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Athy captured in a moment in time

The idea came from artist Anthony Haughey



A reneacted drone photograph by Anthony Hubbock taken on Saturday 19 July 2025 of the newly refurbished Emily Square in Athy

It was a moment to remember in Athy as gathered in the freshly paved ti Emily Square to have their photograph taken – adding a new chapter to the town's living history.

The idea came from artist Anthony Haughey who had launched Art House Athy – a gallery and workshop space on Leinster Street as part of his Creative Places Athy: Collect and Gather residency.



The youngest of the square at 6 days old the beausiful Bonnie Sue with her family the Mulhalls and Sharkeys

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Anthony Haughey and John Minihan

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Denis Smyth originally from Offaly street said Emily Square was his playground growing up, pictured along side Cha Chanders

In September, during the official launch of Emily Square, Minihan's original 1987 photograph and Haughey's new version will be displayed side by side in the windows of Art House. Both images will be available to purchase, with a special limited edition printed for future public exhibition. More photos in next week's paper.

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Artist invites Kildare locals to recreate historic image in Athy

Anthony Haughey and Athy historian Frank Taaffe are inviting locals in Kildare recreate the iconic gathering in Emily Square in 19 mark the squares refurbishment



Image taken by John Minihan depicting a large gathering in Emily Square in ...

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In 2024, artist *Anthony Haughey (https://www.kildarenow.com/news/local-news/1775159/kildare-creative-sphere-launches-connections-exhibition-at-na and-cultural-centre.html)* launched Art House Athy, a gallery and workshop space on Leinster Street as part of his *Creative Places Athy: Collect and Gather (https://www.kildarenow.com/news/home/1570417/artist-and-academic-to-set-up-creative-projects-in-athy.html)*. Conceived as a prototype for small-tow infrastructure across Ireland, Art House offers a dedicated space for communities to come together and celebrate local culture and creativity.

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Together, they now invite the people of Athy to help recreate this iconic moment. On Saturday, July 19 at 2:00pm, residents are warmly invited to gather in t refurbished Emily Square to have their photograph taken, adding a new chapter to the town's living history.

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