

# Julianstown Heritage Discussed

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**JULIANSTOWN** one of Meath's most quaint villages is already on the County Council's list of architectural conservation areas but not everyone knows this fact and a public talk on this subject was held last week.

Nearly 80 people from the area turned out for the special meeting facilitated by Co. Meath Heritage Officer Loreto Guinan and there was great interest from the locals about the history of the village. The talk was also organised to coincide with this year's National Heritage Week that has been hailed a great success.

Fred Logue of the Julianstown Resident's Committee spoke to the *Drogheda Leader* about the night.

"The evening went very well and there was one of the best turnouts we have ever had at our meetings. The residents were delighted with the meeting and they expressed a great interest in the topics discussed," he said.

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From L-R: Niamh Bn NiLoinsigh, Emer Dolphin, Richard McLoughlin (Architect), Loreto Guinan (Meath Heritage Officer), Cllr Liz McCormack (Cathaoileach of Meath County Council), and Fred Logue at the meeting.

Council added Julianstown to its conservation areas within the 2007 County

Development Plan it marked a historic moment for the area.

Richard McGloughlin, Conservation Architect who is conducting a report on the area and gave a talk on his studies into the village and its history.

Mr McGloughlin stunned

the room when he spoke about the oldest building in Julianstown that dates back the 17th Century!

The residents in attendance, while very happy with the findings of Mr. McGloughlin, were also very vocal about some of the problems in the area.

"The residents voiced their concerns over some problems in the area the biggest one being the traffic situation in the

area. This is a conservation area and if this was any other country then this would not be allowed."

"We asked Meath County Council to take these points on board but all in all it was a great night," Fred added.

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