

Four-Day Workshop: Introduction to Scallop Thatching – Maintaining and Repairing Scallop Thatch Buildings

Date: Thursday 4 of June to Saturday 7 June (Participants must be available to all four days)
Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Location: Donegal Thatching School, Dolmen Centre, Portnoo, Donegal, F94 DN83
Price: €120



Event Information

Come join us for a hands-on four-day workshop on scallop thatching with Kilkenny-based scallop thatcher Jimmy Lenehan. This course will have a particular focus on scallop thatch using straw and reed.

Traditionally scallop thatching was the predominant thatching method in Ireland. The name comes from the horizontal and bent rods of hazel, willow, ash, briar, bog fir etc. used to secure thatch to the roof structure. The bent rods are shaped like hairpins or staples and the ends pointed.

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

Organiser: *Building Limes Forum Ireland, supported by the National Built Heritage Services.*

Date: Friday 5th June and Saturday 6th June *(Participants must be available to attend both days)*

Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm

Location: Killoran House, Thurles, Tipperary, E41 Y925

Price: €145 *(The detailed programme and all the necessary information will be circulated closer to the date to those who purchased their tickets.)*



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

There are a limited number of subsidised* places available for a limited time:

Discounted Ticket Price: **€145**

Apprentice / Student Rate: **€125**

Full Price Ticket: **€290**

To book your place and for further information see:

<https://buytickets.at/buildinglimesforumireland/2222080>

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 6th and Sunday 7th June (Participants must be available to attend both days)

Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm

Location: Galway

Price: €108.23



Event Information

Come join us for a hands-on workshop on dry stone wall construction at Moycullen, Connemara, County 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 with a vernacular property containing dry stone walls in need of repair or maintenance, or, 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.ie/e/introduction-to-dry-stone-wall-construction-weekend-connemara-tickets->

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Four-Day Workshop: Introduction to Rope Thatching – Maintaining and Repairing Rope Thatch Buildings

Date: Thursday 18th June to Sunday 21st June 2026
(Participants must be available to all four days)
Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Location: Donegal Thatching School, Dolmen Centre, Portnoo, Donegal, F94 DN83
Price: €120



Event Information

Come join us for a hands-on four-day workshop on rope thatching with Inishowen-based rope thatcher Brian Lafferty. 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:

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

Date: Tuesday 23rd 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 Thatched Farmhouse*

Date: Monday 13th of July

Time: 9.30am to 5pm

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

Price: €60



EVENT INFORMATION:

Do you have a traditional (vernacular) mud walled structure and want to learn how to repair, upgrade and maintain it? Or are you considering buying a vacant traditional mud walled 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 Thatched Farmhouse.***

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 for traditional buildings
- Strategy for rewiring, replumbing and extending
- The best material for extending earthen structures including traditional building extension in thermally efficient modern earth blocks
- Energy upgrades for traditional mud walled and thatched buildings
- Advice from a conservation professional and conservation contractors
- Tour of ongoing works at a traditional farmhouse
- Thatch specific advice on repair and fire safety
- 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.

Ticket & Booking Information

These workshops are being offered at a reduced rate with subsidised tickets of **€30**. To book your place contact



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INTRODUCTION TO DRY STONE WALL CONSTRUCTION

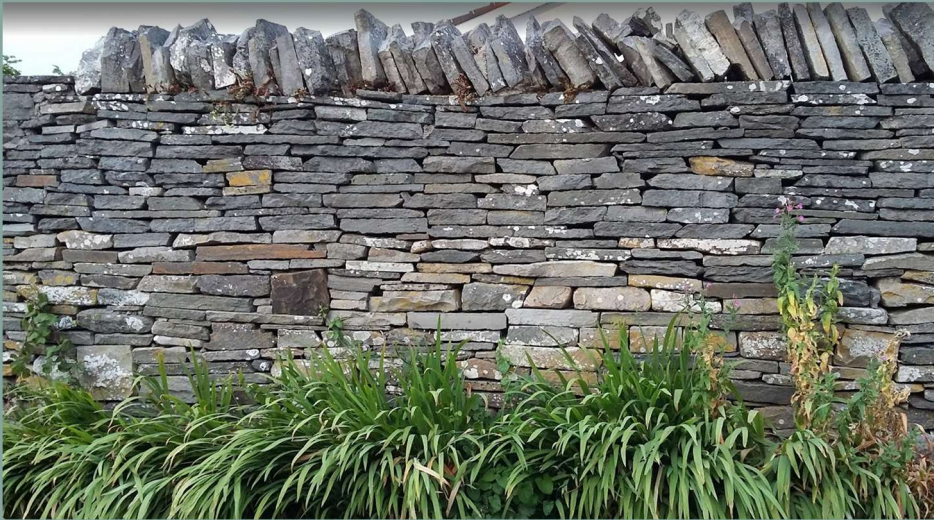
WEEKEND: Learn how to build sturdy and beautiful dry stone walls with hands-on training and expert guidance with the Drystone Wall Association of Ireland (DSWAI)

Date: Saturday 25th and 26th of July (Participants must be available to attend both days)

Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm

Location: Clare

Price: €108.23



Event Information

Come join us for a hands-on workshop on dry stone wall construction at Liscannor, Co Clare. 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 with a vernacular property containing dry stone walls in need of repair or maintenance, or, 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

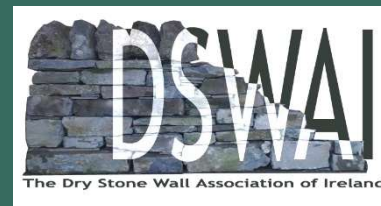
Hard toed work shoes/boots are essential. Wear work clothes or gear you don't mind getting dirty. Gloves will be provided. The workshop is outdoors so be prepared for the weather whatever the forecast may be. Bring a showerproof coat.

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.ie/e/introduction-to-dry-stone-wall-construction-weekend-clare-tickets>

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TAKING ON A TRADITIONAL HOUSE: *The Repair and Reuse of your Vacant Farm House - leath as béarla, agus leath as gaeilge*

Date: Friday 31st of July & Saturday 1st of August

Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm

Venue: An Spidéal, Gaillimh (exact location provided upon confirmation of place)

Price: €60



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Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Ticket & Booking Information

These workshops are being offered at a reduced rate with subsidised tickets of €60. To book your place contact

[**heather@pollardconservationrestoration.ie**](mailto:heather@pollardconservationrestoration.ie)



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Date: Saturday 15th and 16th of August (Participants must be available to attend both days)
Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Location: Wicklow
Price: €108.23



Event Information

Come join us for a hands-on workshop on dry stone wall construction in Wicklow (exact location TBC). 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 with a vernacular property containing dry stone walls in need of repair or maintenance, or, 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

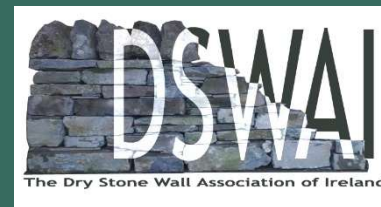
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Ticket & Booking Information

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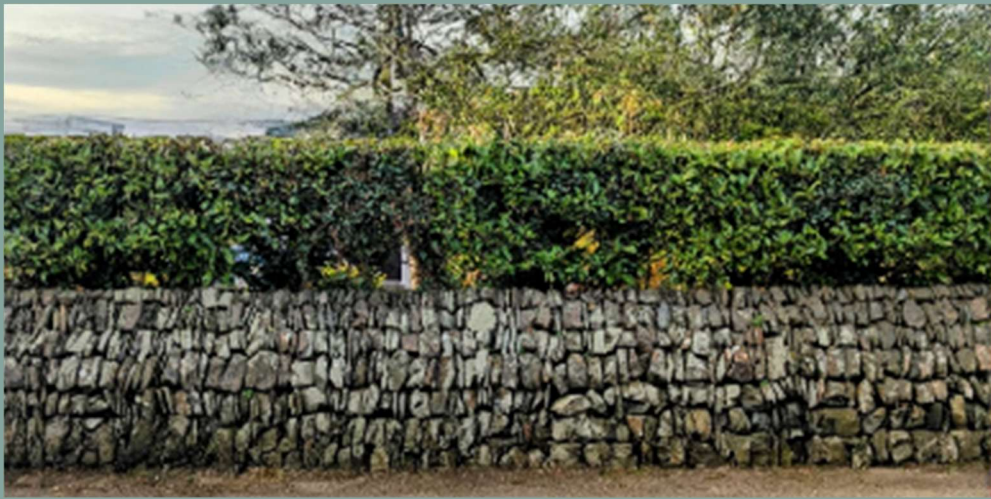
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INTRODUCTION TO DRY STONE WALL CONSTRUCTION WEEKEND: *Learn how to build sturdy and beautiful dry stone walls with hands-on training and expert guidance with the Drystone Wall Association of Ireland (DSWAI)*

Date: Saturday 29th and 30th of August (Participants must be available to attend both days)
Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Location: Cork
Price: €108.23



Event Information

Come join us for a hands-on workshop on dry stone wall construction at Mallow, Co. Cork. 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 with a vernacular property containing dry stone walls in need of repair or maintenance, or, 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

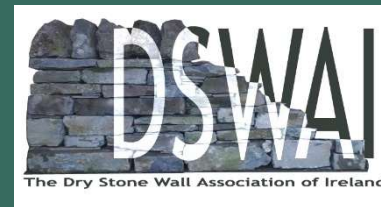
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