

## 1. Kerry Writers' Museum

Discover Kerry Writers' Museum, Listowel, County Kerry, in a beautifully restored 19th-century Georgian residence next to Listowel Castle. Travel back in time and learn about the lives of North Kerry's famous writers through stunning audio visual presentations in the Landscapes Room. Hear about the life and works of Brendan Kennelly and George Fitzmaurice, and see what influenced John B. Keane and Bryan MacMahon to pick up a pen.

24 The Square, Listowel, Co. Kerry,  
T. 068 222 12 W. [kerrywritersmuseum.com](http://kerrywritersmuseum.com)

## 2. Listowel Castle

Listowel Castle stands on an elevation overlooking the River Feale, above the location of a strategic ford. Although only half of the building survives, it is still one of Kerry's best examples of Anglo-Norman architecture. Only two of the original four square towers, standing over 15 metres high, remain. The towers are united by a curtain wall of the same height and linked together – unusually – by an arch on one side. Listowel was the last bastion against the forces of Queen Elizabeth in the First Desmond Rebellion in 1569. The castle's garrison held out for 28 days of siege before finally being overpowered by Sir Charles Wilmot. In the days following the castle's fall, Wilmot executed all of the soldiers left inside.

Free tours during Summer months

The Square, Listowel, Co. Kerry  
T. 086 385 7201 E. [listowelcastle@opw.ie](mailto:listowelcastle@opw.ie)

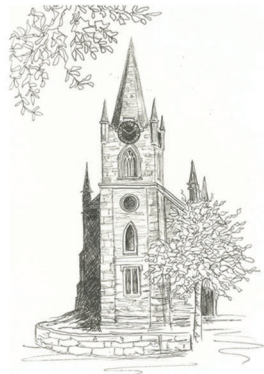


## 3. St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre

Nestled in the heart of our beautiful Georgian square, St. John's Theatre and Arts Center proudly hosts the best in local, national and international theatre and performance arts.

Built as a Protestant church in 1819, today St. John's is a magnet for culture and theatre enthusiasts from all corners of the world. The theatre's shadowy ambience, combined with the charisma and friendliness of the staff who run it ensure a memorable experience for all who pass through its' doors!

The Square, Listowel  
T. 068 225 66 W. [www.stjohnstheatre.ie](http://www.stjohnstheatre.ie)



## 4. St. Mary's Church

Built in 1829, with the porch, tower and spire added in 1851 St. Mary's is the Catholic Church for Listowel. The Church is situated at the far end of The Square and is opened daily. Over the past number of years restorations to the Church have taken place under the supervision of Canon O'Connor. Service times can be found on their website and services are also streamed via their website. Full details available online.

The Square, Listowel  
T. 068 211 88 W. [listowelparish.com](http://listowelparish.com)



## 5. Pat McAuliffe Plasterwork

Local Listowel plasterer and builder Pat McAuliffe (1846 - 1921) used stucco or external plaster to decorate the facades of townhouses and shops in the town and surrounding area. Some of the finest examples of stucco plasterwork exist in Listowel town.

The Square, Market Street & Church Street, Listowel



## 6. The Greenway

The Listowel to Limerick Greenway unfolds 16 kilometres of rolling hills and river valley for visitors to breathe in. This part of the Kerry Greenways explores a lush and picturesque landscape along the northern slopes of the River Feale, through woodland settings and fern-adorned tunnels.

Greenway commences on Bridge Road, Listowel  
W. [discoverkerry.com](http://discoverkerry.com)

## 7. Listowel Pitch & Putt Course

Situated in the town park, Listowel Pitch & Putt is one of many amenities the town park has to offer, there are 18 greens and all work is done on a voluntary basis, open all year round to green fees and Membership with special rates for groups. Visitors are most welcome to play a round on our course!

Bridge Road, Listowel Town Park

## 8. Listowel Community Centre

Listowel Community Centre is a place that is welcoming, accessible, inclusive and affordable to all. Our vision is to become a regional centre of excellence to promote recreation, sport, mental and physical well-being for all in the community - a centre which keeps community development at the heart of its ethos, embellishing the spirit of social entrepreneurship.

Bridge Road, Listowel Town Park  
T. 068 22244 W. [listowelcommunitycentre.ie](http://listowelcommunitycentre.ie)

## 9. The Big Bridge & River Walk

This five arched stone bridge was built in 1829 by Sir Richard Griffith, Engineer of public works for Cork, Limerick and Kerry from 1823 to 1829. He built a number of roads in the area, each of which brought greatly improved living standards and communications to the area. The walk by the banks of the River Feale is just over one kilometre long. It passes the "Big Bridge" and offers views of the town and castle. A wide selection of wild flowers, trees, butterflies and birds can be seen along the route.

Bridge Road, Listowel



## 10. The Garden of Europe & Holocaust Memorial

The Garden of Europe opened in 1995. It contains more than 3,000 trees and shrubs and is divided into 12 sections, representing the 12 members of the European Union at the time of the project's commencement. At the lower end of the garden is Ireland's only public monument in memory of those who died in the Holocaust and to all victims of injustice and oppression. The other end has as its focal point a splendid bust of the poet Schiller, who was the author of the European anthem the 'Ode to Joy', which was set to music in Beethoven's Ninth Symphony.

Listowel Town Park, Listowel



## 11. Listowel Library

Listowel Library is operated by Kerry County Council and the library provides adult and children's book lending, including audio books, large print titles, reference collections, local and daily newspapers. Computer, WiFi, printing and study facilities are available. A Cubbie sensory space is available for those who have sensory issues.

Civic Centre (Off Courthouse Road), Listowel  
T. 068 230 44 W. [kerrylibrary.ie](http://kerrylibrary.ie)

## 12. Listowel Courthouse

Listowel Courthouse is located at the Civic Centre just off Courthouse Road and next to Listowel Library. It is a classic Georgian "house" with a five-bay elevation and hipped roof over an ashlar basement containing cells with the courtroom over it. The original arrangement of the courtroom - and the circuitous access for each participant - was important: the judge sat on high at one end with the public below; the accused being brought from below to the light to face his accusers and (potentially) the clemency of the judge and jury. The Courthouse is still in use today by the Department of Justice and sits regularly each week.

Civic Centre (Off Courthouse Road), Listowel

## 13. St. Michael's Graveyard & 14. Church Tower

This graveyard remains in use. Many famous Listowel people are buried here. Known locally as 'Church Tower' the remains of a church can be seen in the old part of St. Michael's Graveyard it dates from the early 18th century possibly on the site of the 13th century Norman church. Little is known of the full history of 'Church Tower' though it is thought to have been built in the early 1700s on the site of the Norman church. Today only the tower remains, as material was removed in 1819 to build St. John's Church in the town square.

Upper Church Street, Listowel

## 15. Carnegie Library / KDYS

The Carnegie Library is a detached six-bay two-storey former library, built 1931, with four-bay two-storey central block and single-bay two-storey end bays. Four-bay two-storey side elevations with blind openings. The original building was burnt in 1921. Although the building is no longer used as a public library as it was replaced with a new public library on Courthouse Road in 1995 the building today is home to the KDYS, a youth service for the local area. The original wording for the Carnegie Library still exists on the front of the building to this very day.

Church Street, Listowel

## 16. Literary Listowel

Many famous writers come from or lived in Listowel. These include John B. Keane, Bryan MacMahon, Brendan Kennelly, Gabriel Fitzmaurice, Maurice Walsh and others. Listowel Writers' Week, held annually in May/June, is the largest literary festival in Ireland and attracts authors and visitors from all corners of the world. There is a statue dedicated to John B. Keane in the "Small Square" at the junction of Church Street and William Street. A statue of Bryan MacMahon is located on the grounds of Listowel Castle. The rich literary history of Listowel lives on today with many events held in both St. John's Theatre & Arts Centre and also in Kerry Writers' Museum.

Various locations around Listowel Town & William Street, Listowel



## 17. Lartigue Monorail and Museum

The Listowel-Ballybunion Railway opened on 1st March 1888. It ran the ten miles between the two towns and was remarkable as the only railway of its type in the world. How two small towns in the south west of Ireland came to be linked by the world's first commercial passenger-carrying monorail is a fascinating story. The Listowel and Ballybunion monorail was invented and developed by a French engineer, Charles Lartigue. The line ran for 36 years, until 1924. The museum and interpretive centre has a working replica of the train on 1km of track which visitors are welcome aboard.

John B. Keane Road, Listowel  
T. 068 24 393 W. [lartiguemonorail.com](http://lartiguemonorail.com)



## 18. The Famine Graveyard - Teampall Bán

One of Listowel's most special and important attractions is Teampall Bán, the burial place of over 2,500 victims of the Great Famine (1845-49). Having a special place in the hearts of Listowel people, this respectfully restored graveyard and monument is somewhere for people to pay their respects and remember those who have lost their lives. With its unique whitewashed headstone and famine shrine, Teampaillin Bán is somewhere for people to remember those who have passed and reflect to themselves on what is important in life.

The Famine Graveyard, Ballybunion Road, Listowel

Produced by Listowel Community & Business Alliance.  
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# LISTOWEL

*You're Welcome*

A great time awaits, stories abound, against a backdrop of the warmest welcomes, smiles and chat, walk in the park and on the greenway, with music, drama and storytelling to enjoy in the evenings, shopping is a must in our boutiques, antique and interior shops, you are guaranteed good food throughout your stay and our pubs are renowned for great music, atmosphere and comfort.

Chill out in Listowel, You're Welcome,

## WHERE STORIES BEGIN

[www.listowel.ie](http://www.listowel.ie)



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TOURIST INFORMATION

BIKE PARKING

PLAY AREA

BUS STOP

FREE PARKING

PARKS & GARDENS

EV CHARGE POINT

PUBLIC TOILETS

DEFIBRILLATORS  
- PORTABLE AED

GARDA STATION

### THE SQUARE

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(The Maid of Erin,  
Emporium, Harp & Lion,  
The Risin' Sun)

### BRIDGE RD/TOWN PARK

6. Greenway
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Garden of Europe

### CIVIC CENTRE

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### CHURCH STREET & WILLIAM STREET

13. St. Michael's Graveyard
14. Church Tower (in Graveyard)
15. Carnegie Library (KDYS Centre)
16. Literary Listowel / John B. Keane

### JOHN B. KEANE ROAD

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18. Teampall Bán Famine Graveyard

## LISTOWEL TOWN MAP



● LISTOWEL — ABBEYFEALE  
● KINGDOM OF KERRY GREENWAYS

--- LISTOWEL RIVER WALK

# LISTOWEL

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Base yourself in Listowel and enjoy all the attractions of North Kerry:-

The Blue Flag beaches of **Ballybunion**, take a dip, surf and walk the endless golden sands.

Play a round of golf in the internationally renowned **Ballybunion Golf Courses**.

Walk the cliffs of **Bromore**, only a mile from **Ballybunion** for breath-taking views of the Atlantic, wild life and heritage.

The **Beaches of Beale and Littor**, a short distance from **Listowel** and off the beaten track, these beautiful scenic beaches are a must-visit for those who want quiet, peace and tranquillity with a backdrop of blue seas and sands, enjoy the wildness of it all.

See **Carrigafoyle Castle**, Ballylongford and roam the 15th century remains of this castle and medieval church and enjoy views of the Shannon estuary and the small island of **Carrig**, in the most peaceful of settings.

Journey onwards to **Tarbert Bridewell Courthouse and Jail museum**.

Understand Irish history through the Bridewells life-size re-enactments and audio visual experience.