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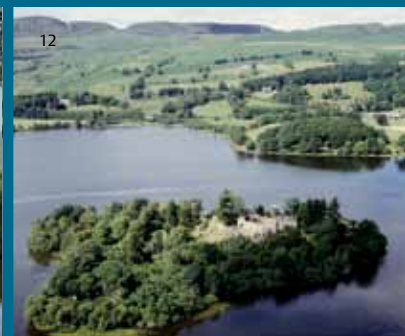
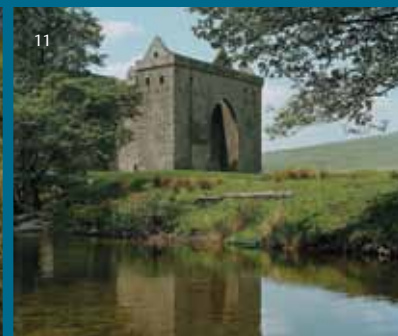
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Historic Environment (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2011

To Owners, Occupiers and Managers of Scheduled Monuments

Our records show that you own, occupy or manage a scheduled monument or monuments.

We are writing to let you know that the Historic Environment (Amendment) (Scotland) Act 2011 has recently been passed by the Scottish Parliament. The provisions of the Act will be brought into force by the Scottish Ministers on specific dates later this year. Information on the precise timing will be announced in due course and will be posted on the Historic Scotland website.

The Act includes some changes to the law relating to scheduled monuments, for example:

- It modifies the defences regarding designated sites so that a lack of knowledge can only be used as a defence if the person can show they took all reasonable steps to find out whether there was a scheduled monument in the area affected by unauthorised works;
- It increases the maximum level of fines to £50,000 on summary conviction for unauthorised works to a scheduled monument;
- It modifies the power of entry to allow excavation without the need for consent where the monument is at risk of imminent damage or destruction; and
- It introduces enforcement powers to stop unauthorised works to a scheduled monument and to allow for remedial action where reasonably practicable to do so.

Further information on all the changes can be found in Historic Scotland's education booklet '**Managing and Protecting our Historic Environment: What is changing?**'.

This can be accessed at www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/historicenvironment.pdf

Our booklets **'A guide to scheduled monuments: a guide for owners, occupiers and managers'** and **'Metal Detecting, Yes or No?'** will also be updated later this year to reflect the changes in the Act. These can be accessed at: www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/freepublications

Maps and information about individual scheduled monuments can be viewed online on Historic Scotland's data website at: <http://data.historic-scotland.gov.uk>. Here you can download maps and copies of the legal documentation for scheduled monuments.

If you do not have internet access, or would prefer a hard copy of any of these documents, please contact us at the address below and we will be happy to send them to you.

If you no longer own, occupy or manage a scheduled monument or monuments, or you believe our information is inaccurate in any other way, please notify us and we will update our records accordingly.

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1. Ring of Brodgar, Orkney
2. Stones of Stenness, Orkney
3. Urquhart Castle, Highlands
4. Sweetheart Abbey, Dumfries and Galloway
5. Mousa Broch, Shetland Islands
6. Orchardton Tower, Dumfries and Galloway
7. Unstan Chambered Cairn, Orkney
8. Stones of Stenness, Orkney
9. Excavation at Links of Noltland, Orkney
10. Searchlight Battery, Cloch Point, Inverclyde
11. Hermitage Castle, Scottish Borders
12. Inchmahome Priory, Lake of Menteith, Stirlingshire