

WICKLOW PEOPLE | Wednesday, September 23, 2015



Eoin Donnelly at the 'Heritage Building Show' in Glendalough.



Conor Conway, John McEvoy, John Conway and Dave and Des McEvoy showing off stone masonry skills at the Glendalough Visitors Centre.

Traditional building skills on display at Glendalough

Over two dozen craftspeople demonstrated key traditional building skills at the Heritage Building Show which took place on Saturday and Sunday at Glendalough. The well attended event was organised jointly by Wicklow County Council and The Heritage Society with support from The Heritage Council and the OPW. Minister of state with responsibility for the OPW, Simon Harris, officially launched the show on Saturday just after noon. The event was organised as means of assisting anyone currently living in an older building allowing them to meet and chat to a range of

different people offering practical advice on the upkeep of older structures or buildings, including ways of improving energy efficiency, repairing sash windows and using lime mortar.

Demonstrations covered everything from dry stone wall construction, stone carving and decorative plasterwork to slate roofing, mud wall construction and thatching.

Talks also took place every hour on the hour over the two days on Wicklow's built heritage focusing on a variety of topics such as monastic buildings, thatched houses, traditional farmhouses and mining buildings. Guests could also gather information on heritage building planning laws.



Thatcher Kyran O'Grady was among the many traditional tradespeople giving demonstrations.

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