

## ADOPT A MONUMENT IRELAND APPLICATION FORM

Around every corner in Ireland you can discover an echo of the past. Ireland's landscapes, cities, towns and villages abound with an incredible variety of heritage sites, ranging from prehistoric tombs or stone circles, early monasteries, medieval walled towns, mighty castles, churches and graveyards and landed estates to industrial and agricultural heritage like mines, kilns and mills to more recent cultural sites like handball alleys, traditional houses and architecture or key areas from social history such as battlefields, or sites associated with political struggle.

Following in the successful footsteps of Archaeology Scotland's *Adopt a Monument Scheme*, a similar programme has now been launched for Ireland. The Heritage Council in partnership with Archaeology Scotland and Abarta Heritage, are developing a pilot Adopt a Monument scheme that will be carried out over 2016. Five archaeological or cultural sites with opportunity for significant community engagement will be selected for participation in this scheme.

The Adopt a Monument Scheme aims to empower communities to become actively involved in the conservation and interpretation of local archaeological and heritage sites. The scheme will provide expertise, mentoring and support to community groups to help them to care for their local heritage.

The Adopt a Monument Scheme has the potential to become a vital cog in the protection, engagement and promotion of Ireland's heritage. It is a new way of bringing monuments and local heritage from the periphery into the heart of a community. As identified by Archaeology Scotland, the Adopt a Monument scheme can provide a powerful mechanism to connect monuments with communities for the benefit of both. For participants and communities the Adopt a Monument Scheme offers opportunities to work collaboratively together as a community, to get active and participate in community development, to boost regional tourism and business and employment opportunities and to develop and understand the story of their locality. For the monuments, the scheme has the potential to ensure ongoing maintenance and care, greater protection through increased civic value, and much higher standards of interpretation and understanding.

The Adopt a Monument programme is here to help you get involved with your local heritage. While we do have limited spaces on this pilot scheme, we want to hear from anyone who would like play a leading role in conserving a monument that they feel passionate about. Please do get in touch by visiting our website: [heritagecouncil.ie](http://heritagecouncil.ie)

Closing date for applications is 22/01/2016. Please email completed application forms and any accompanying files to [\*\*adoptamonument@heritagecouncil.ie\*\*](mailto:adoptamonument@heritagecouncil.ie)

**GROUP:**

Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lead Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of the group (*where possible include assigned roles such as Project Manager, Treasurer, Secretary*) Also include (if applicable) any group members previous community experience and involvement in other community projects and organisations such as *Tidy Towns* etc:

**MONUMENT:**

Name of Monument: \_\_\_\_\_

Townland and County where the monument is located: \_\_\_\_\_

SMR number of Monument (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

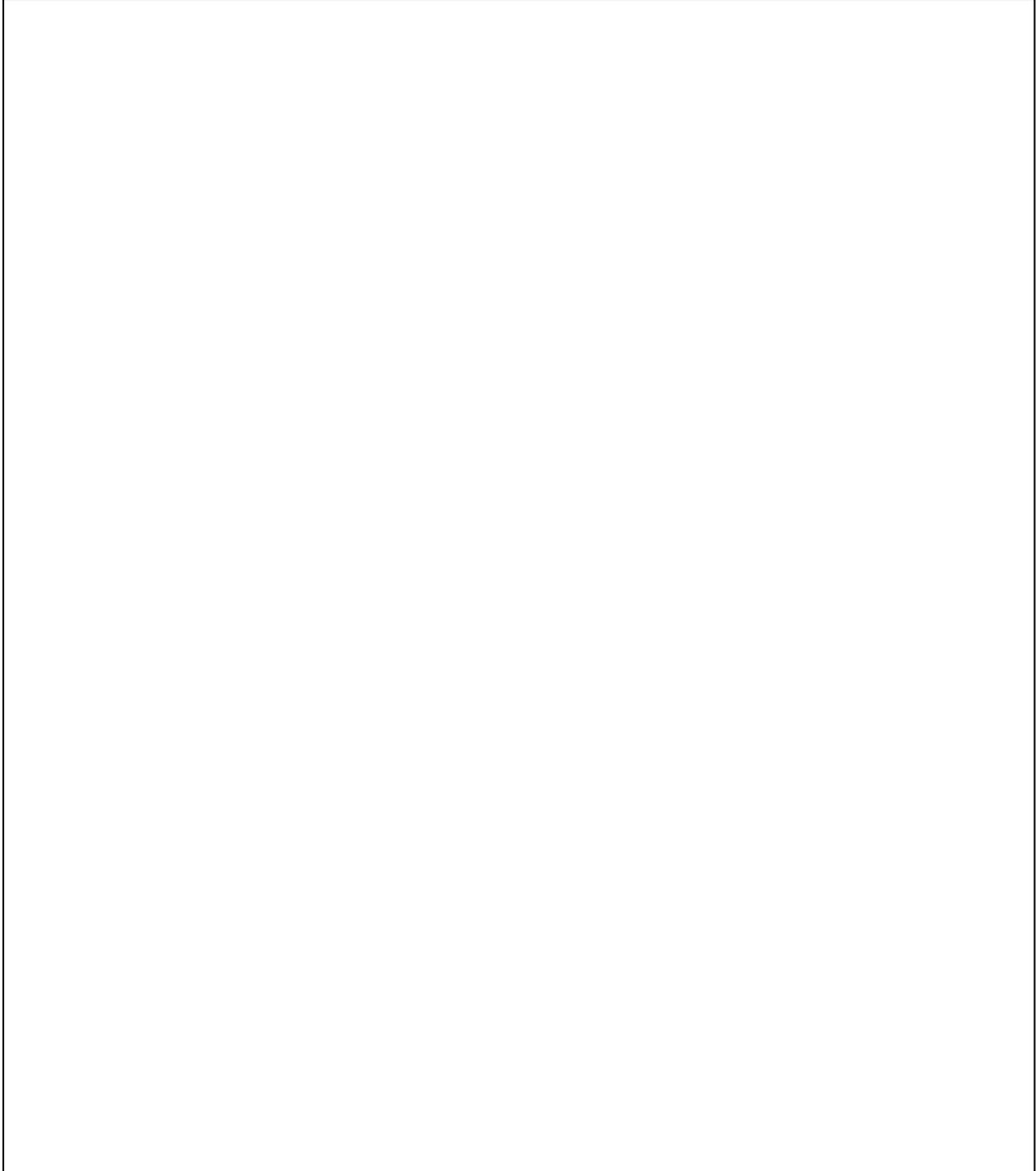
Present Condition of the Monument: \_\_\_\_\_

Ownership of Monument: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the Landowner given his/her permission? (A letter of support from the owner or in the event of the monument being a local authority owned site, a letter of support from the local Heritage Officer can be included with the application form): \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of the Monument (please attach a location map and any suitable images). Further information on archaeological monuments and best practice can be found at [archaeology.ie](http://archaeology.ie) which is the website of the National Monuments Service Department of Arts Heritage and the Gaeltacht.

Please include a brief outline that describes why your monument is suitable for selection in the Adopt A Monument Scheme and how you believe that the scheme will benefit the monument and the community in the future (*400 words max*):



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