



The Role of RCAHMS

The role of the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS) is:

- to identify, survey and interpret structures and places which it considers to be of historical, archaeological or architectural interest,
- to record and retain information obtained in its survey role
- to establish, care for, preserve and add to a collection of objects of historical, archaeological or architectural interest,
- to manage as a national resource the information and collection of objects held by it, having particular regard to objects pertaining to Scotland,
- to ensure that the objects in its collection are exhibited to the public and interpreted in such manner as RCAHMS considers appropriate
- To ensure that the information collected by it is made available to the public and interpreted in such manner as the RCAHMS considers appropriate,
- to ensure that the objects in its collection, including the information collected by it, are made available to individuals seeking to examine them in connection with study or research,
- to give advice and assistance as appropriate to other persons in relation to compiling, maintaining and improving records of structures and places in Scotland which are of historical, archaeological or architectural interest,
- to give guidance as appropriate to other persons in relation to the functions of RCAHMS
- to provide education and carry out research relating to the functions of RCAHMS.

RCAHMS carries out these functions with a view to:

- encouraging and enabling as many people as possible to access the resources held in its collection,
- promoting the public's enjoyment and understanding of those resources.

RCAHMS provides Scottish Ministers, as required or appropriate, with advice on any matter relating to its functions.