

Whithorn Priory
Signage schedule for replacing external panel within Graveyard
2015-16

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Interpretation Unit wishes to replace the interpretation panels at Whithorn Priory, which are out-of-date, off-brand and extremely faded.
- 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 Whithorn Priory – 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 Environment Scotland's 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 priory, 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 Environment Scotland Signage Design Manual, which aims to achieve uniformity across the estate to create the best possible first impression, meet access standards and achieve a uniformity in design and installation which will assist with the replacement and maintenance of signage and interpretation in the future.

	Location	Type & size	Fixings	Location shot
WHI1	<p>New relocated position on grass bank by driveway to church.</p> <p>Replace panel.</p>	A1, W2H panel to fit onto existing or new base.	<p>Following discussions, it was agreed the panel should run parallel to the path, 300mm from the edge, and raised at an angle of 30 degrees.</p> <p>Existing plinth will be assessed for reuse potential in new location. If existing plinth is reused, additional stone section will be fixed below to raise inclination to 30 degrees. Board fixing would be as existing maintaining a stone margin.</p> <p>Alternatively if new plinth is required, a monolithic design will be adopted with a single large block of stone cut so the top surface is set at 30 degrees and dimensioned to exactly correspond with the board size so there is no perimeter stone margin. Note if stone availability / weight for handling precludes use of a single block of stone, 2 sections will be used, dowelled together.</p>	

