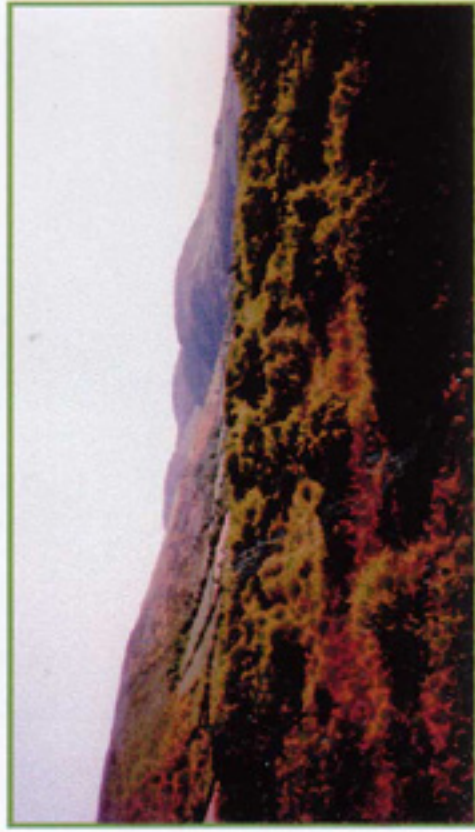




Above : a wonderful display of meadowsweet in the Curragh lanes.



Above: a view from Close Sartfield Nature Reserve viewing platform

Below: orchids in the Reserve

"It was quite simply extraordinary, I have never seen such a profusion of orchids and doubt if one exists anywhere else in Europe" Former Director General of UK Wildlife Trusts"



About Close Taggart ...

The cottages are set in about two acres of beautiful gardens. Enter your cottage through the stable door and you will have a sense of entering a Manx house of bygone days. Downstairs you will find a modern fully fitted kitchen with a comfortable lounge. As you walk upstairs to the bedroom, (double bed), study and bathroom, the peaceful atmosphere is enhanced by traditional wood-pannelled ceilings. The back door leads to your own private garden, which once formed part of the haggart, where sheaves of corn were threshed by the steam threshing mill.

History lies just over the hedge, it permeates the atmosphere

Today, there's peace and solitude at the edge of the Curraghs, an area of European importance for its wetland, flora, and birdlife. A few minutes walk will take you to the Close Sartfield Nature Reserve, the Manx Wildlife Trust's largest Reserve, where you can climb to the top of the viewing platform and admire the wonderful view of the Curraghs with the hills in the background! Hard to imagine that a thousand years ago this was an important centre of Viking power in the Irish Sea, where the Vikings overwintered their longships in the large tidal lakes. All has gone now. What remains is an oasis of tranquillity, picturesque and full of a sense of history!



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Do you want peace, tranquillity and security? You will find them all at Close Taggart. Hidden away from today's noise and distraction, you will have a rare chance to experience the joy of living in the heart of the ancient Curragh of the Isle of Man, an area of outstanding wetland beauty.

Follow a neatly kept private lane flanked by a stream and mature hedgerows to this former working farm, where horses once helped plough the fields and cut meadow hay. There you will stay in a delightful cottage, decorated and equipped to the highest standards.

Enjoy the lovely secluded gardens that now surround this magnificent property - which you can use as a base to follow your holiday interests: walking, cycling, historic sites, museums, golf.

A glass of wine in the tree house which nestles high up in a chestnut tree, or a view from the "crow's nest" even higher up in a sycamore tree are memories to be treasured!

Relax. The Curragh is a magical place, which you can explore on foot by following the secret paths. From Spring to Summer's end, hay meadows and hedgerows abound with flowers, hum with insects and echo to birdsong. In Autumn and Winter, the air hangs heavy with the scent of fallen leaves and wild fruits.

'Ellan y Shee', an Island of Tranquillity in the Island of Mann"