HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT
SCOTLAND IN NUMBERS

- Protects 56,000 sites/places
- 336 sites in our care
- Spends more than £87 million on the historic environment a year
- Provides grants of more than £14 million a year
- Supports over 12,700 full time equivalent jobs (direct)
- Informed by at least 1.6 million pieces of information in the HE record
- Attracts 4 million visitors a year
- £32 million a year spent with Scottish suppliers and contractors
- Involves more than 300 volunteers - generating reciprocal benefits
- Generates £430 million for Scotland’s economy (direct)
Who we are

We are the lead public body for Scotland’s historic environment. We are a charity dedicated to protecting Scotland’s places now and sustaining the historic environment and its benefits for future generations as part of a thriving and dynamic nation. We are the lead body for delivering Scotland’s historic environment strategy Our Place in Time, working with our partners to understand, protect and share the immense value the historic environment generates.

Our vision:
We want Scotland’s historic environment to be cherished, understood, shared and enjoyed with pride, by everyone.

Our Corporate 2016-19 Plan, For All Our Futures, is available at historicenvironment.scot and Our Place in Time is available at gov.scot

Our mission:
- To enhance knowledge and understanding of Scotland’s historic environment
- To protect, conserve and manage the historic environment for the enjoyment, enrichment and benefit of everyone – now, and in the future
- To share and celebrate our cultural heritage with the world
OUR COMMITMENTS FOR 2017/18

LEAD

We support, empower and collaborate with others to secure the brightest future for our nation’s historic environment.

• Realising the Value of Scotland’s Historic Environment
• Collective Stewardship
• Addressing the Impact of Climate Change
• Strengthening Communities

UNDERSTAND

We increase knowledge and understanding of the historic environment through investigation, research, recording and collecting.

• Researching and Investigating
• Building Scotland’s National Record of the Historic Environment
• Sharing Knowledge
• Improving Access to Information and Data

PROTECT

We enhance the protection of the historic environment through regulation, conservation, collection and investment.

• Managing Properties in Care and Associated Collections
• Enabling Change in Scotland’s Historic Environment
• Investing in Scotland’s Historic Environment
• Increasing the Quality and Availability of Skills
VALUE

We promote the value of the historic environment through enhancing access, interpretation, education and learning, outreach and skill-sharing.

• Growing Tourism through our Attractions and Experiences
• Supporting and Enabling a Sense of Place
• Delivering Education, Training and Learning
• Promoting Heritage for All

PERFORM

We are a high performing organisation that is well equipped to meet day-to-day challenges, and to improve the way we work and the quality of services we provide.

• Enhancing our Customer Focus
• Promoting Equality
• Building a Strong Organisation
• Reducing our Carbon Emissions
By working with our partners in the public, private and voluntary sectors to successfully achieve our strategic outcomes and objectives, we will contribute to the achievement of the Scottish Government's Strategic Objectives and the National Outcomes in Scotland Performs.

**Annual Operating Plan Summary**

**WORKING WITH OTHERS**

- Wealthier and Fairer
- Smarter
- Healthier
- Safer and Stronger
- Greener

**OPiT Sector Priorities**

- Cross-cutting
- Strategic
- Understand
- Protect
- Value

**HES Priorities**

- Lead
- Understand
- Protect
- Value
- Perform
Our lead, do and enable activities deliver a range of impacts for the people of Scotland as illustrated in the chart below.

### Priorities
- Lead
- Understand
- Protect
- Value
- Perform

### Outputs
- Lead delivery of OPiT
- Research and information to improve sector evidence base
- Increased heritage contribution to economy
- Increased visitor numbers
- Enhanced visitor experiences for all
- Community Empowerment
- Conservation of Properties in our Care
- Grant investment
- Skills and training
- Climate change advice
- National Record of the Historic Environment
- Mainstreamed equality and diversity

### Outcomes
- Enhanced economy
- Enhanced wellbeing
- Enhanced communities
- Enhanced environment
- Reduced CO₂ emissions
- Enhanced understanding and value of the historic environment
- Recognition as lead public body for the historic environment in Scotland
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