

CARRICKFERGUS AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY



KNOCKAGH MONUMENT, GREENISLAND, CARRICKFERGUS

Located on Monument Road off the B90 on the escarpment overlooking Greenisland. This is the County Antrim War Memorial, 110 feet high and built of concrete blocks. It is dedicated to those from the County who lost their lives in the two World Wars. The Monument was completed in 1936 and rededicated after World War Two. This is the most seen from all around and yet unseen close up due to its relatively isolated site. There are remembrance ceremonies but the most activity is partying by young people in the adjacent car park. This would appear, on the face of it, desecration of the site but one could imagine many of the young men and women in their late teens and twenties who are being commemorated here joining in such events with gusto had they been given the chance. Designed by Henry Seaver and Henry Barton who inspired the project but there was a struggle to raise the necessary funds as most towns and villages had their own memorials. The eight local district councils in County Antrim recently funded the restoration of the Monument.