

Castle takes a step forward with opening of craft centre

A LARGE crowd enjoyed the hospitality of Original Kerry and the Brady family in Castlegregory last Thursday night at the opening of a new craft centre that marks a significant innovation for the village.

Situated on Strand Street in a renovated building that once housed the local dispensary, Original Kerry showcases the work of craft makers across Kerry. It also has studio areas on site where the public can craftworkers plying their trades.

The centre came about as a result of the generosity of the Brady Family from Castlegregory and local businessman Mike Fitzgerald.

"My mother is from Castlegregory and I've been visiting regularly since I was a child," said Sean Brady, who owns the centre and who has provided it rent free to the craft community.

"I've always admired the remarkable craftsmanship that you find in this part of the world and I think the Original



Mayor of Kerry Cllr Pat McCarthy opening the new Original Kerry Craft Centre in Castlegregory.

Kerry craft makers have really taken this to the next level. I'm pleased to be associated with such a talented group and I hope that the centre can provide a growth opportunity

for them and for Castlegregory." The centre was officially opened by Mayor of Kerry Cllr, Pat McCarthy and the previous Selectman of Hingham Massachusetts, John Brady.

The Craft Centre is open every day with Aileen Ní Sh from Ballymore behind the counter. It also runs felt and fibre workshops on Thursday mornings.