

Athenry Town Walls Conservation Works 2024



Repairs to just under ten metres of wall were carried out in 2024. The repairs included vegetation removal along the top and sides of the wall. Joints were raked out – with the removal of inappropriate cement pointing – and pinning stones were inserted where required to close up wider joints. The wall which is approx. 1.5m in thickness in this location, was fully grouted with an approved mix selected by the engineer and injected in gradual lifts up the masonry wall.



Repairs were also carried out to the wall top, which had inappropriate cement capping applied to it. This was replaced with a lime flaunching. The wall was carefully cleaned on both sides before and after works. Works were carried out under archaeological licence, with archaeologist Martin Fitzpatrick of Through Time Archaeology. Howley Hayes Cooney, Conservation Architects provided architectural conservation advice and guidance and Costello Masonry Conservation undertook the works to the walls.



Altogether over 500 metres of town wall, four mural towers, the north gate and a guard house have been repaired in twelve phases since 2008.

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