

Cappaghwhite Ceapach na bhFaoiteach



The old name for Cappawhite was Ceapach meaning “ tillage plot or clearance in a wood ”. The White family living in Cappagh House in the 1800’s gave the White name to the village. The old community hall was built in 1930 and it housed the first “ Rural Vocational School in Ireland ” in 1931. This was replaced by the new Community Centre in 2003 which caters for the whole Community and Surrounding areas . It caters for the elderly & the young with its splendour facilities including an adjoining G.A.A. field and Tennis Courts, etc.

Mines in Hollyford

Copper Mining in Hollyford took place over many years from 1759 to 1871 in various stages. Tradition states that up to 500 people worked in the mines during its peak times. The Mining Company contributed substantially to alleviating the effects of famine in this area.



Copper Mine Chimney Stack

Greenfield Park

Purefoy the landlord used the wood and bog of Greenfield to establish colonies of Butterflies that were practically extinct and were native to the district. He introduced the “ Brimstone Butterfly” and the “ Large Coppers ” which was imported from the Continent. He planted many specialised plants to feed the Butterflies e.g. Wild Scabious, Water Drop Wort, giant Water Duck, Tall Weed, Buck Torn etc. In recent years the area was developed as an Amenity Park with 5 looped walks ranging from 600 metres to 2600 metres.



Large Copper Butterfly

Multeen River

The River flows through the Parishes of Hollyford, Annacarty and Cappawhite and gives its name to many community projects / groups. The river is ideal for fishing and is a spawning source for salmon.

The Motte in Donohill

The Motte in Donohill was a Norman Fortress built around the 1200’s and the scene of many a dispute between native Irish and Anglo-Saxon. The starving O’ Sullivan Beare army attacked Donohill in 1603. “ The food was immediately devoured by those who rushed in first and the rest commenced to feed like cattle on the wheat, beans and barely grains deposited in the Castle ”.



Donohill Motte

Faction Fighting

“ The Fair of Cappawhite is no place for a man with a thin skull ” was the plead by a defendant in a murder charge after a Fair in Cappawhite. It was famous for its Faction Fighting from the early 1800’s to 1887 where the Russian Buckley was killed in the last recorded fight.



Faction Fight in Cappaghwhite

Grouse in the Red Hill

The top of the Red Hill with its panoramic view of the Golden Vale is preserved for the native Bird “ The Grouse ”.

