

Two-Day Workshop on the Use of Earthen and Lime Mortars for Repair

Date: Saturday 8th November and Sunday 9th of November

Time: 9.40am to 16.30pm

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

Price: €120

Event Information

Do you have a vernacular masonry or mud walled structure and want to learn how to repair, upgrade and maintain it? Or are you an architect, engineer, surveyor or heritage professional who wants to understand best practice in the repair of our traditionally constructed vernacular buildings? If so, the National Built Heritage Service (NBHS) invite you to take part in a one day, hands on workshop at a mud walled house near Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick.

The workshop will be hosted by Dr. Barry O'Reilly of the NBHS in partnership with Tom Pollard, who specialises in repair to vernacular structures using lime and earthen-based mortars and plasters and Noel O'Shaughnessy, stone-mason.

The aim of the two days is to:

- Raise awareness and knowledge of earth based mortars and traditional hot lime mortars.
- The need to protect works and know when to apply these mortars.
- Mixing, using, curing and storing traditional earth and lime mortars in the winter.

What to Bring

This will be a hands on module and participants should dress for wet and 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.

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

Ticket & Booking Information

These workshops are being offered at a reduced rate with subsidised tickets of €120. Concession tickets are priced at **€80** for apprentices and students over 18. To book your place contact heather@pollardconservationrestoration.ie

Refreshments

A light lunch will be provided.



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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 November 8th and Sunday 9th (Participants must be available to attend both days)
Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Location: Pollagh, Rosscahill, Connemara, County Galway
Price: €108.23



Event Information

Come join us for a hands-on workshop on dry stone wall construction at the beautiful location of Rosscahill, Connemara, Co. Galway

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:

www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-dry-stone-wall-construction-weekend-connemara-tickets-1826164389849?aff=oddtcreator

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FOUR-DAY INTRODUCTION TO ROPE THATCHING:

Learn how to repair and maintain rope thatch buildings

Date: Friday 14th to Monday 17th of November 2025
(Participants must be available to attend all four days)
Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Location: Donegal Thatch School, Dolmen Centre, Portnoo, Donegal.
Price: €100



Event Information

Come join us for a hands-on four-day workshop on rope thatching with Brian Lafferty Inishowen based rope thatcher. This course will have a particular focus on rope thatch using flax.

Traditionally rope thatching was the predominant thatching method along the exposed west Atlantic coast in response to the high winds. On rope-thatched houses, the thatch was held in place by ropes, tied to stones or metal pegs projecting at the top of the walls underneath the eaves. In recent decades, this traditional method of rope thatching has been replaced by scollop thatching and non-traditional styles.

Refreshments

Refreshments, lunch and snacks will be provided.

What to Bring

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

Ticket & Booking Information:

To book your place contact the Dolmen Centre: 074 9545010 or office@donegalthatchingschool.com

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One-Day Workshop: *Introduction to Hedge Laying*

Date: Saturday 15th November

Time: 10am to 3.30pm

Location: RHSI Bellefield, Shinrone, County Offaly

Price: €50

Event Information

Hedge laying is an ancient skill, involving a rejuvenative process that keeps the hedgerow young and vigorous indefinitely. It is considered the optimum form of management for our native hedgerows and it is hard to overstate its value in preserving habitats for our threatened wildlife.

This one-day introduction programme is aimed at novice hedge layers and those whose skills might be a little rusty!

Training will involve a safety briefing, an introduction to the concept and benefits of hedge laying, and practical demonstrations and practice in the skills of hedge laying.



What to Bring

Tools will be provided. This will be a hands on day and participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable attire. Participants need to provide their own Hi vis vest, eye protection, sturdy footwear and work gloves.

Ticket & Booking Information

These workshops are being offered at a reduced rate with subsidised tickets of €60. Book your ticket here: <https://hedgerows.ie/hedge-laying-shinrone-co-offaly/>

Refreshments

A light lunch will be provided.

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One-Day Workshop: *Introduction to Hedge Laying*

Date: Saturday 22nd November

Time: 10am to 3.30pm

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FOUR-DAY INTRODUCTION TO ROPE THATCHING:

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Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Location: Donegal Thatch School, Dolmen Centre, Portnoo, Donegal.
Price: €100



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