**Adopt A Monument Ireland APPLICATION FORM 2025**

Is there a much loved monument in your locality that would benefit from some care and attention? Would your community like to learn more about the monuments around you? The Adopt a Monument Scheme is now looking for new groups to join and to adopt a monument in their locality. This scheme brings monuments into the heart of your community.

We are interested in hearing from communities across Ireland, including new communities and minority groups, as well as established voluntary groups that have been caring for a monument for years. The Adopt a Monument scheme will provide expertise, mentoring, support and networking to help to preserve and protect the monument for future generations.

Since the scheme started in 2016, over 30 groups have taken part and adopted a diverse range of monuments including castles, churches and graveyards, earthen fortifications, a 20th century handball alley and 19th century mining buildings. While spaces are limited, we would like to hear from groups interested in caring for a monument that they feel passionate about.

If you are interested in this scheme, take a look at the Adopt a Monument Manual which is available free to download at: <https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/content/images/Adopt-a-Monument-Guidance-for-Community-Archaeology-Projects.pdf>

The Adopt a Monument Scheme is managed by [Abarta Heritage](https://www.abartaheritage.ie/adopt-a-monument-ireland/) on behalf of the [Heritage Council](https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/). Please do visit our website for more information about the scheme:

<https://www.heritagecouncil.ie/projects/aam>

Closing date for completed applications is**: Friday 21st March at 5.00pm.**

**Please email completed application forms and accompanying files to:** adoptamonument@heritagecouncil.ie

**Adopt a Monument Application Form 2025**

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| 1. **Group Information**
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| **Name of Group:** |  |
| **Name of Lead Contact:** |  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **Phone Number:** |  |
| **Email Address:** |  |
| **Number of people in the group:** |  |

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| 1. List **THREE** examples of previous community projects your group, or key members of the group, have been involved in and what were the key achievement of these projects:
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| **Example 1** |
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| **Member(s) involved (if applicable):** |  |
| **Description of the Project:** |  |
| **Key achievements:** |  |

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| **Example 2** |
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| **Member(s) involved (if applicable):** |  |
| **Description of the Project:** |  |
| **Key achievements:** |  |

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| **Example 3** |
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| **Member(s) involved (if applicable):** |  |
| **Description of the Project:** |  |
| **Key achievements:** |  |

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| 1. **Monument DETAILS:**
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| **Name of Monument:** |  |
| **Townland and County where the monument is located:** |  |
| **SMR number of Monument (if applicable). You can find this on National Monuments Service mapping here:** <https://heritagedata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0c9eb9575b544081b0d296436d8f60f8> |   |
| **Ownership of Monument: (Private/local authority etc)** |  |
| **Landowners Name:** |  |
| **Has the Landowner given written permission to the group (please include a copy of the permission with the application form):** |  |
| **Has the Landowner given permission to be contacted by the Adopt a Monument team directly to discuss the application:** |  |
| **Landowner Contact Number:** |  |

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| **4. Description of the monument:** |
| Please attach a location map and any suitable images (these should be clearly labelled).  |
| **Please include details about the location of the monument:** |  |
| **Please include details about any previous conservation work to the monument** |  |
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| **Please include details about the condition of the monument:** |  |
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| **5. SUITABILITY OF MONUMENT** |
| Please include a brief outline that describes why your monument is suitable for selection in the Adopt A Monument Scheme (400 words max) |

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| **6. OBJECTIVES** |
| Outline **THREE** objectives for each year that you would like to achieve if your monument was chosen to be part of the Adopt A Monument Scheme (400 words max) |
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| **YEAR THREE:** |
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**Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Landowner permission **MUST** be obtained before a group applies to be part of the Adopt a Monument Scheme.
2. National Monuments in the ownership or guardianship of the Minister for Heritage at the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage are not eligible to be part of this scheme. Lists of national monuments in the Minister’s ownership or guardianship (by county) can be accessed at: <https://www.archaeology.ie/national-monuments/search-by-county>
3. Applications for this scheme must be submitted by established community groups. Applications from individuals are not eligible.

**Checklist:**

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| *Have you included the name and contact details for your group?* |  |
| *Have you included the landowners name, contact details and permission to be included in the scheme?* |  |
| *Have you included a location map and images of the monument?**Have you included a brief description of the monument?* |  |