

South Marysburgh's "Striker House" Decked the Halls for the Return of the County's Christmas House Tour

Early December in the County brought no snow but it did offer a glimpse of the coming holiday season with the iconic Christmas in the County House Tour returning after a pandemic-related hiatus. The event is staged by the Built Heritage Fund of The County Foundation.

Among the treasured heritage structures featured in this year's tour, one stood out as a fine example of a 19th century stone farm house situated on South Marysburgh's Royal Road, south of Milford. To this day, the structure remains known as the "Striker House", even though the last Striker to live in it, Vernon, sold it to Gordon and Janice Gibbins in 1999. The couple was committed to restoring the house to the original 1860 to 1865 era when Isaac Striker lived in it.

Though modernized over the years, the Gibbin's restoration returned it to an elegant example of a restored heritage property, one of only three stone houses in South Marysburgh.

The one and a half storey, centre hall plan house features deep window sills the depth of the outside stone walls and a

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To the right: Fully decked out for the holiday house tour, Janice and Gord Gibbins added a large Christmas tree and a plethora of decorations to welcome the Built Heritage Fund's County Christmas House Tour guests. -*Mirror Photo*



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