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Resource 3: buildings, towns and cities

This guide has been created by Scotland's Urban Past (SUP), a five-year community-engagement project from Historic Environment Scotland.

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Buildings, towns and cities

In this guide you will find information about, and links to, a range of research resources on the design of cities, towns and buildings. The books and journals listed are available in local authority libraries or archives, and the Historic Environment Scotland search room in John Sinclair House, 16 Bernard Terrace, Edinburgh.

Buildings of Scotland

The *Buildings of Scotland* series provides an authoritative gazetteer of the most architecturally and historically significant buildings in each area or city. Each volume begins with an overview of its architectural history, a section on geography and geology, and in-depth descriptions of the most significant buildings. The gazetteer of short descriptions follows arranged alphabetically by settlement (or by area in the Edinburgh and Glasgow volumes). A comprehensive, illustrated glossary and very helpful index conclude the volume.

Be aware that, owing to the publication date of some of the guides, information included may no longer be correct.

The *Buildings of Scotland* series comprises:

- Aberdeenshire: North and Moray (2015)
- Aberdeenshire: South and Aberdeen (2015)
- Argyll & Bute (2000)
- Ayrshire & Arran (2012)
- Borders (2006)
- Dumfries & Galloway (1996)
- Dundee & Angus (2012)
- Edinburgh (1984)
- Fife (1988)
- Glasgow (1990)
- Highlands & Islands (1992)

- Lothian except Edinburgh (1978)
- Perth & Kinross (2007)
- Stirling & Central Scotland (2002)

One further edition, on Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire, will be published shortly.

Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland Illustrated Architectural Guides

The Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland (RIAS) Illustrated Architectural Guides have been published since the mid-1980s. There are more 35 guides, which together almost cover the entirety of Scotland. They overlap to some extent with the Buildings of Scotland series but each generally concentrates on a more focused area.

Conservation Area Appraisals

A conservation area is part of a village, town or city which is deemed to have special architectural or historical significance or character. A Conservation Area Appraisal defines what the special significance and/or character is and describes and illustrates these in detail.

Conservation areas usually include listed buildings. The conservation area status gives a level of statutory protection to the buildings and spaces within it, which are then subject to stricter planning regulations than non-conservation areas.

Conservation Area Appraisal reports can be found on local authority websites.

Reports include:

- [Glasgow conservation area appraisals](#)
- [Kinross conservation area](#)
- [Stirling conservation area character appraisals](#)

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