

# HISTORIC BUILDING RECORDING



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## INTRODUCTION

Over the last 15 years Headland has built up a reputation for working with historic buildings in the heritage sector and as part of the planning process. Projects across the UK have developed our experience in everything from medieval castles to 19th century vernacular buildings including military, industrial and polite architecture as well as historic infrastructure projects such as harbours, railways, canals and bridges.

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## RAPID ASSESSMENT AND ADVICE

In our experience many clients simply want to know whether to buy or invest in a property and what the risks are.

Our assessments offer a fast and efficient service and usually involve:

- a rapid site visit to assess the property
- a brief search of the archives
- a short response outlining potential issues and likely cost scenarios

We will also consult and negotiate with local and national government agencies and provide feedback to your project team.

## HISTORIC BUILDING ASSESSMENT

As a result of new planning guidance building assessments are more commonly required to support planning or listed building consent applications. Typically, using clients' existing drawings wherever possible, we would address the Local Planning Authority's brief as follows.

- visual inspection of affected structures
- brief documentary search using easily accessible records
- assessment of the relative significance and phasing of the property
- production of a short illustrated report

Based on our experience a well-produced assessment can save financial burdens at later stages of a project so we aim to work with our clients with an eye on the longer term.

## HISTORIC BUILDING RECORDING AND ANALYSIS

If the development will have a significant impact on an historic building there are various levels of recording the Planning Authorities might ask for. These can range from a rapid photographic survey to a full drawn record of the structure, its fixtures and fittings. The strength of our survey team enables us to select the most cost-effective techniques for any project whether this be laser scanning, EDM survey or hand recording.

## CONSERVATION PLANS

We provide a product that is easy to use, focussed and cost effective. Our reports draw on input from relevant specialists such as ecologists and conservation architects and have been implemented by some of our clients immediately.

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

**PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD** In house capability to provide a full range of archival and controlled photography including medium format and digital.

**PRECISION SURVEY** Full reflectorless survey capability by Total Station.

**HAND MEASURED SURVEY** Hand measurement and analysis of timber and stone historic buildings. Level of record tailored to meet the significance and level of impact to structures.

**LASER SCANNING** In house capability to record, process and analyse detailed laser survey data and produce all necessary illustrations, imagery and interactive platforms.

## EXPERIENCE

client	project name	services provided
Bath & NE Somerset CC	Bath Spa Project	consultancy & mitigation for complete refurbishment
Defence Estates	Barry Buddon training centre	assessment of military sites
Edinburgh City Council	The Well House, Edinburgh	full recording of medieval gate house
English Heritage	Clun & St Briavels Castle	conservation plan of scheduled monuments – medieval
English Heritage	Kenilworth, Goodrich & Wigmore Castle	consultancy, survey and analysis of medieval castles
English Heritage	Mortimers Cross Mill, Leominster	scheduled medieval industrial heritage
Hepworth	Mount Pleasant Works, Woodville, Derbyshire	victorian industrial heritage
Hereford Cathedral	Cathedral Barn, Hereford	analysis of timber framed buildings (lottery funded)
Herefordshire Council	Masters House, Ledbury	timber framed buildings; medieval buildings; renovations project
Herefordshire Council	Rotherwas Industrial Estate, Hereford	detailed survey and analysis of ammunitions site
Historic Scotland	Kisimul Castle, Barra	building recording and interpretation – medieval castle
Historic Scotland	Sunnybrae Cottage, Pitlochry	recording, research and publication – vernacular building
Malcolm Fraser Architects	Madelvic Automobile Works, Granton	detailed metric survey and report – industrial complex
National Roads Authority, Ireland	Galway to Ballinsloe Road Scheme	detailed recording of railway line, bridges and buildings
Ponders End Investments Ltd	Stoneypath Towerhouse, East Lothian	detailed survey and report of medieval towerhouse
Richard K Morris	Seven Stars, Ledbury	rescue recording of fire damaged buildings – timber framed building
Scottish Maritime Museum/National Historic Ships	The City of Adelaide, Ayrshire	laser scan of 19th century emigrant clipper ship
St Helena Government	St Helena	conservation management plan – harbour
Terrace Hill Ltd	Waverley Mill, Galashiels	detailed metric record of 22 mill buildings
The Hebrides Trust	Upper Square Hynish, Tiree	detailed survey of a lighthouse shore station

## KEY STAFF

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Tim has a first degree at Sheffield University Holden followed by a Masters and PhD from the Institute of Archaeology, University of London. In 1996 was a co-founder of Headland Archaeology Ltd where he is still a Director. He is the author of a number of publications on Historic Buildings including two Historic Scotland Technical Advice. He has undertaken or managed numerous building recording projects including medieval, vernacular, farm, military and industrial buildings.

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Andy has been involved in field archaeology since 1986 during which time he has managed and published a wide range of projects including numerous Historic Buildings. Andy has an extensive knowledge of scientific techniques used on archaeological sites and is a recognised expert in geophysical survey including ground penetrating radar for buildings. He has provided consultancy input into work on a large number of scheduled and Grade 1 listed properties, has also given evidence at public inquiries as an expert witness and completed conservation plans on a number of prestigious sites including the wharf improvement at St Helena, Clun Castle and St Briavels Castle.

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Magnar is also one of Headland Archaeology's founding members and has over 30 years working experience in building survey and excavation. Magnar is also the Technical Services Manager, leading the team maintaining and developing new procedures and hardware to improve the quality and efficiency of our work. He has been the driving force behind promoting laser scanning and photogrammetric techniques for maritime and historic building recording.

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