

Claregalway Museum & Forge

About us. . .

The Claregalway Historical and Cultural Society was founded in 1991 to encourage the appreciation, knowledge and preservation of the Claregalway area's rich historical, cultural and archaeological heritage.

We've published two books, (the) Claregalway Parish History 750 Years (1999) and (the) Claregalway Parish History Pictorial (2002). In 2007 we restored an old blacksmith's forge which was used for many generations up to the 1990s and in February 2014 we built a new museum and interpretative centre.

Both the forge and museum are situated on a site provided by the Smyth and Glynn families, Rooaunmore.



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To see. . .

- ✓ The restored forge contains all the typical equipment: open furnace, a massive leather bellows to stoke the flames, an anvil which is large and heavy with a long projecting snout on the side which the blacksmith used to hold the red-hot iron for shaping, and much more.
- ✓ Carpenters section with a large variety of the carpenter's old-style manual tools. Carpenters and blacksmiths were valued craftsmen in the local community and worked closely together.
- ✓ Various traditional farming equipment, such as mowing machines, ploughs, potato diggers and so on.
- ✓ Old household items: traditional 'crane' to support hanging ovens for cooking over an open hearth fire
- ✓ Musical equipment from the old Claregalway Fife and Drum Band (founded in 1909)
- ✓ Many old photographs and various documents



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The Cottage Museum...

Experience rural life from bygone days in a restored 19th century cottage. View unique artefacts representing various facets of daily living through the decades like the tilly lamp and wash hand basin. Touch the softness of the crochet bed spread and admire the craft work of the handmade wallhangings. Imagine a jig being danced in the kitchen... or just sit by the fire and watch!



Farm machinery and farm implements display...

Feel the steel of the various items of horse drawn farm machinery including the plough, the scuffler and the turnip seed sower. See the implements and tools that farmers used to work the land.



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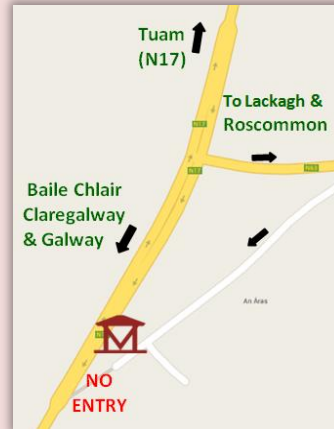
Lackagh Museum and Community Development Association works to conserve our local heritage, foster an appreciation of it, facilitate public access to it and provide facilities for the benefit of our community.

The Association was established in 1994 to purchase what was a derelict 19th century cottage in Lackagh village, restore it and run it as a museum and heritage centre.

Subsequent developments include a tea room and an Information Training Centre which hosts various community and adult education courses. The construction of a new parish centre in 2013 adjacent to the cottage is the Association's most recent development. We sustain ourselves through various fundraising activities, a weekly lotto draw and venue hire.

We also receive support from Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board, Galway County Council and Galway Rural Development.

Map to Museums



Rooanmore

Baile Chláir (Claregalway), Co. Galway

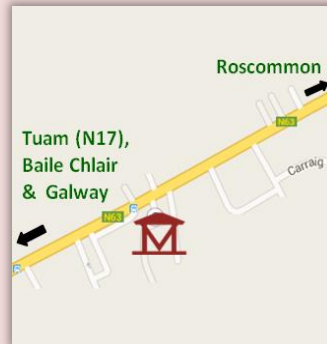
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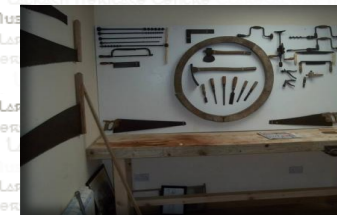


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