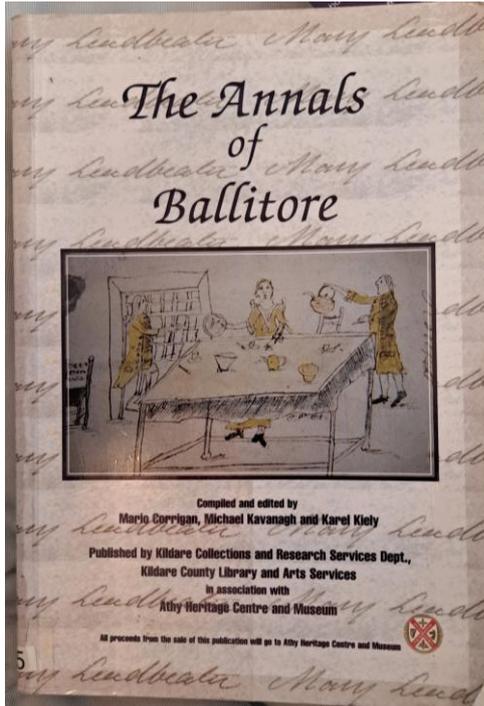


# Mary Leadbeater 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



The Ballitore Burial Ground Restoration Group (BBGRG) is a heritage-led group of volunteers actively involved in the restoration and regeneration of the historic Quakers Burial ground in the village of Ballitore Co Kildare. Part of this work includes caring for the grave of Mary Leadbeater.

Mary Leadbeater (December 1758 – 27 June 1826) was an Irish Quaker author and diarist who lived most of her life in the planned Quaker settlement of Ballitore, County Kildare. Her work “*The Annals of Ballitore*” is widely seen by scholars, academics and historians as being historically and culturally important and is considered as part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it.



The 200th anniversary of Mary Leadbeater's death will occur on Saturday the 27th of June 2026. To mark this occasion The Ballitore Burial Ground Restoration Group (BBGRG) will be erecting an information sign indicating the location of Mary Leadbeater's grave and is also offering local schools and youth organisations an opportunity to join or organise a guided tour of the Burial ground during the period before and after the anniversary.



The group works with the support of Kildare Co Council using a proactive approach to the maintenance, repair and conservation of this historic structure which is owned by the Council.