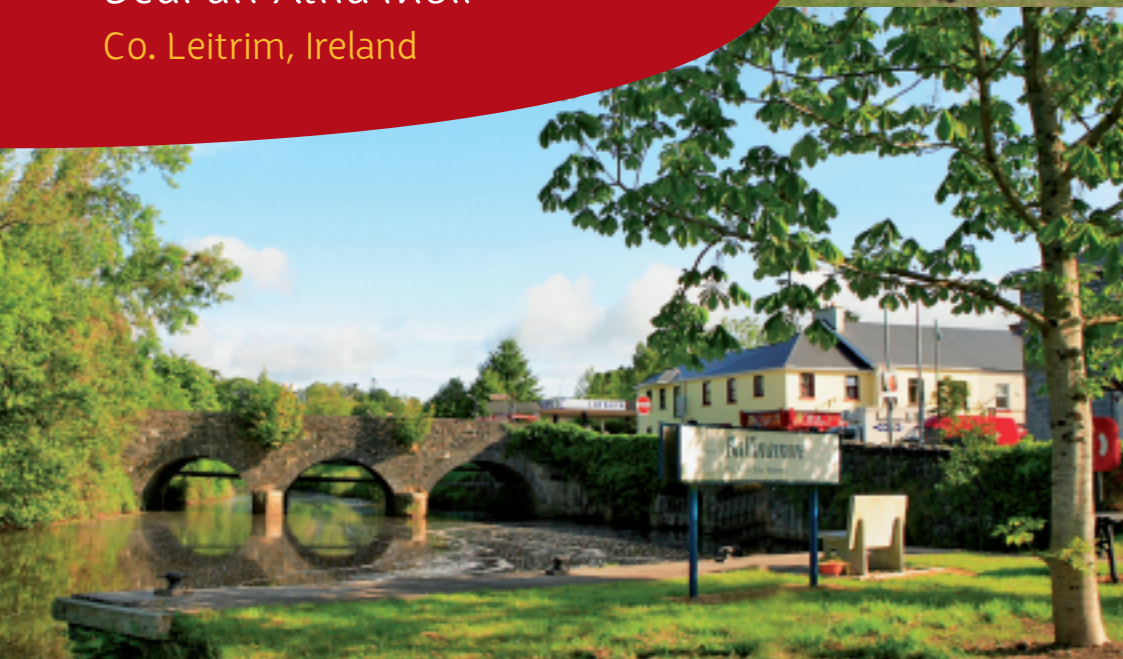




# Ballinamore

*Béal an Átha Móir*

Co. Leitrim, Ireland



*the heart of hidden Ireland*

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

# BALLINAMORE

## WELCOME TO BALLINAMORE

...the Heart of Hidden Ireland, ideally located in an area steeped in history, natural beauty and culture. Ballinamore makes a great touring base for a range of interesting outings. Sample some of the constantly changing landscape through walking and cycling tours or spend the day fishing in one of many premier fishing locations. Discover your family history, view historical items or learn more about some of our famous local ancestors at the Leitrim Genealogy Centre. Arts, crafts and music are a specialty as the area is home to many artists and craftspeople, studios and galleries. Enjoy family time at impressive activity parks and tourist areas. The options are more varied than you might imagine. Ballinamore offers a variety of accommodation and dining to suit all budgets. *So come and let us exceed your expectations!*

**The abundance of natural reserves in and around Ballinamore make it the perfect place for your outdoor adventures.**

### Fishing

Ballinamore is widely acknowledged as an angler's paradise - with 28 lakes within a 5 mile radius and some 17km of riverbank, Ballinamore has hosted numerous national and international angling competitions.

The area is also a premier location for game and coarse fishing and has some of the cleanest and most lightly fished fresh waters in Europe.

Access to the waters is well developed with fishing stands, stiles, lakeshore drives, and car parks. Boats, detailed maps and bait stocklists are locally available. Forge Tackle Shop, Tel: 071-9644051.



### Walking

The constantly changing landscape offers endless and spectacular variety to the walker. Walk on country roads, through forestry and on open mountains taking in panoramic views. There are a variety of choices for both the leisurely stroller and most committed hill walkers with routes to suit all abilities.



### Cycling

Cycling is the ideal way to see a county like Leitrim. The pace of life, the people you meet, and the accessibility of the countryside provide a unique experience. There are trails suitable for seasoned cyclists, beginners, family groups or individual cyclists. Bicycle hire and back-up service is locally available. The Kingfisher Cycle Trail run five cycle trails out of Ballinamore.



## BOATING AND MOORING HOLIDAYS



### Riversdale Barge Company

Aughoo, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

Luxurious holiday barges available on the Shannon-Erne Waterway based in Ballinamore. Perfect for relaxed family holidays, Shannon boating trips, fishing trips, romantic getaways, summer holidays as well as weekend breaks for groups.

[www.riversdalebargeholidays.com](http://www.riversdalebargeholidays.com)

T: 071 9644122

### LocaBoat

The Marina, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

Discover the River Shannon, the Erne and the Shannon-Erne-Waterways - the most original way to discover Ireland. Whether you go as a couple, as a family or with friends, there's a boat that's right for you, with weekends, mini-weeks or longer on offer.

[www.locaboat.com/113/ballinamore](http://www.locaboat.com/113/ballinamore)

T: 071 9645923



## GOLF



### Ballinamore Golf Club

Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

Ballinamore Golf Club is situated just outside the town alongside the Shannon Erne Waterway. This 9-hole course is set in rolling County Leitrim farmland with panoramic views of the Sliabh an Iarainn mountain and the steady passage of boats along the canal. This course is a pleasure to play.

Visitors are always welcome and as it is just 2 hours from Dublin it is perfect for a weekend break. After your game, relax in the friendly bar or on the deck overlooking the course.

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

T: 071 9644346





# OUTDOORS AND NATURE

## Sliabh An Iarainn Hill Walking

Aghacashel, Co. Leitrim

A series of waymarked trails with walks ranging from 20-30 minutes to longer outings of a couple of hours. Maps available locally.

[www.leitrimwalks.com/walks](http://www.leitrimwalks.com/walks)

T: 00353 (0)71 9641569



## Kingfisher Cycle Trail

Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim

This unique trail of over 300 miles covers a mixture of Lakelands, canal side tracks, rolling hills, leafy laneways and mountain climbs. This makes the Kingfisher Trail the ideal choice for all levels of Cyclist.

W: [www.cycletoursireland.com](http://www.cycletoursireland.com) T: 071 9856898



## Drumcoura Equestrian Centre

Derrygoan, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

A stable of horses, including quality American Quarter Horses and European horses is the basis for the Drumcoura Equestrian Activities. There are jumps in the covered arena and two outdoor arenas, trails and a cross-country course.

[www.drumcoura.ie/equestrian-centre](http://www.drumcoura.ie/equestrian-centre) T: 071 9645781



## ODD Outdoors and Dirty

Prospect, Brackley Lake, Ballyconnell, Co Cavan

One of Ireland's premier action venues – Hovercraft Grand Prix, paintball, clay pigeon shooting, laser combat and more!

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

T: 049 9523877



## Wildflower Mountain Biking

Derryvaughan, Swanlinbar, Cavan.

Take a cycling or walking holiday tour for one day, a weekend or as a family holiday. Tours generally run between the months of April right up until the end of October. Mountain Biking and Team Building weekends are year round as are walking breaks.

[www.wildflowercyclingholidays.com](http://www.wildflowercyclingholidays.com) T: 049 9523923



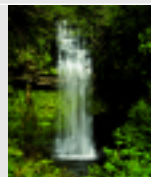
## Glencar Waterfall

Glencar, Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim

This waterfall can be viewed from a lovely wooded walk. There are other waterfalls visible from the road, although none is quite as romantic as this one.

<http://www.discoverireland.ie>

T: 071 9161201



## The Shannon Pot

Derrylahan, Co. Cavan

The Shannon Pot is the recognized source of the River Shannon. From this humble beginning the river grows in size to become the largest river in Ireland, flowing from Cavan down the country until it reaches the sea at Limerick



## Pol En Eas Waterfall

Aughnasheelin, Co. Leitrim

POL-AN-EAS is one of our top natural beauty spots in Co. Leitrim, with an upper and lower waterfall separated by a natural swimming pool, with constant supply of fresh clean water.

T: 071 9644955



## Lough Allen Adventure Centre

Ballinaglera, Co. Leitrim

This is an award winning eco activity centre set on the lovely Lough Allen Lake. It offers a wide range of activities such as windsurfing and kayaking.

T: 071 96 43292

[www.loughallenadventure.com](http://www.loughallenadventure.com)



## Slieve Russell Hotel

Ballyconnell, Co. Cavan

This magnificent 300 acre estate includes 50 acres of lakes and drumlins and boasts an 18-hole championship golf course. Facilities include golf shop and a golf teaching academy.

[www.quinnhotels.com](http://www.quinnhotels.com)

T: 049 9526444



# TOURING ACTIVITIES

## Arigna Mining Experience

Arigna, Co. Roscommon

The tour provides visitors with a unique insight into what coal mining life was like in the Arigna Valley, from its beginning in the 1700's until closure in 1990.

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

T: 071 9646466



## Marble Arch Caves Geopark

Florencecourt, County Fermanagh, BT92 1EW

One of Europe's finest showcaves where you can explore a fascinating natural underworld of rivers, waterfalls, winding passages and lofty chambers.

[www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com](http://www.marblearchcavesgeopark.com)

T: 028 66348855



## Lough Key Forest and Activity Park

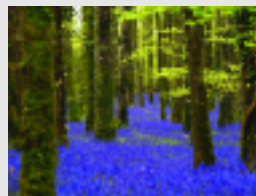
Boyle, Co. Roscommon

This lakeside visitor centre is the gateway to more than 800 acres of parkland and forest at Lough Key and boasts a cluster of unique attractions.

The Boda Berg, a Swedish concept unique in Ireland, is challenging for all ages. Once you enter the two-storey building only teamwork, ingenuity and skill will get you through its 47 rooms. Zipit is the first high-wire forest adventure in Ireland and is a mix of zip lines, rope bridges, Tarzan swings and climbing walls. Lough Key also has boat rides, walking tours and an Adventure Play Kingdom for children.

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

T: 071 9673122



## Boyle Abbey

Boyle, Co. Roscommon

Built in the late 12th century, the first monks came to Boyle in 1161. Regarded as the finest of the Cistercian churches to survive in Ireland.

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



## King House

Boyle, Co. Roscommon

Magnificently restored 1700 Georgian townhouse containing a range of exhibitions on the surrounding area, heritage and culture.

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

T: 071 9663242



## Share Activity Centre

Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh

Ireland's largest residential outdoor activity and adventure centre boasts water activities including banana boating, raft building, windsurfing, canoeing and kayaking. With such a large range of water, land and arts activities the Centre accommodates people of all abilities in large and small numbers.

[www.sharevillage.org](http://www.sharevillage.org)

T: 028 677 22122

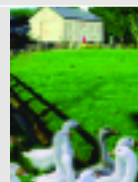
## Tullyboy Farm

Boyle, Co. Roscommon

This 90 acre farm is set around a beautifully restored 18th century farmhouse. Take a tractor-trailer ride around the farm. Stop to pet all the animals and even cuddle the cute ones. Coffee and gift shop on premises.

[www.tullyboyfarm.com](http://www.tullyboyfarm.com)

T: 071 966 8031



## Cavan-Leitrim Railway Museum

Dromod, Co. Leirrim

The museum offers tourists and enthusiasts a variety of narrow gauge trains, buses, planes, fire engines and artillery.

[www.cavanandleitrim.com](http://www.cavanandleitrim.com)

T: 071-9638599



## Enniskillen Castle

Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh

Situated on the river Erne, built 600 years ago by the Gaelic Maguires. This historic site houses two museums, Fermanagh County Museum and The Inniskillings Museum.

[www.enniskillencastle.co.uk](http://www.enniskillencastle.co.uk)

T: 028 66325000



## TOURING ACTIVITIES

### Florence Court House

Florence Court, Co. Fermanagh

There is something for all the family at this warm and welcoming 18th-century property – one of the most important houses in the north-west.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

T: 028 66348249



### Ulster American Folk Park

Omagh, Co. Tyrone

Immerse yourself in the world-famous story of Irish emigration at the interactive museum that brings it to life. Go from the thatched cottages of Ulster, board a full scale emigrant sailing ship which leads to the log cabins of the American Frontier.

[www.nmni.com/uafp](http://www.nmni.com/uafp)

T: 028 8224 3292



## ANNUAL FESTIVALS IN BALLINAMORE

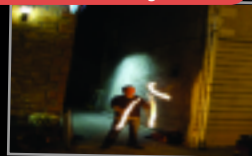
### March Ballinamore Drama Festival



### April Easter Spraoi



### August Summer Family Festival • Agricultural Show • Free Fringe Fest



# THE ARTS

## Solas Art Gallery, Ballinamore

Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

An artist-led gallery space whose main aim is to promote the arts in the wider local community. It brings awareness of art to the public and makes exhibition space accessible to artists.

[www.solasart.ie](http://www.solasart.ie)  
T: 071 9644210



## Belleek Pottery

Belleek, Co. Fermanagh

The home of Ireland's oldest pottery which has been manufactured in Belleek since 1850. The visitors centre features a museum, a tearoom, video theatre and showroom.

[www.belleek.ie](http://www.belleek.ie)  
T: 028 68659300



## The Cornmill Theatre & Arts Centre

Carrigallen, Co. Leitrim

The tradition of Drama in Carrigallen goes back to the late 1800's and continues today with the multi-award winning Corn Mill Theatre Company.

[www.cornmilltheatre.com](http://www.cornmilltheatre.com)



## The Dock Arts Centre

Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim

The Dock houses a 100+ seat performance space, three art galleries, artist's studios, cafe bar, an arts education room and it is home to The Leitrim Design House.

[www.thedock.ie](http://www.thedock.ie)  
T: 071 9650828



## The Leitrim Design House

Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim

Stocking the work of local craftspeople including wooden artifacts, sculptures, ceramics, and jewellery.

[www.intoleitrim.com](http://www.intoleitrim.com)  
T: 071 9650550



## Bear Essentials

bawnboy, Co. Cavan

Participate in a workshop to personalize your own teddy bear or visit the Teddy Bear gift shop which houses probably the largest collection of teddy bears in Ireland.

[www.irishbears.com](http://www.irishbears.com)  
T: 049 9523461



## The Organic Centre

Rossinver, Co. Leitrim

Ireland's leading centre devoted to the teaching of organic gardening, growing and farming.

[www.theorganiccentre.ie](http://www.theorganiccentre.ie)  
T: 071 9854338



## Cultural Quarters

Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

The Cultural Quarters is an open building currently housing Murray's Vintage Clothing & Tearoom, Memory Lane Antiques and holds small gig/events as well as being the HQ of the Ballinamore Free Fringe Fest. Space available.

Email: [theculturalquarters@gmail.com](mailto:theculturalquarters@gmail.com)  
Blog: <http://theculturalquarters.blogspot.com>  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/theCQ](http://www.facebook.com/theCQ)





# MAP OF BALLINAMORE







## In and around Ballinamore

Town Walking Trail  
 John Mc Gahern Historical Trail  
 Glenview Folk Museum  
 Fenagh Monastic Site and Play Area  
 Pol an Eas Waterfall  
 Garadice Park Amenity Area  
 Canal Bank Walk

# HERITAGE AND GENEAOLOGY

## Leitrim Genealogy Centre, Ballinamore

Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

If your ancestors came from Co. Leitrim and you would like to find out about them you will find a wealth of information here. Located in the middle of the town beside Courthouse.

[www.leitrimroots.com](http://www.leitrimroots.com)

T: 071 9644012



## Costello Chapel

Bridge St., Carrick-on-Shannon, Co. Leitrim

This tiny but exquisite memorial was designed and built as a burial place for Mary Josephine Costello, who died on October 6, 1877. Costello Chapel, the smallest in Ireland and the second smallest in the entire world, is 16 feet long and 12 feet wide.

[www.chooseireland.com/county/leitrim/costello-memorial-chapel-carrick-on-shannon](http://www.chooseireland.com/county/leitrim/costello-memorial-chapel-carrick-on-shannon)



## Sean Mac Diarmada Homestead

Kiltyclogher, Co. Leitrim

Visit the home of a leading Irish revolutionary and signatory of the 1916 Proclamation of the Republic.

T: 071 9853249



## Sligo Folk Park

Riverstown, Co. Sligo

This community-based attraction provides a true experience of rural life and Irish heritage from the late 1800s.

[www.sligofolkpark.com](http://www.sligofolkpark.com)  
071 9165001



## Glenview Folk Museum, Ballinamore

Aughoo, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

View a private collection of more than 7,000 antique, historical and novel items.

[www.glenview-house.com](http://www.glenview-house.com)

T: 071 9644157



## Leitrim County Library, Ballinamore

Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

Our local library is the headquarters for County Leitrim libraries. It has a large selection of books, dvds and papers. Also in this building is the Local Studies Library; it is here that information about Leitrim is centrally stored.

[www.leitrimcoco.ie/eng/Services\\_A-Z/Library](http://www.leitrimcoco.ie/eng/Services_A-Z/Library)

T: 071 9645582



## Strokestown House Famine Museum

Strokestown, Co. Roscommon

The Great Irish famine of the 1840s is now regarded as the single greatest social disaster of 19th century Europe. The Museum has a strong educational focus and seeks to create a greater awareness of the horrors of contemporary famine by demonstrating the link between the causes of the Great Irish Famine of the 1840s and the ongoing spectacle of famine in the developing world today.

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

T: 071 9663242



## Fenagh Heritage Centre

Fenagh, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim

Steeped in history, Fenagh has two abbeys and various very significant, archaeological sites in the surrounding fields. Explanations, descriptions and maps can be viewed in the heritage centre.

[www.fenagh.com](http://www.fenagh.com)

T: 071 9645590



## THE JOHN MCGAHERN TRAIL - BALLINAMORE



John McGahern (12 November 1934 – 30 March 2006) is one of the most important Irish authors of the latter half of the twentieth century. Before his death in 2006 he was hailed as "the greatest living Irish novelist" by The Observer.

### Points of Interest on The John McGahern Trail

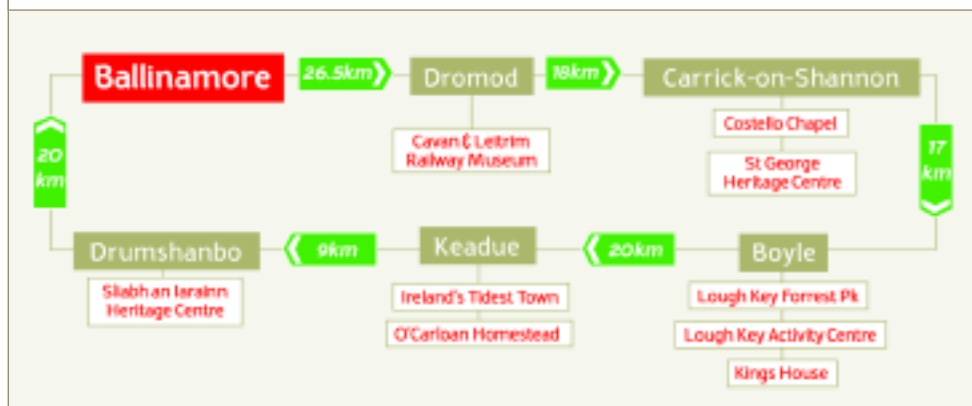
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2. Aughawillan School
3. Gate at Old Homestead
4. Lisacairn School
5. Knockaroe House
6. Railway Station
7. Memorial Seat
8. Pat McManus Garage
9. Gala Shop

Detailed copy  
available at  
local library





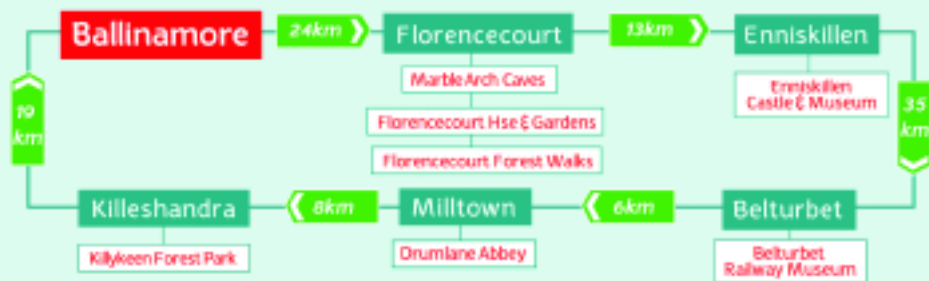
# DAY TRIP MAP 1



## DAY TRIP MAP 2



## DAY TRIP MAP 3





## HOTEL AND GUESTHOUSE ACCOMMODATION

- **Commercial Hotel**  
T: 071 9644675 [www.hotelcommercial.com](http://www.hotelcommercial.com)
- **Buille Toll B&B**  
T: 071 9645190 [www.builletoll.com](http://www.builletoll.com)
- **Hamill's Town B&B**  
T: 071 9644211 [www.hamillsbedandbreakfast.com](http://www.hamillsbedandbreakfast.com)
- **Riversdale Guesthouse**  
T: 071 9644122 [www.riversdaleguesthouse.com](http://www.riversdaleguesthouse.com)
- **Glenview Guest House**  
T: 071 9644157 [www.glenview-house.com](http://www.glenview-house.com)
- **Old Rectory B&B**  
T: 071 9644089 [www.theoldrectoryireland.com](http://www.theoldrectoryireland.com)
- **Old Mill Town House**  
T: 071 9644247 [www.oldmilltownhouse.com](http://www.oldmilltownhouse.com)
- **Brian McKeon Self Catering**  
T: 071 9641303/087 2374217
- **Market House Apartments Self Catering** T: 071 9645824
- **Drumcoura Chalets** T: 071 9645788 [www.drumcoura.ie](http://www.drumcoura.ie)



## PUBS



- Smyth's Siopa Ol
- Priors, High St. Pub
- McGirls Bar
- The Poor Scholar
- Jackie's Lakeland Bar
- Bobby Joe's
- Shorts
- Pat Joe's Pub
- Commercial Hotel Bar
- Lawrences Pub

## DINING

- Smyth's Siopa Ol T: 071 9644955
- Commercial Hotel T: 071 9644675
- Louie's Restaurant @ The Poor Scholar T: 071 9645516
- Prior's High St. Pub T: 071 9644574
- Drumcoura City T: 071 9645788
- An Bialann T: 071 9645660
- Four Seasons Chinese T: 071 9644896
- Nice Star Chinese Takeaway T: 071 9645542
- Manhattan Takeaway T: 071 9644201
- Trapper John's Takeaway T: 071 9644351
- King Kebabish Takeaway T: 071 9645365



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## Location

Ballinamore is located in the heart of Leitrim's magical lake and drumlin landscape, 150 km northwest of Dublin and is strategically placed close to major roads and rail networks.

Ballinamore sits advantageously between the major towns of the region giving unrivalled choice of access to a variety of interesting outings, making it an ideal place to visit and to base touring activities. Located at the centre of the Shannon-Erne waterway it is also a focal point for sport and tourism.

The town's unique character and heritage make Ballinamore an ideal place to live and a memorable place to visit – with nearby attractions and leisure activities for all to enjoy.



Ballinamore G.P.S. 54.05265N 7.8010W

Dublin 2 hrs

Belfast 2 hours

Galway 2 hours

Ireland West Knock Airport 75 minutes

**Ballinamore Tourism, Main Street, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim.**

**Tel: 071-9644955 [www.ballinamore.ie](http://www.ballinamore.ie)**

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