

The Cottageology Links List

Disclaimer: This document includes names of people / contractors / suppliers / professionals mentioned on the Cottageology group previously but you *MUST* do your own research! The document does not constitute a recommendation of any person or process.

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For more about Cottageology visit <https://cottageology.com/> and you can find other Cottageologists and discuss your project at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/cottageology>

Websites and examples of “traditional” cottage interiors

<https://irishcottage restoration.blogspot.com/2023/09/a-picnic-birthday-and-just-weeks-left.html>

<http://glenviewmuseum.ie/>

<https://www.ireland.com/en-us/magazine/accommodation/thatched-cottage-accommodation/>

<https://www.theoldfishermanscottage.com/>

<https://oldfarmhouserestoration.wordpress.com/>

<https://limewindow.blog/2019/09/11/a-farmhouse-reborn/>

<https://www.rosieandthefarm.co.uk/blog/lime-plastering-part-2>

<https://www.independent.ie/life/home-garden/for-the-birds-peek-inside-this-stunning-restored-cottage/35529297.html>

<https://www.houzz.com/photos/query/irish-cottage-interiors>

<https://cottageology.com/irish-cottage-interiors/>

<https://www.alamy.com/stock.../irish-cottage-interior.html>

<https://therichmondrevival.com/about/> - also on Instagram and facebook

<https://ritualdust.com/craft/cottage-restoration/>

<https://doolinvillagelodges.com/about/fiddle-bow-cottages/>

<https://www.trohannycottage.com/>

<https://irishcottagerestoration.blogspot.com/2023/09/a-picnic-birthday-and-just-weeks-left.html>

<http://www.underthethatch.co.uk/croagh>

Instagram:

- Barnloftandme
- Braycoachhouse - Nice update in Bray by Culligan Architects / Richard Murphy owner
- cheapirishhouses - Maggie Molloy's site which is also the origin of the RTE series Cheap Irish Homes
- oldbrowncoat_ - great videos of Jonathan Farrar's real work renovating his grandparents' house
- underthethatch – holiday properties with lovely pictures but also some stuff on things like limewash colours too
- barnloftandme Instagram John and Jackie ruin to modern home in 2.5 years
- coolcottage
- cleoscottage
- MayMaysCottage
- Oulhouse
- mo_farm_ring_of_kerry
- KerridgeCottageLife
- Insideourcottagerevamp
- meadow.view_farmhouse
- [thatchedireland](#)
- [turlough_lodge_restorations](#)
- [our_galway_bungalow_reno/](#)
- [clare_cottage_renovation](#)
- [hazel_nutgrove](#)
- <https://www.instagram.com/pollybrownscottage>

Facebook groups and pages:

- Air to Water Heat Pumps Ireland
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/757402101666226>
Some information on this group is a bit dubious, but useful for specific Irish suppliers and makes not common in the UK.
- [Ancient & Holy Wells of Ireland](#)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/184603558220555>
- Cottageology - Irish Cottage Renovation & Appreciation
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/cottageology>
- Cottageology Buy & Sell Group -
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/345240282756209>

- [Derelict /vacant house restoration Ireland](#)
This one is fairly full on, has chats, people argue vigorously, lots of sales info. JimBob McCormack the admin has lots of practical experience.
- [DIY Help Ireland \(Garden, Home, Renovation, Craft, Outdoor\)](#)
Kikos' group, lots of good advice.
- <https://www.facebook.com/folklore.ie/> - Michael Fortune's excellent and interesting folklore page.
- Green Heating for Older Properties
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1511971082517633>
- – aspirational but interesting.
- Heat Pumps UK and Ireland <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1432303803563678>
– Some advice a bit dubious but useful for specific suppliers and makes.
- Heat Pumps UK. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/684966259514987> – more installers and engineers than the other heat pump groups above, excellent but ask a sensible, well-researched question or they will have you!
- <https://www.facebook.com/irishmanlostcom> Wonderful pictures of abandoned houses.
- IRISH BARN FINDS <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2328121267214992>
- Irish Stone Cottages <https://www.facebook.com/irishstonecottages> - some nice pictures, run by a builder.
- Irish Cottage and Farm Building Restoration
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/379789462968824> Run by Roundtower who sell lime and insulation construction products and architectural ironmongery.
- Irish Cottage Zero Waste Restorations
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/743628502828583/>
- Irish Georgian Society – particularly the traditional building skills listing on their website - <https://www.facebook.com/irishgeorgiansociety>
- [Irish Polytunnel Group by D-Plant Horticulture](#) – great site for all things veg growing and polytunnel, plus plant IDs.
- Irish Period Buildings <https://www.facebook.com/groups/288527502188400> – another group run by Roundtower Lime.
- Irish Solar Owners Group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/irishsolarownersgroup>
Great group for anything solar-related and some other stuff too.
- Irish memories by Breda and Ken <https://facebook.com/groups/571439847485368>
Occasional good photographs of past life in rural Ireland, from official sources like ducas.ie
- Irish Vernacular Architecture <https://www.facebook.com/groups/897391157067634>
– great group run by Greg Stevenson
- Irish Vernacular Furniture <https://www.facebook.com/groups/irishfurniture> – great group run by Antony Donoghue
- The Irish Homestead <https://www.facebook.com/p/The-Irish-Homestead-100082896144403/> - one family's journey, a sort of Insta blog on facebook thingy
- <https://www.facebook.com/theirishlandmarktrust> Some lovely pictures of these properties which are restored for rental to preserve them.
- Irish Immigration Forum for queries if you are moving to Ireland
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1804485619606267>

- <https://www.facebook.com/theoulhouse/> a holiday rental, but interesting story and pictures of the journey
- [Listed Building - Owners' Group](#) As we don't really have "listing" in Ireland a lot of the details of how to work with listed building consent does not apply but still lots of interesting pictures and projects.
- <https://www.facebook.com/LoveHeritageNI> Government body but advertises useful courses and projects too
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nativeirishtrees/> - Find, identify and grow/obtain Native Irish Trees
- Old Irish Homes in need of love – sales listings
<https://www.facebook.com/oldirishhomesinneedoflove>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oldderelicthousesofireland/> - some lovely houses on this group, but be sure to obey its rule if you post or comment not to reveal exact locations.
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/372709123873867/> - Rayburn Aga SFW owners. But it's a lot about wood and coal based lifestyles too.
- Self-Build and Renovations Ireland
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/816924585093717> – this is a big group of around 170k users. It's a bit "if in doubt, knock it down" but has some good contributors and is the best place to try and find suppliers in your county.
- Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings Ireland
- worth checking the main UK page too though.
<https://www.facebook.com/spabireland>
- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/918162592359910> The Cottage Maven page – more place settings and decorations, not specifically Irish but will be of interest to some.
- [The Traditional Lime plastering forum](#) Good place to get really accurate advice from practitioners but as with Heat Pumps UK. you would want to have thought through your question before posting.
- Traditional and Listed Building Advice (seems to be in facebook jail at the moment but I'm sure it will be back) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/143020647730378/>
- [Your Old House UK - Repair and Conservation](#) Wonderful group run by Jane Schofield.
- [Vacant Property Grant Ireland \(Croi Conaithe\)](#) – information about the vacant and derelict property grant schemes
- <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063451664765> Vanishing Ireland - Turtle Bunbury's project which began in 2001.
- We are the Ark (how to do mini-rewilding projects)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/804968449865497/>
- [wrought iron gates of ireland](#) Does exactly what it says on the tin.
- Woodworking for beginners
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1140972079390749/>

Podcasts

- Marianne Suhr, author of the Old House Eco Handbook, on how to sympathetically retrofit old homes <https://www.buildingsustainabilitypodcast.com/old-house-retrofit-and-SPAB-marianne-suhr-bs098/>
- SPAB Chats about Irish Vernacular Buildings <https://heart-to-hearth.simplecast.com/>

Youtube

- Building a polytunnel Woodbridge Hill Cottage https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XrM2KHg_MW8
- Declan McCaffrey, Institute of Structural Engineers, Renovation of Old Stone Buildings excellent introductory video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2JLsLhg1xs>
- Darius Namdaran Lime Kiln 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88H-ATw0Az8>
- [Architect Gemma Wheeler designs revamp of shell of cottage](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGXNIWV04IA)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGXNIWV04IA>
- Tom Hennigan: Housing In The Old Days <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nDEB7tJkh7U>
- Peter Ward “Warm Dry Home” author channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/stibnite11/videos>
- Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant video on how to fill in the form. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jvBZ2JjGt1Q>
- How to easily bleed a radiator: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IP54Kbgv0>
- How to fit Lead soakers (lead flashing) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7PB0yLt5v3k>
- Polycarbonate Secondary Glazing explanation and NB secondary glazing also reduces any sound from outside: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=am9sUEArdRk>