

Aughty Famine Mapping Project

The Aughty Famine Working Group (AFWG) wish to invite you to lend your assistance with the Aughty Famine Mapping Project. What we are trying to do is to map and plot all of the sites in the Slieve Aughty Region associated with the Famine.

We need people to tell us about sites and places in the general Slieve Aughty catchment that are linked to the Famine in any way. They may be sites where evictions occurred, or places where people died during the famine. We also wish to hear about outdoor relief works such as famine roads, harbours, and structures such as walls, bridges etc built during the famine years. You may be familiar with places where grain and food was distributed - tell us about these. If you know of soup kitchens these are also relevant to our survey. In fact anything that relates to the famine in any way is of importance.

All we require by way of information is the place-name and a general description of the particular site. Give us your contact details so we can arrange to visit the site and photograph it. We take its GPS COORDS, write up a brief description of the site or feature and place it on a map.

Your input will be fully acknowledged. Remember that no matter how insignificant you may feel your information is we value it greatly.

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Thank you in advance.
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