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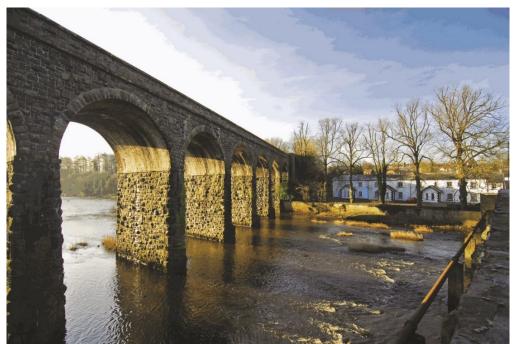
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# **Location and nearby towns**

#### • Randalstown (3 miles)

(best kept town in Ireland 2018).
Turn left at the end of the driveway for 3 miles until you reach a tee junction, then turn right for ½ mile and you are there.



Two very prominent features of Randalstown are the disused railway viaduct and 14<sup>th</sup> Century Shanes Castle Estate.

#### • Toomebridge (5 miles)

Turn right at the end of the driveway for 5 miles until you reach a tee junction, turn left for the village or turn right for the Park and ride for bus links to Derry or Belfast.



Toome Eel fishery is the largest producer of wild caught eel in Europe and is very prominent on the outskirts of the village or from the bypass bowstring bridge over the River Bann.

#### Antrim (9 miles)

When in Randalstown proceed into the town until you come across a mini roundabout, turn right here and head towards the viaduct and bridge, continue for 1 mile until you come across the main motorway roundabout, Antrim, Belfast, Derry are all well signposted from here.



Situated on the banks of the Six Mile Water and Lough Neagh, Antrim is also home to the historical 400 year old Castle Gardens & Clotworthy house which following a £6m restoration project is well worth a visit offering beautiful walks and surroundings.

#### Magherafelt (11 miles)

When in Toome proceed to the main roundabout and turn left on the dual carriageway towards Derry, continue on this road for about 5 miles until you come across another main roundabout and take the 2<sup>nd</sup> exit into Magherafelt.



Magherafelt is quite a large town located in the South of county Derry. Magherafelt is a hiving town with plenty of Bars and Excellent Restaurants.

## **General Information**

- There are several petrol stations in Toome and Randalstown
- There is an ESB charging station in Toome park and ride.



• There are tyre and maintenance garages in Randalstown and Toome, the closest garage is ½ mile from the house towards Randalstown (T. Devlin, 028 9447 2537)



• There is a Hairdressers and nail salon located 100 metres from the House (Meraki – Arlene and Maria, bookings necessary, (m: 01744 753459)



- Buslinks to Derry & Belfast are at the park and ride in Toome, usually every hour.
- Buslinks are also available to Magherafelt & Antrim, Belfast etc in Randalstown, New Street.
- Banks available in Antrim & Magherafelt
- Bank Links are available in Toome, Randlastown, Antrim & Magherafelt
- The house is within 200m from a local GAA club (Kickhams GAC) where games and activities take place on a regular basis

# **Go Exploring**

Historic City of Derry & City Walls, Guildhall, Excellent Bars Restaurants and music.
(There are loads of leaflets in the house for Derry and the North West including Donegal, feel free to use whatever you need)



• Causeway Coast and Glens, Dunluce Castle, Torr Head, Carrick-A-reed rope bridge, Rathlin Island, Bushmills Distillery





• Glenariffe Forest Park and Waterfalls (32miles)







 Belfast (30mins), Titanic Visitors Centre, Crumlin Road Gaol, Titanic Distillery and Visitors Centre, Belfast Zoo & Cavehill Country Park with some stunning view over Belfast and Belfast Lough, scenic walks and trails.





Mourne Mountains



• Royal County Down Golf Course – 55 miles



• Mulough Beach – 50 miles



• Royal Portrush Golf Club – 48 miles



# **Shopping**

Antiques, Independent shopping, vintage, high street and designer, farmer and country markets all accessible within an hour.



 All Major food Shops such as ASDA (Antrim) Tesco (Antrim), Lidl (Antrim & Magherafelt, Iceland (Antrim & Magherafelt), Eurospar (Antrim & Magherafelt)



- Retail: Junction Shopping Complex and Retail Park, Antrim with big brands such as Nike, Next, Animal, Golf Nation, Mountain Warehouse and many more.
- The Artisian craft and food market at Junction Retail Park, 11am-4pm last Saturday of every month
- Castle Mall Antrim
- Meadowlane Shopping Centre, Magherafelt, River Island, New Look and Dunnes.
- Belfast and Derry have all the main High Street outlets.
- Randalstown Boutiques: Posh Closet; vintage Rose Wedding flowers and Bridal; Marie Me Bridal.
- Magherafelt Boutiques: L's Boutique; Jude Law Boutique; The Fashion House; The Queen Bee; Romantique Bridal Boutique and Farrah Boutique Maghera)

## **Pubs/Bars and Restaurants**

#### Randalstown

- Marrions Bar, 500 yards from the house (bar only)
- Heffron's Bar and Restaurant, Randalstown (food and drinks) £ 028 9447 3196
- O'Kanes Bar, Randalstown (bar only) (028 9447 3101)



- The Corner House, Randalstown (bar only)
- Marrions Bar, Randalstown (Bar & Off sales) (028 9447 2487)
- The Vintage Wine Merchants, Randalstown (off sales, 028 9447 3864)



#### **Toome**

• Crosskeys Inn (Irelands Oldest Thatched Pub), for Craic and Trad Music Sessions usually every Thursday night and Saturdays.



• The Elk Complex (Food and Drinks) ££



### Magherafelt

• Magherafelt for the more lively night out with hiving bars such as Mary's Bar, Brysons (food, drink and music) ££





- The Taphouse Bar and Restaurant, Bellaghy (Food, Drinks and Music) ££
- Coachman Gin Bar, Magherafelt (Restaurant) ££
- Church Street Brasserie, Magherafelt (Restaurant) £££



• District 45, Magherafelt (Restaurant) £££

# DISTRICT 45

• The Old Thatch Inn (Gastropub 028 7946 8322) ££



#### **Antrim**

• The Boathouse, Antrim Marina (Food) £



• The Bar & Restaurant at the Rabbit £££



- Ruby's and the back shed, Antrim (Food & Drinks) £
- Spice Indian Restaurant, Muckamore, Antrim ££



Jakes Cocktail Bar and Grill, Antrim ££

## **Ballymena**

• Gillies Grill, Galgorm Spa and Hotel, Galgorm £££



• Fratellis at Galgorm Italian Restaurant, ££



## **Fast Food and Coffee shops**

- Coffee Houses, Starbucks, Costa, Tim Hortons all in Junction Retail Park
- Fast food: Burger King, McDonalds, Subway, KFC, Nandos, Dominos all in Antrim

# Things to do

• Visit Cranfield Church and Holy Well, ruins of a 13<sup>th</sup> Century Church and St Olcan's Shrine (1.3 miles). The amber pebbles contained within the holy well are believed to have great healing powers bestowed by St Olcan. They were thought to protect women during childbirth, men from drowning and homes from fire and burglary.



• Antrim Castle Gardens and Clotworthy House - 028 9448 1338



- https://visitantrimandnewtownabbey.com/things-to-do/gardens-and-parks/antrimcastle-gardens-clotworthy-house/ 400 year old gardens and visitor attraction Clotworthy House
- Randalstown Forest Park and World of Owls 028 9447 2307 http://www.worldofowls.com/



- Antrim Lough Shore Park and Gateway Visitors Centre 0300 123 7788
- Seamus Heaney Hometown and Visitor Centre, Bellaghy 028 7938 7444, seamusheaneyhome@midulstercouncil.org



- Game of Thrones exhibition sites
- Portglenone Forest and Blue flag Marina
- Ballyronan Marina

• Titanic, Belfast – 028 9076 6386 <a href="https://tickets.titanicbelfast.com">https://tickets.titanicbelfast.com</a>



- Hop on hop bus tours in Belfast
- Ulster Museum & Botanic Gardens, Belfast
- W5 at the Odyssey
- Ulster Folk Museum, Cultra
- Crumlin Road Gaol Tour and Visitor Centre 028 9074 1500



• Titanic Distillery Tour and Visitors Centre – <u>bookings@titanicdistillers.com</u>

- Hillsborough Castle (38 mile/40 mins) Open Wed-Sun
- Montalto Estate, Ballynahinch <u>info@montaltoestate.com</u> 028 9756 6100 and perhaps visit Spelga Dam when in the area.



• The Hinch Distillery – 028 9279 1180 – Adult classic tour £21.50, Premium £32 and Child under 18 £10.50



- Bushmills Distillery Distillery Tour from £15 and Premium Tour from £40
- The Old Courthouse Auditorium, Antrim with regular events, shows and performances 0300 123 7788

# **Sports and Leisure**

Antrim, Magherafelt and Ballymena all have excellent Leisure Centre's with swimming pools, fitness suites, Health Suite, squash courts, classes, bowling etc
Antrim Leisure Centre – 0300 132 1580
Magherafelt Leisure Centre – 028 7963 2796
Ballymena Leisure centre – 028 2563 3382

• The Glagorm Luxury Hotel and Spa, why not have a day of pampering at the 5 star Spa & Thermal Village and then dine at one of the Hotels 3 Restaurants.





• Omniplex Multi screen cinema complex at the Junction Retail Park, Antrim – 028 9424 0001. www.omniplex.ie

• Craigmore Fishery, outside Randalstown – <u>craigmorefishery@hotmail.co.uk</u>



- Escarmouche Outdoor Laser Tag, Shanes Castle Estate, Randalstown
- Take in a local GAA football or hurling match at the local GAA club
- Antrim Marina and Gateway Centre
- Local Golf courses: Allen Park Antrim public golf course and driving range
- Masserene (Antrim), Galgorm (Ballymena) and Moyola (Castledawson near Magerafelt) Golf Courses.



Masserene – view over the Lough



Galgorm

 Ronan Valley, Magherafelt very nice 10 hole par 30 course, clubs available to rent, very reasonable costs)



• MacKenzies Equestrian Centre, just outside Randalstown, 07751 928257