

TWO DAY LIME MORTARS WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS

Date: Saturday 22nd & Sunday 23rd of March (Participants must be available to attend both days)

Time: 10am-5pm

Location: Strokestown Park House, Cloonradoon, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon, F42 H282

Price: €140

Event Information

Two-day lime mortar workshop using Natural Hydraulic Limes (NHLs), aimed at beginners who are owners of traditional buildings. Aims to provide knowledge of lime mortar repointing works as part of repairs or more extensive renovation projects to traditional masonry buildings. The course will give an understanding of traditional building technology, repair techniques and the materials to use when carrying out repointing. You will gain a good all-round knowledge of lime, and some of the philosophies of its use. The course includes a full safety talk.

Candidates will get the opportunity to prepare the old walls, recognise cement mortars inappropriately applied, before learning about mixing and applying the lime mortar, including how joints and beds should be prepared to receive new lime pointing, use of pinning stones, and understanding about curing conditions for lime mortars to harden.

Course will be led by Dominic Keogh of Memento Mori Stonework <https://www.mementomoristone.ie/> Dominic is a multidisciplinary stonemason and conservation worker who specialises in traditional stonemasonry, letter cutting, monumental masonry, traditional lime mortars, craft training and the conservation and restoration of vernacular structures.

Refreshments Tea/coffee and lunch will be provided.

What to Bring

Participants should prepare for all weather events and dress accordingly. Participants must bring their own PPE including eye protection / safety glasses, gloves, hi-vis vest & safety boots. Participants should also bring a bricklaying trowel, pointing bars, brush and a bucket

Ticket & Booking Information

Subsidised tickets are priced at €140 for the weekend but places are limited and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. Concession tickets are priced at €120 for apprentices and students over 18. Contact dominic@mementomoristone.ie to book a place and arrange payment.

The workshop is supported by the National Built Heritage Service <https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/>



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INTRODUCTION TO DRY STONE WALL CONSTRUCTION WEEKEND: *Learn how to build sturdy and beautiful dry stone walls with hands-on training and expert guidance with the Drystone Wall Association of Ireland (DSWAI)*

Date: Saturday March 22 and Sunday March 23 (Participants must be available to attend both days)
Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Location: Mount Dalton, Westmeath
Price: €108.23



Event Information

Come join us for a hands-on workshop on dry stone wall construction at the beautiful location of Mount Dalton!

Learn the ancient art of building sturdy walls without any mortar. Our experienced instructors will guide you through the process, teaching you the techniques and skills needed to create your own masterpiece.

Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this event is perfect for anyone interested in dry stone construction or just looking for a fun and educational day out in nature.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with the past and leave your mark on the landscape!

Refreshments

Refreshments, lunch and snacks will be provided.

What to Bring

Hard toed work shoes/boots are essential. Wear work clothes or gear you don't mind getting dirty. Gloves will be provided. The workshop is outdoors so be prepared for the weather whatever the forecast may be. Bring a showerproof coat.

Ticket & Booking Information

Subsidised tickets are priced at **€108.23** for the weekend but places are limited and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. For more information and to book a place click here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-dry-stone-wall-construction-weekend-tickets-1262470746989?aff=oddtcreator>

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TWO DAY HOT LIME MORTARS WORKSHOP FOR BEGINNERS

Date: Friday 4 April & Saturday 5 April 2025 (Participants must be available to attend both days)

Time: 9.30am-4.30pm

Location: Killoran House, Thurles, Co Tipperary, R41 Y925

Price: €140

Event Information

This 2-day introductory workshop is designed with the beginner in mind. The event is aimed at promoting confidence around the use of hot lime and an understanding of how and where it should be used.

Most of our traditional and vernacular buildings were finished in traditional lime mortars externally and then lime-washed to provide important protection which kept walls dry and warm. This course will focus on the preparation of traditional renders using hot lime mortar.

Our course venue is the historic Killoran House near Thurles, Co Tipperary. The small group numbers will ensure you'll get plenty of attention.

Participants will go away knowing:

- Advantages of using hot lime & appropriate specifications
- The range of aggregates for traditional hot lime mortars
- How to mix lime mortars & their application
- The correct protection & aftercare measures to apply when using hot lime mortars

Course Tutor

The course will be led by Damien Condon, a 6th generation plasterer with decades of experience working with historic structures. He holds a PDD (Professional Development Diploma) in Historic Building Conservation & Repair from West Dean College in England. He also holds a C1 and C2 in Conservation Masonry and SQA, as well as a SCQF in Making Historic Materials from the Scottish Lime Centre. He is the current Vice Chair of Building Limes Forum Ireland.

Refreshments

Tea/coffee and lunch will be provided.

What to Bring

Participants should prepare for wet and/or cold weather and should bring suitable attire. Participants must bring their own PPE including eye protection, gloves, hi-vis vest and safety boots.

Ticket & Booking Information

Subsidised tickets are priced at **€140** for the weekend but places are limited and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis.

Concession tickets are priced at **€120** for apprentices and students over 18. Contact coursescalx@gmail.com to book a place and arrange payment.

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TWO DAY WORKSHOP ON THE USE OF TRADITIONAL EARTH MORTARS & HOT LIMES

Date: Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 April (Participants must be available to attend both days)

Time: 9.40am to 5pm

Location: Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick (exact location provided upon confirmation of place)

Price: €140

Event Information

Do you have a traditional (vernacular) structure and want to learn how to repair, upgrade and maintain it? Are you considering a project under the vacant property refurbishment scheme? If so, The National Built Heritage Service invite you to take part in a two-day, hands on work-shop taking place at a mud walled cottage near Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick on the use of: **Traditional Earth Mortars & Hot Limes**. The workshop will be hosted in partnership with Tom Pollard who specialises in repair to vernacular structures using lime and earthen based mortars and plasters.

The aim of the two days is to raise awareness in traditional skills, to promote the sensitive reuse of these buildings using appropriate materials, and to pass knowledge of earth mortars and hot lime mortars to building owners. It will also address: how to source and use materials to keep their buildings in better shape; assessing damage and suitable repair; creating and applying suitable repair mortars and binders; aftercare of repairs leading to finishes of plasters and renders. **This will be a two day, hands on module for individuals' intent on carrying out their own works.**

Places are limited, and preference will be given to those who own, or are planning a project on, a pre-1940s structure. A full site induction, health and safety meeting will be held at 9.45am prompt, prior to

What to Bring

Participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable attire. Participants need to provide their own Hi vis vest, safety footwear, hard hat, gloves and eye protection. Long sleeves recommended.

Attendees should bring any information, drawings, plans of their own project for advice and discussion.

Ticket & Booking Information

These workshops are being offered at a reduced rate with subsidised tickets of **€140**. Concession tickets are priced at **€120** for apprentices and students over 18. To book your place contact Tom Pollard: tom@pollardconservationrestoration.ie

Refreshments

A light lunch will be provided.

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TAKING ON A TRADITIONAL HOUSE: *The Repair and Reuse of Vacant Traditional Buildings*

Date: Saturday 12 April

Time: 9.30 to 4.30pm

Venue: Westport and Louisburgh, Mayo (exact location provided upon confirmation of place)



EVENT INFORMATION:

Are you an architect, engineer, surveyor, planner or other related building or local authority professional who wants to understand best practice in the repair and reuse of our traditionally constructed buildings, the use of earth based mortars and traditional lime mortars?

If so, the National Built Heritage Service (NBHS) invite you to take part in their upcoming one-day course: **Taking on a Traditional House: *The Repair and Reuse of Vacant Traditional Buildings***.

The aim of the day is to raise awareness in traditional skills, to promote the sensitive reuse of these buildings using appropriate materials, and to pass knowledge of earth mortars and traditional lime mortars to professionals.

The one-day course will include the following:

- What is a traditional building?
- Available funding streams
- Best practice energy upgrades for traditional buildings
- Advice from a conservation professional and conservation contractor
- Visit to a traditional townhouse
- Tour of ongoing works at a traditional building
- Demonstrations and participation in traditional repair using appropriate materials led by an experienced conservation contractor

Participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable outdoor attire. Long sleeves recommended. Participants need to provide their own hi vis vest, safety footwear, hard hat, gloves and eye protection.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

The event is free but places are limited and must be booked in advance. To book your place, please contact vernacular@housing.gov.ie

Certificates of attendance can be provided on request from vernacular@housing.gov.ie



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ONE DAY WORKSHOP: *The Repair and Reuse of your Vacant Traditional Building*

Date: Sunday 13 April

Time: 9.30 to 5pm

Location: Westport and Louisburgh, Mayo (exact location provided upon confirmation of place)

Price: €70

Event Information

Do you have a traditionally constructed rural house or town house and want to learn how to repair, upgrade and maintain it? Or are you considering buying a vacant traditional building to restore? If so, The National Built Heritage Service invite you to take part in a one day, hands on work-shop taking place near Louisburgh, Co. Mayo. This will cover the repair, reuse and retrofit of traditionally constructed buildings and the use of **Traditional Earth and Lime Mortars**. The workshop will be hosted in partnership with Tom Pollard who specialises in repair to vernacular structures using lime and earthen based mortars and plasters.

The aim of the day is to raise awareness in traditional skills, to promote the sensitive reuse of these buildings using appropriate materials, and to pass knowledge of earth mortars and hot lime mortars to building owners. It will also address: how to source and use materials to keep their buildings in better shape; assessing damage and suitable repair; creating and applying suitable repair mortars and binders; aftercare of repairs leading to finishes of plasters and renders. **This will be a one day, hands on module for individuals' intent on carrying out their own works.**

Places are limited, and preference will be given to those who own, or are planning a project on, a pre-1940s structure. A full site induction, health and safety meeting will be held at 9.45am prompt, prior to commencement at 10.00 am.

What to Bring

Participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable attire. Participants need to provide their own Hi vis vest, safety footwear, hard hat, gloves and eye protection. Long sleeves recommended.

Attendees should bring any information, drawings, plans of their own project for advice and discussion.

Ticket & Booking Information

These workshops are being offered at a reduced rate with subsidised tickets of **€70**. Concession tickets are priced at **€60** for apprentices and students over 18. To book your place contact Tom Pollard: tom@pollardconservationrestoration.ie

Refreshments

A light lunch will be provided.

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USE OF TRADITIONAL LIME MORTARS (PLASTERS & RENDERS) *with the Building Limes Forum Ireland (BLFI)*

Date: Friday 9 May and Saturday 10 May (Participants must be available to attend both days)

Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm

Location: Killoran House, Thurles, Tipperary

Price: €140



Event Information

Use of traditional lime mortars for plasters and renders on solid masonry walls with the Building Limes Forum Ireland.

A 2-day course, led by experienced practitioners and specifiers. The workshop's main focus will be on preparing and applying traditional mortars, delivered through presentations, demonstrations and practical 'hands-on' learning.

The course is aimed at experienced plasterers and practitioners looking to upskill and apprentices looking to gain experience in using traditional lime mortars for the plastering & rendering of solid masonry walls.

What to Bring

Participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable attire.

Ticket & Booking Information

These workshops are being offered at a subsidised rate of **€140**. Concession tickets are priced at **€120** for apprentices and students over 18. To book your place and for further information see: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/buildinglimesforumireland/1610645>

Refreshments

A light lunch will be provided.

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ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON THE USE OF TRADITIONAL EARTH MORTARS & HOT LIMES

Date: Saturday 10th of May

Time: 9.40am to 5pm

Location: Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick (exact location provided upon confirmation of place)

Price: €100

Event Information

Are you an architect, engineer, surveyor or heritage professional who wants to understand best practice in the repair of our vernacular mud walled buildings, the use of earth based mortars and traditional hot limes? If so, the National Built Heritage Service (NBHS) invite you to take part in a one day, hands on work-shop at a mud walled cottage near Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick.

The workshop will be hosted by the NBHS in partnership with **Tom Pollard** who specialises in the repair of vernacular structures using lime and earthen based mortars and plasters. Tom has worked with stone since 2000, following initial training with the renowned mason, Pat MacAfee. He has been involved with numerous projects, ranging from medieval structures to vernacular cottages around Ireland. He regularly delivers educational talks and workshops, having taught masonry and assisted in the development of the syllabus (Fetac Level 4) for the Irish Education and Training Board. Tom most recently graduated with Distinction from West Dean (UK) with a diploma in building conservation, while being short-listed for the West Dean Trustees Award and winning the John Ashurst / Historic England Prize.

Dr. Barry O'Reilly from the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage, a division of the National Built Heritage Service will also be in attendance. Barry studied archaeology and folklore/folklife in UCD and has been enthusing about our built vernacular heritage and allied topics ever since.

Refreshments: A light lunch will be provided.

The aim of the day is to raise awareness in traditional skills, to promote the sensitive reuse of these buildings using appropriate materials, and to pass knowledge of earth mortars and hot lime mortars to professionals. It will also address: how to source and use materials to keep these buildings in better shape; assessing damage and suitable repair; creating and applying suitable repair mortars and binders; aftercare of repairs leading to finishes of plasters and renders.

A full site induction, health and safety meeting will be held at 9.45am prompt, prior to commencement at 10.00 am.

What to Bring

Participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable attire. Participants need to provide their own Hi vis vest, safety footwear, hard hat, gloves and eye protection. Long sleeves recommended.

Ticket & Booking Information: This workshop is being offered at a reduced rate with subsidised tickets of €100. Places are limited. To book your place contact Tom Pollard: tom@pollardconservationrestoration.ie

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Vernacular Furniture: Make a traditional 3 or 4 legged 'creepie stool'

Date: Saturday 17 May and Sunday 18 of May
Time: 10am-5pm
Location: Johnstown Castle Estate, Museum & Gardens, Co. Wexford, Y35 HP22
Price: €140

Event Information

Over two days, workshop participants will make a traditional 3 or 4 legged creepie stool using traditional chair making techniques and traditional hand tools. Starting with just a log and using only hand tools you will craft your very own beautiful traditional stool from some lovely locally sourced Ash wood.

This is a great introductory course for anyone looking to learn traditional carpentry/woodwork or chair-making. Both for the complete beginner or the more experienced woodworker this will be a great workshop for you. Some of topics covered on this course will be wood selection, traditional tool use and care. Splitting down and processing logs into parts for chair-making. Using a shave horse to shape stool parts. Wedged mortice and tenon joinery. We will do a small bit on tool sharpening, wood drying and finishing. If time permits we will do a walk and talk around the amazing vernacular furniture collection in the museum at Johnstown Castle.

This course will be run by Dylan McGuirk. Dylan has been working with wood for well over 20 years. As a qualified carpenter/joiner he has worked in house carpentry, boat building, church carpentry and vernacular building conservation work. Since 2008, he has specialised in traditional woodwork and other traditional skills like basket-making and blacksmithing. He has also taught and demonstrated all over the country and for the last couple of years has been working in conservation.

Refreshments

Tea/coffee and lunch will be provided.

What to Bring

Please wear suitable clothing for some physical work and a strong pair of boots (steel toe if you have them). We will be both inside and outside under a tarp so be prepared for cold weather. It is recommended to bring your own workshop gloves and safety glasses.

Ticket & Booking Information

Subsidised tickets are priced at **€140** for the weekend but places are limited and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. Concession tickets are priced at **€120** for apprentices and students over 18. To book your place contact info@johnstowncastle.ie

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ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON HOT LIME FOR RENDERING AND WEST DASH FOR PROFESSIONALS

Date: Friday 6th of June

Time: 9.30am-4.30pm

Location: Killoran House, Thurles, Co Tipperary, R41 Y925

Price: €100

Event Information

This course is aimed at building professionals (architects, engineers, surveyors, local authority and other heritage professionals) who want a more thorough understanding of the specification, preparation and application of hot lime mortars.

Join us for a hands-on introduction on using traditional hot lime for rendering and wet dash on historic structures.

Most of our traditional and vernacular buildings were finished in traditional hot lime mortars externally and then lime-washed to provide important protection which kept walls dry and warm. This course will focus on the preparation of traditional renders using hot lime mortar.

Our course venue is the historic Killoran House near Thurles, Co Tipperary.

This workshop will raise awareness of traditional skills, promote the sensitive repair and reuse of our traditional and vernacular buildings using appropriate materials and techniques, and encourage the sharing of knowledge between participants.

You'll come away with improved knowledge on:

- The care and repair of older buildings
- Advantages of using hot lime and appropriate specifications
- The range of aggregates for traditional hot lime mortars
- How to mix a hot lime mortar and its application
- The correct protection and aftercare measures to apply when using hot lime mortars
- You will gain an understanding of the use of hot limes in exterior rendering including wet dash and lime washing

Course Tutors

The course will be led by Damien Condon and Richard McLoughlin.

Damien Condon: Damien is a 6th generation plasterer with decades of experience working with historic structures. Damien holds a PDD (Professional Development Diploma) in the Historic Building Conservation and Repair from West Dean College in West Sussex, England. Damien also holds a C1 and C2 in Conservation Masonry and SQA, as well as a SCQF in Making Historic Materials from the Scottish Lime Centre in Scotland. He is the current Vice Chair of Building Limes Forum Ireland.

Richard McLoughlin: Richard is a Grade 1 Conservation Architect with over 35 years' experience focused on high quality architectural design and building conservation. He is a graduate of UCD and holds a master's degree in built heritage conservation from the Technical University Berlin. He is a director of Lotts Architecture and Urbanism Ltd and sits on the RIAI Historic Buildings Committee.

Refreshments

Tea/coffee and a light lunch will be provided.

What to Bring

Participants should prepare for wet and/or cold weather and should bring suitable attire.

Participants must bring their own PPE including eye protection, gloves, hi-vis vest and safety boots.

Ticket and Booking Information

Subsidised tickets are priced at **€100** but places are limited and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. Contact

coursescalx@gmail.com to book a place and arrange payment.

This traditional skills workshop is supported by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage and is an action of the National Vernacular Strategy <https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/>



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TWO DAY WORKSHOP ON THE USE OF TRADITIONAL EARTH MORTARS & HOT LIMES

Date: Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 June (Participants must be available to attend both days)

Time: 9.40am to 5pm

Location: Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick (exact location provided upon confirmation of place)

Price: €140

Event Information

Do you have a traditional (vernacular) structure and want to learn how to repair, upgrade and maintain it? Are you considering a project under the vacant property refurbishment scheme? If so, The National Built Heritage Service invite you to take part in a two-day, hands on work-shop taking place at a mud walled cottage near Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick on the use of: **Traditional Earth Mortars & Hot Limes**. The workshop will be hosted in partnership with Tom Pollard who specialises in repair to vernacular structures using lime and earthen based mortars and plasters.

The aim of the two days is to raise awareness in traditional skills, to promote the sensitive reuse of these buildings using appropriate materials, and to pass knowledge of earth mortars and hot lime mortars to building owners. It will also address: how to source and use materials to keep their buildings in better shape; assessing damage and suitable repair; creating and applying suitable repair mortars and binders; aftercare of repairs leading to finishes of plasters and renders. **This will be a two day, hands on module for individuals' intent on carrying out their own works.**

Places are limited, and preference will be given to those who own, or are planning a project on, a pre-1940s structure. A full site induction, health and safety meeting will be held at 9.45am prompt, prior to commencement at 10.00 am.

What to Bring

Participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable attire. Participants need to provide their own Hi vis vest, safety footwear, hard hat, gloves and eye protection. Long sleeves recommended.

Attendees should bring any information, drawings, plans of their own project for advice and discussion.

Ticket & Booking Information

These workshops are being offered at a reduced rate with subsidised tickets of **€140**. Concession tickets are priced at **€120** for apprentices and students over 18. To book your place contact Tom Pollard: tom@pollardconservationrestoration.ie

Refreshments

A light lunch will be provided.

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TAKING ON A TRADITIONAL HOUSE: *The Repair and Reuse of your Vacant Farm House*

Date: Thursday 12 June

Time: 9.30am to 5pm

Venue: Urlingford, Co. Kilkenny (exact location provided upon confirmation of place)



EVENT INFORMATION:

Do you have a traditional (vernacular) structure and want to learn how to repair, upgrade and maintain it? Or are you considering buying a vacant traditional building to restore?

The National Built Heritage Service (NBHS) invite you to take part in their upcoming one-day course: **Taking on a Traditional Farmhouse: *The Repair and Reuse of your Vacant Traditional Building.***

The aim of the day is to raise awareness of traditional skills, to promote the sensitive reuse of these buildings using appropriate approaches and materials, and to share knowledge and guidance with building owners.

The one-day course will include the following:

- What is a traditional building?
- Available funding streams
- Energy upgrades for traditional buildings
- Advice from a conservation professional and conservation contractor
- The owner's perspective
- Tour of completed works at a traditional farmhouse
- Demonstrations and participation in traditional repair using appropriate materials led by an experienced conservation contractor

Participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable outdoor attire. Long sleeves recommended. Participants need to provide their own hi vis vest, safety footwear, hard hat, gloves and eye protection.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

The event is free but places are limited and must be booked in advance. Places for existing owners of derelict vernacular houses are prioritised. To book your place, please contact vernacular@housing.gov.ie



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TAKING ON A TRADITIONAL HOUSE: *The Repair and Reuse of your Vacant Vernacular Building*

Date: Saturday 21 June and Sunday 22 June (Participants must be available to attend both days)

Time: 10am to 4.30pm

Venue: Mill complex, Ballyjamesduff, Cavan (exact location provided upon confirmation of place)



EVENT INFORMATION:

Do you have a traditional (vernacular) structure and want to learn how to repair, upgrade and maintain it? Or are you considering buying a vacant traditional building to restore?

The National Built Heritage Service (NBHS) invite you to take part in their upcoming one-day course: **Taking on a Traditional House: *The Repair and Reuse of your Vacant Traditional Building.***

The aim of the day is to raise awareness of traditional skills, to promote the sensitive reuse of these buildings using appropriate approaches and materials, and to share knowledge and guidance with building owners.

The one-day course will include the following:

- What is a traditional building?
- Available funding streams
- Energy upgrades for traditional buildings
- Advice from a conservation professional and conservation contractor
- The owner's perspective
- Ecological and biodiversity approaches
- Tour of ongoing works at a traditional building
- Demonstrations and participation in traditional repair using appropriate materials led by an experienced conservation contractor

Participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable outdoor attire. Long sleeves recommended. Participants need to provide their own hi vis vest, safety footwear, hard hat, gloves and eye protection.

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