

# 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Ballymote Heritage Weekend

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August - Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025  
and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025*

Lectures at the Teagasc Centre, Tubbercurry Road, Ballymote, Co Sligo.  
(Immediately on the right over the railway bridge on the Tubbercurry Road)

Admission fee €10  
(Cash Only)

## Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August

8.00pm

### *Official Opening and Lecture*

**The Michael Davitt Museum:  
Conserving a Legacy**

**Speaker:** Deirdre McGuirk



Deirdre McGuirk is the Curator of the Michael Davitt Museum. Deirdre holds an MA in Public History and Cultural Heritage from the University of Limerick and has worked in Cultural Institutions in both Dublin and Mayo.

The Michael Davitt Museum is based in Straide in Co Mayo and holds the Museum Standard Programme for Ireland accreditation. This year the museum was awarded a grant by The Heritage Council to carry out a conservation survey on its collection. Deirdre will present a talk on the processes of protecting such a valuable collection

## Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

8.00pm

**The changing role of  
co-ops in a changing world and the  
place of Sligo's co-op tradition**

**Speaker:** John McCarrick



John McCarrick - A native of South Sligo John McCarrick Economist and Accountant was Director General of ICOS the coordinating body for Co-ops in Ireland 1978-1983 and since worked as a co-op expert in over 40 countries.

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

8.00pm

**The Green Fort Archaeology Project:  
Research into Sligo town's bastioned  
artillery fort**

**Speaker:** Sam Moore and Fiona Beglane



Sam Moore - Sam Moore is a faculty member in archaeology at the Atlantic Technological University, Sligo, and his main research focus is on the Carrowkeel/Keshcorran passage tomb complex in Co. Sligo. Sam is also a member of the Green Fort Archaeology Project and the Green Fort Working Group.



Dr Fiona Beglane is a Lecturer of Archaeology at ATU Sligo. Her main areas of research include zooarchaeology, scientific approaches to archaeology, and medieval and post-medieval ecclesiastical sites and landscapes.

## Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August

1.00pm

There will be a guided tour of Sligo Abbey on Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.  
The tour starts at 1pm sharp and will last for 45 minutes.  
Cost is €4 per person.  
Starts at the Abbey gate.

## Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August

*National Heritage Week Event*

3.30pm

**Walking Tour**



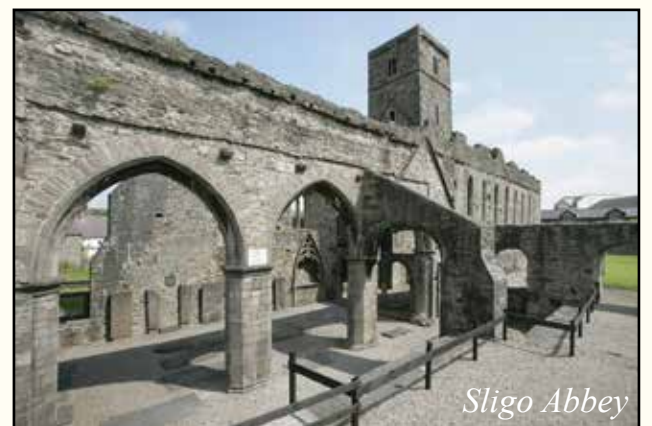
**Speaker:** John Coleman, M. Litt., historian, Ballymote native & resident leads a walking tour of Ballymote "Ballymote Heritage Town:

A walking tour drawing attention to important buildings and street development from the medieval to the modern." Meets at the front of the castle @ 3:30 pm



*View of O'Connell Street*

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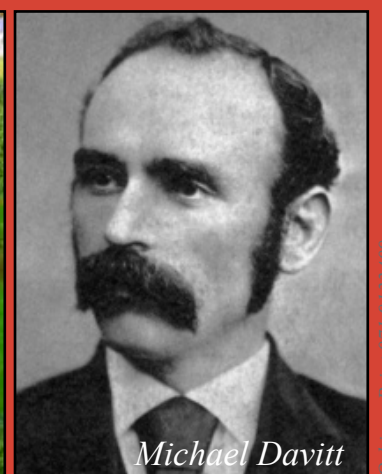
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*Ballymote Castle from an aerial view*



*Michael Davitt*

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