

Whithorn Priory
Signage schedule for replacing panels
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- 1.1 The Interpretation Unit wishes to replace the interpretation panels at Whithorn Priory, which are out-of-date, off-brand and extremely faded.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 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.