



## What's On Causeway Coast & Glens

**Events:** Week commencing Monday 10 - Sunday 23 January 2022

### Exhibitions

#### **Close to Home, An Exhibition by Maurice Orr**

Flowerfield Arts Centre, Cromore Road, Portstewart

Flowerfield are delighted to present a new body of work, Close to Home, by acclaimed artist Maurice Orr inspired by the poetry of Seamus Heaney.

Through a series of large canvases and smaller paintings, Maurice takes the viewer on an atmospheric journey through bog, stream, lough edges, rugged fields and dramatic skies as far as the eye can see. Using earthen colours, texture, panoramic vistas and scale as tools, the viewer is enveloped by the enchantment of Ireland's rural landscape and in particular, the environment of Lough Neagh and Bellaghy which so nurtured the work of the Nobel Laureate.

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#### **Songs of the Sea, An Exhibition by Rikki-Louise van den Berg**

11th January - 5th February, Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre, 24 Main St, Limavady

Originally from Holland, Rikki spent her formative years in Ireland. In 1997 she returned to Ireland establishing herself as a figurative and abstract painter, embarking on a personal journey in search of identity and place. Her work has received both national and international acclaim and is currently represented by several renowned galleries in Ireland and Northern Ireland. In 2012, Rikki's work was selected as part of a small group of Irish painters to participate in 'Irish Wave 3', Beijing, China, curated by BIGsmall and Fion Gunn.

#### **Captured on Camera, An Exhibition by Nelson McGonigle**

2 October – 15 January 2022, Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre (as above)

Exhibition featuring a heart-warming selection of local photographs, carefully chosen from Nelson McGonagle's extensive collection. A celebrated historian Nelson has captured, through his images, the spirit of the people of Limavady and the surrounding areas. Nelson's eagerly-anticipated fourth book, is now available for purchase from the Roe Valley Arts & Culture Centre thereafter.

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## **The Alex Blair Collection- A Bridge To The Past**

Until 22 January, Ballymoney Museum, Ballymoney Townhall, Townhead St

An exhibition, showcasing the personal collection of local Ballymoney historian Alex Blair (1941-2018). The exhibition highlights some of the items that have been catalogued to date, including a selection of paintings by the late Jack Wilkinson, photographs of people and places around the Causeway Coast and Glens and books and publications written by Alex.

## **Bookable Tours and Experiences**

At this time of year many of our tours and experiences providers operate on a reduced schedule. However, there are still many great tours and experiences available during the Autumn/Winter period. To stay up-to-date you can find out what's on via providers' social media channels. In the meantime, here's a flavour of what's available in the season ahead.

### **Away A Wee Walk**

Guided Tour of The Giant's Causeway Cliff Top Walk

Daily all year round. Departs from Causeway Visitor Centre 12.00 noon

Experience the spectacular coastline of the Causeway Coast and connect with nature on a five-mile walk through Northern Ireland's only World Heritage Site. Escape to a place that few explore and immerse yourself in a landscape that is simply breath-taking. Pass by the ruins of Dunseverick Castle, take in the flora and fauna, hear all about the ancient kingdom of Dalriada and cast your eye out to Rathlin Island, Donegal and as far as the Mull of Kintyre. Your journey will lead you to the iconic Grand Causeway feeling refreshed and invigorated. Booking is essential by 4pm the day before. £39pp. Ages 12+

### **Causeway Sea Tours**

Departure from Coleraine Marina, Coleraine, BT52 1EY

Wind your way 5 miles down the River Bann to the Barmouth spotting seals and dozens of birds on the river. Trip lasts approximately 1 hour. £20pp. Further information regarding times from skipper Hamish via Facebook.

### **Causeway Ramblings**

Immerse yourself in stories of ancient clans, tales of Spanish Gold and high seas adventures with Antony on a two-mile ramble through the stunning landscape of the Causeway Coast. Follow in the footsteps of his ancestors with tales of castles and caves, treasure and treachery, heroes and hermits.

### **Giant Tours Ireland - Game of Thrones® Tour**

Hang out with Flip / Hodor, stand-in actor and local guide and driver for Game of Thrones® private specialist tours. Hear stories from the making of the show and see the off the beaten-track filming locations - the scenes and incredible scenery of the real-world Westeros. TripAdvisor's Travellers' Choice Award 2020. (For Groups of up to 8 people) - BOOKABLE Daily All Year Round – 9am-6pm - Depart from The Diamond, Ballycastle Town (or your hotel/B&B by special request).

### **Abhainn Cruises**

Abhainn Cruises are a leading provider of bespoke private charter experiences on fast RHIBs offering sea safaris, river cruises and special interest experiences. For dates this season and information please contact Lynn 07845370231 or send a message via Facebook.

### **Causeway Foodie Tours**

Causeway Foodie Tours provide an extensive portfolio of food tour experiences conceived by Wendy Gallagher that capture the heritage, energy and people of the world-famous Causeway Coast in its mouth-watering, locally produced, award-winning food and drink. See website and or Facebook for updates.

### **Causeway Boats**

Providing the best of fishing, scenic or foodie experiences onboard their charter boats 'Causeway Lass' and 'Causeway Maid' from Portrush Harbour. For further information about trips contact 07712 115751 or alternatively you can message Causeway Boats via their Facebook Page.

### **Coasteering NI**

Ballintoy Harbour, BT54 6NA 10.00am and 1.30pm (2.5 hour sessions)

Learn rock climbing, scrambling techniques and how to jump from great heights safely with experienced guides. Enjoy a whole new perspective of the Causeway Coast and Glens coastline, you will explore areas that very few people get the opportunity to! £45 per person / Rates for families (min age 10) and large groups! Pre-booking essential. \*\* Wetsuits & Equipment provided.

### **The Chocolate Manor**

Experience the wonderful world of chocolate - a world that is full of magic and mystery. Throughout the year the Chocolate Manor run specialised workshops for both adults and children as well as running chocolate tasting experiences. See their Facebook page for updates and future dates of available workshops in 2022.

### **Seasonal (back soon)**

- Nine Glens Walking Tours
- Ballycastle Sea Tours
- Ballintoy Boat Tours
- Kintra – Coastal Boat Tours
- Causeway Coast Kayaking
- Jam at the Doorstep



## Visitor Information Centres

### Ballymoney Visitor Information Centre

Ballymoney Town Hall, Townhead Street, Ballymoney

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9.30-4.30pm. Closed for lunch 1-1.30pm

T: 028 2766 0230

### Ballycastle Visitor Information Centre

Portnagree House, Bayhead Road, Ballycastle

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9.30-4.30pm. Closed for lunch 1-1.30pm

T: 028 2076 2024

### Coleraine Visitor Information Centre

Coleraine Town Hall, The Diamond, Coleraine

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9.30-4.30pm. Closed for lunch 1-1.30pm

T: 028 7034 4723

### Limavady Visitor Information Centre (temporarily closed re opens Tuesday 11 January)

Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre, 24 Main Street, Limavady

Opening times: Monday Closed, Tuesday 9.30am to 4.30pm, Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am to 4.30pm and 7-9pm, Friday 9.30-3.30pm, Saturday 10am-1pm

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