The Kiltimagh Poetry Trail consists of a series of poems by five Mayo poets:

Seán Lysaght, Geraldine Mitchell, Terry McDonagh, Ger Reidy and Colette Nic Aodha. It also includes a poem by Daragh Byrne, winner of the Raftery Poetry Competition in 2022.

The poets were asked to submit poems of their choice and these are, now, on display in fitting locations in Kiltimagh.

Beginning with Seán Lysaght in The Wetlands on the Swinford Road; Geraldine Mitchell at the old forge; Terry McDonagh in the Market Square; Ger Reidy on Diamond's Hardware shop, Main Street; Daragh Byrne behind the church and Colette Nic Aodha at the old train station.

It is an opportunity for people to enjoy a quiet walk from poem to poem or, perhaps, to take part in a conducted tour of the locations.

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KILTIMAGH POETRY TRAIL

LOCATIONS

- 1 WETLANDS PARK
 Bog Song
 Seán Lysaght
- OLD FORGE

 Bóithrín

 Geraldine Mitchell
- MARKET SQUARE

 Cill Aoidáin

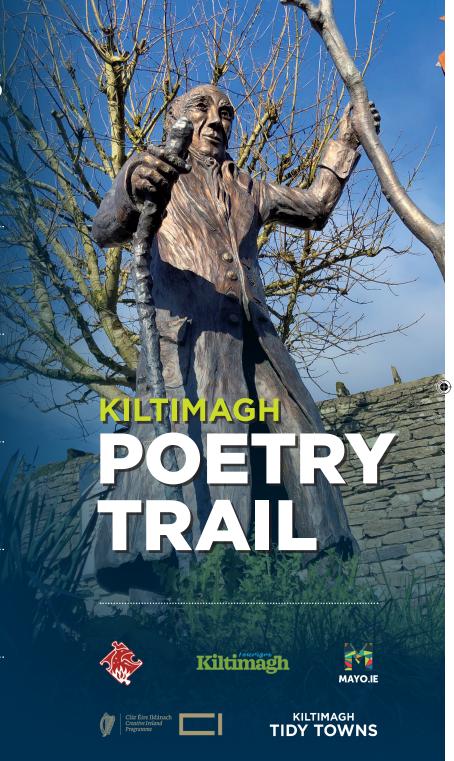
 Terry McDonagh
- DIAMOND'S
 HARDWARE SHOP
 The Toolbox
 Ger Reidy
- PARISH CENTRE

 As it is in Heaven

 Daragh Byrne

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In Sight of Raftery 2006
Colette Nic Aodha

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01. SEÁN LYSAGHT

Seán Lysaght's poem Bog Song, located at the Wetlands Park on the Swinford Road, expresses his attachment to the wild

landscapes of Mayo. A poet and prose writer originally from Limerick, Seán has lived in Westport for almost thirty years.



SWINFORD ROAD

> BOHOLA ROAD



GER REIDY

after it became vacant following their deaths.

Ger Reidy's poem, *The Toolbox*, is located at Diamond's Hardware shop on the Main Street. The poem describes his thoughts on returning to live in his parents' cottage on a farm

GERALDINE MITCHELL

Geraldine Mitchell's poem,
Bóithrín, located at the old
forge at the rear of Aiden
Street, captures the magic of
pitch dark nights and starry skies

in the corner of rural Mayo beyond Louisburgh where the Dublin-born poet has chosen to live.



SCULPTURE PARK

In Sight of Raftery 2006
Colette Nic Aodha

MARKET SQUARE Cill Aoidáin

Cill Aoidáin Terry McDonagh JAMES STREET

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THOMAS STREET

03. TERRY McDONAGH

Terry McDonagh's, poem, Cill Aoidáin, located in the Market Square, describes his feelings of growing up in Cill Aodáin. After many years in Hamburg, poet and dramatist, Terry, has returned to live where he grew up.

PARISH CENTRE

As it is in Heaven Daragh Byrne

BALLA ROAD

2

OLD FORGE Bóithrín Geraldine Mitchell

3

DIAMOND'S
HARDWARE SHOP

The Toolbox Gerard Reidy



DARAGH BYRNE

Daragh Byrne's poem, As it is in Heaven, winner of the Raftery Returns Arts Festival 2022, is located at the Parish Centre behind the church. This

poem, inspired by a movie of the same name, contemplates the courage to accept one's own worthiness of love, to allow for the feeling of belonging. Daragh was born and brought up in Ireland and now calls Sydney home.

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OG. COLETTE NIC AODHA

Colette Nic Aodha's poem In Sight of Raftery 2006, is located in the Sculpture Park. Colette, writer, artist and poet, was born in Shrule,

Co. Mayo. She has a long-standing relationship with Raftery and Kiltimagh, rooted both in her love of poetry and the Irish language. Colette has just completed a PhD in English at University of Galway.