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Waterford

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The Heritage Council, Áras na hOidreacht, Church Lane, Kilkenny R95 X264



OPW RUN EVENT

Reginald's Tower Prison Quest.

For Heritage Week 2026, why not put your detective skills to the test and see if you can solve the mystery. The Tower-Keeper, Reginald Macivor has reported that a prisoner that was held in the Tower last night has absconded! Not only that but the villain stole the Tower-Keeper's cap badge while escaping. There are eight possible suspects but Reginald can't work out which is the guilty party. He needs you to solve the clues and help unravel this mystery. No Booking Required. Access to the upper floors in Reginald's Tower is by Medieval spire stairs. Runs every day of Heritage week 2026 from 9.30am to 5.30pm.

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Fri 21st	09:30	17:30
Sat 22nd	09:30	17:30
Sun 23rd	09:30	17:30

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Venue: Reginald's Tower

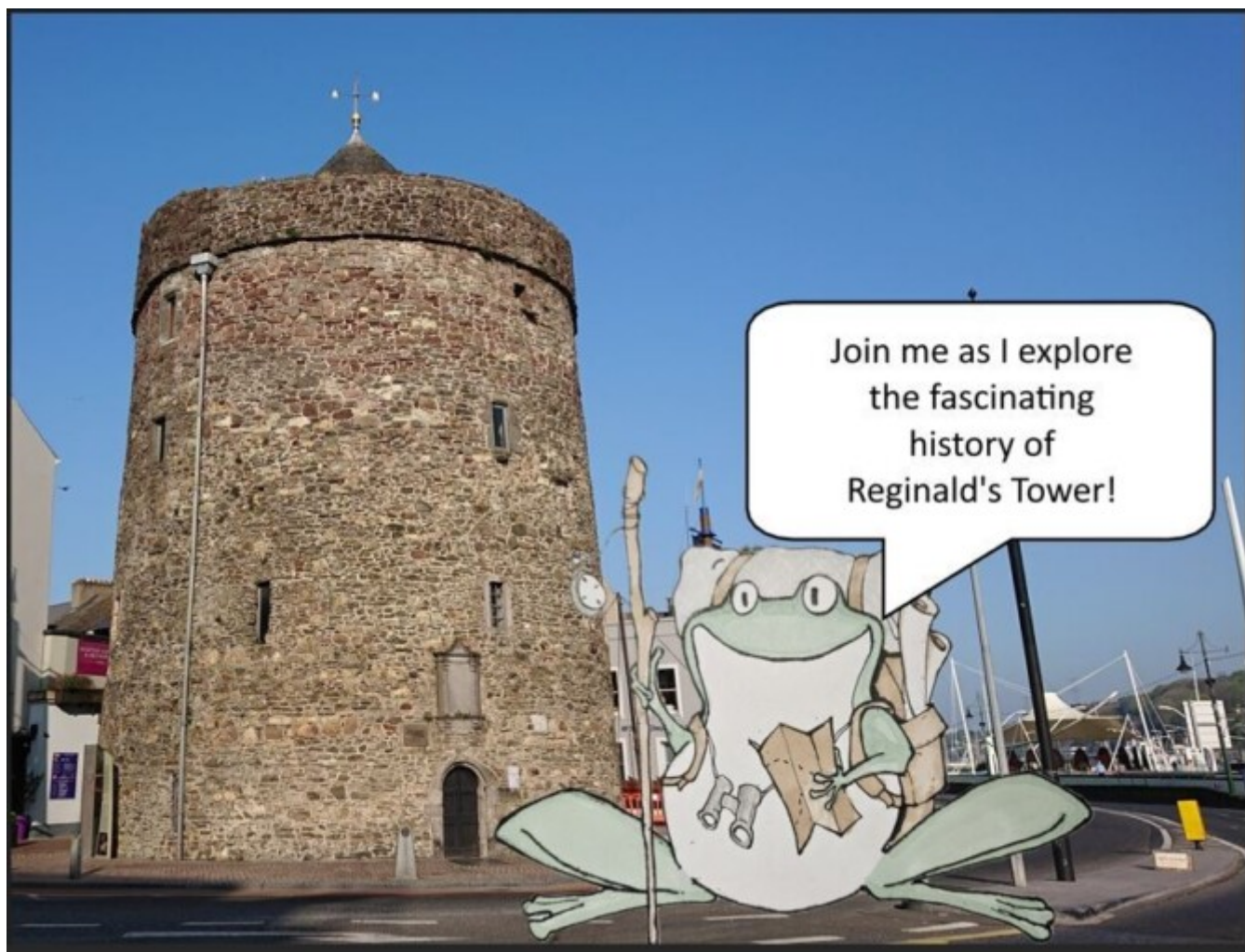
Address: The Quay, Waterford City

Eircode: X91 Y880

Email: reginaldstower@opw.ie

Telephone: 051 304 220

Built heritage, Accessible by public transport, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor



AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY

Reginald's Tower Lego Trail.

Embark on an enchanting journey this Heritage Week with Ribbert FitzFrog, the renowned adventurer and author allegedly descended from Ireland's very first frog! According to Gerald of Wales, this ancestral frog was laid to rest in Reginald's Tower. Join Ribbert as he unravels the diverse historical roles of Reginald's Tower over the centuries. See if you can find the different Lego dioramas that match his adventures in the Tower! No Booking required, access to upper floors of the Tower by Medieval staircase only. Runs every day of Heritage Week 2026 from 9.30am to 5.30pm. Free event.

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A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR, OPW RUN EVENT

Reginald's Tower - Free Admission

Once described as a massive hinge of stone connecting the two outstretched wings of the city, this tower has never fallen into ruin and has been in continuous use for over 800 years. On Saturday, the 15th of August, Reginald's Tower is offering Free Admission.

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Sat 15th	09:30	17:30

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Address: The Quay, Waterford City

Eircode: X91 Y880

Email: reginaldstower@opw.ie

Telephone: 051 304 220 or 085 8013885

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Free Pagoda Activity Sheet & Kids Go Free

Looking for a fun family activity this Heritage Week? Visit us and pick up our FREE Chinese Pagoda Explorer Activity Sheet. Young explorers can colour the beautiful Chinese Pagoda, add their own birds, butterflies and flowers, and discover the story behind one of the gardens' most iconic features. Complete the activity to earn a Chinese Pagoda Explorer Certificate - the perfect keepsake from your Heritage Week adventure! Even better? Children Go FREE to Mount Congreve, making it a great opportunity for families to explore, learn and create together. Heritage Week: 15th - 23rd August 2026 ?? FREE Activity Sheet | Children Go FREE

Date	Start	End
Sat 15th	10:00	15:45
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Wed 19th	10:00	15:45
Thu 20th	10:00	15:45
Fri 21st	10:00	15:45
Sat 22nd	10:00	15:45
Sun 23rd	10:00	15:45

Organiser: Mount Congreve Gardens

Venue: Mount Congreve Gardens

Address: Kilmeaden

Eircode: X91 PX05

Email: sales@mountcongreve.com

Telephone: 051 384 115

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mountcongreve?igsh=cWRmdW9tejVjMnFq>

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-ldtk8cPDgnWpHXCB_1x4Q

Booking Link: mountcongreve.com/event/heritage-week-free-activity-sheet-kids-go-free

Built heritage, Car parking available, Specifically an event for children, Suitable for families, Includes an admission fee, Outdoor



A FESTIVAL, SHOW, FAIR OR MARKET

Aonach na nDéise- Woodstown Viking Heritage Festival

Free Family friendly heritage festival for Heritage Week celebrating all aspects of Viking Life - Déise Medieval living history displays, TVAS Archaeology Dig in a Box, National Museum of Ireland- Viking Artefact Challenge, The Discovery Programme and Abarta Heritage Exhibition - What we know about Woodstown and how we surveyed the site, Western style Viking Battles, Eastern Style Bridge Fighting demonstrations, Kiddie Vikes, Viking Boat, Irish Wolfhounds and Birds of Prey, Fun Games with Fuinseog Woodland Crafts , bring a picnic and enjoy being entertained and informed about Woodstown's Wonderful Viking Heritage.

This is an outdoor event on uneven ground involving a 20 minute walk to the site from the nearest Greenway car park at Carriganore. Wear suitable footwear and outdoor clothing.

Date	Start	End
Sat 15th	12:00	16:00
Sun 16th	10:00	17:00

Organiser: Waterford City & County Council

Venue: Woodstown Viking Site along the Waterford Greenway- 20 minute walk from Greenway Carpark at Carriganore

Address: Lat: 52.254455, Lng: -7.191246

Eircode: N/A

Email: bguest@waterfordcouncil.ie

Telephone: 051849668

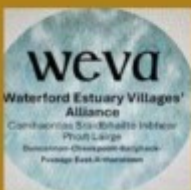
Cultural heritage, Car parking available, Suitable for families, Free, Outdoor

Free Heritage Week Event



Tales of the Estuary - The Cockle Women

Saturday 15/08 @ 3pm
Passage Beach, Co. Waterford



A LIVE PERFORMANCE, RE-ENACTMENT OR DEMONSTRATION

Tales of the Estuary – The Cockle Women Re-Enactment

The Passage Cockle Women spent their days rooting out and picking cockles on the banks of the River Suir, from Passage East to Tramore. They brought the cockles to Passage by ass and cart; there, the cockles were washed, boiled and shaken from their shells through a 'riddle', then sold for sixpence a pint on the streets of Waterford every Friday. They sat at a makeshift counter made from wooden porter or fish boxes. In 1926, the women were summoned by Waterford Corporation for blocking the public thoroughfare when selling cockles and brought before the District Court. They won their case. There is evidence that women sold cockles on the streets of Waterford as far back as 1870. Many of the

women were single, widowed or 'deserted', and cockle picking was their only means of providing for their families. Despite their modest incomes, these strong-minded, hardworking women were renowned for not just looking after their own families but also supporting other families who struggled to cope. Their history is mostly handed down through the stories told within their families and the community. A 'Blue Plaque' commemorating The Cockle Women is now proudly displayed in Arundel Lane, Waterford City. This re-enactment is their story - an excerpt from The Minaun Community Theatre Group's highly acclaimed eight-night sell-out theatre production. All women involved are the original actors, many descendants of the cockle women themselves.

Reenactment will be followed by serving of traditional cockle chowder in bread bowls.

Date	Start	End
Sat 15th	15:00	18:00

Organiser: PASSAGE EAST AND CROOKE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION CLG

Venue: PASSAGE EAST BEACH

Address: PASSAGE EAST

Eircode: X91FD85

Email: passageeastandcrooke@gmail.com

Telephone: 0876682120

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



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Open Day at Salterbridge Gatelodge

Irish Landmark Trust: To celebrate National Heritage Week 2026, Salterbridge Gatelodge will be open on Sunday, 16th August from 10am to 4pm. This is a free event offering a self-guided tour of this charming former gatelodge of Salterbridge House, now restored as self-catering accommodation. Visitors can admire this classically proportioned pavilion gatelodge while exploring the conservation work undertaken by Irish Landmark Trust.

There is limited parking at this property. Spaces are limited. We recommend booking ahead via the registration link.

Date	Start	End
Sun 16th	10:00	16:00

Organiser: Irish Landmark Trust

Venue: Salterbridge Gatelodge

Address: Cappoquin, Co. Waterford

Eircode: P51 DY01

Email: bookings@irishlandmark.com

Telephone: 016704733

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

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

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1EKwj20TiUOjTxq47cywgcg>

Booking Link: eventbrite.ie/e/open-day-at-salterbridge-gatelodge-at-cappoquin-in-waterford-tickets-1992412586681

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



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Guided Coastal Walk: Exploring the Eroding Geological and Cultural Heritage of Bunmahon Head

Join us for a guided walk exploring the rich geological and archaeological heritage of Bunmahon Head and discover how climate change is affecting the Copper Coast's precious coastal heritage. Delivered in partnership with the Discovery Programme, Copper Coast Geopark and Waterford County Museum, this walk will be led by archaeologist Dr Edward Pollard and geologist Robbie Galvin, who will provide a insight into the changing coastal landscape and the impacts of erosion. The cliffs around Bunmahon are undergoing significant erosion, revealing and threatening evidence of thousands of years of history. Along the route, we will explore how this landscape has evolved, from ancient volcanic lavas and the Old Red Sandstone conglomerates that form the cliffs, to archaeological remains including ogham stones, Iron Age promontory forts, a Napoleonic signal tower and the legacy of nineteenth-century copper mining. The walk will also examine how ongoing coastal change is reshaping the landscape and placing this remarkable heritage increasingly at risk. The walk is approximately 2 km return and will last around one hour. We will meet at 10:30 am on 16 August in the car park at the western end of Bunmahon Beach before walking approximately 20 minutes along the cliff to Bunmahon Head. This is a relatively easy walk but includes sections of uneven, rocky and potentially muddy ground. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing appropriate for the weather. As there are unprotected cliff edges along the route, participants should take care at all times.

Date	Start	End
Sun 16th	10:30	11:30

Organiser: The Discovery Programme: Centre for Archaeology and Innovation Ireland

Venue: Carpark at western end of Bunmahon Beach

Address: Templeyvrack

Email: edward@discoveryprogramme.ie

Telephone: +353 1 639 3039

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

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

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmCGeSSGZZWYeCXxK4nQEIQ/videos>

Built heritage, Free, Outdoor



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

March of the Black Friars (Re-enactment)

Step back in time and join us for the Black Friars March! On 8th August 1926 a ceremony took place to mark the 700th Anniversary of the arrival of the Dominican Order in Waterford City. Over 5,000 participants took part in a procession which included the Mayor and Corporation (in state), members of confraternities, church organisations, along with Augustinians, Dominicans, Trappist communities and led by four members of the British Legion. This is an event where history comes alive through a re-enactment which connects with our ancestors, paying tribute to both the religious and secular members of our society. Special mention is made of the Statue of Our Lady of Waterford (currently on display at St Saviour's Church, Bridge Street and which was carried in the original procession) when the last Prior, Fr. William Martin, O.P. surrendered the Abbey of St Saviour's to Henry VIII in 1541. A historical lecture marking the Centenary of the original Black Friars March will conclude the event which endeavours to replicate the spirit of the march as participants represent the original procession members and bring an historic event to life. Programme: 12:00PM Holy Mass at Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity 1:30PM Welcome Address - Barronstrand Street 1:45PM Black Friars March procession to St Saviour's Church, Bridge Street via Great George's Street and O'Connell Street, 3:00PM Historical Talk "Footsteps of Faith: 100 Years On - Celebrating the Centenary of Waterford's 'March of the Black Friars', 3:45PM Refreshments.

Date	Start	End
Sun 16th	12:00	16:30

Organiser: Waterford and Lismore Diocese

Venue: Blackfriars Abbey Ruin

Address: John Roberts Square, Waterford City

Email: ourladyofwaterford@gmail.com

Telephone: 0874181283

Register Link: eventbrite.com/e/black-friars-march-re-enactment-tickets-1996240289443?

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

Free Heritage Week Event



The Reaper Revival : a family legacy reborn

A story

A boat trip

Sunday 16 August

Cheekpoint, Co. Waterford

3 - 5pm

Booking essential 083 353 0350



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

The Reaper Revival - A Family Legacy Reborn

As recently featured on RTE Nationwide. Step back in time and experience Waterford's rich maritime heritage with Dipps Trips, offering unique historical river tours along the Waterford Estuary. Cruise the river aboard Reaper, a beautifully restored traditional fishing boat, and discover the stories, traditions, and hidden gems that have shaped this historic waterway. This is a journey through time. Originally built in 1926 in St Ives, Cornwall, Reaper has been carefully restored and returned to the water following years of dedication. Now based in Cheekpoint, this remarkable vessel offers visitors a rare opportunity to explore the estuary as it would have been experienced by generations of fishermen before. Guided

cruises bring the history of the Waterford Estuary to life, sharing insights into traditional fishing techniques, local heritage and the communities that have long depended on these waters. As you journey along the river, take in the scenic surroundings while uncovering the rich stories woven into the landscape. Whether you're a local looking to see the area from a new perspective or a visitor eager to connect with its maritime past, Dipps Trips offers a memorable and authentic way to experience Waterford with tours running during the summer months. For Heritage Week, Dipps Trips has a limited number of free places onboard Reaper at 3pm on Sunday 16 August. Booking essential

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

Organiser: Cheekpoint and Faithlegg Development Group

Venue: The Pier, Cheekpoint, Co. Waterford

Address: Cheekpoint

Email: joanne@mcx.ie

Telephone: 0868552658

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/login/?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fp%2FThe-Reaper-Revival-100087957910791%2F>

Booking Link: dipps-trips.com

Cultural heritage, Car parking available, Specifically an event for children, Free, Outdoor

(Heritage Council 2026 Grant Programme: CH6335)



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Bishop's Palace Tour

Our guests can enjoy a reenactor-led experience that walks through expert architectural features and ornate gilt furniture. On the tour they will discover the scandalous affairs, tantalising love stories and more that hide beneath the veneer of Georgian perfection. Learn about a murder most foul on this special tour of one of Waterford's most famous townhouses.

Date	Start	End
Mon 17th	13:15	14:15

Organiser: Waterford Treasures

Venue: Bishop's Palace / Bishop's Palace

Address: The Mall, The Viking Triangle, Waterford, X91 E279, Ireland

Eircode: X91 E279

Email: bookings@waterfordcouncil.ie

Telephone: 0861529799

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/waterfordtreasures/?hl=en>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@waterfordtreasures2223>

Booking Link: waterfordtreasuresbookings.com/Event/HERITAGE1

Cultural heritage, Accessible by public transport, Autism friendly, Fully wheelchair accessible, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor

Free Heritage Week Event



Voices of the Estuary B-reel

Landscapes and Landmarks

A video of sights and sounds of the area

Monday 17 August at 7pm

Faithlegg National School

All welcome!



A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Voices of the Estuary - B reel

Voices of the Estuary is a community heritage project that aims to preserve the memories, traditions, stories and local knowledge of the people of Cheekpoint, Faithlegg and surrounding areas. The project focuses on the unique relationship between the local community and the River Suir estuary. Through recorded interviews, our purpose is to capture the experiences and recollections of people whose lives have been shaped by the area, creating a valuable record for future generations. The interviews will become part of a community-led digital archive that will be stored at a national archive location, available locally and most importantly, preserves local heritage and memories. Our Heritage Week event focuses

on the B-reel - a short video of the landscape and landmarks that are the formation of the area and determine the ebb and flow of the people who live here.

Date	Start	End
Mon 17th	19:00	20:00

Organiser: Cheekpoint and Faithlegg Development Group

Venue: Faithlegg National School

Address: Faithlegg, Co. Waterford

Eircode: X91TW82

Email: joanne@mcx.ie

Telephone: 0868552658

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/login/?next=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2FCheekpointFaithleggDevGroup%2F>

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(Heritage Council 2026 Grant Programme: CH6335)



AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

The 1926 Census: Exploration and Uses

A talk and demonstration by Pat Casey on the 1926 Census. How to use it; explain the documents and highlight interesting stories from the data. The first census of the new Ireland compared to the 1901 and 1911 census returns and other contemporary documents. Follow your family and community in Knockanore, Glendine and Kilwatermoy one hundred years ago

Date	Start	End
Mon 17th	20:00	21:30

Organiser: Knockanore, Glendine, Kilwatermoy Heritage and Historical Society

Venue: Knockanore Community Centre

Address: Knockanore, County Waterford

Eircode: P51 AO67

Email: niall_brn@yahoo.ie

Telephone: 086 3482704

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

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ANTIQUITIES ROADSHOW

**FREE talk by Thomas Desmond on the joys
and perils of archaeological digs**



*Splintered stone - or
prehistoric scraper?*

*Granny's broken milk jug -
or a piece of Medieval
pottery?*

**Think you might have
found an artefact?**

Bring along any reasonably sized item. Thomas will be happy to inspect it and offer his opinion based on 35 years of working on major archaeological excavations all around Ireland.

TUESDAY, 18TH AUG. 2026

1 pm to 3 pm

Reginald's Tower, Waterford
Booking advised: (051) 304220



**Access to event by
spiral stone
staircase (56 steps)**



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Organiser: Office of Public Works
Venue: Reginald's Tower
Address: The Quay, Waterford City
Eircode: X91 Y880
Email: reginaldstower@opw.ie
Telephone: 051 304 220 or 085 8013885

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A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Save the Thatch Talk

This will be a conversational event for people interested in discussing ways to revive the use of native materials and skills for thatch and thatching. Tea and coffee will be served.

Date	Start	End
Tue 18th	14:00	16:00

Organiser: Darragh Mayne

Venue: Parson's Cottage

Address: PARSONS COTTAGE

Eircode: P51C2C5

Email: kdmayne@gmail.com

Telephone: 0874329475

Built heritage, Free, Outdoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

The Maritime Out of Storage Collection

Join Curator Donnchadh Ó Ceallacháin to see objects from our collection not usually available to view. This year Waterford Treasures has partnered with the Port of Waterford to create a permanent maritime gallery so we're highlighting objects from our long history as a Port City. Get up close and personal with these artefacts as Donnchadh talks about their use, construction and storied histories.

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

Organiser: Waterford Treasures

Venue: Garden room Medieval Museum

Address: Cathedral Square, The Viking Triangle, Waterford

Eircode: X91 K10E

Email: bookings@waterfordcouncil.ie

Telephone: 0861529799

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/waterfordtreasures/?hl=en>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@waterfordtreasures2223>

Booking Link: waterfordtreasuresbookings.com/Event/OUTOFSTORE

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AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

The Plants Our Grandparents Knew

Join Community Herbalists Lynn Shead for an engaging journey through the Hedgerow plants that once formed an essential part of our rural life in Ireland but is now Heritage at Risk. Explore via stories, local traditions, folklore and modern scientific understanding of flora like hawthorn, yarrow, plantain, nettle, elder and dog rose among other plants. This talk is an invitation to look with fresh eyes and celebrate the living heritage that still surrounds us. Suitable for anyone with an interest in nature, local history, folklore and the rich botanical heritage of Ireland and also for those who wish to learn new things.

Date	Start	End
Tue 18th	20:00	21:30

Organiser: Knockanore, Glendine, Kilwatermoy Heritage and Historical Society

Venue: Knockanore Community Centre

Address: Knockanore, County Waterford

Eircode: P51 AO67

Email: niall_brn@yahoo.ie

Telephone: 086 3482704

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

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Heritage Week Event at Reginald's Tower

Swords and Shield's

Free Children's workshop

Suitable for Children aged 5 to 12



Design your own weapons,

Wednesday August 19th

10.00 - 11.30

12.30 - 14.00

Booking essential on - 353 51 304 220



OPW

Oifig na
nOibreacha Poiblí
Office of Public Works



National
Heritage Week
a Heritage Council initiative

OPW RUN EVENT

Swords and Shield's

Swords and Shield's, free Children's workshop in Reginald's Tower on Wednesday the 19th of August. Suitable for Children aged 5 to 12. Design your own weapons. First session 10.00am to 11.30am and Second Session 12.30pm to 14.00pm. Booking essential on 051 304 220. Children must be accompanied by an Adult at all times. Access via medieval Spiral staircase only.

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Wed 19th	10:00	11:30
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A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Tour of Ballysaggartmore Towers

Join us for a magical guided walk at Ballysaggartmore Towers, where you will step back in time and explore an enchanting hidden gem. Nestled in peaceful woodland near Lismore, the stunning Gothic towers and gate lodges were built in the 1800s as part of a grand country estate and still capture the imagination today. As we stroll along the scenic forest paths, you will hear fascinating stories about the history, mystery, and local legends connected to the towers and the once-great Ballysaggartmore House. Surrounded by towering trees, stone bridges, and gentle streams, the walk offers a wonderful chance to enjoy nature while discovering the rich heritage of the area. Along the way, there will be opportunities to admire the beautiful architecture, take photographs, and soak up the peaceful atmosphere of this remarkable site. Whether you are interested in local history, architecture, or simply enjoying a relaxing walk in beautiful surroundings, Ballysaggartmore Towers promises a memorable experience for everyone.

Dress for all weather conditions for this outdoor walk. Please wear suitable rain gear and comfortable walking shoes or boots, as paths may be uneven or wet in places

Date	Start	End
Wed 19th	11:00	12:00

Organiser: Lismore Heritage Centre

Venue: Ballysaggartmore Towers

Address: Lismore, Co. Waterford

Eircode: P51 A097

Email: adonoghue@waterfordcouncil.ie

Telephone: 058-54975

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

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

Booking Link: discoverlismore.com/heritage-week-guided-tour-of-the-ballysagartmore-towers

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



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Qi Flow Movement Experience at the Chinese Pagoda

Morning Session: 11:00am – 12:15pm (Maximum 30 participants) Afternoon Session: 2:00pm – 3:15pm (Maximum 30 participants) Join Hellen Kang-Griffith for a gentle Qi Flow movement session inspired by the ancient Chinese practice of Qigong. Set amongst the beauty of Mount Congreve Gardens, this mindful practice combines gentle movement, breathing and relaxation techniques to help restore balance, release tension and reconnect body and mind. Each session concludes with a walk through the gardens to Mount Congreve's hidden Chinese Pagoda. No previous experience is necessary, and the session is suitable for all ages and abilities. Your Ticket Includes Complimentary admission to Mount Congreve Gardens A 75-minute Qi Flow Movement session An introduction to the history and significance of the Pagoda as part of Heritage Week Important Information Admission: Free of charge (booking essential) Maximum Capacity: 30 participants per session Location: Outdoors within Mount Congreve Gardens (weather permitting) What to Wear: Comfortable clothing and flat footwear suitable for walking on garden paths Please Bring: A light jacket and water bottle if desired Places are limited, so early booking is strongly recommended. This event forms part of the Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes Events Fund 2026 and is funded by the National Built Heritage Service. It is presented with the support of the Follies Trust. Please note that photography and video recording may take place during this event for promotional purposes by Mount Congreve and the National Built Heritage Service.

Please note that there are two sessions: Morning Session: 11:00am – 12:15pm (Maximum 30 participants) Afternoon Session: 2:00pm – 3:15pm (Maximum 30 participants) Places are limited, so early booking is strongly recommended.

Date	Start	End
Wed 19th	11:00	15:15

Organiser: Mount Congreve Gardens

Venue: Mount Congreve Gardens

Address: Kilmeaden

Eircode: X91 PX05

Email: hello@mountcongreve.com

Telephone: 051 384 115

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mountcongreve?igsh=cWRmdW9tejVjMnFq>

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-ldtk8cPDgnWpHXC_B_1x4Q

Booking Link: mountcongreve.com/event/heritage-week-qj-flow-movement-experience

Built heritage, Car parking available, Free, Outdoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR, AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY

A Day in the Life of a Georgian Lady

Dress and Social Historian Dr Melissa Shiels will showcase the clothing changes that a Georgian lady of the 1780s undertook for her various activities on any given day. This talk highlights the hair/beauty regime of a Georgian lady, the underpinnings she wore, her active wear for exercise, for visiting and dining, and for the most opulent of occasions - going to the ball. The various activities and crafts with which a lady filled her day will be explored and the talk will finish with a demonstration of 18th century tea etiquette!

Date	Start	End
Wed 19th	13:00	15:30

Organiser: Waterford Treasures

Venue: Bishop's Palace / Bishop's Palace

Address: The Mall, The Viking Triangle, Waterford, X91 E279

Eircode: X91 E279

Email: bookings@waterfordcouncil.ie

Telephone: 0861529799

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/waterfordtreasures/?hl=en>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@waterfordtreasures2223>

Booking Link: waterfordtreasuresbookings.com/Event/SPEAKER

Cultural heritage, Accessible by public transport, Suitable for families, Includes an admission fee, Indoor

(Heritage Council 2026 Grant Programme: N/A)



A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

A Tale of Two Streets in Waterford

Talk by historian Eugene Broderick exploring two Waterford streets using the 1926 census records, archives and other sources to tell the story of the streets and the people who lived in them.

Date	Start	End
Wed 19th	13:30	14:15

Organiser: Waterford City and County Archives
Venue: Waterford Central Library
Address: Lady Lane, Waterford City
Eircode: X91 VO45
Email: jrothwell@waterfordcouncil.ie
Telephone: 05821144
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/WaterfordCountyArchive/>
Twitter: <https://x.com/WaterfordLibs>
Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/waterfordlibraries/>
YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/WaterfordLibraries>

Cultural heritage, Accessible by public transport, Free, Indoor



A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Exciting Archaeological Discoveries, Cappagh, Co Waterford

This talk by Gillian McCarthy, site director, Rubicon Archaeology , will reveal the recent fascinating discoveries in Cappagh, Co Waterford, of two Neolithic houses and a Bronze Age flat cemetery up to 4,000 years old. All are welcome to this free event at the Town Hall Theatre, St Augustine Street, which is held in collaboration with Rubicon Archaeology and Roadstone Ltd.

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

Organiser: Waterford County Museum

Venue: Town Hall Theatre

Address: St Augustine Street

Eircode: X35 NW63

Email: info@waterfordmuseum.ie

Telephone: 05845960

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

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

Built heritage, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor



A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

The Curious World of Ireland's Follies - An Evening with Robert O'Byrne

Join acclaimed architectural historian, author and creator of The Irish Aesthete, Robert O'Byrne, for a fascinating illustrated talk exploring Ireland's remarkable follies. The evening will begin with a special 15-minute introduction by John Beattie, Architectural Conservation Advisor, who will speak about the importance of Ireland's historic designed landscapes and the work being undertaken to conserve and protect these unique heritage assets through the National Built Heritage Service. His presentation will provide the perfect introduction to an evening celebrating heritage, architecture and design. From sham castles and ornamental towers to hidden temples and romantic ruins, discover the extraordinary stories behind some of Ireland's most intriguing buildings, and learn how Mount Congreve's own Chinese Pagoda forms part of this rich architectural tradition. The talk takes place in Mount Congreve House's magnificent Drawing Room, home to its internationally significant eighteenth-century Chinese wallpaper—providing the perfect setting for an evening celebrating heritage, architecture and design. Talk ticket: €15 – includes a glass of wine or elderflower fizz. Max attendees: 90. Tickets must be pre-booked. Evening Schedule 7:00pm – Drinks reception 7:30pm – Introduction by John Beattie, Architectural Conservation Advisor (15 minutes) 7:45pm – Illustrated talk by Robert O'Byrne All proceeds from the lecture

and wine reception will support the conservation and restoration of Mount Congreve's historic Chinese Pagoda. This event forms part of the Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes Events Fund 2026 and is funded by the National Built Heritage Service. It is presented with the support of the Follies Trust. Please note that photography and video recording may take place during this event for promotional purposes by Mount Congreve and the National Built Heritage Service.

Tickets must be pre-booked.

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

Organiser: Mount Congreve Gardens

Venue: Mount Congreve Gardens

Address: Kilmeaden

Eircode: X91 PX05

Email: hello@mountcongreve.com

Telephone: 051 384 115

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/mountcongreve?igsh=cWRmdW9tejVjMnFq>

YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-ldtk8cPDgnWpHXC_B1x4Q

Booking Link: mountcongreve.com/event/heritage-week-event-the-curious-world-of-irelands-follies

Built heritage, Car parking available, Includes an admission fee, Indoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

The Heritage of Kilmolash Church and Graveyard

A talk by archaeologist John Tierney on the heritage of Kilmolash Church, associated with St. Molaise, who was locally venerated on 17 January. The site lies along Cosán na Naomh (the Path of the Saints, also known as St. Declan's Way), which historically linked Ardmore—associated with the pre-Patrician saint St. Declan—with the town of Lismore, connected to St. Carthage (also known as Mochuda)

This is an outdoor event in a historic graveyard with uneven ground. Please wear strong footwear and outdoor clothing.

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

Organiser: Waterford City & County Council

Venue: Kilmolash Church and Graveyard

Address: Kilmolash, Cappoquin, Co. Waterford

Eircode: Lat: 52.104240, Lng: -7.809330

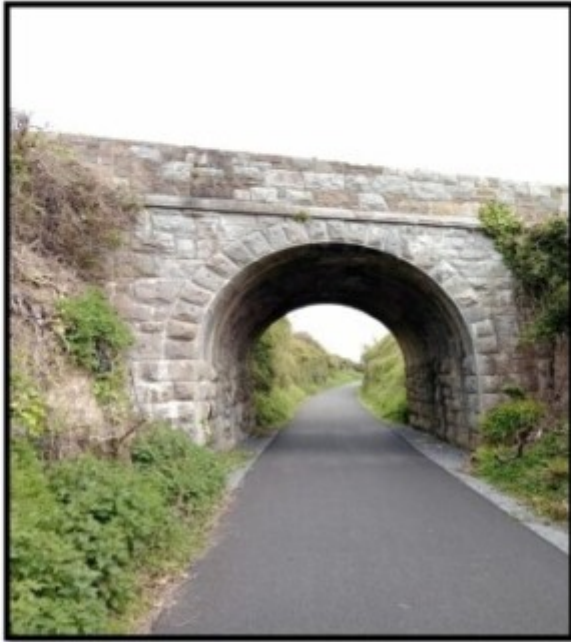
Email: bguest@waterfordcouncil.ie

Telephone: 051849668

Built heritage, Free, Outdoor

Limerick to Tralee Railway Line

A History



Lecture by: David Gazeley

Reginald's Tower

Thursday 20th of August 1pm to 2pm

For Booking please Phone

(051) 304 220 or (085) 801 3885

Reginaldstower@opw.ie

Access to talk is by a medieval spiral staircase.



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Heritage Week
A Heritage Council programme

AN EXHIBITION OR DISPLAY, A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

A History of the Limerick to Tralee Railway Line

Join us in Reginald's Tower on Thursday the 20th of August for a talk by David Gazeley on the history of the Limerick to Tralee railway line with additional focus on the Tralee to Fenit line. This is a Free event but booking is essential. Please email reginaldstower@opw.ie or phone 051 304 220 for bookings. Access to upper floors of Tower is by spiral stone staircase.

Date	Start	End
Thu 20th	13:00	14:00

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Venue: Reginald's Tower

Address: The Quay, Waterford City

Eircode: X91 Y880

Email: reginaldstower@opw.ie

Telephone: 051 304 220 or 085 8013885

Built heritage, Accessible by public transport, Free, Indoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Molana Abbey Guided Tour

Guided tour of Molana Abbey by historian Niall O'Brien exploring a building at risk of being forgotten. Founded in 6th Century by St. Molanfide on Dairinish Island in Blackwater River; involved in Celi De reform movement; re-established in 12th Century as Augustinian Abbey; dissolved 1541; later associated with Thomas Hariot; early 19th Century connected via causeway to the mainland.

Date	Start	End
Thu 20th	13:45	16:00
Organiser: Knockanore, Glendine, Kilwatermoy Heritage and Historical Society		
Venue: Ballynatray Estate Double Lodge Gate		
Address: Lat: 51.993198, Log: -7.888519		
Email: niall_brn@yahoo.ie		
Telephone: 086 3482704		
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/KGKHeritage		

Built heritage, Free, Outdoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Raise a Glass - Heritage Pub Tour Waterford City

Tasteful Tours are walking tours with a focus on food and beverages, some based around heritage products or built heritage and historical venues, in Waterford City. Our 'Raise a Glass' tour is running during Heritage Week. This tour was designed to shine a light on how many 'wet pubs' in Ireland have closed in recent years. On the tour, we celebrate Irish pub culture and we discuss its history but the highs and lows of alcohol consumption in Ireland too. We celebrate built heritage by stopping at three heritage bars in Waterford City where we'll talk about the building interiors and exteriors, their past owners, Victorian bar styles etc. and we consider the possibility that the 'Irish Pub' may soon be recognised as a protected built heritage asset by UNESCO. This tour explores the heritage, history, and social stories behind some of the city's finest public houses. We'll discuss Irish Pub Culture, past and present. And together we'll do our best to figure out what the future holds for the Irish 'Wet' Pub; is it a story of a glass-half-full or half-empty? So, if you're curious when it comes to Waterford's Publore and more, join in and let us lead the way!

Ticket Price – includes 3 x beverages* per person. *Low Alcohol, zero alcohol and minerals are available. Please Note: This tour values and adopts a drink-aware policy.

Over 18s Only Evening Event Walking Tour Social & History Event City Centre Location Prebook Tickets on Eventbrite

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

Organiser: Tasteful Tours

Venue: Clock Tower, Meaghers Quay, Waterford City

Email: sineadreil@gmail.com

Telephone: 0877487355

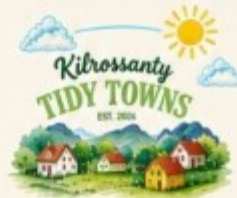
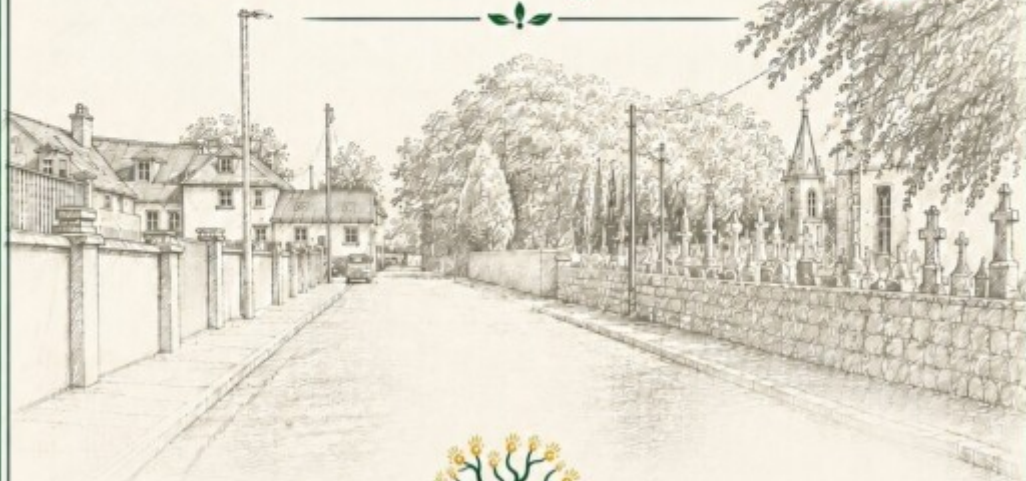
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/tastefulgastrotours>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/tastefultours_waterford/

Booking Link: [eventbrite.com/e/1995195936756?aff=oddtcreator](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1995195936756?aff=oddtcreator)

Built heritage, Accessible by public transport, Includes an admission fee, Indoor, Outdoor

Walking Tour of Kilrossanty Village



Followed by the unveiling of a new
Heritage Sign & Tidy Towns'
village enhancement works.

Refreshments will be served afterwards.



August 20th at 7.30pm,
meeting at Kilrossanty N.S.



Eircode, X42 XW57.

All are welcome

A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Historical Walking Tour of Kilrossanty Village

There will be a walking tour from Kilrossanty NS to the Corn Mill, guided by local historian Síle Murphy. The tour (approx. 2km) will outline the history of the area as a thriving rural village, the buildings and the people who lived & worked there. This will be followed by the unveiling of the new village heritage sign (which is inspired by the information given on the tour) & the village enhancement works undertaken by the newly founded Kilrossanty Tidy Towns. Guests include Síle Murphy, Mayor of Waterford City & County Cllr Liam Brazil and WCCC Heritage Officer Bernadette Guest. This event is a collaboration between Kilrossanty Remembers Local History & Heritage Group, Kilrossanty National School & Kilrossanty

Tidy Towns Group. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Meeting at Kilrossanty N.S. (Eircode X42 XW57), with tour leaving at 7.30pm. All are welcome

Date	Start	End
Thu 20th	19:30	21:30

Organiser: Kilrossanty Remembers

Venue: Kilrossanty National School

Address: Kilrossanty, Leamybrien, Co. Waterford

Eircode: X42 XW57

Email: kilrossantyremembers@gmail.com

Telephone: 0872952588

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

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

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



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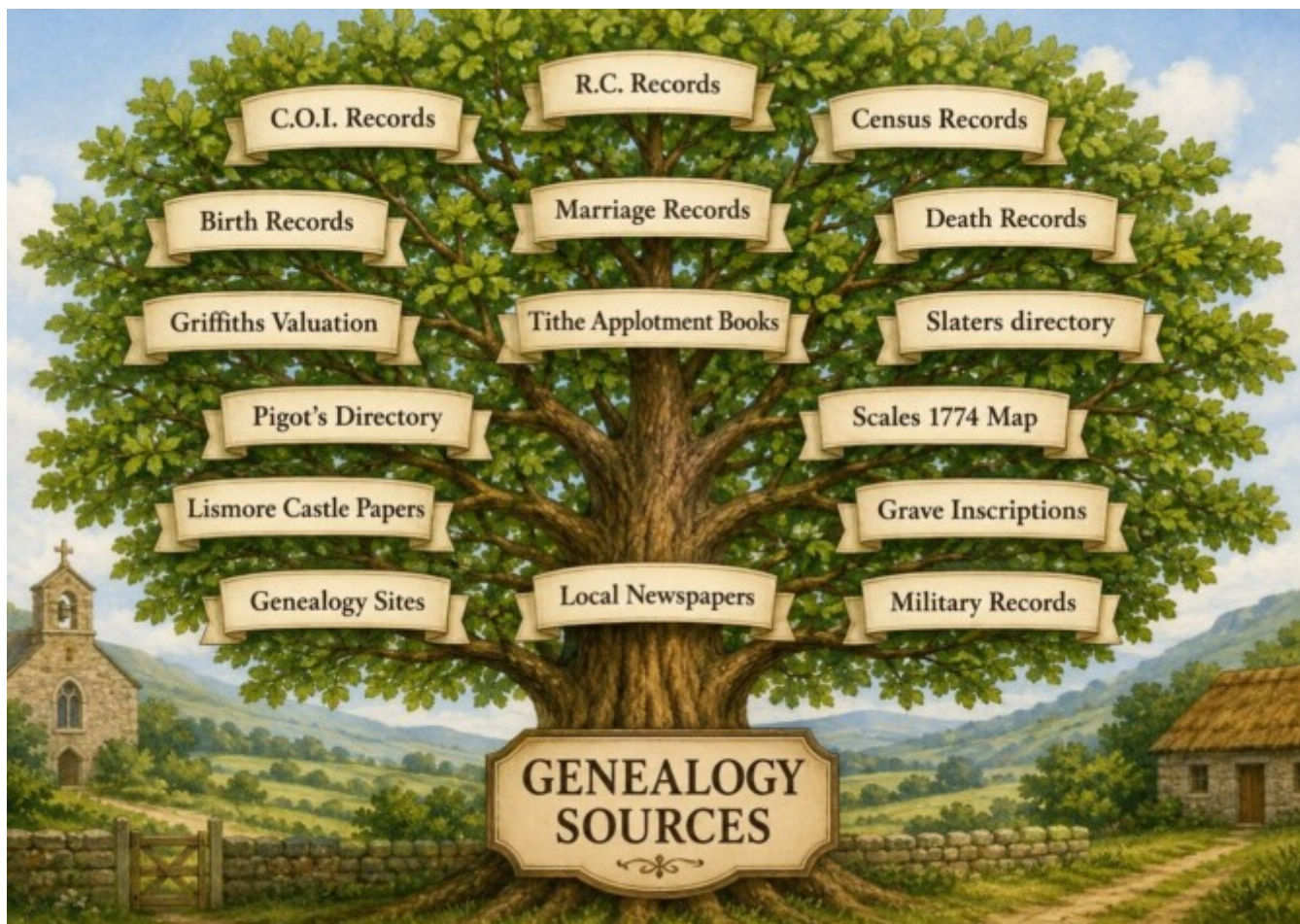
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The Heritage Council, Áras na hOidreacht, Church Lane, Kilkenny R95 X264



A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Researching your Family Heritage and History

Our Heritage Talk will form part of National Heritage Week and will consist of the following speakers - Billy Cantillon, Local Historian and Genealogist will present and demonstrate how to research your family heritage and history using local, national and international sources to assist you in building a family tree. Donie O'Brien of Tallow Church Renovation Committee will outline the renovation work being carried out in Phase 3 of Church Roof Restoration and will also give some practical examples to assist in local genealogy research. The event will be advertised on our Facebook page, on Local Newspapers as well as on the Heritage Council page.

Date	Start	End
Thu 20th	20:00	21:30

Organiser: Tallow Church Renovation Committee

Venue: St Patricks Parish Hall

Address: Convent Street, Tallow

Eircode: P51 N73C

Email: donieobrien7@gmail.com

Telephone: 0872867050

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61561557893729>

Cultural heritage, Accessible by public transport, Autism friendly, Fully wheelchair accessible, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor

(Heritage Council 2026 Grant Programme: CH6070)



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Saints and Scholars

Join our local guide Gearoid as you explore Lismore's vast history and its rich architecture as you follow in the footsteps and listen to the stories of the people that came before us, whilst taking in the beauty of this picturesque heritage town.

Date	Start	End
Fri 21st	11:00	12:00

Organiser: Lismore Heritage Centre
Venue: Lismore Heritage Centre
Address: Lismore, Co. Waterford
Eircode: P51 A097
Email: adonoghue@waterfordcouncil.ie
Telephone: 058-54975
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Lismoreheritagecentre>
Booking Link: discoverlismore.com/saints-scholars-town-tour

Built heritage, Car parking available, Free, Outdoor



A LIVE PERFORMANCE, RE-ENACTMENT OR DEMONSTRATION

Reginald's Tower Jigs and Reels

Join Stella baistí featuring Kaya Keating, Seanie Byrne, Darragh Browne in Reginald's Tower on Friday the 21st of August for a Free afternoon concert. They will be recreating the sounds of the prison Ballroom. Booking is advised as spaces are limited. Access upstairs is via medieval spiral stairs.

Date	Start	End
Fri 21st	15:00	16:00

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Venue: Reginald's Tower

Address: The Quay, Waterford City

Eircode: X91 Y880

Email: reginaldstower@opw.ie

Telephone: 051 304 220 or 085 8013885

Cultural heritage, Accessible by public transport, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor



A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Wildlife of Historic Walls

Join us during Heritage Week at the City Library on Friday 21st August for a fascinating talk exploring the hidden world of life found in medieval masonry. Discover how old stone walls, ruins and historic buildings provide valuable habitats for a surprising variety of wildlife, from small mammals and insects to lichens, mosses and plants. This family-friendly event will reveal the secrets held within our historic structures and show how heritage and biodiversity are beautifully connected. Whether you are young or old, a nature lover, history enthusiast, or simply curious about the wildlife around us, come along and uncover the living stories hidden in Ireland's ancient stone walls.

Date	Start	End
Fri 21st	15:00	16:30

Organiser: Southgate Associates Heritage Conservation Specialists and Waterford City & County Council

Venue: Central Library

Address: Lady Lane Waterford

Eircode: X91V045

Email: conservationheritagegrants@waterfordcouncil.ie

Telephone: 051849668

Natural heritage, Free, Indoor



HERITAGE WEEK 2026
AT WATERFORD LIBRARIES

**TALK: THE UNEXPECTED LEGACY
OF THE IRISH TEMPERANCE
MOVEMENT: IRISH COMMUNITY
BANDS AND CHOIRS**
WITH TIGER LILY KEOGHAN

The Irish Temperance Movement is often remembered for what it failed to achieve - widespread and lasting sobriety. Nonetheless, its legacy can still be heard today in our towns and cities as it was key to the establishment of many of Ireland's early community bands and choirs.

FRIDAY 21ST AUGUST - 7:00PM
TRAMORE LIBRARY

FREE EVENT - BOOKING REQUIRED

Contact **Tramore Library** on **051 849594** or email:
tramorelibrary@waterfordcouncil.ie for further details.

www.waterfordlibraries.ie



A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Talk with Tiger Lily Keoghan The Unexpected Legacy of the Irish Temperance Movement: Irish Community Bands and Choirs

The Irish Temperance Movement is often remembered for what it failed to achieve - widespread and lasting sobriety. Nonetheless, its legacy can still be heard today in our towns and cities as it was key to the establishment of many of Ireland's early community bands and choirs.

Booking required. Phone 051 849594 or email tramorelibrary@waterfordcouncil.ie

Date	Start	End
Fri 21st	19:00	20:00

Organiser: Waterford Libraries

Venue: Tramore Library

Address: Market Street, Tramore, Co. Waterford

Eircode: x91cy96

Email: tmceneaney@waterfordcouncil.ie

Telephone: 051 849594

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/WaterfordCouncilLibraries>

Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/WaterfordLibs>

Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/WaterfordLibraries>

Cultural heritage, Accessible by public transport, Car parking available, Free



A LIVE PERFORMANCE, RE-ENACTMENT OR DEMONSTRATION

Cumar na gCór - Collaborative concert of Irish, Scottish and Danish musicians

Bígi linn do cheolchoirm speisialta le Cór Fear na nDéise, cór fireann ó Ghaeltacht na nDéise, in éineacht le Joy Dunlop, amhránaí traidisúnta cáiliúil ón Alban agus a cór réigiúnach Albanach, Cór Alba. Beidh giotáraí flamenco ón nDanmhairg, Louis Claxton mar aoi speisialta. Tá an ócáid seo mar chuid de cheiliúradh oifigiúil Chomhairle Cathrach & Contae Phort Láirge d'Uachtarántacht na Éireann ar an Aontas Eorpach, trína bhfuil Port Láirge nasctha leis an Danmhairg. Beidh ticéidí ar fáil ar Eventbrite. Join us for a special concert featuring local male voice choir, Cór Fear na nDéise performing with renowned Scottish singer, Joy Dunlop and her regional Scots Gaelic Choir, Cór Alba. The concert will also feature Danish flamenco guitarist Louis Claxton as a special guest. This event is part of Waterford City & County Council's celebration of Ireland's presidency of the EU, through which Waterford is twinned with Denmark. Tickets available on Eventbrite and at door.

Admission Fee of €15. Doors open 19.30 Beidh ticéidí ar fáil ar Eventbrite. Tickets available on Eventbrite

Date	Start	End
Fri 21st	20:00	22:30

Organiser: Waterford City & County Council and Cór Fear na nDéise

Venue: Town Hall Theatre, Dún Garbhán

Address: Augustine Street Dungarvan

Eircode: X35 NW63

Email: maireseob@gmail.com

Telephone: 051849668

Cultural heritage, Accessible by public transport, Car parking available, Includes an admission fee, Indoor



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

St. Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore.

Treasure trail, Tea, Talk and Tunes takes place at St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore on Saturday 22nd August from 11.00am to 4.00pm as part of National Heritage Week. The events celebrates the architectural, cultural and natural heritage of one of Ireland's most important medieval cathedrals and offers visitors an opportunity to explore the building and its grounds. The programme includes an official opening by the Mayor and invited guests, guided tours with the Dean, live music by local musicians and homemade refreshments throughout the day. Visitors will have the opportunity to learn more about the history of the Cathedral, its place in the local community and the ongoing work to preserve this important

landmark. Families are invited to take part in a children's heritage and wildlife trail in and around the cathedral grounds. The Treasure hunt will encourage young visitors to look closely at the biodiversity found in historic churchyards, from woodlice and beetles to birds, mosses and lichens. The trail outside promotes a simple conversation message - draw it, don't pick it; look, don't lift it; leave no trace. Participants will be encouraged to respect the cathedral grounds and leave plants, wildlife and historic features undisturbed. Homemade cakes and tea will be served during the event, with a suggested donation of €5 towards the Cathedral Restoration Fund. A professional photographer will document families enjoying the day. Visitors will have the chance to support the preservation St Carthage's Cathedral, a historic community landmark.

Date	Start	End
Sat 22nd	11:00	16:00

Organiser: Lismore Cathedral CLG

Venue: St. Carthage's Cathedral,

Address: Lismore Cathedral, North Mall, Lismore, Co Waterford

Eircode: P51 VX 65

Email: lismorecathedral@gmail.com

Telephone: 0872522998

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

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

Built heritage, Accessible by public transport, Car parking available, Autism friendly, Fully wheelchair accessible, Vision impaired friendly, Specifically an event for children, Suitable for families, Includes an admission fee, Indoor, Outdoor

REGINALD'S TOWER AUF DEUTSCH

For German speakers and those who
want to test their language skills.



**FREE GUIDED TOUR
OF REGINALD'S TOWER IN GERMAN
SATURDAY, 22 AUG. 2026, 11:00 - 12:00**

Tour guide: Petra Kindler
Booking advised (051) 304220
Access to upper floors of the tower
by spiral stone staircase.



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Reginald's Tower Auf Deutsch

Join Petra Kindler for a free guided tour of Reginald's Tower in German. Booking advised and access to upper floors of the tower by spiral stone staircase.

Date	Start	End
Sat 22nd	11:00	12:00

Organiser: Office of Public Works
Venue: Reginald's Tower
Address: The Quay, Waterford City
Eircode: X91 Y880
Email: reginaldstower@opw.ie
Telephone: 051 304 220 or 085 8013885

Built heritage, Accessible by public transport, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor



A TALK, CONFERENCE OR READING

Thomas Francis Meagher - Heritage at Risk - Preserving the Legacy behind the legend by Dr. Maxine Keoghan

Dr. Maxine Keoghan will talk about Thomas Francis Meagher, one of Ireland's most iconic historical figures, yet his extraordinary life is too often reduced to a single moment - the introduction of the Irish Tricolour. This talk explores the many chapters of Meagher's remarkable journey through the lens of this year's Heritage Week theme, "Heritage at Risk". It considers what we risk losing when the full story of one of Ireland's most influential sons fades from public memory. From Waterford to Tasmania, and from revolutionary Ireland to the battlefields of the American Civil War, Meagher's life reveals a rich heritage that deserves to be remembered, understood and preserved for future generations.

Booking advised. Contact Ardkeen Library 051 849755 or email ardkeenlibrary@waterfordcouncil.ie See details of events on www.waterfordlibraries.ie

Date	Start	End
Sat 22nd	14:30	15:30
Organiser: Waterford Libraries		
Venue: Ardkeen Library		

Address: 1st Floor Ardkeen Quality Food Stores

Eircode: X91YT53

Email: tmceneaney@waterfordcouncil.ie

Telephone: 051 849755

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/WaterfordCouncilLibraries>

Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/WaterfordLibs>

Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/WaterfordLibraries>

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

HERITAGE WEEK 2026

DUNGARVAN CASTLE

Saturday August 22nd at 3.00pm

With Liam Suipéal



Ardoginna House, McKenna's Castle is a striking ruined country house overlooking the Atlantic coast on the left on the road to Goat Island in Ardmore. Originally dating from the 17th century and extensively remodelled in the Gothic Revival style during the 18th and 19th centuries, it is known for its dramatic battlemented towers and picturesque cliff-top setting. Once home to the Coghlan and McKenna families, the estate later briefly housed an Irish-language college before falling into ruin. Today, Ardoginna House is valued for its architectural heritage and is also the subject of local folklore, with several enduring ghost stories adding to its mystique.



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**National
Heritage Week**

Heritage Council organised

OPW RUN EVENT

The Story of Ardoginna Castle, Ardmore

Join us at Dungarvan Castle to hear the story of Ardoginna House, with Liam Suipéal recounting the history of this once imposing country house. Home to the Coghlan and McKenna families and for a short while an Irish language college and possibly a few mysterious visitors?

Date	Start	End
Sat 22nd	15:00	16:00

Organiser: OPW

Venue: Dungarvan Castle

Address: Castle Street

Eircode: X35 DV58

Email: dungarvancastle@opw.ie

Telephone: 0469422490

Cultural heritage, Autism friendly, Suitable for families, Free, Indoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR, A TRAINING EVENT OR WORKSHOP

Life in Viking Waterford

Come along to the museum with your little ones to see how our ancestors lived in the special family workshop for heritage week – try on costumes, try your hand at arts and crafts, handle replica objects and sate your curiosity in this hands-on museum experience designed to inspire future historians. This interactive family workshop runs on Sunday, 23th August at 11:30am - 1:00pm.

Date	Start	End
Sun 23rd	11:30	13:00

Organiser: Waterford Treasures

Venue: Medieval Museum/Medieval Museum

Address: Cathedral Square, The Viking Triangle

Eircode: X91 K10E

Email: bookings@waterfordcouncil.ie

Telephone: 0861529799

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

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/waterfordtreasures/?hl=en>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@waterfordtreasures2223>

Booking Link: waterfordtreasuresbookings.com/Event/TEST2

Cultural heritage, Accessible by public transport, Autism friendly, Free, Indoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Walk The Back Strand, Tramore with Paul Brent

Take a walk back in time with Paul Brent and learn about the hidden history of the Back Strand. Hear about the old racecourse and cycle track. Walk along the path over the original golf links. View the rifle range used to train soldiers in the First World War. Visit the sites of Cockle and Kitchen Middens. See where the people lived and find out about the crops they grew. There is so much to hear and see. Come along and enjoy the walk.

Date	Start	End
Sun 23rd	14:00	15:30

Organiser: Waterford Libraries

Venue: The Sea Horse Monument on the Promenade, Tramore

Address: The Prom, Tramore, Co. Waterford

Eircode: x91 an2y

Email: tmceneaney@waterfordcouncil.ie

Telephone: 051 849755

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/WaterfordCouncilLibraries>

Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/WaterfordLibs>

Instagram: <http://www.instagram.com/WaterfordLibraries>

Natural heritage, Accessible by public transport, Car parking available, Suitable for families, Free, Outdoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

A Waterford Wall Walk

Join our curators Clíona Purcell and Donnchadh Ó Ceallacháin to walk the loop of our defensive city walls on this special Heritage Week walking tour. Learn about the walls and towers that protected the city for centuries and find them hiding in plain sight around modern Waterford. This tour takes about two hours along a moderate walking route. Date: Sunday, 23rd August 2026 Time: 2:30pm

Date	Start	End
Sun 23rd	14:30	16:30

Organiser: Waterford Treasures

Venue: Medieval Museum/Waterford City Walls

Address: Cathedral Square, The Viking Triangle, Waterford, X91 K10E, Ireland

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@waterfordtreasures2223>

Booking Link: waterfordtreasuresbookings.com/Event/HERITAGE3

Built heritage, Accessible by public transport, Suitable for families, Free, Outdoor



A GUIDED OR SPECIALIST TOUR

Urban Fossil Walk

During the event we will be highlighting fossils in the building stones of places that we walk by every day! Palaeontologists from UCC will share the secrets of the fossils, explaining how they formed, what they were and where they lived. The walk is mainly on flat ground around the city, and is suitable for all ages.

Date	Start	End
Sun 23rd	15:00	16:00

Organiser: Ireland's Fossil Heritage

Venue: William Vincent Wallace Millennium Plaza

Address: Parade Quay, Waterford

Email: psianis@ucc.ie

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

Booking Link: forms.gle/xx9qMJQZaKzaySzF7

Built heritage, Free, Outdoor