historian and author, Mr. Jonathan Smith

 **3.45 - 4.15pm**
A Guided Tour of the Dawson Family Graves
by Mr. Noel Carleton

 Photograph Exhibition and
Afternoon Tea served



 **SUNDAY, 23RD AUGUST, 2026**

3.00pm
A Guided Historic Walk of Rockcorry Village
(starting at the former school) with Mrs. Hazel
Speares followed by afternoon tea and a
photograph exhibition in the former school

7.30pm
A Service of Thanksgiving for our Heritage
in St. James' Church, Rockcorry with
Bishop Ellis as preacher and special music




Comhairle Contae Mhúineacháin
Monaghan County Council


Ceangal
Clár den Chomhaire Oidhreacht
A Heritage Council programme


All Welcome

A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR, AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Dartrey and Rockcorry Heritage Weekend

Dartrey and Rockcorry Heritage Weekend will take place from Friday 21st - Sunday 23rd August, 2026. On Friday 21st August, Le Cheile Choir from Cootehill will open our Heritage Weekend with a special concert of music and poetry in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey at 7.30pm. On Saturday, 22nd August, 2026, an historic talk on the Dawson Family from Dartrey Castle will take place in St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey, followed by a tour of the graveyard by Mr. Noel Carleton. Afternoon tea will be served in marquees on the church grounds. A photograph exhibition of past and present events at Dartrey will also be on display in the church. On Sunday, 23rd August, 2026, a guided heritage walk of Rockcorry Village, starting at the old school where John Robert Gregg, inventor of shorthand, was a pupil, will commence at 3pm, led by Mrs. Hazel Speares. This will be followed by afternoon tea and a photograph exhibition of past and present events in Rockcorry in the old school. Dartrey and Rockcorry Heritage Weekend will conclude with a Service of Thanksgiving for our Heritage in St. James's Church, Rockcorry at 7.30pm with Bishop Ellis as our special preacher. All welcome.

These events are funded by the Monaghan County Council Heritage Section.

Date	Fri	Start	End
21st	Sat	19:30	21:00
22nd		15:00	16:15
Sun	23rd	15:00	16:00
Sun	23rd	19:30	20:45

Organiser: Ematris Parish Social Committee

Venue: St. John the Evangelist Church, Dartrey and Rockcorry Village

Address: Co. Monaghan

Eircode: Dartrey H16 RX 64 Rockcorry H18 W596

Email: lynnalexandraatkinson@gmail.com

Telephone: 0863532398

Built heritage, Car parking available, Autism friendly, Fully wheelchair accessible, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor, Outdoor



A LIVE PERFORMANCE, RE-ENACTMENT OR DEMONSTRATION

Learn to Finger Knit

Get hands on with needle-free fingerknitting! Finger knitting is a centuries-old craft, practiced for generations, especially by children, but its exact date of invention is unknown. Just bring your own yarn (chunky yarn is easier for beginners), and use your fingers to create magic! Limited spaces, booking required.

Limited spaces, booking required. Booking can be made by ringing Monaghan Town Library on (047) 81830.

Date	Start	End
Sat 22nd	10:30	12:30

Organiser: Monaghan Town Library & Monaghan County Museum

Venue: Monaghan Town Library

Address: Monaghan Town Library, Peace Campus, Monaghan

Eircode: H18V6V3

Email: monaghanlibrary@monaghancoco.ie

Telephone: 047 81830

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Monaghanbranchlibrary>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/monaghantownlibrary>

Cultural heritage, Accessible by public transport, Car parking available, Fully wheelchair accessible, Free, Indoor

Children's Heritage Hunt

Find old photos of Monaghan in days gone by!



Saturday 22 August 2026 at 10.30am

Meeting point at Monaghan Town Library

H18 V6V3

Ring Monaghan Town Library on (047) 81830 to
book your place.

Prizes to be won!

Children must be accompanied by an adult.



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Network

A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Children's Heritage Hunt

Ready for an adventure? Join the Monaghan Heritage Hunt this Wild Child Day and see how well you know Monaghan Town! The hunt challenges participants to find heritage photos, put up at various locations in the town, by Monaghan County Museum many moons ago. Follow the clues, explore Monaghan's rich history, and track down each image as quickly as you can. Once you've found all heritage photos, race back to Monaghan Library—the first 10 participants to return with all the correct answers will win a prize! Gather your family and friends, put on your walking shoes, and enjoy a fun-filled day of discovery, exploration and local heritage.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Date Sat	Start	End
22nd	10:30	12:30

Organiser: Monaghan Town Library

Venue: Monaghan Town Library

Address: Monaghan Town Library, Peace Campus, Monaghan

Eircode: H18V6V3

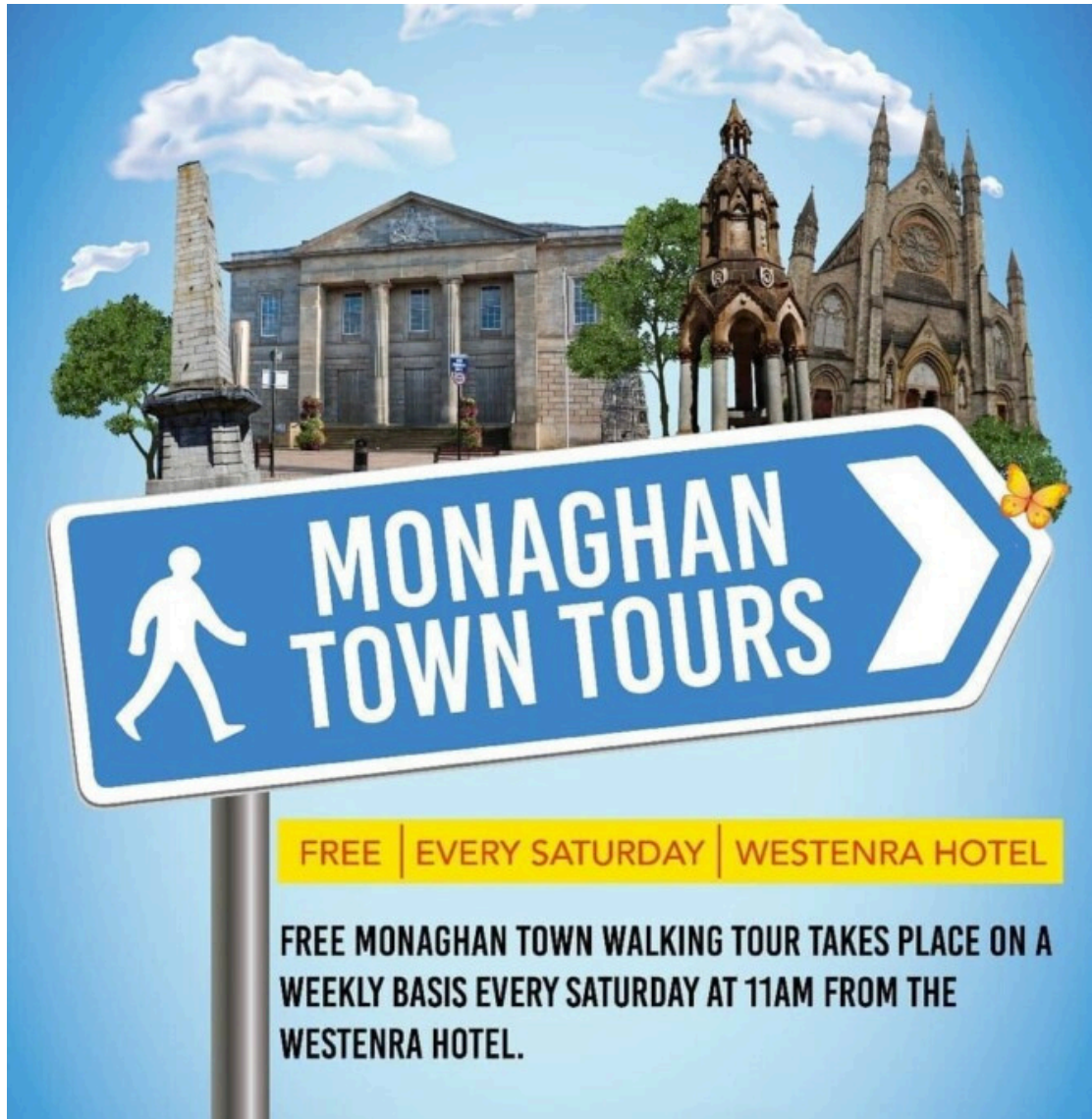
Email: monaghanlibrary@monaghancoco.ie

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Monaghanbranchlibrary>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/monaghantownlibrary>

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A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Free Walking Tour of Monaghan Town

Join us for a tour around Monaghan town, covering the history, architecture, people, myths and legends of the place. The tour lasts approximately two hours, and all are welcome to join, no need to pre-book! Weather appropriate wear is advised as the tour is outside.

Date	Start	End
Sat 22nd	11:00	13:00

Organiser: Monaghan Town Tours

Venue: Outside the Westenra Arms Hotel

Address: Westenra Arms Hotel, The Diamond, Monaghan

Eircode: H18 XA97

Email: monaghantowntours@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100056774125007>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/monaghantowntours>

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A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR, AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY, A TRAINING EVENT OR WORKSHOP, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING, A LIVE PERFORMANCE, RE-ENACTMENT OR DEMONSTRATION

Common Ground

Step back in time and discover how local clay was traditionally used to make bricks and pottery in pre-Famine Monaghan. During two hands-on sessions, from 11:00am–12:30pm and 2:00pm–3:30pm, participants will learn simple clay-processing techniques and pottery-making methods using locally sourced materials. Suitable for all ages and abilities, this interactive workshop invites visitors to create their own traditional pinch pot, which will be displayed as part of the exhibition and later fired in the kiln. Join us for an engaging creative experience that celebrates sustainability, craftsmanship, and Monaghan's rich heritage of making and creating with local materials. Supported by Monaghan County Council Heritage Section.

Date	Start	End
Sat 22nd	11:00	15:30

Organiser: Busy Bee Ceramics

Venue: Busy Bees Ceramics

Address: Hillhall, Glaslough

Eircode: H18 NP92

Email: brenda@busybeeceramics.ie

Telephone: 086-1080738

Cultural heritage, Car parking available, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor



A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

The People of Glaslough Railway Station

The People of Glaslough Railway Station.

Join us for an engaging Heritage Week talk by Maeve Mullen exploring the people and stories connected with Glaslough Railway Station. Following the talk, enjoy a walking trail of Glaslough's Audio Heritage, led by Helen Irwin. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Coach Garden. We would like to sincerely thank Monaghan County Council for their support of this event.

Wear comfortable shoes - lots of walking!

Date Sat	Start	End
22nd	13:00	14:30

Organiser: Glaslough Tidy Towns

Venue: Glaslough Railway Station

Address: New Line, Glaslough, County Monaghan, Ireland

Eircode: 5232 Glaslough Rd, Glaslough, Co. Monaghan

Email: glasloughtidytowns@gmail.com

Telephone: 0838740702

Facebook: <https://www.glasloughtidytowns.com/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/glasloughtidytowns/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@glasloughtidytowns8466>

Cultural heritage, Car parking available, Autism friendly, Vision impaired friendly, Suitable for families, Free, Outdoor



A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

The Bath Estate Series - The Gate of the Pale

The Gate of the Pale: Farney Before, During and After 1641. For centuries, the barony of Farney stood at the frontier — "the gate of the Pale" - where the world of the MacMahon lords met the ambitions of the English Crown. In 1576, with a stroke of Queen Elizabeth's pen, this corner of Monaghan was granted to the Earl of Essex, setting in motion a story of survey maps and rent rolls, resistance and lawsuits, that would erupt in the rebellion of 1641 - when Essex Castle at Carrickmacross fell to men its inhabitants knew by name. Drawing on the remarkable Irish papers preserved at Longleat House and the testimony of Farney's own people in the 1641 Depositions, Dr Michelle McGoff-McCann uncovers how this land was mapped, contested and remembered - and what the archives reveal about the neighbours who lived through it all. Part of the annual Bath Estate Lecture Series funded by Monaghan County Council Heritage Section.

Date Sat	Start	End
22nd	18:00	19:30

Organiser: Monaghan County Council - Heritage Section

Venue: Shirley Arms Hotel

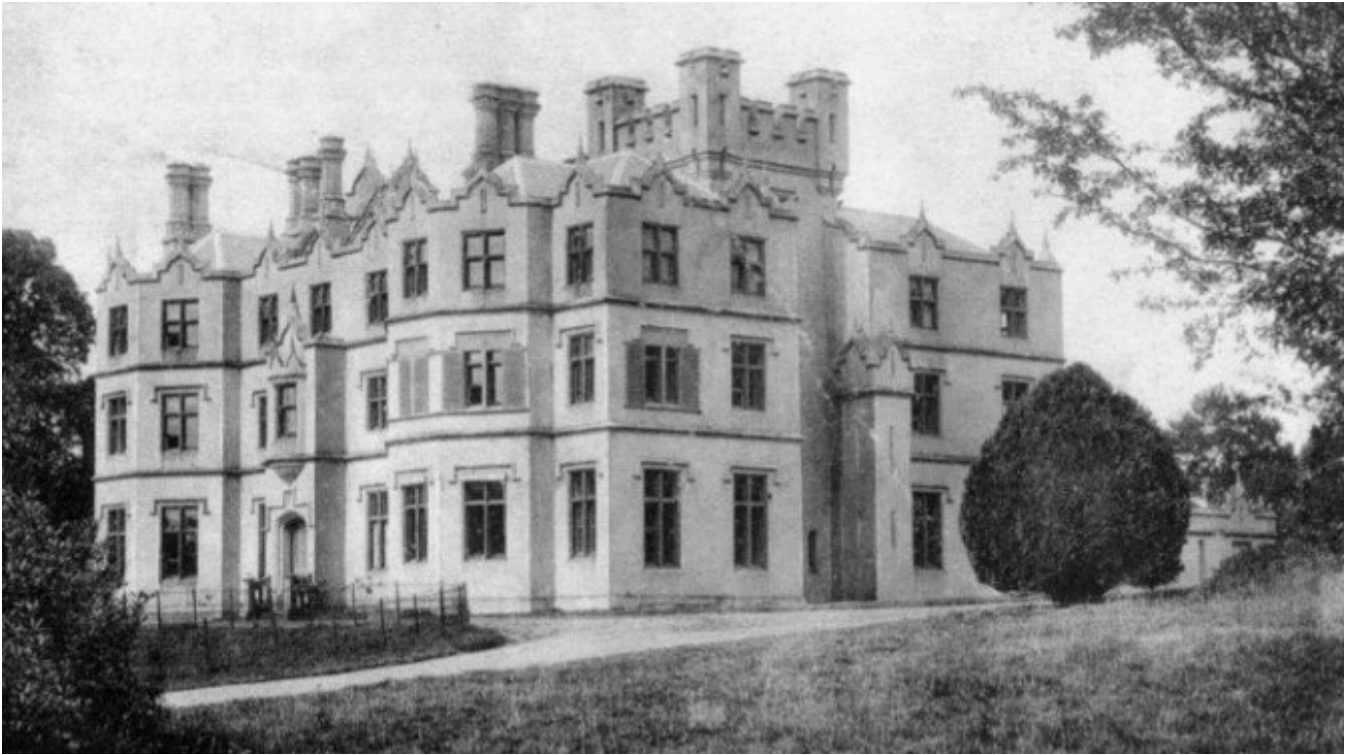
Address: Market Square, Carrickmacross

Eircode: A81 W677

Email: heritage@monaghancoco.ie

Telephone: 047-73722

Built heritage, Accessible by public transport, Car parking available, Fully wheelchair accessible, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Castleshane Forest and Estate: A Bi-lingual Walking Tour

Bígí Linn!! Join us for a Bi-lingual Guided Walking Tour of Castleshane Forest and Estate incorporating the History & Heritage of Castleshane House, Waterfall, local Place-names, Flora & Fauna. Visitors will be led on a 2 hour walk of Castleshane forest experiencing a cultural, historical and heritage immersion in to the local area and landscape. There will be shared information on local placenames and their links to the local area historically and geographically, a detailed exploration of the forest and parklands with special visit to Castleshane waterfall, viewing the old estate house ruins, once belonging to the Lucas family and giving a history of its location and significance to the local area. This event has been funded by Monaghan County Council Heritage Section. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Imeacht Saor in aisce. Fáilte mhór roimh chách!

Date	Start	End
Sun 23rd	14:00	16:00

Organiser: Castleshane History and Heritage

Venue: Dublin Road Gate Lodge, Castleshane Demense

Address: The Demense, Castleshane

Eircode: H18 C863

Email: malachytrainor@hotmail.com

Telephone: +353 86 897 0117

Built heritage, As Gaeilge, Car parking available, Suitable for families, Free, Outdoor

Wild Child Day

Discover the Natural World Around You

Saturday 22nd August 2026



Wild Child Day encourages children and young people all over Ireland to get outside and explore our natural heritage.

The Heritage Council is encouraging children to look at the world around them differently, to open their eyes to the diverse beauty of the landscape in their area and to get out and explore their locality or even farther afield.

This Wild Child Day, explore your local natural landscapes, learn about how we interact with nature and how we can create a sustainable environment for all flora and fauna.

Find all events for Wild Child Day 2026 at heritageweek.ie

Water Heritage Day

Sunday 23rd August 2026



Our landscape is full of waterways and features. Many are obvious to us while some waterways are hidden from plain sight. Water Heritage Day on 23rd August will celebrate the heritage and history connected to our magnificent rivers, lakes, and coastline and more. This water-themed day is organised through collaboration between the Heritage Council and the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO).

This National Heritage Week, you can get involved and explore your local water body. Discover its biodiversity, participate in events or in citizen science projects that record and monitor waterways in your locality.

Celebrate the theme of Living Heritage by exploring our interaction with water and the traditions associated with it.

Find Water Heritage Day events or projects in your community at [heritageweek .ie](https://heritageweek.ie)

Local Authority
Waters Programme 
vibrant communities | catchment assessment | healthy waters



National Heritage Week Awards

Celebrate the projects, people, and communities who bring Ireland's heritage to life. The National Heritage Week Awards honour the most inspiring events and initiatives from across the country.

If you're organising an event for National Heritage Week, your event could be recognised on a national stage. Entries open on 25th August, just after National Heritage Week ends. Submitting your event is simple: complete the online nomination form, share your event details, and upload images that capture its impact.

Taking part is a chance to showcase your work, highlight the difference it makes, and join a nationwide celebration of heritage in all its forms. Award winners and shortlisted projects receive national recognition and are celebrated at the Awards Ceremony on Friday, 16 October 2026.

Shine a light on your heritage story. Enter the National Heritage Week Awards.



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For event listings visit **heritageweek.ie**



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