

Milltown Heritage Group

Covid 19 Local Response Plan

With the result of Covid 19, Milltown Heritage Group is facing many challenges but none more than members of our community who are self-isolating in our rural community. As the people in our parish are such an important part of our cultural heritage, we have reached out to people in rural isolation. Our group are a member of the Irish Community Archive Network, working collaboratively with Galway County Council and the National Museum of Ireland. Working together, our online archive created through our community heritage website has reached out to many who are self-isolating and cocooning. Members of Milltown Heritage Group are now based in their homes and trying to upload content onto our website to generate conversation between members of our local community. Phone calls have been made and emails sent to those over the age of 70. Instructions, if needed, have been given in how to access our website. The majority of the time, family members can assist their loved ones so that they can view our content.

The National Museum of Ireland kindly offered Milltown Heritage Group to colourise old photographs and this has a huge response. The below is one example of what was circulating to those cocooning. Group photographs generate conversation and our group has received phone calls from our local community to thank our group. This is uplifting for our group to experience and that we are making life of cocooning a little more interesting for our senior residents.



Milltown Heritage is working in collaboration with Galway County Council in their Galway Beo Project. This project are reaching out to people to share photographs or videos that they take while out for a walk within a 2KM radius. Members of our local community have been contributing to this initiative e.g Milltown during sunset.

Galway Beo contribution



Milltown during Sunset

Our website has never been as busy and we are conscious to reach out to those in our rural community who cannot leave their homes. Our website has seen increasing number of visitors. This is a result of so many people now online.

It is our plan to continue to reach out to our local community by uploading as much content as possible on our website and sharing it through our social media channels. This will help social interaction between our rural dwellers who can communicate by phone, email, social media, video conferencing.

It is our aim to continue with socially interacting with our rural community to help with their well-being. We are capturing a moment in history never seen before and we wish to ensure that we made some difference by engaging with our self-isolating community which also includes the younger generations as well.