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Ballymote Heritage Group

Founded on May 30th 1984, Ballymote Heritage Group meets without fail each month and devotes itself to raising awareness of all matters of heritage.

The Group has organised Ballymote Heritage Weekend each year since 1990 (Covid-19 years excluded) on the August holiday weekend and publishes *The Corran Herald* annually.

Ballymote Heritage Weekend continues to attract audiences from near and far and has been widely praised for the high quality of its lectures and outings.

The Corran Herald reflects a unique blend of styles and subjects and holds the interest of a growing readership from year to year.



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34th Annual Ballymote Heritage Weekend

Friday 1st August
- Monday 4th August 2025
& Sunday 24th August 2025

Lectures at the Teagasc Centre,
Tubbercurry Road, Ballymote, Co Sligo.

(Immediately on the right over
the railway bridge on the Tubbercurry Road)

Organised by **Ballymote Heritage Group**
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<https://ballymote.sligocommunityheritage.org>

Ballymote Castle

Friday 1st August

8.30pm

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 2nd August

8.30pm

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 3rd August

8.30pm

**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 4th August

1.00pm

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

Lectures Admission fee €10

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Sunday 24th 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

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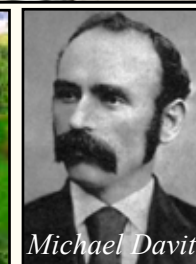
Sligo Abbey



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Ballymote Castle from an aerial view



Michael Davitt