

Community Heritage

in the Causeway Coast and Glens

Visit our community heritage venues

Explore our heritage trails

Read our local history publications

Investigate our online resources



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Information compiled through an audit of community based heritage resources carried out during the PEACE IV Understanding Our Area Programme 2017 - 2020.

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Foreword

If ever there was a time to stay local and explore our local surroundings, heritage and history that time is now. This comprehensive resource provides a fantastic guide in which we are encouraged to:

- ▶ **VISIT** our Community Venues;
- ▶ **EXPLORE** our Heritage Trails
- ▶ **READ** our local history publications;
- ▶ **INVESTIGATE** our online resources.

From the Sperrins to the Glens of Antrim and from the Bann Valley to the Causeway Coast, a plethora of stories, tales and artefacts await being discovered.

With the added ability to uncover these treasures in the comfort of your own home through leafing through a book or leaflet, or by making a day of it on one of the many accessible walking trails, or just getting up and out with family or friends to explore a new area, there is something to be enjoyed and learned by us all, a hugely engaging opportunity awaits us.

I would encourage you all to delve a little deeper into our local heritage using the tools outlined and to share the resource with those not resident in the area to encourage our neighbouring visitors to make the most of their time when visiting the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council and to highlight the resources available for those, who maybe live further afield to research their ancestry.

To avoid disappointment make sure to plan any visits/outings and make any necessary appointments in advance of your visit.

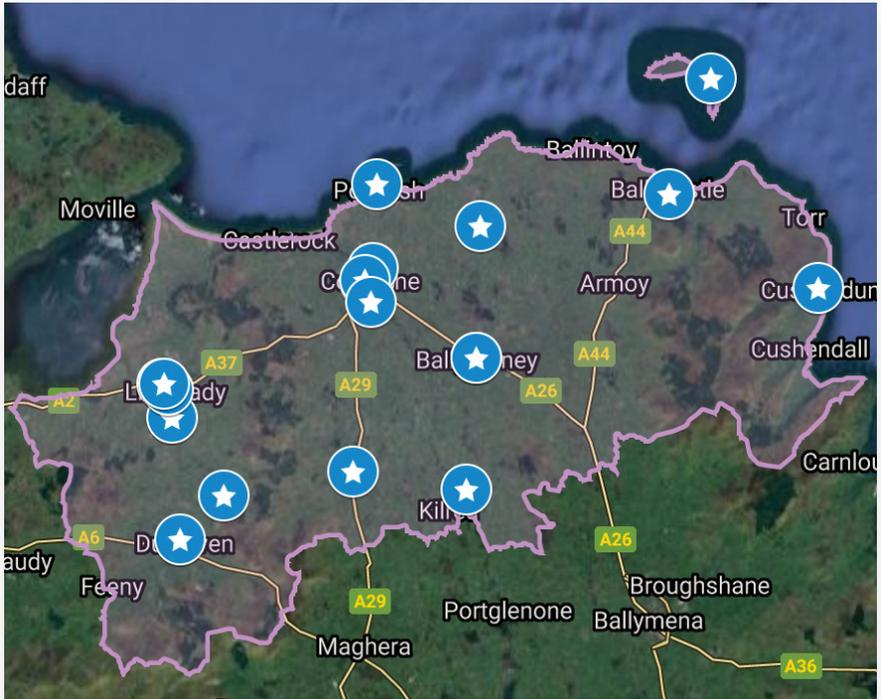
More importantly, this resource is testament to the positive impact that Peace IV Funding has on our local communities; bringing people together in unison under the umbrella of heritage has been a powerful demonstration of how valuable this funding is and how practical and informative its results can be, not to mention the untold legacy that the publication and digital footprint will have.

Enjoy!

Councillor Orla Beattie
Chair Peace IV Partnership

Visit our community heritage venues

Visit the hidden gems of the sites and places in the Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council area which are steeped in local heritage and history. These community and local authority run venues offer valuable sources of local knowledge and culture of the region. Please contact the venue in advance of your visit as some are seasonal or open by appointment only.



Ballycastle Museum

Accredited museum in an 18th century courthouse and market building, with an important collection of Irish Arts and Crafts Revival.

▶ cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk



Ballymaconnelly: Room for Reflection - Ballymaconnelly and District Heritage Group

Museum located in Ballymaconnelly Orange Hall. Exhibitions dedicated to the memory of local men who fought and died in World War I. Open by appointment only.

▶ desdelder@hotmail.co.uk

▶ desdedler26@gmail.com



Ballymoney: Causeway Museum Services Local History Resource area

Study area in Ballymoney Town Hall for family and local history researchers.

▶ cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk



Ballymoney Museum

Accredited museum with focus on local motorcycle road racing and the story of the area since early times.

▶ cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk





Bushmills: Ballylough Castle and Crannóg

The ancient ruins of a medieval castle close by in a lake is a crannóg dating from around 5000BC. The adjoining property is a Georgian type farmhouse.

Image courtesy Ballylough Collection

▶ www.ballylough.co.uk



Coleraine Library Heritage Collection Room

The Heritage Collection Room has a range of resources of interest from a heritage and local studies perspective.

▶ www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/Coleraine-Library.aspx



Coleraine Museum

Coleraine Town Hall, built in 1859, is Coleraine Museum's accredited seasonal exhibition venue. It features the important Hugh Thomson and Sam Henry collections as well as material supporting Irish History Starts Here, 17th Century Plantation and the rich history of Coleraine.

▶ cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk



Coleraine: Mountsandel

Important archaeological landscape located on the outskirts of Coleraine.

▶ www.niarchive.org/owner/mountsandel-discovery-and-heritage-group/

Coleraine: The Cornfield Project

Through Focus on Family, Ballysally. Outdoor woodland, environmental and nature area.

► www.facebook.com/thecornfieldproject/



Coleraine: The Scotti Rooms: Cuil Rathain Historical and Cultural Centre

Historical & cultural centre with a focus on Ulster Scots Heritage, the Orange Order and the two World Wars. Guided walking tours of Coleraine are available.

► www.thescottrooms.co.uk



The Old Church, Cushendun

Refurbished Church for the purposes of Community & Arts.

► www.theoldchurchcentre.com



Dungiven: Glór Dhún Geimhin / St.Canice's Hall

Community-run heritage and cultural centre.

► www.facebook.com/glor.dhungeimhin/





Garvagh Museum

Accredited folk museum with collection of c. 2,000 artefacts.

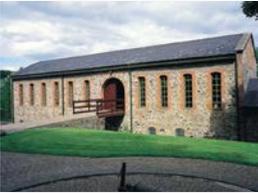
- ▶ www.facebook.com/Garvagh-Museum-197438333619177/



Gelvin Old School

An old Catholic Chapel with adjoining graveyard which was converted to a school in 1901.

- ▶ www.gelvinca.ning.com



Limavady: Green Lane Museum

Accredited museum with exhibitions on linen, farming and country life located in Roe Valley Country Park.

- ▶ cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk



Limavady Library Heritage Collection Room

The Heritage Collection Room of Limavady Library has a range of resources of interest from a heritage and local studies perspective.

- ▶ www.librariesni.org.uk/Libraries/Pages/Limavady-Library.asp

Limavady Museum

Accredited museum located in Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre. Featuring the history of Limavady town.

► cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk



Limavady Workhouse & Paupers' Graveyard

Opened in 1842, one of the best preserved buildings of its type. A ceremony is held every year at the adjacent graveyard to remember the paupers from the Workhouse.

► www.discovernorthernireland.com/Limavady-Workhouse-Limavady-P21046/



Portrush: Antrim Gardens

Public Park in the centre of Portrush.

► www.discoverportrush.com



Rathlin Boathouse Visitor Centre

Heritage and information centre on Rathlin Island.

► www.rathlincommunity.org/visit#boathouse



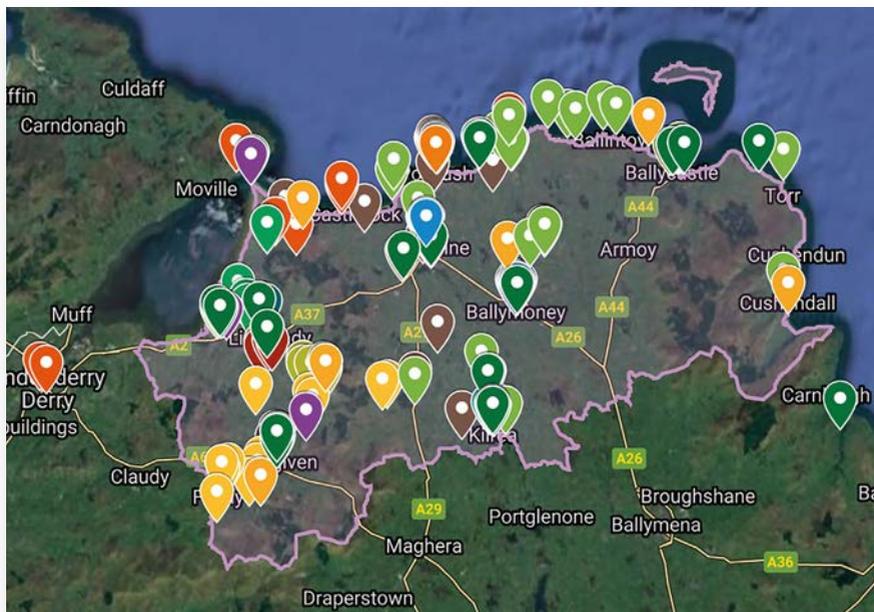
Explore our heritage trails

From Sea Gods to Salmon, take a journey through the Causeway Coast and Glens and explore the fascinating history and rich heritage of the borough through the various established heritage trails.

Trails can be accessed on foot or by car. Please check the online information regarding access prior to your visit.

Please note that you can find the trail on the map by following the different colour allocated to each trail.

Visit www.niarchive.org to view an interactive map of the trails.





Ballycastle Heritage Trail

Moyle District Council

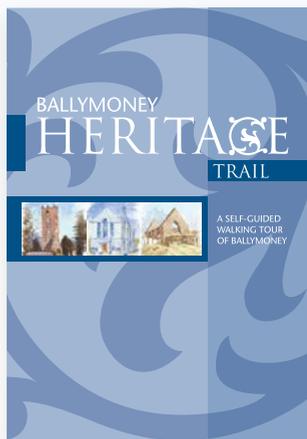
- ▶ Walking trail
- ▶ www.moyle-council.org/ballycastletowntrail/



Ballymoney Heritage Trail

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

- ▶ Walking trail
- ▶ www.niarchive.org



Ballymoney Old Graveyard Trail

Ballymoney Borough Council

- ▶ Walking trail
- ▶ www.niarchive.org



Causeway Coast: Causeway Salmon Trail

Causeway Museum Service

- ▶ Driving trail
- ▶ www.niarchive.org



Causeway Coast: Earl Bishops Trail

Hervey Heritage Group

- ▶ Driving trail
- ▶ www.earlbishopstrail.com, www.niarchive.org

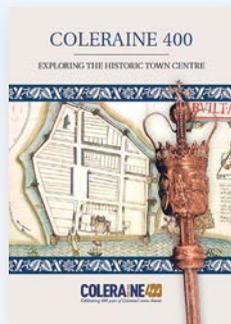




Causeway Coast: Plantation Trail

Causeway Museum Service

- ▶ Driving trail
- ▶ www.niarchive.org



Coleraine: 1718 Heritage Trail: A Journey From The Bann Valley

Coleraine Ulster Scots Regeneration Group

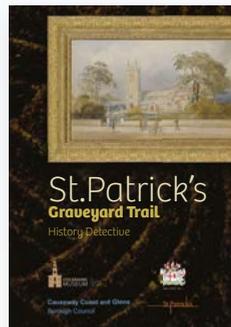
- ▶ Driving trail
- ▶ www.niarchive.org



Coleraine 400 Trail

Coleraine Borough Council

- ▶ Walking trail
- ▶ www.niarchive.org



Coleraine: St Patrick's Graveyard Trail

Coleraine Borough Council and St. Patrick's Church

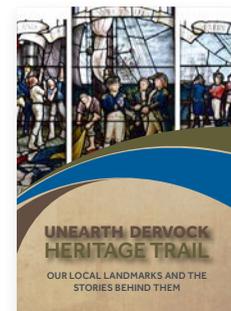
- ▶ Walking trail
- ▶ www.niarchive.org



Unearth Dervock Heritage Trail

Dervock and District Community Association

- ▶ Walking trail
- ▶ www.niarchive.org



Dungiven: Dún Geimhin Heritage Trail

Glór Dhún Geimhin

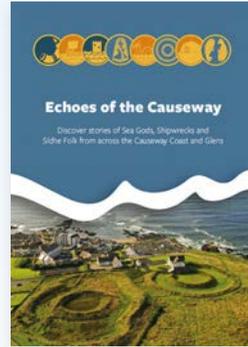
- ▶ Walking trail
- ▶ www.niarchive.org



Echoes of the Causeway - Sea Gods, Shipwrecks & Sidhe Folk Trail

Causeway Coast and Glens
Borough Council

- ▶ Driving trail
- ▶ App available as a free download on Google Play or through the App Store.



Historic Kilrea: Walking Heritage Trail

Kilrea Development Committee

- ▶ Walking trail
- ▶ www.niarchive.org



Limavady Heritage Trail

Causeway Museum Service

- ▶ Driving trail
- ▶ www.niarchive.org



Limavady: North Sperrins Heritage Trail

Limavady Borough Council, Causeway Museum Service,
Feeny Community Association (note that the current status
of this trail is unclear)

- ▶ Driving trail
- ▶ www.niarchive.org



Discover Portrush Heritage Experience

Portrush Heritage Group

- ▶ Walking trail
- ▶ www.discoverportrush.com

Read

our local history publications

Local community groups, legacy Councils, Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust and Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council, at times working in partnership, have been at the forefront of efforts to create resources that highlight and celebrate the history and heritage of their localities.

1718 Heritage Trail

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

1918 Local Voices timeline

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

A guide to the Antrim Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

- ▶ Online - www.ccght.org/publications-library/

A guide to the Binevenagh Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

- ▶ Online - www.ccght.org/publications-library/

A guide to the Causeway Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

- ▶ Online - www.ccght.org/publications-library/

Armoy Historical Guide

- ▶ Online - www.ccght.org/publications-library/

Ballymoney Heritage Guide

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Ballymoney Old Church Graveyard: An Illustrated Guide

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Banners and Parading: Walking the Colours

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Bogs of Ballymoney

- ▶ Online - www.ccght.org/publications-library/

Bushmills: The Village Guide

- ▶ Hard Copy - Bushmills Tourist Information Office
Tel. (028) 2073 0390

Bushmills ... the life within...

- ▶ Online - www.berniemcgill.co.uk/bushmills-audio/
- ▶ Hard Copy - Bushmills Tourist Information Office
Tel. (028) 2073 0390

Causeway Coast and Glens Accessible Heritage Guide

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rathlin

- ▶ Online - www.ballycastleparish.com/churches/rathlin-island/9-church-of-the-immaculate-conception-rathlin-island

Coleraine 400

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Coleraine's Road to the Somme

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cuilrathainhcc@gmail.com

Colonel Hugh Boyd's Ballycastle

- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Cultural Fusions 2009 - 2011

- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Cultural Fusions 2011- 2013

- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Cushendun Old Church: A Book of Reminiscences

- ▶ Hard Copy - Cushendun Building Preservation Trust
bridgeen@cushendunbpt.org

Defending the Causeway Coast

- ▶ Online - www.ccght.org/publications-library/

Discover Portrush Heritage Experience

- ▶ Online - www.discoverportrush.com

Do You Mind the Time? A Community Remembers its Past - Gelvin

- ▶ Hard Copy - Gelvin Community Association
eugenemccloskey@aol.com

Dromboughil Community Association 1999-2019: A Celebration of Our History and Heritage

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Emblems of Ireland

- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Garvagh Museum

- ▶ Hard Copy - info@garvaghmuseum.com

Gelvin The Home Place

- ▶ Hard Copy - Gelvin Community Association
eugenemccloskey@aol.com

Glór Dhún Geimhin

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org

Greetings from Cushendun

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Historic Kilrea: Walking Heritage Trail

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Hugh Thomson: 'this brilliant Ulster artist'

- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Illumination: An ancient celtic art revived

- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

John Clarke: A Potato Wizard

- ▶ Hard Copy - Ballintoy Archaeological and Historical Society
bahs@live.co.uk

Limavady Coastal Biodiversity

- Online - www.ccght.org/publications-library/

Lore of the Land

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Maritime Heritage Guide

Online - www.ccght.org/publications-library/

Molly's Story: An Irishwoman and The Great War 1914-1918

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Our Ballylough Research Journey

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Our Lives (WWII and its legacy in the North West and Causeway Regions)

- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Quarries, Mines and Life Underground

- ▶ Online - www.ccght.org/publications-library/

Rathlin Island

- ▶ Hard Copy - Rathlin Development and Community Association
rdca@btconnect.com

Rathlin Island's dynamic coast and seas

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - Rathlin Development and Community Association
rdca@btconnect.com

Rathlin Through the Lens: Photography from the Sam Henry Collection

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Rockin' the Causeway Coast & Glens

- ▶ Online - www.ccght.org/publications-library/

Rural Treasure Trove: A short guide to Garvagh Museum

- ▶ Hard Copy - info@garvaghmuseum.com

Sam Henry: Revealing History Through Objects Toolkit

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Step into Limavady's Heritage

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org

Stitching & Unstitching the Troubles

- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

St. Patrick's Graveyard Trail

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

The 1718 Story: Journey to America

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

The Ancient Friary of Bun na Margie

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

The Causeway Coast & Glens: A Walker's Guide

- ▶ Online - www.walkni.com

The Coleraine Battery: The History of 6 Light Anti-aircraft Battery RA (SR) 1939-1945

- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

The Coleraine Chronicle: Births, Marriages and Deaths 1844-1869

- ▶ Hard Copy - CD/USB only. Causeway Coast & Glens Family History Society www.colerainefhs.org.uk/

The Earl Bishop Trail: Charismatic Cleric

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

The Fuldview Seat

- ▶ Hard Copy - Cushendun & District Development Association
cdda.antrimglens@btopenworld.com

The Gelvin Times: A Journey of Discovery

- ▶ Hard Copy - Gelvin Community Association
eugenemccloskey@aol.com

The Insolence of Dissenters? Religious Controversy in Ballintoy in 1716

- ▶ Hard Copy - Ballintoy Archaeological and Historical Society
bahs@live.co.uk

The Londonderry Sentinel: Births, Marriages and Deaths 1829-1869

- ▶ Hard Copy - CD/USB only. Causeway Coast & Glens Family History Society www.colerainefhs.org.uk

The Nature of Rathlin and its Townlands

- ▶ Hard Copy - www.rathlincommunity.org/page/nature-land-sea

The Parish of Derrykeighan

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

The Placenames and Fieldnames of Culfeightrin

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org

The Project of Plantation: 17th century change in North-East Ulster

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

The Royal British Legion: Ballymoney Branch

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

The Salmon People

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Unearth Dervock Heritage Trail

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

We Count Too: Forgotten Nurses of WWI from across Causeway area

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org
- ▶ Hard Copy - cms@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

What is the Orange Order?

- ▶ Online - www.niarchive.org

Investigate

our online resources

A number of online resources have been created by the community, for the community and our visitors. From family history groups to learning resources for children, they provide greater access in the study and exploration of local history, heritage and culture.



Welcome to the Northern Ireland Community Archive

Ballintoy Archaeological and Historical Society

▶ www.ballintoyhistory.com

Ballylough Living History Trust

▶ www.ballylough.co.uk

Bushmills History and Folklore Society

▶ www.bushmillshistorysociety.co.uk

Bushmills Trust

▶ www.bushmillstrust.com

Bushmills Village

▶ www.bushmillsvillage.com

Causeway Coast and Glens Family History Society

▶ www.colerainefhs.org.uk

Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust

▶ www.ccght.org

Coleraine Historical Society

▶ www.colerainehistoricalsociety.co.uk

Cushendun Building Preservation Trust

▶ www.theoldchurchcentre.com

Discover Portrush

▶ www.discoverportrush.com

“Echoes of the Causeway - Sea Gods Shipwrecks & Sidhe Folk”

▶ Google Play Store and Apple App Store

Gelvin Community Association

▶ www.gelvinca.ning.com

Glens of Antrim Historical Society

▶ www.antrimhistory.net

Hidden Gems and Forgotten People

▶ www.hidden-gems.eu

Mountsandel

▶ www.mountsandel.com

NI Community Archive

▶ www.niarchive.org

Roe Valley Ancestral Researchers

▶ www.rascahan.org

Storyfinders

▶ www.storyfinders.co.uk

The Cornfield Project

▶ www.facebook.com/thecornfieldproject/

The Earl Bishop Trail

▶ www.earlbishopstrail.com

Researching Your Family History

Causeway Coast & Glens Family History Society

► www.colerainefhs.org.uk/

Roe Valley Ancestral Researchers

► www.rascahan.org

History Resource Area in Ballymoney Town Hall provides access to records useful for genealogical research in the Ballymoney area.

► www.niarchive.org



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Planning Your Visit

Visit Causeway

www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com

Visitor Information

E: visitor.information@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Tourism Northern Ireland

www.tourismni.com

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