



The Milestone Society

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADSIDE HERITAGE ASSETS (RHAs)

MODEL MANAGEMENT PLAN for HIGHWAY ENGINEERS

1. Highways engineers shall fully acquaint themselves and be aware of the location of all RHAs (milestones, boundary/mark stones, old finger posts, bench marks, cast iron indicators etc) on the highway network within their domain by means of database material and photographs obtained from (or provided by) the local authority Historic Environment Records (HER) Office
2. Engineers shall note and log the condition of all RHAs on a regular basis
3. Local Highways Authorities and/or Highways England (as appropriate) shall arrange regular maintenance of RHAs by, for example cutting long grass, removing ivy or other shrub growth in the immediate vicinity and cleaning, brushing and (where appropriate) painting the stone or metal asset to specifications available from the local county Historic Environment Team or the Milestone Society (MSoc)
4. The Highways authority shall include in all drainage, crash-barrier, grass-cutting, hedge laying/cutting, snow clearance and other relevant contractual agreements a requirement that all RHAs must be protected in some appropriate manner to prevent unnecessary and avoidable damage where reasonably practical e.g. by temporary stakes and/or hand removal of shrubs and grass-cutting local to the asset prior to the passage of tractor-mounted plant and machinery
5. Engineers should be pro-active in arranging for the recovery, repair and restoration of damaged RHAs in liaison with county HER Teams
6. Engineers should take prompt action to avoid the loss of valuable parts of the damaged RHA and to effect repairs incorporating as much of the original asset as possible
7. Engineers shall react within a reasonable time to advice received from legitimate sources including Parish Council Clerks, Town or County Councils' HER Teams, Heritage England and MSoc officers that an RHA has been damaged (whether or not the asset is a "listed building") and either repair the asset in situ, or retrieve the loose or broken parts of the asset to a safe and secure place for storage and repair off-highway for later replacement at or near the original location
8. Engineers should not repair a damaged RHA in situ nor retrieve it for off-highway repair from a hazardous location without appropriate temporary safety measures and traffic management regimes in place: engineers should, however make arrangements to repair in-situ or to retrieve the asset as soon as reasonably possible and, in any event to do so when closures or partial closures are in place at the location for other purposes

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