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| 1. North Gate | 8. Burgage Plots |
| 2. Market Cross | 9. Mid 19 th Houses |
| 3. Athenry Heritage Centre | 10. Athenry Park |
| 4. Handball Court | 11. Madden's Forge |
| 5. The Dominican Priory | 12. Athenry Community Centre |
| 6. Athenry Castle | |
| 7. Train Station | |

Map courtesy of Galway East Tourism 'Wayfinder Project'
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A Free Family Fun Day

Food Stalls, Medieval Re-Enactments, Arts & Crafts Displays, children's craft workshops, Puppet Shows, Archery, Music and Historical Presentations.

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ATHENRY WALLED TOWNS DAY

1~5PM | SUNDAY 16TH AUGUST 2026

Heritage to Protect, Europe to Connect



CELEBRATING
20 YEARS

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY!

ATHENRY COMMUNITY PARK & ATHENRY HERITAGE CENTRE



Exhibition



One Heritage, Many Walls

Explore an exhibition celebrating Athenry and some of Europe's historic walled towns, showcasing their shared heritage, culture and connection on display in Athenry Arts and Heritage Centre.

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This event is funded by The Heritage Council and Galway County Council and has been developed in partnership between Galway County Council and Athenry Arts and Heritage Centre. It is supported by Athenry Community Council, Athenry Tidy Towns and the businesses and communities of Athenry. Part funded as part of the Culture Programme for Ireland's Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2026.



Athenry Park | 1pm ~ 5pm



Ancient Music Ireland

This delightful exhibition and intermittent upbeat performances by Simon and Maria O'Dwyer of Ancient Music Ireland, brings the audience on a journey through the ages, starting with the earliest habitation of Ireland and progresses through the Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age and ends in Early Medieval times.



Claíomh

Discover the foundations of Anglo-Norman life with Dave Swift.



Loughrea Craft Club

A fun, interactive children's craft workshop.



Mace & Seal Tournament

It's the first official Buhurt International Tournament ever held in Ireland, bringing elite international-standard combat to a uniquely historic setting. It blends top-tier international competition with a cultural celebration, offering spectators an authentic medieval spectacle in one of Ireland's best preserved medieval towns.



Walking Tours of Athenry

Tours commence from 1:30pm at Athenry Castle. Discover the rich medieval history of Athenry and enjoy a guided walking tour of the medieval town. Gerry Burke is your faille Ireland tour guide and all tours include a walking map of Athenry. Tour duration is 40 minutes and tours run at 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:30pm and 4:30pm.



Athenry Creative Walls Project

Created by participants from the Brothers of Charity with artist Maria Hitchcox.

Random Act's of Puppetry

Step right up and behold the wonder of 'Random Acts of Puppetry!'

From the picturesque West Coast of Ireland. Loose yourself in the chaos of the imagination. A fusion of old-Irish charm and cutting-edge sketches that match the energy of the audience. Times: 1:30pm & 3:30pm.



Jay Ryan and His Amazing Flea Circus

A great children's workshop event where medieval history comes to life.



Moth & Butterfly Storytelling

Children will be thrilled with the ancient art of storytelling which is a foundation of Irish life.



Drumadore

It's time to bang that drum with the amazing Drumadore. Workshops throughout the day.



Galway Gallowglass

The Gaillimh Gallóglaigh are a Historical European Fight Club.

Crafts & Artisan Food

Niall Murphy: Basket Making | Anna O'Donnell: Butter Making

Seamus Kirwan: Wool Display | Sandra King: Spinning

Bodhrán Maker: Michael Vignoles | Scéal Heritage: Medieval Brooch Making



Animal Magic

See the amazing birds of prey display from Animal Magic. A popular attraction for all ages to enjoy.

Magic Show

2.30pm. Be dazzled by amazing tricks, big laughs, and plenty of audience fun. A magical family show for all ages!

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Present crafts, games, music, and including leatherwork, spinning, nalbinding, armouring medieval board games that is open to the public and a hobby horse jousting tournament (for children - soft jousting spears).



Athenry Heritage Centre

Guided Tours

Discover the medieval history of Athenry with the four guides of the Athenry Heritage Centre. Tours commence from 10:00pm and run every 20 minutes. Limited capacity for each tour.



Have A Go Archery

Experience the thrill of archery, one of the oldest sports in the world.

Music Pavilion

The Red Earls Consort

The troubadours of the festival will play music to showcase the rich medieval tunes of the medieval period.



Medieval Musical Medley

The pavilion will be filled with the music old and new with a collection of musicians from the Medieval Musical Medley showband.



Music with Úna Ní Flannagáin

Úna will present her new piece of music commissioned for the 20th anniversary of Athenry Walled Towns Day.

