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# DESIGNATIONS TEAM 3 YEAR PLAN REPORT 2016-19



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## SUMMARY

This is a report by Historic Environment Scotland's Designations Team about work undertaken during the Designations Three Year Plan 2016-19.

Information about designations can be found at: <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/listing-scheduling-and-designations/>

## SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR WORK IN 2016-19

- We introduced service standards to provide a responsive and timely service to the public. We aim to complete external applications for listing and scheduling cases in 6 months; and inventory cases in 9 months. We also aim to notify owners within 5 days of a decision involving a statutory change to a designation.
- Following public consultation, we revised our designation policies and selection guidance and published the Designation Policy and Selection Guidance in 2019.
- We completed around 6000 designation cases, which has improved the quality of our designation records.
- We completed 26 designation projects, involving partners and stakeholders to ensure that aspects of our heritage such as the First World War, designed landscapes, urban heritage, Scottish courts, and prehistoric sites in northern Scotland have appropriate recognition.
- We engaged with communities and stakeholders by organising events to ensure that our work meets public expectations.
- To help the public to participate in our decision-making, we improved our application form and developed online mechanisms to invite comment on designation consultations.
- We introduced images for all our new records, and maps for listed building records.
- We updated our booklets about designation to help the public understand them better.
- We are monitoring the effectiveness of changes in the law in 2015 that introduced a right of appeal for listing and scheduling decisions.
- We report annually on our progress in the Historic Environment Scotland Planning Performance reports.



Above: The remains of a medieval canal leading into Loch na h-Airde on the Rubh'an Dunain peninsula, Skye. This site became a scheduled monument in 2017. View from above the canal towards the sea ([SM13676](#)). Below, Cables Wynd House, Leith is among the best of Scotland's post-war mass urban housing schemes. It was listed at Category A in 2017 ([LB52403](#)), CC BY-SA 2.0 Tom Parnell.



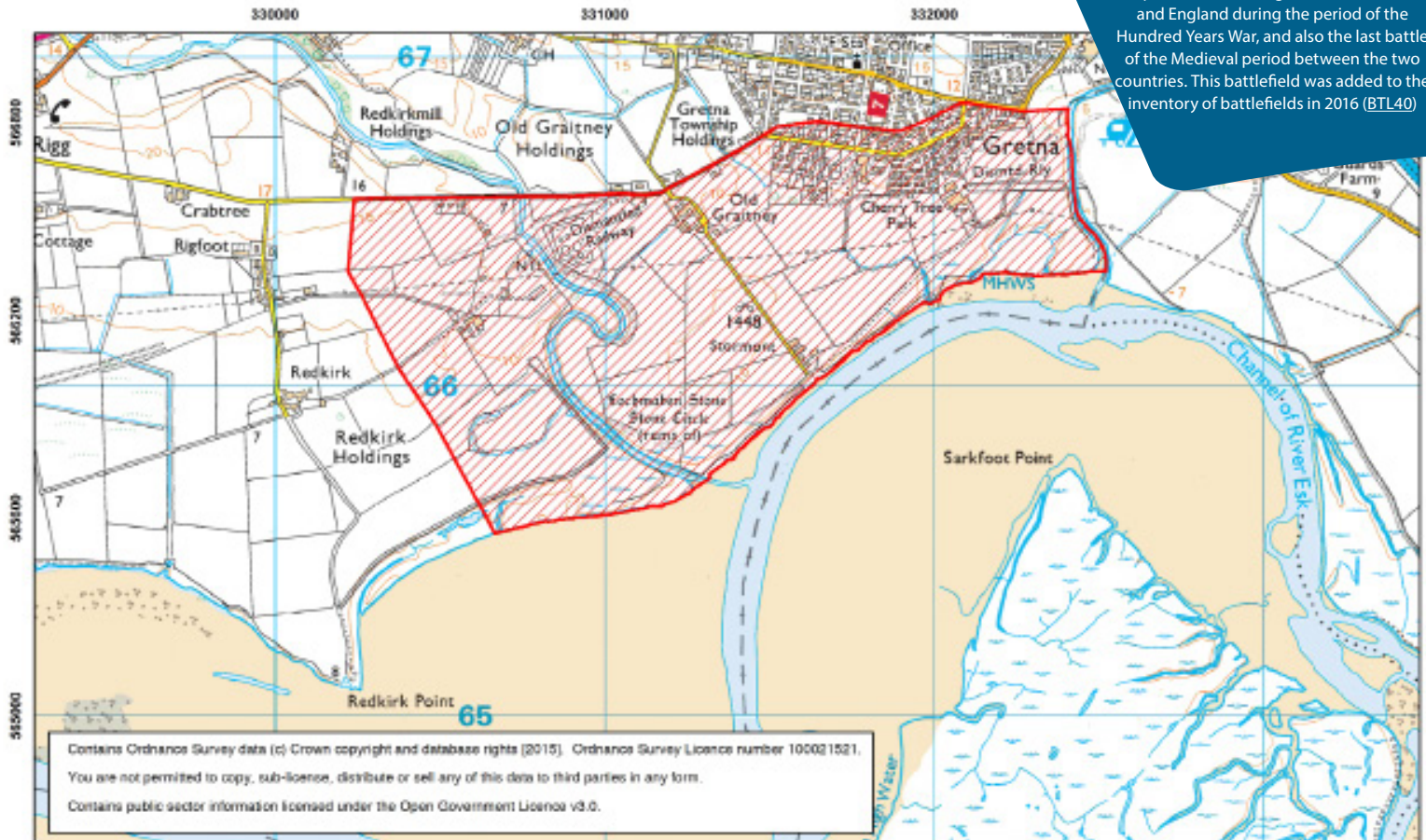
# The Inventory of Historic Battlefields - Boundary

Sark

23 October 1448

Local Authority: Dumfries and Galloway

The Battle of Sark occurred in 1448 and is the final pitched battle fought between Scotland and England during the period of the Hundred Years War, and also the last battle of the Medieval period between the two countries. This battlefield was added to the inventory of battlefields in 2016 (BTL40)



Below: St Andrews Botanic Garden was added to the inventory of gardens and designed landscapes in 2016. It is recognised for its outstanding and diverse horticultural collections, its research and educational programmes, and for its historic continuity, documentation and plant recording since its inception in 1889 ([GDL00405](#)).





Above: The wreck of the Clydebuilt paddle steamer Iona I, Firth of Clyde, was designated as a Historic Marine Protected Area in 2016. It is of national importance as the well-preserved wreck of a Clydebuilt 19th-century passenger paddle steamer purchased by Confederate agents to run the blockade of Southern ports during the American Civil War (HMPA 8), © CSG CIC Glasgow Museums Collection.



Below: Our updated leaflets about listing, scheduling, the inventory of gardens and designed landscapes, the inventory of historic battlefields, and historic marine protected areas are available from our website.

## DESIGNATIONS AT A GLANCE 2016-19

	New designations	Amended designations	Removed designations	Online supplementary information updated	Spatial data updated	Net change to numbers on the Schedule, List, Inventories etc
Scheduled monuments	93	245	187	147	1050	-94
Listed Buildings	133	413	582	1004	755	-449
Inventory Gardens and Designed Landscapes	4	14	22	28	0	-18
Inventory Battlefields	1	1	0	4	0	1
Historic Marine Protected Areas	1	0	0	0	0	1

Above: Changes completed during the period 1/1/2016 to 31/12/2019. The reduction in numbers of scheduled monuments and listed buildings is primarily a result of the dual designation project, where the designation of buildings and monuments which were both listed and scheduled, have been reviewed, and the dual status removed so that each building or monument is either a listed building, or a scheduled monument, rather than both.

## OUR 3-YEAR PLAN 2016-19 - ACHIEVEMENTS

Our aim	Corporate plan theme	What we aimed to do in 2016-19	What we achieved
Promote the value of designation and provide expert advice	Value – Share and celebrate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage with local authorities and other stakeholders</li> <li>• Contribute to conferences and seminars</li> <li>• Develop our website content</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held seminars in 2018 to inform revisions to designation policy</li> <li>• Organised events with local authorities to encourage participation in the Thatch project Western Isles; Cables Wynd listing, Leith; Aberdeen multi-storeys; and the Scapa Flow and Queen of Sweden marine cases.</li> <li>• Consultation cases added to HES Portal to enable comments by the public from May 2019.</li> </ul>
Continue to innovate and look for efficiencies and develop open and accountable decision-making with clear and accessible documents	Protect – Protect and care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to the replacement of the Scottish Historic Environment Policy</li> <li>• Monitor our online services and seek customer feedback</li> <li>• Add photographs to new and revised designation records where appropriate</li> <li>• Monitor how the 2015 legislation changes are working</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historic Environment Policy for Scotland (HEPS) and Designation Policy and Selection Guidance published in 2019.</li> <li>• Portal survey undertaken and changes implemented.</li> <li>• Simplified designation application form published in 2018.</li> <li>• Images added to records from 2016 onwards.</li> <li>• Maps added for listing records from 2016.</li> <li>• 9 designation appeals determined by DPEA since legislative changes (all dismissed).</li> </ul>
Provide a responsive and timely service	Perform	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop service standards for designation requests and monitor their introduction</li> <li>• Focus our input to where it will add value</li> <li>• Continue to seek out efficiencies</li> <li>• In 2019 publish how we delivered this 3 year plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We introduced service standards. In 2019, we handled 76% of external applications within the target period (the target was 80%) and 97% of notifications within 5 days (the target was 90%).</li> <li>• Our new business planning and case triage procedures help to ensure that we are prioritising our work.</li> <li>• Since Nov 2019, cases are handled digitally to minimise use of paper and double-handling.</li> </ul>



<p>Continue to build relationships and develop collaborative partnerships with stakeholders</p>	<p>Lead – Lead and enable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work in partnership with stakeholders</li> <li>• Encourage the value of our involvement at the earliest stage of development proposals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We completed 26 designations projects, many with partners and stakeholders.</li> <li>• We revised our designation policy to highlight the importance of early engagement with development proposals and designation.</li> </ul>
<p>Celebrate Scotland's designated heritage</p>	<p>Value – Share and celebrate</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage with social and traditional media</li> <li>• Revise our booklets about designations</li> <li>• Continue to produce free publications</li> <li>• Continue to produce retail publications</li> <li>• Contribute to the centenary of WWI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular social media and Historic Scotland magazine presence.</li> <li>• Designation booklets revised in 2016 and 2019.</li> <li>• Booklet about Drill Halls published in 2018.</li> <li>• We published the retail publication Building Knowledge: an architectural history of the University of Edinburgh in 2018.</li> <li>• We completed the First World War designations project in 2019.</li> </ul>

## FURTHER INFORMATION

See our website <https://www.historicenvironment.scot/advice-and-support/>

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