The Gort Weigh House (known locally as "The Crane") is a much loved landmark, right in the middle of the market square. It sports a weighbridge, weighing scales, trough, water pump and internal balance for the weighbridge. Local research shows a Weigh House was placed on this site in the 18th century, but the current building and equipment probably dated to the 19th century (c. 1880).

It was for a time used as a tourist office and, for some years now, the Burren Lowlands group has wanted to use it during the summer for their tourist information office.

Thanks to grants from the Heritage Council and from the Galway Association of An Taisce as well as stalwart conservation work by builder Laurik Mathieu of Mathieu & Mitchell Ltd. and Tim Ryan, acting as engineer for the project, Peter Wise managing the project and the support of a number of people and organisations in and around Gort, like J. P. Corry Ltd., the work of limiting water ingress and making the building safe has been achieved.

BELOW:
Before: East Gable End hanging beam & cracks. After: East Gable End Beam removed & repointed

RIGHT:
Before: South wall (Front) with hanging gutter S View. After: West wall (scales) & South wall (Front)
(c) P Wise 2015
Dear Member,

In the past two years we focused our Christmas/New Year appeal on particular properties.

Your donations in 2014 to Tailors’ Hall have helped fund a repointing and stabilisation of the south wall of the Hall. The High Street garden project will start afterwards in 2016.

The 2015 Boyne Navigation appeal is supporting ongoing restoration of the next stretches of the canal at Staleen and Slane. See www.boyne.iwai.ie for details.

This year we’re appealing for donations for Gort Weigh House in Co. Galway. On the back you can see the restoration work we have completed in 2015 with support from the Heritage Council.

We now need to find a long-term use for the building to safeguard it for the future. To do that electricity needs to be connected and installed and the windows must be replaced. This work will require over €8,000 and needs to be finished well before the summer.

You can help by donating to the Gort Weigh House Appeal Fund. All monies donated via this form will go to a ring-fenced fund, which will only be spent on the Gort Weigh House.

Yours Sincerely
James Leahy | Honorary Secretary

Gort Weigh House 2016 Appeal Donations

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