

A: An Introduction to Historic Environment Records#

Historic Environment Records ([HERs](#)) were originally known as Sites and Monument records ([SMRs](#)) and began life in response to the loss of the archaeological resource through urban and rural development. From their original remit of recording archaeological sites, they have developed to encompass a wider range of information about the historic environment which has been reflected in the change of name from SMR to HER. Today they provide a unique information resource, forming the basis for sustainable conservation and playing an important role in informing public understanding and enjoyment of the local historic environment.

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