



Creative Ireland Projects 2021 – Vernacular Architecture – Final Report

Before 2016



Current 2021



CI Vernacular 21/03 Thatched House, Derrybeg, Co. Offaly

Repairs/reinstatement of windows (note mix of existing steel windows and timber sash) and repair to existing wrought iron entrance gate.

Note when this property was purchased by the current owner it was in a derelict state with the roof and much of the walls collapsed (see 2018 photo). He has rebuilt the walls and roof, rethatched the roof and repaired front steel pivot windows.



2018 – Thatch Survey

2020 July - roof structure in place

2020 September - rear elevation with new thatch



The applicant sought to provide windows to the rear of the property which matched the front repaired, steel windows. These were in bedrooms and to ensure fire escape provision, they provided a timber casement window designed to mimic the steel windows.



Rear elevation 2016



Special windows under construction



Three new timber windows in rear elevation



New timber window installed, note original remaining dashed retained.

Front façade with three steel pivot windows repaired in 2020, for reference.

2016_0216 Wrought Iron gate on site – sections bent or broken



Latch and handle with upper and lower twist detailing



Prior to repair

Owner – Workshop Photographs





Owner photographs – workshop detail and installing repaired gate on site.



2021_1012 Gate repaired and reinstalled



Gate repaired and installed with cut stone pillar found on site



Latch detail with curved handle and scroll finial. Note blacksmith mark (X) at latch bar.





Scroll end to handle



Blacksmith 'X'



Original pier re-dashed to match house, bracket detail + Fixing detail

Final – Gate before and after



Before: gate, twisted and damaged only one pier – house, roof partially collapsed 2016, further collapsed when current owner purchased the property



After: gate repaired and reinstated, pier dashed to match house, house roof rebuilt and thatched (in 2020), gable wall re-dashed, stone pillar from site fixed to other site for appropriate setting.