

# HOLIDAY WHICH MAGAZINE



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*"a superb example of what can be achieved through effort and enthusiasm"*



# HOW TO GET THERE



Head South out of Downpatrick on the A25 to Newcastle. One mile past Downpatrick Race Course, turn right for 0.3 miles on the Drumcullan Road. You will find The Mill located on the right hand side.

- By Road:** Belfast is 23 miles from Downpatrick  
Dublin is 91 miles
- By Air:** Belfast City Airport is 25 miles  
Belfast Int. Airport is 36 miles
- By Sea:** Belfast Harbour is 24 miles  
Larne Harbour is 44 miles

*A visit to The Mill is well worth while if only to see the magnificent restoration work undertaken by the owner, Noel Killen.*



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# RELAX AT THE MILL

## WELCOME

Downpatrick, the ancient capital of the Kingdom of Lecale and is closely associated with the Apostle of Ireland. Here in the leafy graveyard of Down Cathedral, with the Mountains of Mourne as a backdrop, lie the mortal remains of St Patrick. A large granite stone marks the grave.



Hidden away in this rolling County Down countryside outside Downpatrick, The Mill at Ballydugan is owned and managed by the Killen Family.

Noel Killen has achieved his childhood dream to own and restore this 18th century flour mill. As a boy he hid a penny in the upper beams in the hope that one day he would be able to buy The Mill. Buy it he did and painstakingly spent 12 years restoring and converting the building into a magical Licensed Country House with a three star Guest House rating.

Silurian Masonry, Oregon pine floors, columns and the original sliding sash windows are just a few of the key architectural features that have been lovingly restored.



*It is through these efforts, after 150 years of neglect that **The Mill at Ballydugan** has finally been granted the listed building status it so richly deserves.*

## WEDDINGS

The Mill is an idyllic setting for Romantic Weddings, Family Celebrations, Corporate Meetings and Entertaining or just a relaxing weekend in the beautiful County Down countryside. Guests are assured of privacy, excellent cuisine and service. We are licensed to hold Civil Weddings and Civil Partnerships at the Mill.



## WEEKEND BREAKS



The 11 en-suite bedrooms are furnished in traditional country style with exposed beams and brass-and-iron beds, with the convenience of telephones, televisions and tea/coffee making facilities.

The Fifth floor of the Mill has been transformed into an Exhibition and History Centre, where visitors can view the artefacts from a bygone era and learn of the Mill's transformation from flour mill to a beautiful Country Guest House.

## TIME OUT

**The Wheelhouse**, located on the ground floor has an impressive stone fire place, and is open throughout the day for informal dining and drinks.



**The Lecale Restaurant** serves the finest local cuisine & international dishes and can accommodate 100 people. Reservations for **The Lecale Restaurant** are recommended.

**The Auchinleck Suite** can accommodate 170 people for receptions & entertainment.

**The Lake Suite** can accommodate 12-25 people for meetings or private parties and is ideal for corporate entertaining.

**The Courtyard of the Mill** has proven to be an exclusive and popular venue for Marquee Weddings and Musical events.

