
Historic Scotland grants in relation to graveyards or burial grounds

This leaflet provides information on Historic Scotland grants for ancient monuments and historic buildings and how they apply to graveyards and gravestones.

The following *Graveyards and Gravestones Electronic Leaflets* are free and can be downloaded from Historic Scotland's website: **www.historic-scotland.gov.uk**

1. Working in a scheduled or listed graveyard or burial ground
2. Good practice in maintaining a historic graveyard
3. Looking after gravestones
4. Health and safety in historic graveyards: guidance for visitors and owners
5. Health and safety in historic graveyards: guidance for works teams and volunteer workers, including volunteer surveyors
6. Short guide for cemetery managers: emergency measures for historic memorials
7. Historic Scotland grants in relation to graveyards or burial grounds
8. Abandoned structures within graveyards

To obtain copies of all Historic Scotland publications referred to in this leaflet, including free leaflets, e-mail hs.conservation.bureau@scotland.gsi.gov.uk or telephone 0131 668 8638. Useful publications include *Conservation of Historic Graveyards: Guide for Practitioners 2* (£19.50) and *The Conservation of Architectural Ancient Monuments in Scotland: Guidance on Principles* (£5.50).

1. Ancient Monument Grant

Although there is much competition for the funds available, you may apply for Ancient Monument Grant for one-off works aimed at conserving monuments or ruinous structures in a graveyard. Works might include repair of an important gravestone or conservation of an abandoned church, for example. Applications can be made by the owner, or a third party who has the consent of the owner to undertake works. In the first instance, you should consult the Ancient Monument Inspector for the area concerned (write to Historic Scotland at the address given at the end of this leaflet or ring 0131 668 8600 and ask for the Ancient Monument Standing Building Inspector for the local authority area concerned).

You can also obtain a free leaflet, *Grants for Ancient Monuments. A Guide to Grants Available for the Preservation, Maintenance and Management of Ancient Monuments*, from Historic Scotland.

2. Management Agreement

A Management Agreement is an option for long-term or repeated work at an ancient monument. It can embrace one-off works, such as boundary repair, but will always include maintenance works that need to take place over an extended period. A Management Agreement must be with the owner (or tenant) of the land in question. You should consult the Ancient Monument Standing Building Inspector for the local authority area concerned.

Neither of the above is a substitute for the routine works of maintenance that a local authority or other responsible owner ought to be undertaking themselves at graveyards they are responsible for. However, Ancient Monument Grant can be used to subsidise conservation works of a specialist nature that extend beyond this remit.

3. Historic Building Repair Grant

Historic Scotland can award grants for conservation and repair works to structures which are assessed as of outstanding architectural and/or historic interest and structures within a conservation area classified as outstanding. Most commonly, in the context of graveyards, these grants are for repairs to mausolea and boundary walls. Competition for grant assistance is very keen. Further particulars can be obtained from the Grants Enquiry Section of Historic Scotland (telephone 0131 668 8801 or e-mail hs.grants@scotland.gsi.gov.uk).

4. Timing of grant-aided works

You should not begin any works funded by Historic Scotland until you have obtained all necessary associated consents for the work (see also *Graveyards and Gravestones Electronic Leaflet 1*).

5. Conservation Plans

We recommend that you prepare a Conservation Plan as part of any application for funds (see section 3 of *Gravestones and Graveyards Electronic Leaflet 2*). This is a structured way of thinking about a site to assess why it is significant, and what should be done as a result of this significance. For advice on how to prepare a conservation plan see the Historic Scotland free booklet *A Guide to the Preparation of Conservation Plans* (available for download from the Historic Scotland website). A Conservation Plan can be particularly useful for graveyards where there may be many elements of significance – archaeological, architectural, natural and historical – all of which should be retained. *Conservation of Historic Graveyards. Guide for Practitioners 2*, Appendix B, contains a conservation plan template tailored for graveyards.

A Conservation Plan is a prerequisite for Heritage Lottery Fund funding.

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