

CONSERVATION FUNDING

Each year, funding is available from Laois County Council for owners of protected structures, through the Conservation Grant Scheme.

The objective of the scheme is to assist the owner or occupier of a structure, which is protected because of its architectural, or historical interest, to undertake conservation work on the building.

A wide variety of conservation works can qualify for grants, up to a maximum of 50% of the cost of works or €13,000.

Works consisting of routine maintenance or improvements do not qualify for grant aid. Any work undertaken before the grant is awarded cannot be funded.

The Conservation Grants scheme, which is advertised in the local press and on www.laois.ie each spring, is promoted by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government and administered by Laois County Council.

Further information will be provided at the seminar.

Please complete this form to book a place at the Seminar

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Admission is free, but numbers will be limited, so please return this booking form by 10th October 2008 to the address below. Lunch will be provided.

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Seminar Protected Structures & Thatched Buildings



Saturday 18th October 2008

Heritage House,

Abbeyleix

Co Laois

Admission free - Booking Required

The Built Heritage of Laois

The most important buildings in terms of architecture or history are listed on the Record of Protected Structures for County Laois.

Inclusion of a building on the Record of Protected Structures conveys certain responsibilities on the owner, but also opens up avenues for funding of maintenance and repair work.

This seminar aims to provide both information on the importance of protected structures and assistance available to owners in maintaining their properties.

It will provide participants with knowledge of the main legislation relating to protected structures and offer practical advice to those interested in best practice in maintaining protected structures and opportunities for conservation funding.

The seminar will be of interest to owners of protected structures, planning agents, developers, community groups and anyone with an interest in the built heritage of County Laois.

Part of the seminar will also be dedicated to the specific importance of thatched buildings and information for owners of thatched properties, following the survey of thatch in Laois carried out in 2007.

10.00am Registration

10.20am Welcome and Introductions
Tom Jacob , Cathaoirleach
Laois County Council

10:30am The Built Heritage of Laois
Willie Cumming, NIAH

11.00am Maintaining Protected Structures
Jackie Donnelly DoEHLG

11.30am Conservation Grants
Angela McEvoy, A/Senior Planner
Laois County Council

12.00pm Questions and Answers
Chaired by Donal Kiely
Senior Executive Planner
Laois County Council

12.30pm Lunch (Soup & Sandwiches)

1.30pm Thatched Buildings in Laois
Sinead Hughes
Architectural Recording & Research

2.00 p.m. Owning a thatched building
Speaker tbc

2.30pm Discussion
Chaired by Catherine Casey
Heritage Officer
Laois County Council

3.00pm Close



Copies of the report on the Thatch Survey of Laois, by Architectural Recording & Research will be available free of charge at the seminar.

This survey, carried out on behalf of Laois Heritage Forum in 2007, was funded by the Heritage Council.

