



Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979

1979 CHAPTER 46

An Act to consolidate and amend the law relating to ancient monuments; to make provision for the investigation, preservation and recording of matters of archaeological or historical interest and (in connection therewith) for the regulation of operations or activities affecting such matters; to provide for the recovery of grants under section 10 of the Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Act 1972 or under section 4 of the Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments Act 1953 in certain circumstances; and to provide for grants by the Secretary of State to the Architectural Heritage Fund.

[4th April 1979]

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 Act extended by [Gas Act 1986](#) (c.44, SIF 44:2), s. 67(1)(3), Sch. 7 para. 2(1)(xxxvii), [Sch. 8 para. 33](#)
- C2 Act amended (E.W.) by [Water Act 1989](#) (c.15, SIF 130), ss. 58(7), 101(1), 141(6), 160(1)(2)(4), 189(4)–(10), 190, 193(1), Sch. 25 para. 1(2)(xxiii), Sch. 26 paras. 3(1)(2), 17, 40(4), 57(6), [58](#)
- C3 Act extended by [Electricity Act 1989](#) (c.29, SIF 44:1), s. 112(1)(3), Sch. 16 para. 1(1)(xxxiii), Sch. 17 paras. 33, [35\(1\)](#)
- C4 Act modified (17.7.1992) by S.I. 1992/1732, [arts. 1](#), 3(1)
- C5 Act amended (1.3.1996) by 1995 c. 45, s. 16(1), [Sch. 4 para. 2\(1\)\(xxvii\)](#); S.I. 1996/218, [art.2](#)
- C6 Act restricted (18.12.1996) by 1996 c. 61, s. 12, [Sch. 7 para. 4\(4\)](#)
Act except the Treasury function under s. 50: powers transferred (1.7.1999) by virtue of S.I. 1999/672, [art. 2](#), [Sch.1](#)
Act modified (6.5.1999) by S.I. 1999/677, [art. 3](#).
- C7 Act (except Pt. II) extended (S.) (8.9.2000) by 2000 asp 10, s. 36, [Sch. 5 para. 7](#) (with s. 32); S.I. 2000/312, [art. 2](#)
- C8 Act modified (30.5.2007) by National Assembly for Wales Commission (Crown Status) (No.2) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/1353), [art. 3](#)
- C9 Act restricted (22.7.2008) by [Crossrail Act 2008](#) (c. 18), [Sch. 9 para. 4\(4\)](#)
- C10 Act transfer of functions (2.7.2012) by [The British Waterways Board \(Transfer of Functions\) Order 2012](#) (S.I. 2012/1659), art. 2, [Sch. 1](#) (with arts. 4–6)
- C11 Act restricted (23.2.2017) by [High Speed Rail \(London - West Midlands\) Act 2017](#) (c. 7), s. [70\(1\)](#), [Sch. 19 para. 1\(4\)](#)

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C12 Act modified (11.2.2021) by [High Speed Rail \(West Midlands - Crewe\) Act 2021 \(c. 2\)](#), s. 64(1), [Sch. 19 para. 1\(4\)](#)

Commencement Information

I1 Act not in force at Royal Assent see s. 65(3); Act wholly in force at 14.4.1982

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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\(a\)](#)