

Chapter 5

Conclusions

158. The process undertaken for this report has allowed us to begin to move from anecdote about the state of the historic environment towards a sound evidence-base.

159. This report has made good progress in identifying available data and in identifying the gaps in our knowledge base, providing a robust basis for the next steps set out at the end of chapter 1.

160. Historic Scotland undertakes the audit of the historic environment to provide information to the wider sector. The audit is a long-term project, the next phase of which is to identify management indicators that will allow us to develop our knowledge of the sector in order both to care for it better and to monitor its condition and our care for it over time.