

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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LOCATIONS

1 **WETLANDS PARK**
Bog Song
Seán Lysaght

2 **OLD FORGE**
Bóithrín
Geraldine Mitchell

3 **MARKET SQUARE**
Cill Aoidáin
Terry McDonagh

4 **DIAMOND'S
HARDWARE SHOP**
The Toolbox
Ger Reidy

5 **PARISH CENTRE**
As it is in Heaven
Daragh Byrne

6 **SCULPTURE PARK**
In Sight of Raftery 2006
Colette Nic Aodha

**KILTIMAGH
POETRY
TRAIL**



Kiltimagh



**KILTIMAGH
TIDY TOWNS**



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.



02. 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.



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.

WETLANDS PARK
Bog Song
Sean Lysaght

1

SWINFORD ROAD

BOHOLA ROAD

MARKET SQUARE
Cill Aoidáin
Terry McDonagh

3

JAMES STREET

THOMAS STREET

5

PARISH CENTRE
As it is in Heaven
Daragh Byrne

BALLA ROAD

2
OLD FORGE
Bóithrín
Geraldine Mitchell

4

DIAMOND'S HARDWARE SHOP
The Toolbox
Gerard Reidy



04. GER REIDY

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 after it became vacant following their deaths.



05. 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.



06. 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.

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SCULPTURE PARK
In Sight of Raftery 2006
Colette Nic Aodha