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Scotland's Historic Environment at a Glance:



£6.1bn

was generated for
Scotland's economy



£2.3bn

spent on heritage
tourism



£3.8bn

spent on repair and
maintenance of
pre-1919 buildings



£6.6bn

needed to convert
pre-1919 houses to
be more sustainable



£1.35m

estimated economic
contribution of
volunteers



84,000+

full time equivalent
jobs across the sector



55,000+

protected heritage
places



86%

of people report a
wellbeing benefit
from heritage

Scotland's Historic Environment Audit (SHEA) is a toolbox of research, data and insights in one place, giving everyone involved in the historic environment the evidence they need to explore questions, spot trends and make informed decisions.

SHEA acts as an invaluable resource for decision-making, policy development and advocacy across the historic environment sector and beyond. It also feeds directly into the outcomes of *Our Past, Our Future: the strategy for Scotland's historic environment*.

Data reported in SHEA is the most up to date at time of publication in 2026.
Trend data available in the [SHEA 2026 Spreadsheet](#).