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NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK 2019 17-25 AUG

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HERITAGE WEEK 2019:

PASTIMES | PAST TIMES

National Heritage Week takes place from the 17th to 25th August 2019. This year's theme is **PASTIMES | PAST TIMES**.

Heritage Week is co-ordinated by the Heritage Council, in conjunction with the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht and is part of European Heritage Days, which is celebrated in 40 countries across Europe.

National Heritage Week is a fantastic opportunity for people to see, learn and discover more about their local environment and is also an opportunity to raise awareness of County Meath's built, cultural and natural heritage.

This year's theme of **PASTIMES | PAST TIMES** gives a unique opportunity to deepen the connection between people and heritage, and build a legacy of increased public engagement. The week is a chance to share heritage stories in new ways, with new people. Heritage Week is asking everyone from young people, to new arrivals to Ireland, to retired people, to share their stories about **PASTIMES | PAST TIMES**.

The week is a chance to take a break, learn more about heritage and make a connection with the wonderful Meath landscape. Numerous events including walks, talks, exhibitions, family activity/fun days, living history displays and a community archaeology dig will take place throughout Meath – so whatever your interest you will find an event to suit.

This brochure, produced by the Heritage Office of Meath County Council, provides details of events taking place around the county and will help you to plan your itinerary to celebrate Heritage Week 2019 in Meath. For more information about these events or other Heritage Week events please visit www.heritageweek.ie.

A special thanks to the organisers of all the events, without their work and dedication Heritage Week would not be possible.

I hope you all enjoy this year's Heritage Week.

— Loreto Guinan, Heritage Officer, Meath County Council











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INTRODUCTION

A comprehensive programme of events is planned in County Meath giving you an opportunity to experience and enjoy its fascinating heritage. Most events are free. Children are welcome, but should be accompanied by a responsible adult. Outdoor events may be cancelled because of weather, so you should check with the contact if you are concerned. Please wear suitable footwear and clothing for outdoor events, such as guided walks. Event organisers are responsible for safety and insurance of each event.

Full descriptions of each event are available on **www.heritageweek.ie**. Please note that the responsibility for hosting events lies with the event organiser and they should be contacted directly for event queries.

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EVENT SYMBOLS KEY



Suitable for Children



Full Wheelchair Access



Partial Wheelchair Access



Car Parking Available



Booking Required

Blackfriary Community Archaeology Dig

Blackfriary Archaeology Field School and Meath County Council will be hosting a Community Archaeological Excavation opened to all members of the public over the age of 18 years from August 13th to 24th 2019. Join us as we uncover the Monastic Gardens at the Blackfriary. Come along and be an archaeologist, guided by professional archaeologists, and discover the joy of digging.

Venue: Blackfriary Archaeology Site, Griffin Park, Trim

Cost: Free

Organiser: Blackfriary Community Archaeology Heritage Project (BCHAP)

Email: info@bafs.ie **Telephone:** 085 7563671

Website: www.bafs.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Tue 13th Aug.	10:00	16:30
Wed 14th Aug.	10:00	16:30
Thu 15th Aug.	10:00	16:30
Fri 16th Aug.	10:00	16:30
Sat 17th Aug	10:00	16:30
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'The Big Dig' Archaeology in Action

The School of Irish Archaeology is coming to Navan; their replica 'Viking House' excavation is designed for children five to 12 years who will explore the Viking world through an archaeological dig. Come along and enjoy the next step in the evolution of creative and hands-on learning for the younger generation.

Venue: St Mary's Church, Navan (Trimgate streetside)

Cost: Free

Organiser: Clare Ryan /
Navan & District Historical Society

Website: www.sia.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 17th Aug.	11:00	16:00



EXHIBITIONS

St. Laurence Hotel, Navan – Display

To help celebrate the restoration of this key building in Market Square, Navan there will be a display in the shop window of the former St. Laurence Hotel.

Venue: St. Laurence Hotel, 22 Market Square, Navan

Cost: Free

Organiser: Leon Duffy

Email: duffyleon1@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 3889097

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 17th Aug.	07:00	19:00
Sun 18th Aug.	07:00	19:00
Mon 19th Aug.	07:00	19:00
Tue 20th Aug.	07:00	19:00
Wed 21st Aug.	07:00	19:00
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Embroidered Cloths Exhibition

Embroidered Cloths is a collective exhibition of past-time art, which will showcase past and present embroidered items. Vintage embroidered linen will be displayed alongside modern embroidery samples.

Venue: Kraft Kaffee, No.1 Ardfrail Court, Millbrook Road, Oldcastle

Cost: Free

Organiser: Kraft Kaffee Kreative Sewing Group

Email: kraftkaffee@gmail.com

Telephone: 049 8542645

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Sat 17th Aug.	10:00	16:00
Tue 20th Aug.	10:00	17:00
Wed 21st Aug.	10:00	17:00
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Oldcastle Lives

Oldcastle Lives: an exhibition featuring some of the people and places of Oldcastle in times past. The exhibition takes place in shop windows in Oldcastle during Heritage Week 2019.

Venue: Oldcastle

Cost: Free

Organiser: Sue Russell

Email: oldcastlelives@gmail.com



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Sun 18th Aug.	07:00	23:45
Mon 19th Aug.	07:00	23:45
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Wed 21st Aug.	07:00	23:45
Thu 22nd Aug.	07:00	23:45
Fri 23rd Aug.	07:00	23:45
Sat 24th Aug.	07:00	23:45
Sun 25th Aug.	07:00	23:45



Past Times & Lives Navan 1865-1935

Stroll down memory lane and see images of Navan Town from around the turn of the 20th century. Canvases will be on display in shops, cafes and public houses along Trimgate Street, Navan.

Venue: Trimgate Street, Navan.

Organiser: Clare Ryan/Navan & District Historical Society

Email: history@navanhistory.ie

Telephone: 087 3070300

Website: www.navanhistory.ie

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Sat 17th Aug.	10:00	18:00
Sun 18th Aug.	10:00	18:00
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Thurs 22nd Aug.	10:00	18:00
Fri 23rd Aug.	10:00	18:00
Sat 24th Aug.	10:00	18:00



Turas Columbanus Photo Display

Display of Turas Columbanus/Columban Way pilgrim & cultural route from Bunclody to Bangor & continental Europe. Images of Tara, Slane, Bective, Columban Way in France, Austria, Switzerland and Italy.

Venue: St. Columbanus, Dalgan Park, Navan

Organiser: Friends of St. Columbanus

Cost: Free

Email: turascolumbanus@gmail.com

Telephone: 087 3481250

Website: www.thecolumbanway.eu

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Sun 18th Aug.	10:00	19:30
Mon 19th Aug.	10:00	13:00
Tue 20th Aug.	10:00	13:00
Wed 21st Aug.	10:00	13:00
Thu 22nd Aug.	10:00	13:00
Fri 23rd Aug.	10:00	13:00



Living History – The Way We Were

‘The Way We Were’ is an inter-generational living history project. The exhibitors (older volunteers) have dipped into their own childhoods to show us what life was like when they were younger.

Venue: Third Age National Office, Summerhill

Organiser: Third Age

Cost: Adult: €3, Family: €7

Email: admin@thirdageireland.ie

Telephone: 046 9557766

Website: www.thirdageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Tue 20th Aug.	10:30	13:00



Bohermeen Scouts 1979 Remembered

Remembering the founding 40 years ago in 1979 of Bohermeen scouts; the night will involve a memorable photo gallery of the fun and activities over the years. Followed by the famous scouts "Sizzle Up".

Venue: Bohermeen Community Centre

Cost: Free

Organiser: St Ultans Historical Society

Email: stephenball196@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 0792580

Date	Start Time	End Time
Fri 23rd Aug.	19:00	21:00



Traveller Living History Programme

Meath Travellers Workshop invites you to join us at our living history exhibition and to the launch of a DVD promoting this experience, giving you the opportunity to see inside our wonderful culture.

Venue: Meath Travellers Workshop, Fairgreen, Navan

Cost: Free

Organiser: Meath Travellers Workshop

Email: laura.travellerheritage@gmail.com

Telephone: 046 9027801

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 17th Aug.	13:00	16:00



HISTORIC PROPERTY

Portraits Come Alive Tour

Journey throughout the castle as our 18th Century paintings come alive to give you a flavour of life in the 1800's. From Royalty, Romance, Conflict and Chambermaids, each has their own story to tell.

Venue: Slane Castle, Slane

Organiser: Slane Castle

Cost: Adult: €14.00, Child: €7.20, Concession: €12.80

Email: tours@slanecastle.ie

Telephone: 041 9884477

Website: www.slanecastle.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 17th Aug.	11:15	17:15
Sun 18th Aug.	11:15	17:15



OUTDOORS & ACTIVE

Free Guided Tours of Carnbane East

On top of the highest hills in Co Meath are some of its oldest and most impressive monuments. Come take a tour of the many monuments on the Hill.

Venue: Cairn T, Loughcrew near Oldcastle

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie

Telephone: 087 0524975

Website: www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/loughcrew/

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A Geological Extravaganza!

Join Dr. Robbie Meehan for a talk on the Geology of the Loughcrew Hills. Learn where the Neolithic builders sourced the stones to build these wonderful monuments.

Always a popular event!

Venue: Cairn T, Loughcrew near Oldcastle

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Telephone: 087 0524975

Website: www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/loughcrew/

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Sun 18th Aug.	15:00	16:00



How to Photograph a Monument

Con Brogan, Senior Photographer with the National Monuments Service for many years, shares some of his secrets. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather. Please bring your own camera.

Venue: Brú na Bóinne Visitor Centre, Donore, Drogheda

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie

Telephone: 041 9880300

Website: [www.heritageiceiland.ie/brunaboinnevisitorcentre/](http://www.heritageireland.ie/brunaboinnevisitorcentre/)

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 18th Aug.	10:30	13:00



Step through Time in Trim

Stroll back in time to Trim's historical past. Learn about the importance of the wonderful history of Trim from St. Patrick to present day.

Venue: Trim Visitor Centre, Trim

Cost: Free

Organiser: Trim Living History

Admission: Adult: €2.00, Child: €1.00, Concession: €0, Family: €4.00

Email: trimvisitorcenter@eircom.net

Telephone: 046 9437227

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Mon 19th Aug.	10:00	14:00
Tue 20th Aug.	10:00	14:00
Wed 21st Aug.	10:00	14:00
Thu 22nd Aug.	10:00	14:00
Fri 23rd Aug.	10:00	14:00



Experience Nature at Bee Wise

Bee Wise Nature Trail shows you the hidden heroes in our environment. A guided tour of our 5 acre woodland, learn about the small wonders (insects, butterflies, bees, etc) and their importance.

Venue: Bee Wise Nature Trail, Kilmessan

Organiser: Bee Wise Nature Trail

Cost: Adult: €3.00, Child: €3.00

Email: info@beewise.ie

Telephone: 086 3446791

Website: www.beewise.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 21st Aug.	10:30	12:30



Walking the Devenish Lands at Dowth

Dr Steve Davis, UCD School of Archaeology, will lead a two-hour walking tour of the Devenish Lands at Dowth, guiding you through 5,500 years of Ireland's past.

Venue: The Devenish Lands at Dowth

Cost: Free

Organiser: Devenish

Email: heritageweek2019@devenish.com

Website: www.devenishnutrition.com/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 21st Aug.	11:00	13:00
Wed 21st Aug.	14:30	16:30



Photo credit: Ken Williams



Bat Talk with Dr. Tina Aughney

This is your chance to learn about the amazing life and times of Irish bats from bat expert, Dr Tina Aughney. This short informal talk will be followed by a bat walk around Athboy.

Venue: St James Hall Kitchen, Main St, Athboy

Cost: Free

Organiser: Athboy Tidy Towns

Email: athboytidytowns@gmail.com **Telephone:** 086 8867455

Website: www.athboytidytowns.comathboy

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 21st Aug.	20:00	22:30



Walk the Walls of Trim

A walk along the walls of the Medieval town of Trim led by Finola O'Carroll, Director of the Blackfriary Archaeology Field School.

Venue: OPW HQ, Jonathan Swift St, Trim

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Telephone: 046 9426000

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 22nd Aug.	15:00	17:00



Meitheal Baile an Scrológaigh

Scurlogstown is all about Community. A Meitheal gathers at the footbridge to Porchfield to pick blackberries; at 7 Arch Bridge, to pick crab apples/elderberries; and in the Community Garden at Jack Quinns to make jams.

Venue: Scurlogstown at the Community Garden, the 7 Arch Bridge and Porchfield, Trim

Cost: Free

Organiser: Meitheal Scurlogstown

Admission: Adult: €10.00, Child: €0

Email: paulkerr.j@gmail.com

Telephone: 087 6441182

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 24th Aug.	10:00	14:00



Donore Historic Medieval Cemetery

It is a burial ground dating to the early medieval period and resting place of local notables including the artist William Reynolds and 1916 volunteer Patrick Dennany.

Venue: Old Donore Cemetery, Drogheda

Cost: Free

Organiser: Old Donore Cemetery Committee

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 24th Aug.	14:00	16:00
Sun 25th Aug.	14:00	16:00



The Story of Honey in Kilmessan

Join us at Bee Wise Nature Trail to learn the story of honey from flower to jar in a guided tour of our 5 acre bee friendly woodland. Learn about the flowers and plants the bees work to produce honey.

Venue: Bee Wise Nature Trail, Kilmessan

Cost: Adult: €6.00, Child: €4.00, Family: €20.00

Organiser: Bee Wise Nature Trail

Email: info@beewise.ie

Telephone: 086 3446791

Website: www.beewise.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 25th Aug.	14:00	17:00



Slane Past and Present

An historic walking tour of Slane Village.

Venue: The Hub Tourist Office, Slane Village

Cost: Free

Organiser: Slane Tourism

Email: visitslane@gmail.com

Telephone: 041 9824000

Website: www.visitslane.ie



Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 25th Aug.	11:00	17:00



Guided Walk along the Boyne Canal

Guided walk along the Oldbridge section. Historical highlights to include: restored Locks 1 & 2, former army pillboxes and obelisk remains, ending in the Battle of the Boyne grounds.

Venue: Oldbridge Sealock, Oldbridge

Cost: Free

Organiser: Boyne Navigation – Inland Waterways Association Ireland

Email: boyne@iwai.ie **Telephone:** 086 3854899

Website: www.boyne.iwai.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 25th Aug.	13:00	17:00



Heritage TypeTrail

Kells TypeTrail presents a walking tour of heritage lettering on the streets of Kells. Type walks are a unique opportunity to look at our cities & towns through a typographic lens, learn about the languages and scripts in our public spaces, and appreciate the work of local sign-makers. As we spot letters on gravestones, manholes, dates on buildings, builder's marks, of which there is much en-route. This walk concentrates on examples of public lettering, the kind of lettering we often overlook or simply are oblivious to as we've walked by them so many times & we simply take it for granted. Much of the pleasure of this kind of walk is finding things yourself!

Venue: Meet at Kells Courthouse

Cost: Free

Organiser: Kells Typetrail

Email: kellstypetrail@facebook.com **Telephone:** 087 7829971

Website: www.boyne.iwai.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 21st Aug.	17:00	18:00



The Orchard Residents Association – Guided Tour of Bee Wise Nature Trail

Join this fascinating event celebrating Heritage Week, informing us about Irish pollinators and showing us how to improve and manage our own open spaces for the benefit of pollinators.

The Bee Wise Nature Trail (www.beewise.ie, Bee-Wise on Facebook) comprises five acres of young woodland, flowering & fruiting hedgerows, areas of wild flowers, and a large area of garden plants, all selected to encourage wildlife including bees, butterflies and other pollinating insects. A 1.5 km path meanders through the 5-acre site with information points and fun facts about wildlife. Talks and a demonstration on bee hotels by the owner, Paddy Gorman, take place in the education centre prior to guided walks around the trail. There is also an opportunity to see, through an Observation Hive, the fascinating life of the Honey Bee. Everything is suitable for both adults and children.

Venue: Bee Wise Nature Trail, Kilmessan

Cost: Adult: €6.00, Child: €4.00

Organiser: The Orchard Residents Association

Email: eflanagan84@gmail.com

Telephone: 087 9779660

Date	Start Time	End Time
Mon 19th Aug.	14:00	17:00



FAMILY FUN

Medieval Family Day

Join us at the Blackfriary Archaeology Site for a Family Fun Day! Tours of the medieval excavation and artifacts from the site include a mock dig for Kids, traditional crafts and a puppeteer show.

Venue: Blackfriary Archaeology Site, Griffin Park, Trim

Cost: Free

Organiser: Blackfriary Community Heritage and Archaeology Project

Email: info@bafs.ie **Telephone:** 085 7563671

Website: www.bafs.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 17th Aug.	13:00	17:00



Display of Falcons, Hawks and Owls

Come and admire these wonderful birds up close!

Venue: Hill of Tara Visitor Centre

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: hilloftara@opw.ie

Telephone: 046 9025903

Website: www.heritageireland.ie



Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 18th Aug.	12:30	16:00



Let's Help Mother Earth

Learn how to create bee nesting habitats using pots, plant native ferns in our mini woodland area, put up bird boxes, and learn all about our pond and invasive aquatic plants.

Venue: Julianstown Village Garden

Cost: Free

Organiser: Julianstown & District Community Association

Email: julianstowndca@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 3991813

Website: www.julianstowncommunity.com

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 17th Aug.	11:00	13:00



Medieval Armoury at Trim Castle

A talk and a brilliant display of medieval armoury by Danny Denman from the Trim Living History Group.

Venue: Trim Castle, Trim

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: trimcastle@opw.ie **Telephone:** 046 9438619

Website: www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/trimcastle/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 18th Aug.	14:00	16:00
Sun 25th Aug.	14:00	16:00



Candlelit Tales – Fionn & the Fianna

Candlelit Tales presents Fionn and the Fianna – a lively, fun, interactive storytelling and music show, designed for children.

Venue: Ashbourne Library

Cost: Free

Organiser: Meath County Council Library Service

Email: ashbournelib@meathcoco.ie **Telephone:** 01 8358185

Website: www.meathlibraries.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 22nd Aug.	12:00	13:00



Pulse of Nature at Girley Bog

Wildlife safari with pond dipping, frog search and butterfly counting. Refreshments and visitor guide provided.

Venue: Causey Farm, Fordstown, Co. Meath

Cost: Free

Organiser: Irish Peatland Conservation Council

Email: bogs@ipcc.ie

Telephone: 045 860133

Website: www.ipcc.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 18th Aug.	14:00	16:30



Candlelit Tales – Fionn & the Fianna

Candlelit Tales presents Fionn and the Fianna – a lively, fun, interactive storytelling and music show, designed for children.

Venue: Navan Library

Cost: Free

Organiser: Meath County Council Library Service

Email: navanlib@meathcoco.ie

Telephone: 046 9021134

Website: www.meathlibraries.ie

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Thu 22nd Aug.	15:00	16:00



Candlelit Tales – Fionn & the Fianna

Candlelit Tales presents Fionn and the Fianna – a lively, fun, interactive storytelling and music show, designed for children.

Venue: Trim Library

Cost: Free

Organiser: Meath County Council Library Service

Email: trimlib@meathcoco.ie

Telephone: 046 9097378

Website: www.meathlibraries.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 22nd Aug.	18:00	19:00



How to be a Wildlife Detective

Learn about what kinds of wild animals live on the Hill of Tara and look for their tracks and trails.

Venue: Hill of Tara Visitor Centre

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: hilloftara@opw.ie **Telephone:** 046 9025903

Website: www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/hilloftara/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 21st Aug.	14:00	15:30



St. Laurence Hotel Meet and Greet

To help celebrate the restoration of this key building we will be opening up the Ground floor of The St. Laurence Hotel (Central Hotel aka Crinnion's) to the public for a meet and greet. Recall and share stories from the past!

Venue: St. Laurence Hotel, 22 Market Square, Navan

Cost: Free

Organiser: Leon Duffy

Email: duffyleon1@gmail.com **Telephone:** 086 3889097

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Sat 17th Aug.	14:00	17:00
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Photo courtesy of Navan & District Historical Society and National Museum of Ireland.

Illuminations at the St. Laurence Hotel

Watch the windows illuminate in an array of colours bringing some life back to this old vacant property. Illuminations will start every evening from 8 pm until midnight.

Venue: St. Laurence Hotel, 22 Market Square, Navan

Cost: Free

Organiser: Leon Duffy

Email: duffyleon1@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 3889097

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Meet the Flint Knapper!

Dr. Bernard Gilhooly (UCD) will give a flint knapping and stoneworking demonstration, highlighting the range of methods that prehistoric Irish people used to manufacture stone tools and objects.

Venue: Cairn T, Loughcrew near Oldcastle

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie

Telephone: 087 0524975

Website: www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/loughcrew/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 24th Aug.	14:00	16:00



Moynalty Heritage Festival

A collection of historical events in the historic & picturesque village of Moynalty in the heartland of North County Meath including talks on local heritage sites and a re-creation of old past times.

Venue: Moynalty Village

Cost: Free

Organiser: Moynalty Community Council

Email: moynaltycoco@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 2357879

Date	Start Time	End Time
Fri 23rd Aug.	18:30	21:00



Ashbourne Family Fun Day

Water Day along the river in Ashbourne – join us for Ashbourne Family Fun Day. Help us with the construction of a bug hotel; enjoy a river walk and talk and a litter pick along the way.

Venue: meet at High Street, Ashbourne

Cost: Free

Organiser: Ashbourne Tidy Towns

Email: alan.tobin@members.meathcoco.ie

Telephone: 087 6117669

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 25th Aug.	12:00	13:00



Music at the Mound

The Four Corner's Céilí Band perform at Knowth. There is also an opportunity to explore this wonderful monument, part of the World Heritage Site of Brú na Bóinne, famous for its megalithic art.

Venue: Knowth National Monument

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works and Drogheda Fleadh Cheoil

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie **Telephone:** 041 9880300

Website: www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/brunaboinnevisitorcentre/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 17th Aug.	18:45	21:30



17th Century Living History

Be transported back to the time of the Battle of the Boyne and learn all about the Baroque horses and the training of a cavalry trooper.

Venue: Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre

Cost: Free

Organiser: The Office of Public Works

Email: battleoftheboyne@opw.ie **Telephone:** 041 9809950

Website: battleoftheboyne.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 18th Aug.	11:00	16:00



Taiko Drummers at Newgrange

East meets West at the Mound of the Rising Sun! Traditional Japanese Taiko Drummers will perform outside Newgrange.

Venue: Newgrange via Brú na Bóinne Centre

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works
and Meath County Council

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie

Telephone: 041 9880300

Website: www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/brunaboinnevisitorcentre/

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Sun 18th Aug.	16:00	19:15



A Julianstown Man

Michael Collier was born in Julianstown, Co Meath. On this, the 170th anniversary of his death, Julianstown Drama group bring to life the story of how this highwayman became a legend in his own right.

Venue: Sonairte, The Ninch, Laytown

Cost: Free

Organiser: Julianstown Drama Group

Email: Julianstownncc@gmail.com

Telephone: 041 9827572

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 24th Aug.	16:00	19:00



Feis Teamhra; A Turn for Tara

Grammy Award Winner Susan McKeown and Pulitzer Prize Winner Paul Muldoon celebrate Tara in music & words. This year's special guests include Novelist Glenn Patterson and Poet Eamon Grennan.

Venue: Hill of Tara Visitor Centre

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works and Poetry Ireland

Email: hilloftara@opw.ie **Telephone:** 046 9025903

Website: www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/hilloftara/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 25th Aug.	15:00	17:00



Trim Brass Band at Trim Castle

Enjoy a medley of great tunes, old and new, from our local Brass Band! This event is outdoors so dress for the weather.

Venue: Trim Castle, Trim

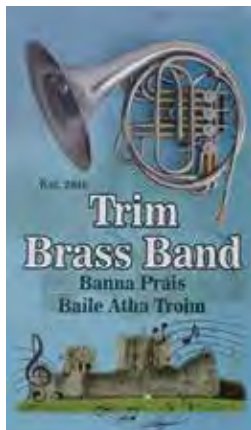
Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: trimcastle@opw.ie **Telephone:** 046 9438619

Website: www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/trimcastle/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 25th Aug.	14:00	16:00



Oíche Oidhreacht sa nGhaeltacht

Oíche oidhreacht i Ráth Chairn le ceol, amhránaíocht, damhsa, scéalaíocht agus taispeántas ealaíne. A night of music, song, dance, storytelling and an art display in Ráth Chairn.

Bígí linn i Ráth Chairn, áit a gcuirfear oíche cheoil den scoth in bhur láthair le togha agus rogha na gceoltóirí agus na n-amhránaithe. Join us in Ráth Chairn for a night of music, song and dance.

Venue: An Bradán Feasa, Ráth Chairn. Eircode: C15 E8FT

Cost: Free

Organiser: Coiste Oidhreacht Ghaeltacht Ráth Chairn

Email: maireadeanai@hotmail.com

Telephone: 087 0549929

Date	Start Time	End Time
Fri 23rd Aug.	20:00	22:30



The Moore's of Fordstow

This talk and exhibition remembers the famous siblings from Fordstow, who made it big in Hollywood during the silent movie days.

Venue: Girley Hall near Fordstow, C15 PV21

Cost: Free

Organiser: Stephen Ball

Email: stephenball196@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 0792580

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 17th Aug.	13:00	16:00



A History of Girley Bog

This talk provides a history of Girley Bog using maps, oral history, and archives to show the impact of historical events in transforming the landscape and the changes in how we value peatlands today.

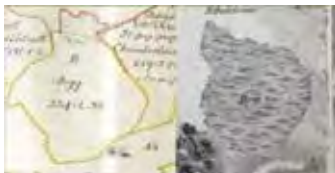
Venue: Kells Courthouse

Cost: Free

Organiser: Girley Bog Meitheal

Email: girleybogmeitheal@gmail.com

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 18th Aug.	11:00	12:00



Coat of Arms and Turncoat Sons

A 40-minute presentation by Aine Kelly Bonnefoy followed by a discussion. Learn about the strange peregrinations of the sons of Geoffrey and Matilda de Geneville, Lord and Lady of Trim Castle.

Venue: OPW HQ, Jonathan Swift St, Trim

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works and Meath County Council

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie **Telephone:** 046 9426000

Website: www.heritageireland.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Tue 20th Aug.	16:00	17:00



Beneath the Soil at Brú na Bóinne

In the last three years surveys have continued which demonstrate the international significance of Brú na Bóinne. The event takes place in the redeveloped Knowth House, with grateful thanks to the OPW.

Venue: Knowth House, Brú na Bóinne

Cost: Free

Organiser: Dr Steve Davis, UCD School of Archaeology

Email: stephen.davis@ucd.ie

Telephone: 01 7168534

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 21st Aug.	19:00	20:30



Allenstown Graveyard Visitation

The St Ultans Historical Society will visit the old Allenstown graveyard to officially unveil the memorial monument recently erected by the society. There will also be a brief talk about the graveyard's history.

Venue: Allenstown Graveyard, Bohermeen

Cost: Free

Organiser: St Ultans Historical Society

Email: stephenball196@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 0792580

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 22nd Aug.	19:00	20:00



Reeling in the Years

A discussion of old photographs of the Drumconrath area and to record participants' thoughts and experiences associated with same. Attendance limited to 40 persons to facilitate good discussion.

Venue: Drumconrath Parish Centre

Cost: Free

Organiser: Drumconrath Cultural and Heritage Society

Email: larryandattracta@gmail.com

Telephone: 041 6854161

Date	Start Time	End Time
Thu 22nd Aug.	19:30	21:30



Landscape, Ritual & Legend: A Talk

The Passage tombs of Loughcrew: Landscape, Ritual and Legend – a talk by Dr. Lynda McCormack. Find out more about these fascinating monuments.

Venue: Cairn T, Loughcrew, Near Oldcastle

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie **Telephone:** 087 0524975

Website: www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/loughcrew/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 25th Aug.	15:00	16:00



The Inaugural Kate Kennedy Lecture

This lecture will tell the story of County Meath woman Kate Kennedy who made history in San Francisco California by becoming the first woman in the World to achieve equal pay for equal work.

Plans are underway to unveil a sculpture in Duleek to honour Kate Kennedy and her contribution to the global quest for equal pay.

Venue: Duleek Courthouse/Heritage Centre, Duleek

Cost: Free

Organiser: Kate Kennedy Memorial Committee

Email: ken.news@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 2794536

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 17th Aug.	15:00	16:00



Slane 1800 to 1830

A presentation and allied exhibition of the research of the Conyngham papers in the National Library of Ireland relating to their Slane properties and tenants covering the period 1800 to 1830.

Database of names and property occupied. Historic maps. Townland based lists of Conyngham tenants and Tithe Applotment tenants. Vignettes of life in the period including visit of King George IV in 1821.

Venue: Conyngham Arms Hotel, Slane

Cost: Free

Organiser: Slane History and Archaeology Society

Email: slanehistoryandarchaeologysociety.com

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 25th Aug.	15:00	16:30



Cricket in Meath 1900-1930

Historian Jim Gilligan looks at the popularity of cricket in Meath prior to the emergence of the GAA, in a talk entitled 'Too Long has the Saxon Cricket Held Sway' - Cricket in Meath 1900-1930.

Venue: Horace Plunkett Hall, Dunsany

Cost: Free

Organiser: Horace Plunkett ICA Guild Dunsany

Email: donohoejd@gmail.com

Telephone: 046 9079655

Date	Start Time	End Time
Wed 21st Aug.	20:00	21:00



TOURS

Paddle the Boyne Canal in a Currach

Guided boat tour on the newly restored Boyne Canal Navigation – using traditional Irish currachs that have featured in Game of Thrones. All proceeds go towards the Boyne Navigation restoration.

Venue: Sealock, Boyne Canal Navigation, Battle of the Boyne, Oldbridge

Cost: Adult: €10.00, Child: €10.00

Organiser: Boyne Boats Ltd.

Email: info@boyneboats.ie

Telephone: 086 3616420

Website: www.boyneboats.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 25th Aug.	11:00	17:00



Hill of Slane: Free Tours

The story of St. Patrick and the first Pascal Fire, St. Eric's Monastery and the first round tower in Ireland, the first Slane Castle! Meet our local guides: There's much more here than meets the eye!

Venue: Hill of Slane Car Park

Cost: Free

Organiser: Hill of Slane Tour Guides

Email: hillofslanetours@yahoo.com

Telephone: 041 9824000

Website: www.hillofslane.wordpress.com

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sat 17th Aug.	14:00	15:00
Sun 18th Aug.	14:00	15:00
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Tue 20th Aug.	14:00	15:00
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Fri 23rd Aug.	14:00	15:00
Sat 24th Aug.	14:00	15:00
Sun 25th Aug.	14:00	15:00



Hill of Tara: Free Guided Tours and AV Show

Enjoy Free Guided tours of the Hill of Tara, the Ancient Capital of Ireland. Free admission also to the Audio Visual Show: Tara, A Royal Sanctuary.

Venue: Hill of Tara Visitor Centre

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: hilloftara@opw.ie

Telephone: 046 9025903

Website: www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/hilloftara/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 18th Aug.	10:00	17:00
Sun 25th Aug.	10:00	14:00



Free Guided Tours of Trim Castle

Join a tour of the Keep which brings you to the top of the Tower. Hear all about the long and exciting story of the largest Anglo-Norman Castle in Ireland.

Venue: Trim Castle, Trim

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: trimcastle@opw.ie

Telephone: 046 9438619

Website: www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/trimcastle/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 18th Aug.	10:00	16:00
Sun 25th Aug.	10:00	16:00



The Old St. Pats, Navan

This is a photographic display, short film and visit to the iconic listed building which was the St. Finian's Study Hall, later the Old St. Pat's. Curated by Vincent Mulvany (N&DHS).

Venue: Navan Library

Cost: Free

Organiser: Navan & District Historical Society

Email: vmulvany@gmail.com

Telephone: 087 7930209

Website: www.navanhistory.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Tue 20th Aug.	15:00	18:00
Thu 22nd Aug.	15:00	18:00



Victorian Living History Tour

Step back in time on a tour of the Victorian basement of Oldbridge House, and see how the servants worked below stairs.

Venue: Battle of the Boyne Visitor Centre

Cost: Free

Organiser: The Office of Public Works

Email: battleoftheboyne@opw.ie **Telephone:** 041 9809950

Website: www.battleoftheboyne.ie

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 25th Aug.	12:00	12:45
Sun 25th Aug.	14:00	14:45



WORKSHOPS

Boyne Currach Centre Open Day

Come join us for our Open Day learn about the history and making of our Boyne Currach, help carve a paddle, take a trip in a Boyne Currach on the Canal. Many other boats to see also. All Welcome!

Venue: Boyne Currach Centre

Cost: Free

Organiser: Boyne Currach Heritage Group

Email: boynecurrach@gmail.com

Telephone: 086 3577002

Website: www.boynecurrach.com

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 25th Aug.	11:00	16:30



Ogham Workshop at Knowth

Did you know that ogham inscriptions are found in both the Eastern and Western tombs at Knowth? Have a go at writing in the ogham script on our 3D blackboard.

Venue: Knowth National Monument via Brú na Bóinne Centre, Donore, Drogheda

Cost: Free

Organiser: Office of Public Works

Email: brunaboinne@opw.ie **Telephone:** 041 9880300

Website: www.heritageireland.ie/en/midlands-eastcoast/brunaboinnevisitorcentre/

Date	Start Time	End Time
Sun 25th Aug.	14:00	16:00



Heritage Awards 2019

An Chomhairle Oidhreachta
The Heritage Council



The Heritage Council is once again delighted to announce the Heritage Awards, showcasing the best of National Heritage Week and recognising the fantastic work of heritage enthusiasts across Ireland.

The 2019 award categories are as follows:

The Heritage Hero Award

Do you know someone who always goes the extra mile for heritage? Nominate an individual or organisation who makes an outstanding contribution to the protection and promotion of heritage in your local area. Anyone can nominate a Heritage Hero.

The Hidden Heritage Award

Did your event shine a light on Ireland's hidden heritage? This award is open to event organisers who successfully explored lesser known aspects of Ireland's heritage during National Heritage Week. All National Heritage Week event organisers can enter.

The Heritage Communities Award

Did your event reach across your community? Maybe you worked in partnership with other community groups or encouraged young people to take part. This award is open to event organisers who brought their community together to celebrate National Heritage Week. All National Heritage Week event organisers can enter.

The Cool for Kids Award

Did your event help children learn about and enjoy heritage? This award is open to event organisers who encouraged children and families to participate in National Heritage Week. All National Heritage Week event organisers can enter.

The Le Cheile San Eoraip Award

Did your event showcase heritage links with other places in Europe? Did you event highlight a person, place or event with a European dimension? This award is open to organisers of events that best represent heritage links with Europe.

The closing date for entries is 20th September 2019 and entry is free. Recipients will be honoured at a Heritage Council Awards Day.

Find out more at www.heritageweek.ie

Heritage Award Winners 2018

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The Heritage Council



The Heritage Council Heritage Awards 2018 showcased the best of National Heritage Week and recognised the fantastic work of heritage enthusiasts across Ireland.



Eugene Dunbar from Co Westmeath was awarded the Heritage Hero Award in recognition of his dedication to the promotion and

enhancement of local heritage in Tyrellspass. Eugene is a founding member of ETHOS (Everything Tyrellspass Has On Show).



Kerry Geo Adventures and Kerry County Museum won the Hidden Heritage Award for their exhibition 'By Hammer,

Lens and Pencil'. The exhibition shared a story about forgotten Irish geologist Frederick James Foot, who surveyed the Irish landscape in North Kerry.



The Crawford Art Gallery, Cork won the Heritage Communities Award for 'Creative Connections', a project that created pathways for

women living in Direct Provision to get to know some of their neighbours outside of the accommodation centre through working together.



The Irish Workhouse Centre, Co Galway won the Cool for Kids Award for its event 'The Master and the Mystery',

which shared the challenging story of the workhouse system through art and drama, and explored the parallels between poverty and homelessness in Ireland in the 19th century and today.



The Irish Peatland Conservation Council, Co Kildare won a Le Chéile san Eoraip Award for 'Peat Crossing

Borderlines', a project that told the Dutch-Irish 'Save the Bogs' story and built awareness of the importance of Ireland's peatlands at a European level.



Kilrush and District Historical Society, Co Clare won a Le Chéile san Eoraip Award for 'An Exhibition of Kilrush Ceramics', a celebration of

the once nearly forgotten ceramics industry in a small West Clare town, and its European connections.



Loughrea Medieval Festival, Co Galway won a Le Chéile san Eoraip Award for 'A Taste of the Past: Exploring Our European Connections',

highlighting cultural similarities and differences between Ireland, Hungary and Spain through talks, food and drinks.



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Did you know that National Heritage Week is part of a wider European Initiative?

The European Heritage Days (EHDs), a joint action of the Council of Europe and the European Commission, are the most widely celebrated participatory cultural events shared by people living in Europe.

The pan-European nature of the European Heritage Days initiative brings citizens together to celebrate Europe's diverse and unique cultural heritage and helps build awareness of our shared cultural connections.

This year we are celebrating the heritage of Arts and Entertainment. From Shakespeare's sonnets to Insta-poets' viral poems, court jesters to stand-up comedians, and archery to virtual reality gaming, European Arts and Entertainment heritage has transformed throughout the ages, and has also transformed us, its makers, admirers and custodians.



Over 70 000 events are organised every year in order to help raise awareness of Europe's common heritage and the continuous need for its protection. This successful initiative also creates new shared cultural heritage experiences, promotes inclusiveness and fosters creativity and imagination.

The 50 signatory states of the European Cultural Convention participate in the European Heritage Days initiative. Making National Heritage Week part of a wider European festival!



europeanheritagedays.com

COUNTY MEATH HERITAGE WEEK EVENTS DAILY TIMETABLE:

Full descriptions of each of these events is available on www.heritageweek.ie.

Event	Sat 17	Sun 18
ARCHAEOLOGY		
Blackfriary Community Archaeology Dig 2019		
'The Big Dig' Archaeology in Action	11.00:16.00	
EXHIBITIONS		
St Laurence Hotel, Navan - Display	07.00:19.00	07.00:19.00
Embroidered Cloths Exhibition	10.00:16.00	
Oldcastle Lives	10.00:23.45	07.00:23.45
Past Times & Lives Navan 1865-1935	10.00:18.00	
Turas Columbanus Photo Display		10.15:19.30
Living History – The Way We Were		
Bohermeen Scouts 1979 Remembered		
Traveller Living History Programme	13.00:16.00	
HISTORIC PROPERTY		
Portraits Come Alive Tour	11.15:17.15	11.15:17.15
OUTDOORS AND ACTIVE		
Free Guided Tours of Carnbane East	10.30:17.00	10.30:17.00
A Geological Extravaganza		10.30:13.00
How to Photograph a Monument		10.30:13.00
Step through Time in Trim		
Experience Nature at Bee Wise		
Walking the Devenish Lands at Dowth		
Bat Talk with Dr. Tina Aughney		
Walk the Walls of Trim		

SATURDAY 17TH AUGUST TO SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2019

Please note that the responsibility for hosting events lies with the event organiser and they should be contacted directly for event queries.

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Event	Sat 17	Sun 18
Meitheal Baile an Scrlógaigh		
The Story of Honey in Kilmessan		
Slane Past and Present		
Guided Walk along the Boyne Canal		
Heritage TypeTrail - Kells		
The Orchard Residents Association: Tour of Bee Wise Nature Trail		
FAMILY FUN		
Medieval Family Day at Blackfriary Archaeology Site	13.00:17.00	
Display of Falcons, Hawks and Owls at the Hill of Tara		12.30:16.30
Let's Help Mother Earth		11.00:13.00
Medieval Armoury at Trim Castle	14.00:16.00	
Candlelight Tales-Fionn & the Fianna Ashbourne Library		
Candlelight Tales-Fionn & the Fianna Navan Library		
Candlelight Tales-Fionn & the Fianna Trim Library		
Pulse of Nature at Girley Bog		14.00:16.30
How to be a Wildlife Detective		
St Laurence Hotel, Navan Meet and Greet	14.00:17.00	14.00:17.00
Illuminations at St Laurence Hotel, Navan	20.00:23.45	20.00:23.45
Meet the Flint Knapper!		
Moynalty Heritage Festival		
Ashbourne Family Fun Day		
PERFORMANCE OR RE-ENACTMENT		
Music at the Mound	18.45:21.30	
17th Century Living History		11.00:16.00
Taiko Drummers at Newgrange		16.00:19.15

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Slane 1800 to 1830		
Cricket in Meath 1900-1930		
TOURS		
Paddle the Boyne Canal in a Currach		
Hill of Slane: Free Tours	14.00:15.00	14.00:15.00
Hill of Tara: Free Guided Tours: and AV Show		10.00:17.00
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WILD CHILD DAY

Wednesday 21st August
Dedicated To Wild Children Everywhere

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Become an explorer, an archaeologist or a Viking for the day. From bug hunts to learning new crafts, archaeological digs to exploring historical buildings there's something for the whole family to enjoy. Put down the screen, get off the couch and get muddy!

Check out the event listings for lots of fun family events on Wednesday 21st August!



Water Heritage Day

Sunday, 25th August, 2019



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