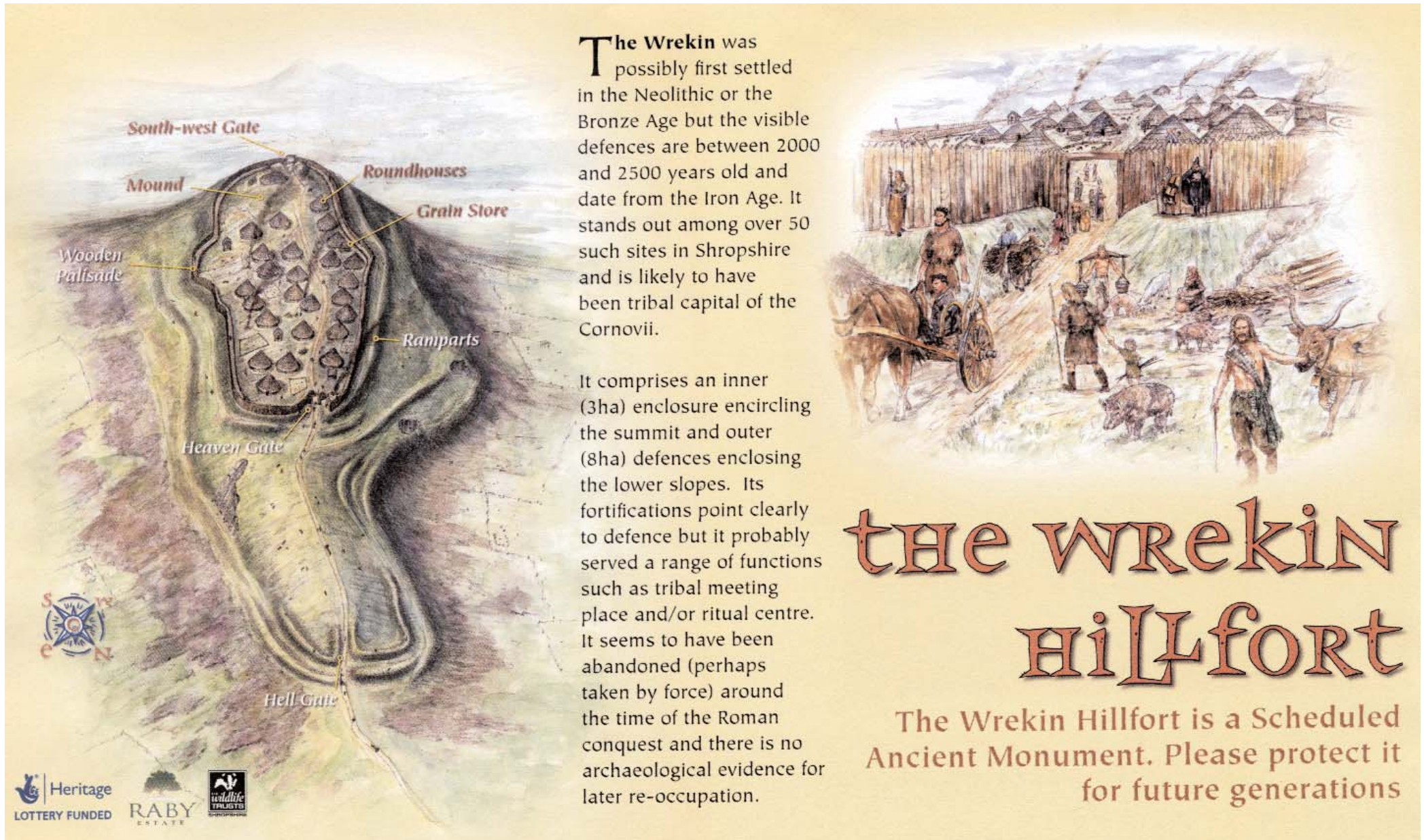


The Wrekin Hillfort

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The Wrekin was possibly first settled in the Neolithic or the Bronze Age but the visible defences are between 2000 and 2500 years old and date from the Iron Age. It stands out among over 50 such sites in Shropshire and is likely to have been tribal capital of the Cornovii.

It comprises an inner (3ha) enclosure encircling the summit and outer (8ha) defences enclosing the lower slopes. Its fortifications point clearly to defence but it probably served a range of functions such as tribal meeting place and/or ritual centre. It seems to have been abandoned (perhaps taken by force) around the time of the Roman conquest and there is no archaeological evidence for later re-occupation.

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