

GREYSTONES ARCHAEOLOGICAL & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

“The Life and Times of Robert Childers Barton”.

Presented to the Society meeting held at the
Family Centre Holy Rosary Church, Greystones, County Wicklow
given on 20th May 2026

Presented by: Dr. Chris Lawlor

Chaired by : Dr. Cormac Moore

Subject

Robert Barton was one of the most enigmatic figures to emerge from the Irish Revolution and the lecture charted his political journey from a Unionist background to Home Rule and Republicanism. Although he was central to the birth of the nation, he remains understudied and neglected.

Presenter

Dr. Chris Lawlor is a former head of the history department of Meánscoil Ignáid Rís in Naas, county Kildare. He has won many prizes for his work in historical research and has contributed numerous articles to many journals. He has published thirteen books including The Little Book of Wicklow, The Little Book of Kildare and The Little History of Wicklow.



Robert Childers Barton