

Searching the Historic Environment Record online

The Shropshire Historic Environment Record (**HER**, also known as the Shropshire Sites and Monuments Record or **SMR**) is a continuously expanding resource covering all aspects of the historic environment. It includes not only archaeological sites, finds and features, but also historic buildings, structures and landscapes. The HER is compiled and maintained by the Historic Environment Team at Shropshire Council. It covers the whole of the historic county of Shropshire, including Telford and Wrekin.

The HER is based around a database linked to computer-based mapping. It holds core data such as location, type, period or date for each "Monument", "Event" (archaeological surveys, excavations etc.). Additionally it indexes available "Sources" (documents, books, articles etc) held by the HER and by other organisations. The HER also holds extensive supporting collections of ground and air photographs, survey reports and plans, and a large library of unpublished, "grey literature" reports, mainly generated by the planning process.

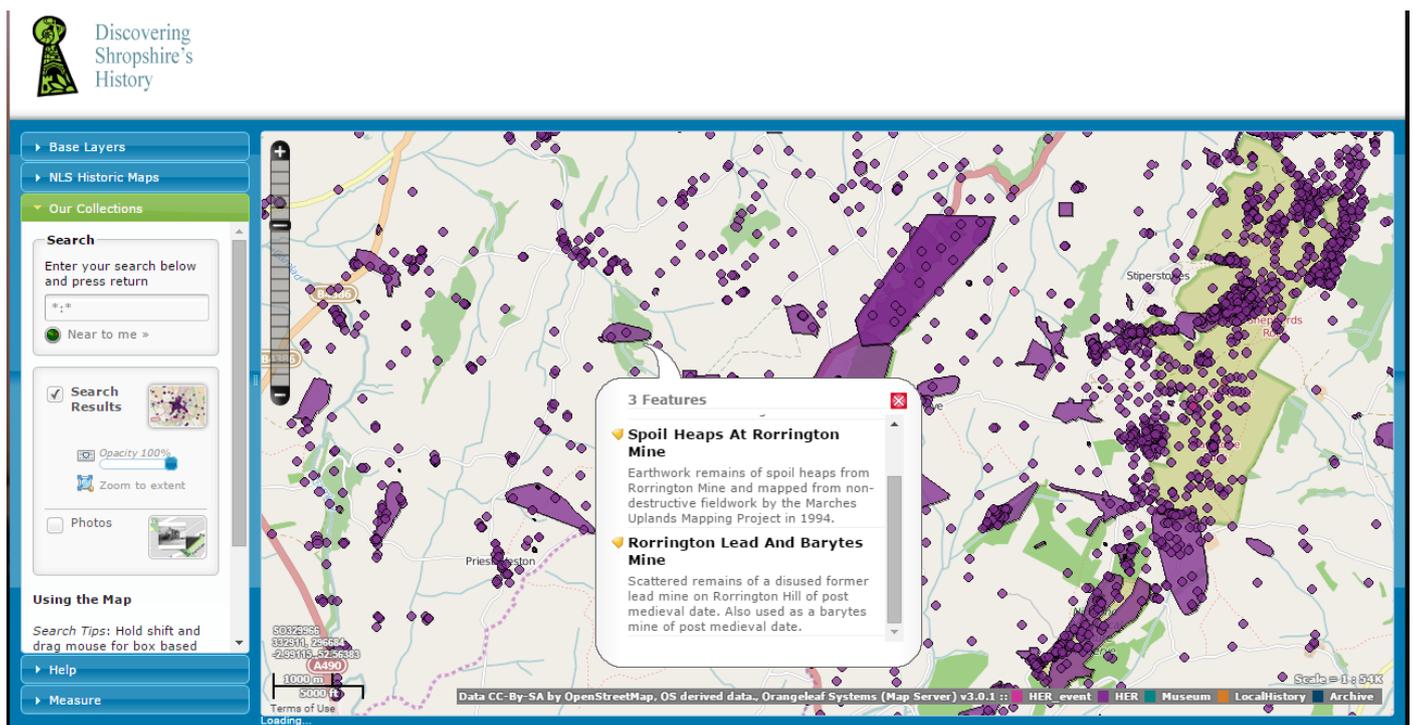
There are two key ways in which you can access a subset of our records online. Both websites have their advantages and disadvantages.

1. Discovering Shropshire's History

The HER is one of the partners in a website called [Discovering Shropshire's History](#) (DSH), alongside Shropshire Archives, the Museums Service and a range of local history groups.

The best way to access this site is through the map interface:

http://search.shropshirehistory.org.uk/map_v3/



The controls of the map are fairly self-explanatory, and you can browse around until you find your area of interest. As you can see this map contains a lot of overlaid data. The collapsible menus on the left hand side allow you to turn off photos (which is recommended to improve performance). HER data is represented as purple polygons and points for monuments, and pink points for events.

Grid references are given in the bottom left hand corner of the map. Clicking on a point or polygon opens a 'bubble' which contains links to all identified records.

Important note: spatial information about archaeological monuments as displayed on this map should be treated as representative only, and we often hold further spatial information not represented on the online map. Please contact us if you need further information on the spatial data held in the Historic Environment Record.

You can also find an advanced (text based) search page at <http://search.shropshirehistory.org.uk/collections/search/advanced/>

Select partner: *Shropshire Sites and Monuments Records*
Try a place. This works best with a parish e.g. *Chirbury*

This will return all Monument and Event records that fall within that parish. These records each display a map and give you a full list of sources for where the information has come from. Many of these sources are available for consultation at the Historic Environment Record offices.

Please note the unique **HER Number (PRN)**: for each record. This should be quoted as a concordance on any record forms you produce as part of project work.

2. Heritage Gateway

HER monument records are also available on the Heritage Gateway, a resource which links local and national archaeological records.

You can find the advanced search at http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/advanced_search.aspx

Where

Map Admin Location

Find on map: Find

Enter place name, street name, postcode or grid reference

Search within: 500m of selected location

Blackford Hall Chirbury

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Click to search by Grid Reference

This opens up a map by default. This can be searched using a place name, post code or grid reference. Once you enter a grid reference and press find, it zooms to the location and shows the search area.

Next click on the **Resources** tab.

Scroll down to local records, find and select Shropshire HER.

You will note that the following is displayed at the bottom of the page:

- **Where** = Within 500m of selected location (SO261985);
- **Resources to Search** = Shropshire HER

Now, clicking on search will carry out your search across all datasets. HER records are shown under Local Records.

Click on the blue Shropshire HER link and then click on View all Shropshire HER results...

Can't find what you are looking for? We are always happy to help. We hold extensive non-digitised records (aerial photographs, survey reports, building photographs etc.), extensive map data amongst much else. Our records are available for consultation by appointment.

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