



Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 46

PART I

ANCIENT MONUMENTS

Public access to monuments under public control

20 Provision of facilities for the public in connection with ancient monuments.

- (1) The Secretary of State [^{F1}and the Commission] and any local authority may provide such facilities and information or other services for the public [^{F2}for or in connection with affording public access]—
- (a) [^{F3}to][^{F3}in or on] any monument under their ownership or guardianship by virtue of this Act; or
 - (b) (in the case of the Secretary of State) [^{F4}to][^{F4}in or on] any monument otherwise under his control or management;
- as appear to them to be necessary or desirable.
- (2) [^{F5}In subsection (1), references to a monument include references to any land associated with the monument.
- (2A) The facilities and services which may be provided for the public under this section include—
- (a) facilities and information or other services for or in connection with affording public access to the monument, and
 - (b) facilities for the sale of goods and the provision of other services.]
- (3) The Secretary of State [^{F6}and the Commission] and any local authority shall have power to make such charges as they may from time to time determine for the use of any facility or service provided by them for the public under this section.

Changes to legislation: Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979, Section 20 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 25 April 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words inserted by [National Heritage Act 1983 \(c. 47, SIF 78\)](#), s. 41, **Sch. 4 para. 46(2)**
- F2** Words in s. 20(1) repealed (S.) (30.6.2011) by [Historic Environment \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(asp 3\)](#), **ss. 8(a)(i)**, 33(2); S.S.I. 2011/174, art. 2, Sch.
- F3** Words in s. 20(1)(a) substituted (S.) (30.6.2011) by [Historic Environment \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(asp 3\)](#), **ss. 8(a)(ii)**, 33(2); S.S.I. 2011/174, art. 2, Sch.
- F4** Words in s. 20(1)(b) substituted (S.) (30.6.2011) by [Historic Environment \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(asp 3\)](#), **ss. 8(a)(iii)**, 33(2); S.S.I. 2011/174, art. 2, Sch.
- F5** S. 20(2)(2A) substituted for s. 20(2) (S.) (30.6.2011) by [Historic Environment \(Amendment\) \(Scotland\) Act 2011 \(asp 3\)](#), **ss. 8(b)**, 33(2); S.S.I. 2011/174, art. 2, Sch.
- F6** Words inserted by [National Heritage Act 1983 \(c. 47, SIF 78\)](#), s. 41, **Sch. 4 para. 46(3)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 20 functions made exercisable concurrently (E.W.) (with effect in accordance with art. 25(1) of the amending S.I.) by [The Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty \(Establishment of Conservation Board\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1777\)](#), arts. 1, **25(2)(xxvii)** (with art. 35)
- C2** S. 20 functions made exercisable concurrently (with effect in accordance with art. 25(1) of the amending S.I.) by [The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty \(Establishment of Conservation Board\) Order 2004 \(S.I. 2004/1778\)](#), arts. 2, **25(1)**, **25(1)**, 25(2)(xxvii) (with art. 35)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 1(3A) inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 20\(b\)](#)
- s. 1AA-1AE omitted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 21](#)
- s. 7(4A) inserted by [2016 anaw 4 s. 10\(2\)](#)
- s. 33(1A) inserted by [2023 asc 3 Sch. 13 para. 35\(a\)](#)