

# ARFORDIR - COASTAL HERITAGE

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'Arfordir', or 'Coastline', is a project which has been set up to record, understand and monitor changes in the coastal heritage.

Arfordir is a Cadw grant aid and PCNPA funded project designed to identify, monitor and record archaeological and historical sites within the coastal zone that are under threat of erosion from tidal action, and other forms of damage resulting from the effects of visitors and livestock erosion or changes in use. The project aims to enable interested community groups and individuals to take an active role monitoring and recording threatened sites and identifying new sites with minimal input from the professional sector.

Volunteers will work alongside professional archaeologists who act as 'mentors', providing training, advice and assistance. It is expected that local residents and regular users of the coast will already know of sites that are under threat from erosion, and with regular monitoring of the coastline numerous new sites will also be identified. The project also gives scope for some follow-up work to investigate threatened sites.

The project is being organised by Dyfed Archaeological Trust and the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority and receives funding from Cadw and the National Park Authority. Gwynedd Archaeological Trust and Glamorgan Gwent Archaeological Trust are also running parallel projects within their areas.



*Pembrey Harbour,  
Carmarthenshire*



*Crocksydam Iron Age Promontory  
Fort, Pembrokeshire*

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## GET INVOLVED

The pilot year started with the creation of display panels, website, recording forms and recording manual. A number of introductory talks were set up to discuss the aims of the project with interested volunteers and to get feedback on how members of local communities could assist in the recording and monitoring of known coastal heritage sites. These meetings were followed up by guided walks, to demonstrate a range of archaeological sites and how to identify them, and training sessions on recording techniques. These have been carried out in Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire, and more talks and walks will be set up in Ceredigion for this year.



*St Ishmael Investigations, Carmarthenshire*

In 2009 two sites were identified for further archaeological investigation using volunteer support; West Angle Bay medieval cemetery in Pembrokeshire and St Ishmael Deserted Medieval Village in Carmarthenshire. The St Ishmael site was investigated in February 2010 and West Angle Bay in May 2010.



*West Angle Bay Investigations, Pembrokeshire*



*Guided Walk, Nabhead, Pembrokeshire*

For further information and information on up-coming talks, lectures, investigations, site walkovers etc, please see the Dyfed Archaeological Trust website:

<http://www.dyfedarchaeology.org.uk/arfordir/arfordir1.htm>

