

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT (WALES) ACT 2023

EXPLANATORY NOTES

COMMENTARY ON SECTIONS

Part 2 — Monuments of special historic interest

Chapter 7 — General

Section 63 — Advice and supervision of work by Welsh Ministers

207. **Section 63** allows the Welsh Ministers to provide advice about the treatment of any monument of special historic interest (subsection (1)) or to supervise any work in connection with a monument of special historic interest if invited to do so by the owner (subsection (2)). However, they must supervise work in connection with a scheduled monument, if they consider it advisable (subsection (3)). Cadw, acting behalf of the Welsh Ministers, employ regional inspectors of monuments and field monument wardens who undertake regular visits to discuss and advise on the management and conservation of scheduled monuments with their owners and/or occupiers.
208. Although the provisions allow the Welsh Ministers to recover the costs of such advice or supervision (subsection (4)), they have rarely done so. The discussions with Cadw inspectors and field monument wardens are more likely to include advice on the availability of financial support for any required expenditure, including from the Welsh Ministers under section 62.