



**OUTING TO COUNTY DOWN
ON
Saturday 26th AUGUST 2017**



This event is designed to showcase projects undertaken to conserve follies in County Down by the Follies Trust. You can see all the projects mentioned on our website www.follies-trust.org. In addition they are all featured in our publication ***A Decade of Follies: the first ten years of the Follies Trust.***

10.30am. Meet at Castlewellan Forest Park for a cup of coffee (provided) and to view the Moorish Tower. In 1884 Hugh Annesley, fifth Earl Annesley, had this summer house erected on a rocky outcrop at the west end of the lake. Its purpose was evidently to combine the functions of a tea house and a prospect tower.

12.30pm Light lunch at the Park. There is a small café there where we can have a light lunch or you may prefer to bring your own sandwiches.

After lunch drive to Bryansford to view the Lord Limerick Follies - parking briefly at the adjacent Mourne Mountain Centre. These three follies were erected c.1748 and designed by Thomas Wright. They were conserved in 2010, in memory of Dick Oram, the much loved conservation architect who was a founder trustee of the Follies Trust.

c.3.00pm Arrive at Ardglass to view the Bathing House. In c.1830 as part of improvements and in a bid to turn Ardglass into a fashionable seaside resort William Ogilvie built a series of structures on the seafront. This is the only one to survive.

c.4.00pm Launch on site of Pig Crews at Rossglass, near Killough. These two small buildings were designed to allow pigs to farrow in the dark – one has a corbelled roof and the other a sloping roof (now missing). As Lecale was a grain growing area there were lots of pigs but most of the ‘crews’ or ‘sties’ have disappeared; but these two remain thanks to their conservation in 2016.

At 5.30pm we plan to arrive at Tyrella where we conclude the day with a barbecue! There we will have the opportunity to view the delightful toy fort conserved by the owner with help from the Follies Trust.

The cost of the event which includes coffee at Castlewellan and barbecue with drinks at the end of the day is £25/ €28 per person. Please book by sending your name to info@follies-trust.org and a cheque/PO to Tom Atkinson, 100 Mullahead Road, Tandragee, Craigavon BT62 2LB