# Archaeological and Historical Background

Provide a description of the archaeology within the main site. Interpret the relevance of sites in general, and in your own words. Remember to provide a grid reference for each feature or site.

You may find it easiest to present this information in a table, but you should still provide a narrative explaining what is there. Relevant (but not exhaustive!) historical information pertinent to the sites and the area. Detail any archaeological fieldwork that has previously been carried out on the site. From the information you have gathered, how has the character and use of the landscape changed over time? Illustrate this with contemporary maps and plans if possible.

Length approximately 1500 to 2000 words

## Sources

Many of the sites in the Local Nature Reserves, can be found on Canmore

<https://canmore.org.uk/>

and the WoSAS websites

<http://www.wosas.net/>

Further information can be found in the Ordnance Survey Name Books

<https://scotlandsplaces.gov.uk/digital-volumes/ordnance-survey-name-books/>

the Old Statistical Account

<https://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk/static/statacc/dist/viewer/osa-vol16-Parish_record_for_Bothwell_in_the_county_of_Lanark_in_volume_16_of_account_1/osa-vol16-p299-parish-lanark-bothwell?search=Bothwell>

and the New Statistical Account

<https://stataccscot.edina.ac.uk/static/statacc/dist/viewer/nsa-vol6-Parish_record_for_Bothwell_in_the_county_of_Lanark_in_volume_6_of_account_2/nsa-vol6-p765-parish-lanark-bothwell?search=Bothwell>

There is also interesting information on Blantyre at the blantyreproject website, for example

<https://blantyreproject.com/2013/11/the-ruined-priory/>

## Example

In the paper

Archaeology of Landscape Change in South-West Scotland, 6000 bc – ad 1400

by Banks, Duffy and MacGregor

the Archaeological Background by Duffy is a good example of how this ‘Desk Based Assessment’ information ends up in a publication.