

SCOTLAND'S HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT IN NUMBERS 2018

CROSS CUTTING - STRATEGIC

£4.2bn 

Generates £4.2bn for Scotland's economy in 2017 (increased from £3.4bn in 2014).

66K 

Supports 66K full time-equivalent jobs (direct and induced) in 2017 (increased from 55K in 2014).

50% 

Enhances lives: those who visited a historic site were over 50% more likely to report a high life satisfaction.

12th out of 50 

Scotland is ranked 12th out of 50 nations for its reputation of being rich in cultural heritage.

£1.2bn 

An estimated £1.2bn (including grants) was spent on repairing and maintaining the historic environment in 2017 (up from £1bn in 2014). Private investment accounts for three quarters of all funding for the historic environment. The main public and voluntary sector funders are:

- £28m Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)
- £96m Historic Environment Scotland (HES)
- £60m National Trust for Scotland (NTS)
- £57m Local Authorities

UNDERSTAND - INVESTIGATE & RECORD

1.8m 

Informed by at least 1.8m pieces of heritage information (up from 1.6m in 2016). This comprises 332K in the National Record of the Historic Environment in Scotland (Canmore) and 1.5m National Collections Catalogue records held by HES.

1 in 5 (483K) 

One in five (483K) of Scotland's dwellings are more than 99 years old (built pre-1919).

56K 

More than 56K protected places:

- 6 World Heritage Sites
- 8,000 scheduled monuments
- 47,000 listed buildings
- 363 Gardens and Designed Landscapes
- 8 Marine Protected Areas
- 8 Scheduled wrecks
- 668 Conservation Areas
- 40 Historic Battlefields
- 40 National Scenic Areas
- 2 National Parks

PROTECT - CARE & PROTECT

67% 

67% of pre-1919 housing stock is in need of critical repairs (which refers to weather tightness and structural stability). This has reduced from 74% in 2008.

83% 

83% of scheduled monuments are perceived to be in an optimal or generally satisfactory condition.

750 

750 historic buildings on the Buildings at Risk Register (BARR) have been saved between 2009 and 2018 and more than 200 others are in the process of being restored. Almost 2,000 buildings have been saved since 1990 when BARR began.

£132m, leveraging £544m 

Between 2008 and 2018 HES awarded grants of more than £132m that assisted repairs of over £544m, evidencing the leverage that historic environment investment can deliver to benefit local communities. The HLF invested £152m to 693 projects during 2014-18.

VALUE - SHARE & CELEBRATE

18m 

Attracts 18m visitors in 2018 (up from 16m in 2016). In 2017-18 HES welcomed over 5m paying visitors and over 7m visitors to unpaid sites, NTS welcomed 0.6m paying visitors and over 3m visitors to unpaid sites.

35% 

35% of adults had visited a historic site (increased from 28% in 2012).

89% 

89% of adults strongly agreed or tended to agree that "it is important to me that heritage buildings, monuments and places are well looked after."

+ 366K (NTS), 194K (HES) 

Membership of the two largest historic environment organisations has increased steadily over the last ten years.

17K 

Involves at least 17K volunteers – bringing shared benefits to individuals, organisations and communities.

118K 

More than 118K learners benefitted from HES free educational visits in 2017-18. The sector supports PhDs and Apprenticeships to boost skills and capacity.

Data reported are the most up to date available at 2018. Trend data are available in Scotland's Historic Environment Audit spreadsheets at [SHEA 2018](#)