

What will the police need to know

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Who

- Who is reporting the incident – are you a witness, a passer-by or a victim of the crime or incident?
- Are you reporting as a person responsible for the historic building or location?

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What

- Tell – Provide a brief outline of what has happened.
- Explain – Give more detail about what has happened, including any particular threats, vulnerabilities or risks. Has this happened before? Extent or estimated financial value?
- Describe – What can you see? Additional relevant information? **Emphasise the Listed or protected status of building or historic property e.g. Scheduled Monument or Listed Building.**

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Where

- What3Words reference and postcode to ensure you provide the exact location (See <http://www.what3words.com>).
- Anything specific to aid access to the location.
- Anything that you know about where those responsible have gone.

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When

- Provide a timeline, giving between which dates/times the incident happened, if known.
- When was the property or location last checked and known to be secure – is there any CCTV or doorbell camera footage that might assist in pinpointing a more exact time?

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Why

- Any known reason for the crime or suspicious incident taking place.
- Is the crime or incident hate related (based on a person's race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity)?
- Targeted due to heritage value of particular item or the protected status of the building/location.

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How

- Describe how the offenders have accessed historic location and/or direction of travel – including vehicle model / colour / registration number if known.
 - Describe anything left at the scene which may be evidence e.g. clothing, footprints, blood, cigarette butts, cans/bottles, ladders, tyre marks.
- (Do not touch or move. Cover if wet.)

Preventing Heritage Crime

We can all help prevent heritage crime.

If you are the owner or someone who helps care for an historic building or landscape, the Historic England 'Heritage Crime Prevention Measures' guidance document referenced below will help you consider what you can do to prevent future crime.

Please be aware that some actions may require consent, so contact your local authority planning department for advice before undertaking any work which might affect the building or its setting.

Working in partnership with your local policing team to increase the monitoring of historic venues will help them to target criminals and prevent future offences.

For more information please see

<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/caring-for-heritage/heritage-crime/>

Heritage Crime Confident Contact



Postal Address

Post Code:

Emergency Contact Number:

Historic England Asset Reference:

What3Words: e.g. Bread.Butter.Jam

**Preventing heritage crime and protecting our past:
Enabling people to report crime and anti-social behaviour to the police
confidently and accurately.**



For example:

- A crime is being committed or suspects are still nearby.
- You can see something suspicious and you are concerned that the people are still nearby.
- There is a serious risk to a person or property (e.g. someone is being threatened, property is on fire or people are stealing lead from a church roof now).



For example:

- The crime or suspicious incident has already taken place.
- Theft or damage has occurred overnight and it is clear that the suspects are no longer nearby.
- You have information about who committed an offence, or where property is being stored or sold.
- You wish to report ongoing anti-social behaviour.



CrimeStoppers.
0800 555 111
100% anonymous. Always.

For example:

- You wish to report a crime or suspicious incident anonymously.
- You have information about who committed an offence, or where property is being stored or sold.

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use the Textphone Service 18000 – or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service