

Coleraine Walking Tour
Saturday 11 May 2024
10:00 am – 1:00 pm



Plan of Coleraine by Nicholas Pynnar, 1618

At the beginning of the 17th century the Plantation of Londonderry created a new county and established two new towns, the city of Londonderry and the town of Coleraine. Both of the latter were built by the newly formed the Honourable, the Irish Society. Coleraine was a palisaded town meant to control the mouth of the great River Bann which was rich in the valuable commodity of salmon and the terminus of the equally valuable timber trade harvested in the western portion of the new county. Today, little remains of the original town of Coleraine except its street plan. It has the feel of a 19th century town, however, it is a palimpsest of the earlier settlement and within the stones of the parish church and a number of other fine buildings its long history is revealed.

Our walking tour will be led by fellow member and long-term resident Daniel Calley. We will begin at the John Lanyon designed train station and along the way will take in the parish church of St Patrick's, where we will have morning coffee, Thomas Turner's 1859 town hall, the 1830s markets, Isaac Farrell's 1852 Methodist Church, Stewart Gordon's 1844 town bridge and a number of other churches and buildings.

Further joining instructions will be emailed to participants approximately one week before the event.

Timings: 10.00am – 1 pm (approx.)

Cost: £15 - for members only (and their guests).

(Includes morning coffee and a donation to St. Patrick's Church, Coleraine)

Places limited to 25.