

## Crookston Castle Signage schedule 2015-16


### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Interpretation Unit wishes to install new interpretation panels at Crookston Castle to a) replace outdated and faded cast metal plate signage and b) address major gaps in the on-site interpretation. Note that there are currently no interpretation panels at this site, so it is very under-interpreted at the moment.
- 1.2 High quality interpretation delivers on the key outcome of the Historic Environment Strategy, *Our Place in Time*, 'to ensure that the cultural, social, environmental and economic value of Scotland's heritage makes a strong contribution to the wellbeing of the nation and its people'. Following the principles and standards outlined in Historic Scotland's Interpretation Strategy, *The Magic of the Real*, the new interpretation will allow visitors intellectual access to Crookston Castle – communicating the many stories we have to tell about this fascinating site, while enhancing the visitor experience and creating a sense of place.
- 1.3 Historic Scotland Cultural and Natural Resources Team (CNRT) have been fully consulted in the development of this signage schedule, balancing the need for increased and improved interpretation with the sensitivities of the site and its setting. CNRT has assessed the scheme, sign by sign, in relation to the cultural significance of the castle, advising us of constraints and sensitivities. As a result:
- Existing panel locations will be reused where possible
  - Any new panel locations will be guided by CNRT to minimise and monitor archaeological disturbance
  - The panels will be designed using recessive colours from the Historic Scotland colour palette to minimise visual intrusion
- 1.4 The signage schedule has been developed in line with the Historic Scotland Signage Design Manual, which aims to achieve uniformity across the estate to create the best possible first impression, meet DDA requirements and achieve a uniformity in design and installation which will assist with the replacement and maintenance of signage and interpretation in the future.



## 2.0 Scope

- 2.1 The scheme involves 6 no. new panels, some of which replace existing cast metal plates. These address a number of gaps in the onsite-interpretation. As mentioned above, all locations have been identified in consultation with CNRT.
- 2.2 The scheme involves the removal of x no. existing cast metal plates from the site.



## 3.0 Signage schedule

Code	Topic	Location	Type & size	Fixings	Location shot
CRK01	The early castle	On approach to ditch – note existing plinth to be moved to new location so that this is easier to access, and so that visitors have a view of the ditch while reading.	W2 custom, plinth-mounted panel (500x410x20)	To be screw fixed to existing stone plinth through clear acrylic backing panel.	





					 <p>Existing location makes this plinth difficult to access.</p>
CRK02	Intro and orientation	NW of castle, within ditch enclosure	W2H, A1 cairn-mounted panel (840x594x20)	To be screw fixed to new rubble-built cairn through clear acrylic backing panel. Note cairn required a 300mm deep found to an overall depth of 450mm.	



CRK03	A vital store	Cellar	W2G, A2 wall-mounted panel (594x420x20)	To be screw fixed into existing mortar joints through clear acrylic backing panel. Note cast metal plate to be removed from blocked archway.	
CRK04	Feasts and banquets	Lower hall	W2H, A1 wall-mounted panel (840x594x20)	To be screw fixed into existing mortar joints through clear acrylic backing panel.	




CRK05	WWII story	Lord's chamber	W2C wall-mounted panel (300x225x20)	To be screw fixed into existing mortar joints through clear acrylic backing panel. Note existing cast metal plate to be removed.	
CRK06	MQOS story	Roof of central tower	R1 rail-mounted panel (1200x485x25) with custom made clamps for fixing to rectangular rail (56x9mm)	Fix to railings using custom-made clamps provided	




CRK07a	H&S message	Replacing temporary dibond sign at top of ladder with more durable pvc version	Custom W2 wall-mounted panel (355x255x20)	To be screw fixed to existing backing board through clear acrylic backing panel.	
CRK07b	H&S message	Replacing temporary dibond sign at top of ladder with more durable pvc version	Custom W2 wall-mounted panel (355x255x20)	To be screw fixed to existing backing board through clear acrylic backing panel.	



CRK07c	H&S message	Replacing temporary dibond sign at top of ladder with more durable pvc version	Custom W2 wall-mounted panel (355x255x20)	To be screw fixed to existing backing board through clear acrylic backing panel.	
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#### 4.0 Existing panels to be removed

4.1 As part of these works, the following cast metal plates should be removed:

	Description	Location	Location shot
1	Existing cast metal plate on plinth	Next to ditch – note plinth to be relocated and reused.	
2	Existing cast metal, replaced by new interp panel (CRK03 above)	Cellar	





3	Existing cast metal, replaced by new interp panel (CRK03 above) – removes interpretation from feature in stonework.	Cellar	
4	Existing cast metal, replaced by new interp panel (CRK03 above) – again, this removes the interpretation from feature in stonework.	Cellar	

## 5.0 Appendices

5.1 The following supporting material has been provided:

- Plan showing locations of new panels
- Relevant drawings and specification documents