

## What?

Historic monuments are the remains of homes and burial places of our ancestors. They survive in the landscape as earthworks with banks and ditches, mounds, stone structures and buildings, groups of standing stones, stone heaps and ruined walls.

## How?

Only through properly controlled archaeological excavation can the information to reconstruct a site or to relate it to similar sites elsewhere be recovered.

## Why?

They contain much information about the way of life of the people who built them. In them may be remains of houses, workshops, hearths and objects ranging from things in everyday use like knives or clay pots, to special ritual objects placed in graves. Food remains, like animal bones, are important indicators of diet and health as well as husbandry. Soil samples can be analysed and the results tell us about the past climate, which crops were grown and what weeds and trees grew locally.



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