



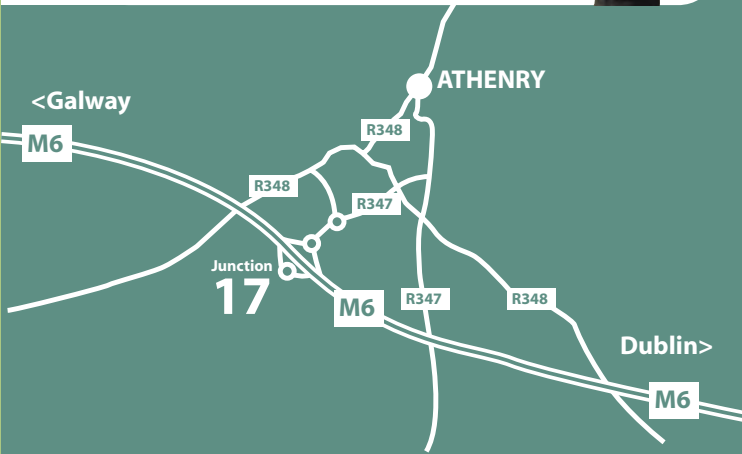
1. North Gate
2. Market Cross
3. St. Mary's Church
4. Ball Court
5. The Priory
6. Castle
7. Station
8. Burgage Plots / Mid c19 Houses

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Children must be accompanied by an adult. Programme of events are subject to change.

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# ATHENRY CELEBRATES NATIONAL WALLED TOWNS DAY

Date: 21<sup>st</sup> August 2011

BATTLE RE-ENACTMENTS

CHILDREN'S CRAFT & THEATRE SHOWS

MEDIEVAL ARTS & CRAFTS

ARCHERY DISPLAYS



# 2011

Year of Craft 2011

Athenry Walled Towns Day 

FREE FAMILY FUN FOR ALL!



**1:30pm**

### Opening Ceremony Athenry Castle

Opening ceremony by Councillor Bridie Willers, Deputy Mayor of the County of Galway

## All Day Events in Athenry Park

### Eagles Flying- Irish Raptor Research Centre

Get up close to Alaska, the bald headed eagle. Have your photograph taken next to this iconic bird of prey. Meet Lothar, from Eagles Flying and learn more about the activities of the Irish Raptor Centre.



### Loughrea Crafts

Calling all Robin Hoods, Merry Men and Maid Marians for make your own dress up workshops.

Drop in crafty workshops for kids make hats, bows and arrows and tabards and become a medieval brigand for the day!



### Dig It!!

Experience the thrills of an archaeological dig. Discover hidden treasure with Dr. Jim McKeon



### 3:15pm Blacklion Lion Crafts

Demonstrations of medieval weaponry and fighting techniques. Exhibitions of Stone Masonry, Blacksmithing and a Pole Lath.

### 4:00pm Athenry Castle

Presentations by Dr. Jim McKeon on Archeological Findings of Dig it! Followed by Charlie Gallagher's presentation and display of medieval weapons.

## Events in Athenry Heritage Centre

### Pignut Productions present... The Amazing FLEA CIRCUS! A Family Show

Shows commencing from 2:45pm.



It's amazing! It's spectacular!  
It's astounding! It's tiny!

Come and visit the world's smallest big top and see the greatest show on earth. Acrobatics, trapeze, high wire and more – all performed by highly trained, teeny tiny fleas. Restricted to 20 people per show.

### Children's Colouring Competition

Great prizes to be won!

### Archery Demonstrations: Athenry Archery Club

See the traditional longbow in action and learn about the unique history of this medieval weapon.

Test your skills with Have-A-go Archery.



## Year of Craft 2011

To celebrate Year of Craft, this year's programme includes a selection of crafts people who will provide Demonstrations of the following:

- Joe Hogan – Basket Making
- Anthony O'Brien – Ceramics
- Sam Beardon – Jewellery
- Collette Langan – Stain Glass
- Jan Muyllaert – Irish Harp
- Woodland Crafts – Stuart Fernie
- Sven Habermann – Conservation Letterfrack



### Meet Jan MUYLLAERT 'Irish Harp Maker'

Jan will present "an introduction to stringed instruments" in the Athenry Heritage Centre on Saturday 20th August at 7:00pm



# IF WALLS HAD EARS...

1:45pm Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August

The Market Square, Athenry

If walls had ears, what would they say?

Come join Singer/Composer Natasha Lohan, Visual Artist/Writer Aoife Casby and members of the Athenry Community to explore, discover and celebrate the history of Athenry in an audio/visual journey through this Medieval Town.

In association with the Athenry Heritage Centre and Galway Rural Development Co. this exciting New Inclusive Audio/Visual Community Project will be performed and devised by a core group of people with all abilities from the Athenry Community. The audience is requested to meet at 1:45pm at the Market Square in the centre of Athenry Town where the performance will begin. The finale performance will be held in the Athenry Heritage Centre which includes projected installations and original music performances. Who knows what you might find? Musicians in the alcoves? Ears in the walls? Expect the unexpected!

Audience members are invited to join in on the fun, please join us through our Facebook page IfWallsHadEars. Keep your ears to the walls for further details. Numbers are limited so please come early to avoid disappointment.

