

Part.7: Photographing Your Site

This handout accompanies the Home Front Legacy App: Part.7: Photographing Your Site Youtube training video



Stow Maries aerodrome, Chelmsford. © Historic England

Photographs help complement your record and further illustrate your site's location, levels of preservation, and type. As they say a picture speaks a thousand words.

You Will Need

- A digital camera, tablet or phone with an in-built camera
- A notebook

Optional equipment-

- Two 1m ranging poles (Used to show scale in your photographs)
- 30cm ruler or photographic scale (Useful for photographing features up close)

Before taking your site photographs ensure your camera is set to the highest resolution setting and check that the date stamp is turned off.

Taking Site Photographs

The aim is to clearly portray and represent your site and highlight important details and features. Your photographs may be used to determine the condition of your site and its importance.

When taking photographs make sure the structure being photographed is centred in the photograph and not obscured. This will highlight the location and overall condition.

If using scales ensure they are correctly horizontal or vertical and clearly visible in the photograph.



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Keeping a Record of Site Photographs

It is best to keep a record of the photographs you have taken. This allows you to keep track of the photographs you have taken and record any additional information about the photographs.

Make a note of the site name and the date in your notebook. Once you have taken a photograph record the file name and a simple description of what the photograph shows in your notebook.

Example- *Photo-01 DSC00180 North face of accommodation hut, taken facing South.*

This is a good way of keeping track of the photographs you have taken and will make uploading photographs much easier.



Bingham WI Hut ©Chris Kolonko

Hints and Tips

The Home Front Legacy recording app allows you to upload a total of 5 files up to 10mb in size each. Despite this, when on site it is best to take as many photographs as possible. This will allow you to pick and choose the best ones to attach to your record.

It is good practice to take each photograph twice and then check that the photograph has been taken correctly, ensuring the photograph isn't blurred or obscured. If the photograph isn't quite right you can always take another.

Blu-Tack can be used to affix a photographic scale or 30cm ruler to a surface. This is useful when photographing close up details.