

Wicklow Community Archaeology Service



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How to Find Archaeological Monuments in your area
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Introduction

Hi my name is Yvonne Whitty and I have the privilege of introducing myself as Community Archaeologist for County Wicklow.

The Wicklow Community Archaeology Service will offer professional archaeological support to both established and emerging community groups. The service aims to encourage and develop community-led initiatives, such as “Archaeology in Your Parish” projects, and to assist local communities in the management and conservation of archaeological monuments in public and private ownership.



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Role of Community Archaeologist

In collaboration with Heritage Officer Deirdre Burns, I will work alongside existing networks and community groups to support locally-led archaeological projects, promoting a conservation plan-led approach. This collaborative effort aims to make a lasting impact and to give our shared heritage the attention and care it deserves.

There are numerous funding opportunities available through the Heritage Council and the Community Monuments Fund. I will be available to advise and assist groups with funding applications, and to support the successful delivery of projects where applications are approved.

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Aughrim Granite Headstone, Preban Graveyard.



Neolithic Rock Art, Preban Graveyard.

How to research archaeological monuments in your locality:

Online Sources

www.Logainm.ie

www.archaeology.ie

www.excavations.ie

www.heritagemaps.ie



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What is the Archaeological Survey of Ireland?

- Maintained by the National Monuments Service (NMS) under the *Historic & Archaeological Heritage and Misc. Provisions Act 2023*.
- Statutory inventory of all known archaeological sites in Ireland.



How to Access the Data:

- Free online map: **Historic Environment Viewer**. There is also a step-by-step guide which you can download on how to access the data.
- Shows each recorded monument's location, description & legal status.



Where the Information Comes From:

- Field surveys by NMS & contractors.
- Licensed excavation reports.
- Academic and local-history publications.
- Public discoveries reported to NMS.



Time-Period Coverage:

- Core focus: sites pre-AD 1700.
- Also includes selected post-1700 features of high heritage value.



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Why the Inventory Matters:

- Primary evidence base for planning, research & heritage management.
- Data checked and updated continuously to refine site boundaries and interpretations.



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Your Role – Public Participation:

- Check the Viewer first for existing records.
- If you know of an unrecorded site, download the Monument Report Form and email it to **nationalmonuments@housing.gov.ie**.
- Public submissions improve the national record and help protect heritage.



Historic Environment Viewer (HEV)

National Monuments Service

Introduction

- Managed by the Department of Housing, Heritage and Local Government
- Provides access to Archaeological Survey of Ireland & NIAH records
- Built with ESRI ArcGIS Online Web App Builder
- Accessible via desktop, tablet, and smartphone



Historic Environment Viewer (HEV)

Core Features:

- Navigation tools: Zoom, My Location
- Search Bar for SMR, NIAH, townland, class, etc.
- Interactive pop-ups with detailed records
- Historic Map Swipe tool for side-by-side comparison



Historic Environment Viewer (HEV)

Scale and Coordinates:

Map includes numeric and metric scale

- Coordinates shown in ITM (Irish Transverse Mercator)
- Click map to retrieve specific coordinates



Historic Environment Viewer (HEV)

Data Access and Customization:

- Layer List: Toggle layers, labels, transparency
- Legend shows currently active layers
- Basemap Gallery includes historic and satellite maps



Historic Environment Viewer (HEV)

Widgets Overview:

- Select: Highlight & export records
- Query: Filter by attribute or spatial location
- Draw & Measure: Annotate and measure map features
- Measurement: Area/Line tool with unit options
- Attribute Table: View and filter records in table view



Historic Environment Viewer (HEV)

Additional Links and Notes:

- Links to NMS, NIAH, and Wreck Viewer
- Data continuously updated



Project Ideas

- What are the archaeological monuments in your parish or townland?
- Can you visit these with landowner permission and do an audit of these sites?
- Are there any stray finds recorded from the National Museum in your parish?

Let me know if you have any project ideas and I can help you.

Drop me a line at yvonnewhitty@gmail.com



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Thank you!

Please drop me a line on [yvonnewhitty@gmail](mailto:yvonnewhitty@gmail.com) for any further information.



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