

# BALLINVIRICK HOUSE



## Architectural Features

Ballinvirick is a classically proportioned example of early Georgian architecture. The detached 2 storey house is situated on a mature landscaped site in rural Limerick and boasts many original and restored features.



A four bay principal façade symmetrical around a central entrance

Square headed window openings feature architrave surrounds internally and original stone sills. The windows themselves are nine over six timber sash windows at ground floor level reducing to six over six on the first floor.



The roof is hipped with slates and lead ridge hip flashings and features two rendered profiled chimney stacks topped with octagonal clay pots. The overhanging eaves are serviced by cast iron rainwater goods



The landscaped site is accessed by the original gateway comprising of two dressed stone piers and distinctive square head portals over the side gates. Rendered quadrant walls complete the ensemble. The gates themselves are cast-iron with fleur-de-lis finials.



Ballinvirick house has many other architectural and traditional features of interest from the early georgian period.

## OPENING TIMES

Ballinvirick House is open to the public for viewing on the following dates and times

open from: 1st May - 30th June,  
at 10am - 2pm, Daily

Admittance: €5.00/Students & OAP €2.50

viewings outside of these times are by appointment only please contact us for details:

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## LOCATION

Ballinvirick House is located 16km from Limerick city near Askeaton, County Limerick.



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*& Gardens*

Early Georgian Architecture with both Formal & Informal Gardens

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## Welcome to Ballinvirick

Ballinvirick is an example of an early Georgian Irish Country House with formal Gardens, situated about halfway between Askeaton & Adare, County Limerick.

The house contains several original architectural features and the property stands on 16 acres of parkland, woodland, formal & informal gardens. The house is presently undergoing renovations.



## History of Ballinvirick



Ballinvirick House was constructed in the mid 1700's on an estate originally consisting of 120 acres for the Royce family who resided there over 150 years .



Ballinvirick was originally confirmed to have been inhabited by Vere Royce around the 1750's, Thomas Royce in 1819, Robert Royce around 1851, followed by two sisters Miss Frances & Miss Isabella Royce in 1892.



After the departure of the Royce family in early 1900's, the property became a dowager house for the nearby Castle Hewson estate, with Mrs Mary Hewson residing in the House from 1920-1929.



## The House

The property then became vacant and the Irish Land Commission acquired the estate and divided it into several parcels of land for sale to local small holders, with the main house remaining on just 16 acres.



Ballinvirick was then offered for sale in the 1930's when, it was bought by Mr Berty Hunt who lived there with his family until 1947. The house was then sold to the Dutch Tellender family who lived in Ballinvirick after the war until 1955. The Tellender family made some additions to the house including the drawing room bay window, oak panelling, fireplaces and out offices.



The McMahon's brothers then purchased the estate and lived in the house until the early 1980's. After a period of neglect, Ballinvirick was then acquired by the Cusack family, who initiated the first restoration of the house, which was carried out between 1985-86. The Fleming family have occupied Ballinvirick since 2004.



## The Gardens

The house is set on a landscaped wooded site. The gardens which cover three acres contain a four quadrant formal garden framed with box hedging with a folly at the lower end. There is a walled kitchen garden, along with a pond in the wooded area.

