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Introduction

This is a working document produced by Historic Scotland for internal use across the agency in response to *Carved Stones: Scottish Executive Policy and Guidance* (Historic Scotland 2005). The document expresses the ideas that are current at any time. It will be used to inform the Historic Scotland corporate planning process, which is where any statement of formal intent will be found. As a working document, this is subject to regular change and updates.

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Matrix of agenda areas and HS teams that need to play a role

	HPG: Collect- ions	HPG: Inspect- orates	HPG: Policy	HPG: Strat. Planning Unit	HPG: Grants	PIC: IU	PIC: Ed	PIC: Cons	TCRE	Press Office	Key Part- ners
A Policy, Guidance and statutory protection		x	x	x							
B Communication understanding and awareness	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	RCAHMS CSA NCCSS
C Interpretation, education and outreach	x	x	x			x	x	x	x	X	RCAHMS CSA
D Funding		x	x		x						
E Monument management and conservation	x	x						x	x		RCAHMS NCCSS
F Research	x	x	x			x		x	x		RCAHMS NCCSS ARIA
G Training	x	x				x	x	x	x		

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A Policy, guidance and statutory protection

<i>Agenda</i> ¹	<i>Priority</i> ²	<i>Strategy</i> ³
1. HS Policy and guidance	Urgent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Ensure Policy is up to date and embodies best conservation practice. ⇒ Identify what supplementary guidance is required, programme and provide.
2. Scale, nature, significance and legal status of different areas of resource	Necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Explore with RCAHMS and others how reviews of individual categories of carved stone might be best undertaken. Quality and reliability of extant data needs to be improved.
3. Appropriate protection of most significant examples of carved stones	Necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Identify significant omissions, informed by above. ⇒ Seek views of NCCSS meantime.
4. Use of existing legislation.	Necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Review, informed by A2 and A3, of whether available forms of designation are being used to best effect, and identify what, if anything, may be falling outwith terms of available legislation. ⇒ Review and learn from practice in other countries, including other parts of the UK ⇒ Consider what revisions to future legislation might be appropriate. ⇒ Clarify which types of works on or to a carved stone (e.g. rubbing, taking presses, deturfing) require prior SMC or LBC. Communicate this to AM Inspectors and LA Conservation Officers, with training if necessary.
5. Setting	Necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Develop better tools for assessing setting issues associated with different categories/contexts of carved stones. In case of prehistoric rock art, for instance, how to ensure appropriate associated qualities of surrounding landscape ('unaltered topography' and natural aspects of sites) are taken into consideration?
6. Action Plans for carved stones by local government and other national bodies	Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Encourage others to develop Action Plans for carved stones in their areas/responsibility, through COSLA, ARIA and Scottish Museums Council, to include recognising the powers that the AMAAA 1979 gives local authorities.

¹ Defined as gaps to address

² Urgent, Necessary and Desirable define, in relative terms, the priority for addressing Agenda items.

³ Statement of methods

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B Communication, understanding and awareness

<p>1. Promotion of conservation, recording, monitoring and interpretation work by Historic Scotland and others in Scotland on carved stones.</p>	<p>Necessary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Promote Scottish work on carved stones to wider and international audience, to encourage others and share our expertise and experience ⇒ Development of communication strategy by Press Office, in liaison with Carved Stones Working Group, to include promotion of HS Policy and Guidance. ⇒ Development of publication strategy for HS carved stone publications (in all formats) ⇒ Enhanced development and use of HS website ⇒ Staff publications in others' publications ⇒ Presentations and posters at conferences and seminars, etc ⇒ Enhanced development and promotion of HS photographic resources, for use by internal and external customers ⇒ Enhanced interpretation of and at relevant PIC and their collections ⇒ Enhanced development and use of PIC Collections database. ⇒ Enhanced use of internal Carved Stones Distribution List.
<p>2. Promotion to wider audience of what is significant about carved stones in Scotland.</p>	<p>Necessary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ As above
<p>3. Utilisation of existing interest and expertise of other bodies in promoting the interests of carved stones</p>	<p>Desirable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Continue to support the work of the NCCSS in raising awareness of carved stone issues in general. ⇒ Continue to support the work of the CSA Carved Stones Advisor Project with regard to graveyards and gravestones. ⇒ Continue to develop and regularly update HS carved stones website regarding work of others, particularly Contacts.
<p>4. Availability of information and advice.</p>	<p>Necessary</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Audit what information and advice is already available from HS and others and identify gaps in coverage. ⇒ Support the work of the NCCSS in identifying and developing issues requiring attention from HS (and others). ⇒ Identify which is the most appropriate body to produce what is missing; fill those gaps that fall to HS. Liaise with/encourage others to fill gaps, where they are the more appropriate body to do so.

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5. Targeting information and guidance	Necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Identify target interest groups for each area of carved stones (eg different categories of landowner/manager), or specific types of guidance (eg funding or technical information), and design/target further information and guidance accordingly.
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C Interpretation, education and outreach

1. Support for learning and teaching in Scottish schools	Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Work with LTScotland and EEBL to develop and produce education resource materials which will provide guidance on the use of carved stones to support the Scottish schools' curriculum. ⇒ Work with local teachers, ranger services and HS staff to explore the potential for development of educational activities for schools in relation to the interpretation of carved stones at education focal sites and at other sites in the immediate locality. ⇒ Promote examples of good practice on the website.
2. Support for lifelong learning	Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Work with Community Learning and Development, local interest groups and HS staff to explore the potential for development of community learning activities in relation to the interpretation of carved stones at education focal sites and at other sites in immediate locality. ⇒ Promote examples of good practice on website.
3. Role of HS Monument Wardens	Necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Continue to use MW programme to make owners/occupiers aware of significance of carved stones, threats to them and options for improved management. Ensure MW have the training and tools for this.

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4. Community involvement, including sustainable tourism	Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Continue to support the CSA Carved Stones Advisor Project with regard to gravestones and graveyards. ⇒ Explore options with CSA, ARIA and IHBC for encouraging greater community participation in the conservation, etc of carved stones. ⇒ Promote case studies and sharing of experience. ⇒ Explore how the relationship between sustainable tourism and carved stones can be nurtured, cf Scandinavian prehistoric rock art projects.
5. Access	Necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ PIC: ensure all carved stones are accessible to interested visitors, by appointment if necessary. Make arrangements for alternative interpretation when PIC carved stones are temporarily moved/covered up. ⇒ Make digital and decimated 3D scanned images from HS archives accessible from the website for schools, public and academic study. ⇒ Access by special arrangement to view stones undergoing conservation at HSCC (including more use of Open Door-type days?)
6. PIC Collections and database	Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Explore how Collections database can become more widely accessible to those with an interest in carved stones. ⇒ Explore options for exhibitions (real and virtual).

D Funding others

1. Funding by HS	Urgent-Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Identify how/if HS funds might be better targeted towards carved stone projects, to include ensuring information about applicability of HS grants for carved stone projects is available and accessible to all. ⇒ Explore options for ring-fencing of HS grants for specific categories of management projects, ie more thematic approach to promotion and offering of grants.
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2. Funding by others	Necessary-Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Identify relevant non-HS funding bodies that have the potential to support carved stones projects. ⇒ Explore how/if more use can be made of agri-environment schemes. ⇒ Ensure this information is widely available and accessible to all.
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E Monument Management and Conservation

1. National review of conservation needs and identification of priorities for action	Urgent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Liaise with appropriate partners to establish scale of conservation needs for individual carved stones resources and identify priorities for action (latter to also take into account relative significance of monuments). Incorporate and build on existing HCSS knowledge-base of sites throughout Scotland. ⇒ Explore option of targeted programmes of proactive HS management action (see D1). ⇒ Explore how/if above might more readily involve TCRE on-site technical expertise at non-PIC, for more specialised needs.
2. Minimum standards for recording and monitoring of condition of carved stones.	Necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Identify what are the appropriate types of recording required to baseline survey and then monitor carved stones for changes in condition at mega, macro and micro levels. Address archiving of records. Discuss with RCAHMS and NCCSS. ⇒ Develop and promote guidelines for external use.
3. Programmes for recording and monitoring of condition of carved stones.	Necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Identify mechanisms for effecting the baseline survey, monitoring and reporting of specific targets and (sample of) all categories of monuments in line with above. ⇒ Liaison between HS and RCAHMS to avoid unnecessary duplication of recording effort. ⇒ Clarify role of Monument Wardens with regard to recording and monitoring of scheduled carved stones, especially at mega and macro level. (e.g. Carved Stone Decay Project)

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4. Active intervention by others.	Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≡ Distinguish necessary conservation works that require specialist conservation skills and those where, for instance, amendments in land management or non-technical interventions, would bring an immediate benefit. ≡ Explore options for promoting more work of a non-technical nature by individuals and local communities, etc. ≡ Encourage others to identify which important carved stones are loose and vulnerable; encourage appropriate action to secure their long-term future. Explore with NCCSS how their role in this respect might be developed.
5. HS as example of best practice	Necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≡ Ensure HSCC and PIC practice is in line with present HS guidelines. ≡ Ensure needs of all PIC carved stones are identified in Condition Surveys. Review existing records and seek to ensure that all PIC carved stones are fully recorded to appropriate baseline standard, giving priority to those that are in external/exposed locations. ≡ Clarify nature and content of HSCC monitoring programmes and their relationship to the Condition Surveys and works programmes. ≡ Ensure that before moving and/or enclosing a carved stone that an appropriate level of conservation planning is undertaken in advance of this to inform and document the decision-making process. ≡ Provide guidelines for HS Photographers and HSCC on best practice in photography of carved stones, as per SE Policy. ≡ Review and assess HS archiving procedures (eg for record of work undertaken at PIC) with NMRS. ≡ Disseminate case studies.
6. Historic Scotland Estate	Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ≡ Within terms of Historic Scotland policy of the time, ensure that best interests of Scotland's significant carved stones have been recognised.

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7. Recording of carved stones (for purposes other than condition)	Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Give RCAHMS the opportunity to record when carved stones are being moved and/or they are the more appropriate body to record the sculptures at a given level. Extend same privilege to others preparing national corpuses, etc. ⇒ Advise RCAHMS of relevant SAM that are priorities for recording, including PIC.
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F Research

1. Learning from others	Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Regularly compare and contrast HS practice with what happens in other countries, and what other Scottish bodies do.
2. Future research on practice of conservation of carved stones	Necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Identify where further research is required to address conservation practices for different types/categories of carved stone (eg through literature review, internal discussion, NCCSS, ARIA, and other umbrella conservation bodies). Commission, grant-aid or otherwise support appropriate research. ⇒ Ensure, eg through literature review, that there is no duplication of research that has been undertaken elsewhere and is equally applicable in Scotland.
3. Future research to inform understanding and appreciation of carved stones	Necessary/ Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Note existing research, such as Corpus of Romanesque Sculpture. ⇒ Identify, prioritise and take forward instances where research into the carved stones is needed or desirable to enhance understanding and interpretation of categories of monuments or groups of/individual monuments. ⇒ For PIC, identify significant omissions through ISCS, development of Interpretation Plans, and the establishment of wider research agendas for PIC. ⇒ Encourage wider participation in academic research on carved stones at PIC. ⇒ Encourage submission of more and improved applications to Archaeology Programme through development of Championed Theme [if this model still applies]

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G Training

1. Competence of HS staff	Necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Ensure all relevant staff have the up to date skills and knowledge that they need to undertake their jobs to the highest standards. ⇒ Ensure all relevant staff aware of HS carved stone policy and guidance. ⇒ Identify core skills needed and by whom. ⇒ Assess requirements and identify/arrange appropriate training.
2. Establish in Scotland appropriate interest and locally-available expertise in carved stones	Desirable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ TCRE interns and fellowships. ⇒ Attendance of HS staff and others at appropriate conferences and training courses in Scotland and abroad. ⇒ Professional accreditation through the UKIC or other professional bodies is desirable as a mandatory requirement for anyone involved in the conservation of stones. Mechanisms to support this.

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ACTION PLANS

Carved Stones in General

<i>Action</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Timing⁴</i>	<i>Lead party</i>	<i>Status</i>
1. Complete and publish revised policy	A1	Mar 05	AMD (SMF)	Printing end March 2005, distribution thereafter as part of communications strategy.
2. Audit existing HS and non-HS guidance and publications (subject, target audience), identifying gaps that HS needs to fill and other might be encouraged to fill	A1, B4	Necessary	AMD TCRE	Ongoing (Lisa Perry and Moira Willis, TCRE)
3. Review of how appropriate existing legislation is for carved stone interests, and consistency of its application	A4	Necessary	AMD HB	Best considered as part of a forthcoming review of legislation as a whole, rather than treating carved stones in isolation. HB is reviewing with OSSE procedures for listing at present, and this will take into account the important/implications for carved stones.
4. Audit existing HS research on carved stones (TCRE, PIC, AMD), identify gaps that HS needs to fill and develop research programmes, as appropriate (eg specific conservation issues, or national overviews of condition of the resource)	B1, F2, F3	Urgent 2005/6?	TCRE PIC AMD	Forum for exploration of this issue to be identified. Desirable to begin discussions late in 2005/6.
5. Develop HS communication strategy for carved stones, including website and publications , to include promotion of what is significant about carved stones in Scotland	B1, B2, C5	Urgent	Press Office	Press Office developing a project brief. Once this has been agreed, a sub-set of Carved Stones Working Group will seek to develop strategy. Will seek to link to work of RCAHMS.
6. Develop strategy for	B1, C5	Necessary	AMD:	Collections Unit in discussion with

⁴ This 'wish list' is a working document. Gaps in timescale indicate that relevant parts of Historic Scotland have yet to plan to include this in their annual work programmes, after consideration alongside their other priorities. The HS Carved Stone Working Group (with members from AMD, HB, PIC: Conservation, PIC: EU, PIC: IU, and TCRE) is the forum for regular review and update of this Action Plan.

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future enhanced use of Collections database			Collections Unit	Press Office about select use of Collections database on website.
7. Develop strategy for enhanced HS photographic library regarding carved stones	B1	Necessary	AMD: Photographic Library	
8. Review overall role of MW with regard to carved stones	C3	Necessary	AMD	
9. Review and disseminate information on existing funding sources	D1, D2	Urgent	AMD HB	Guidance on HS grants already exists. HS/CSA has published information on grants for graveyards. Information will be published as part of 2005 policy, and on website.
10. Explore options and strategy for enhanced protection and management of carved stones (particularly prehistoric rock art) through agri-environment schemes.	D2	Necessary - desirable 2005/6	AMD	Discussions needed with Jonathan Wordsworth of CSA after publication of policy document.
11. Explore options for more targeted use of AMG.	D1	Urgent-desirable	AMD	Present AMG budget holder is not supportive of this idea.
12. Review how non-HS parties can more readily access necessary technical advice and practitioners.	E1	Urgent	TCRE	
13. Develop and promote minimum standards for recording and monitoring of condition of carved stones, to include more thorough review of 3D scanning as means of accurately recording carved stones and monitoring their decay.	E1, E2	Urgent	TCRE AMD	Stephen Gordon and Audrey Dakin of TCRE have drafted initial proposals 11 February 2005). These will be used to inform a proposed workshop with RCAHMS (2005) that will seek to firm up all outstanding issues regarding recording, including respective roles of HS and RCAHMS (eg with 3D scanning).
14. Develop guidance, creative ideas and support material to help rangers and teachers to support different areas of the curriculum.	C1, C5	Necessary - Desirable	PIC: EU	Patricia Weeks, PIC N Education Officer will be taking the lead in all education proposals relating to carved stones. A resource pack for Whithorn is proposed.
15. Review training needs of staff.	G1	Necessary	Carved Stones Working Group	Note RCAHMS willingness to contribute.
16. Encourage NCCSS to	E4	Desirable	AMD	It has been suggested to NCCSS that

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consider how needs of loose and vulnerable sculpture can be better addressed				this is an important issue that they are well-placed to consider. SMF preparing background briefing for NCCSS,
17. Review non-HS expertise and how this can be enhanced.	G2	Desirable	TCRE AMD	Voluntary sector: ongoing support of CSAP project, but need to review (in 2005/6) future options for carved stones that are <i>not</i> gravestones. Technical sector: TCRE to advise.
18. Review and improve mechanisms for communication between HS and RCAHMS	E7	Necessary	AMD	Invite RCAHMS representatives to attend periodic meetings of HS Carved Stones Working Group. Collections Unit to be asked to confirm that they will provide contact point for advising RCAHMS of movement of PIC carved stones. Inspectors to be asked to remind RCAHMS of when they are aware of non-PIC carved stones being moved or presenting good opportunities for recording.

Prehistoric rock art

<i>Action</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Lead party</i>	<i>Status</i>
19. National review of scale, nature, significance and legal status of resource, linking to ongoing EH initiative	A2	Urgent	AMD	Explore options with RCAHMS 2005/6; aim to scope and produce costed bid by September 2005.
20. National review of state of resource, identification of priorities for action, and establishment of long-term recording and monitoring, etc programmes. Identify work that HS might take forward and work that falls to others. Identify where non-specialist intervention could make an immediate or significant difference.	E1, E3, E4	Urgent	TCRE AMD	Explore options 2005/6. Link to above.
21. National review of protection of resource	A3	Necessary	AMD	
22. Setting: develop guidelines for assessment	A5	Necessary	AMD	

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23. Estate interpretation plan(s)	B1	Necessary	PIC: IU	Not a priority at present.
24. Identify specific conservation-oriented research requirements	F2, F3	Necessary	AMD, PIC and TCRE: 'HS Research Committee'	Necessary research topics include: What is significant around carvings? Impact of removal of turf on archaeology and condition of stone surfaces. Benefits or otherwise of surrounding vegetation, drainage, etc. Pros and cons of winter covering of rock surfaces, as in Scandinavia. Bedrock conservation, including vertical surfaces - what are the outstanding conservation issues that require researching?

Early medieval sculpture⁵

<i>Action</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Lead party</i>	<i>Status</i>
25. National review of scale, nature, significance and legal status of resource, linked to active proposals for early medieval sculpture corpus	A2	Urgent 2005/6	AMD	RCAHMS has produced listing of early medieval sculpture that should provide baseline for this. SMF has applied for Archaeology Programme funds to augment this data, identifying those sculptures that from their location are most likely to remain at risk and therefore require assessment. Work with RCAHMS to scope and produce costed bid for future project by September 2005.
26. National review of state of resource, identification of priorities for action, and establishment of long-term recording and monitoring, etc programmes. Identify work that HS might take forward and work that falls to others. Identify where non-specialist intervention could make an immediate or significant difference.	E1, E3, E4	Urgent 2005/6	AMD TCRE PIC	On basis of 13 and 25 , case to be made for assessment, to professional standard, of condition of at risk sculptures, leading to prioritised recommendations for future action by HS and others, as appropriate. Aim to develop proposals in 2005/6. Note: Collections Unit work on risk assessment may also be relevant.
27. National review of protection of resource	A3	Necessary	AM HB	
28. Setting: develop guidelines for	A5	Necessary	AM	

⁵ Note ongoing and planned PIC interpretation work at Whithorn, St Vigeans and Meigle.

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assessment				
29. Identify specific research requirements	F2, F3	Necessary	All	

Architectural sculpture

<i>Action</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Lead party</i>	<i>Status</i>
30. National review of scale, nature, significance and legal status of resource	A2	Necessary	AMD HB	Note ongoing British Academy Corpus of Romanesque sculpture. RCAHMS and HS need to identify and explore the priorities beyond this.
31. National review of state of resource, identification of priorities for action, and establishment of long-term recording and monitoring, etc programmes. Identify work that HS might take forward and work that falls to others. Identify where non-specialist intervention could make an immediate or significant difference.	E1, E3, E4	Urgent-Desirable	TCRE AMD HB	
32. National review of protection of resource	A3	Necessary	AMD HB	
33. Clarify and communicate internally existing HCSS monitoring programmes and their relationship to PIC work programmes	E5	Necessary	HSCC/PIC	
34. Review HS survey archive with NMRS	E5	Necessary	PIC	Long-term goal.
35. Identify specific research requirements	F2, F3	Necessary	All	

Architectural fragments

<i>Action</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Lead party</i>	<i>Status</i>
36. National review of scale, nature, significance and legal status of resource	A2	Necessary	AMD HB	For PIC, ongoing survey addresses this in part
37. National review of state of resource, identification of priorities for action, and establishment of long-	E1, E3, E4	Urgent-Desirable	TCRE AMD HB	Note PIC ongoing risk assessment of its collections, and limited recording of condition as part of its inventorisation programme.

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term recording and monitoring, etc programmes. Identify work that HS might take forward and work that falls to others. Identify where non-specialist intervention could make an immediate or significant difference.				
38. National review of protection of resource	A3	Necessary	AMD HB	
39. Identify specific research requirements	F2, F3	Necessary	All	

Gravestones⁶

<i>Action</i>	<i>Agenda item</i>	<i>Timing</i>	<i>Lead party</i>	<i>Status</i>
40. National review of scale, nature, significance and legal status of resource	A2	Necessary	AMD HB	Ongoing CSAP TCRE and RCAHMS propose joint working on Graveyards Inventory
41. National review of state of resource, identification of priorities for action, and establishment of long-term recording and monitoring, etc programmes. Identify work that HS might take forward and work that falls to others. Identify where non-specialist intervention could make an immediate or significant difference.	E1, E3, E4	Urgent-Desirable	TCRE AMD HB	Ongoing CSAP. Analysis is needed of Carved Stone Decay in Scotland project data (TCRE developing proposals), ditto CSAP graveyard data (ongoing 2005)
42. National review of protection of resource	A3	Necessary	AMD HB	
43. Estate interpretation plan(s)	B1	Necessary	PIC: IU	Not a priority at present.
44. Identify specific research requirements	F2, F3	Necessary	All	
45. Graveyards resource pack for schools	C1, C4	Desirable	PIC: EU	To be considered in ongoing discussions between HPG and EU about securing meaningful place for the historic environment in schools curricula.

⁶ AMG 2005/6 includes bid for work to graveyards in Dumfries and Galloway.