

HIDDEN GEMS AND FORGOTTEN PEOPLE

## BELLAGHY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



### **THE FORGE**

**Located 2 miles from Bellaghy**

*(Tel. 02879468310 prior to visiting)*

Before becoming a forge, this was the first schoolhouse in the Castledawson area. This blacksmith's cottage is in its original state (late 18<sup>th</sup>/early 19<sup>th</sup> century).

One half of the building comprises the dwelling area and the other half is where the forge was. The forge has been in the Devlin family for generations and all of the blacksmith's tools, bellows etc are in place, together with various farming implements left in for repair.

*The forge has been the subject of a poem written by Seamus Heaney.*