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5. Please select the following topics that you wish to make a submission \*

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Yes

No

7. Please enter your submission in no more than 4000 plain text characters. \*

Fifteen to twenty tours pass through Headford every day at the height of the tourist season on their way to Cong and Ashford Castle but they don't stop here as they are only given information about Cong. Headford is an area of immense historical value with Ross Errilly Friary a mile from town (described by experts as the best preserved monastic ruin of its size and type in Ireland) Ballycurrin lighthouse on Lough Corrib (the only lighthouse on an inland waterway in Europe). The area is also known for its Ring and Hill Forts, Cilliní, Blessed wells, 5th& 6th centuries Church Ruins, Mass Rocks and Megalithic tombs dating from 3500 BC. To change this situation and use our amenities to their maximum we wish Galway Co. Co. to look into providing a building in the town for use as a Tourist Information Office and a cabin/unit at Ross Errilly Friary as a base for guides for the Friary which will be manned by members of our historical society. Tourism is one of Ireland's most important economic sectors. According to estimates in 2018, out of state (Overseas and Northern Ireland) tourists generated €5.6 billion for the Irish economy. This figure rises to €7.3 billion when fare receipts to Irish carriers are included. Domestic tourism was worth €2 billion, meaning the sector as a whole was worth €9.4 billion to the economy. Headford comes under the remit of Galway East Tourism and get no help from them, while Ross Errilly gets a mention on their web site all they've done is copy a short Wikipedia statement about Headford mentioning Headford Mart which we do not classify as a tourist attraction. Galway West Tourism which covers (Galway City and Connemara) send countless busses through our area every day to start their tours of North Connemara and the Joyce country in Cong village and Ashford Castle but Headford is not on their agenda so they just pass through. All we are asking for is your help to give us a fair crack of the whip and an equal opportunity to tap into this wealth which will benefit not alone our local area but the county as a whole.