



# Manx National Heritage

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### **Scattering of Ashes**

Thank you for consulting with Manx National Heritage before random scattering of ashes at any historic site and especially one under our care.

We would prefer that ashes are not scattered or piled/placed directly on any archaeological sites around the Island as this has proved to confuse carbon dating of artefacts and areas under investigation previously and may compromise work undertaken by archaeologists in future years.

However, we are sympathetic to the reasoning why families and individuals request this service, especially considering the importance and sentiment of a site or area of countryside which honours and remembers the deceased.

Therefore, we make the recommendation that ashes be scattered to the air, rather than placed or piled, as far away as practically possible from the actual historic monument, also avoiding direct surrounding areas like paths and walkways where members of the public have free access. It is preferable, that ashes be scattered on the surrounding coastline and it is important to mention that no signage 'whatsoever' is left on any stone, tree or ground area to signify the presence of the remains and when the remains were scattered.

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