



## Heritage Conservation Section

The conservation of heritage constitutes one of the three sections of Neuchâtel's Heritage and Archaeology Office (OPAN). This is based on a long tradition of treasuring and protecting our built heritage, the first laws for which date as far back as 1902.

### Identify, Protect and Value

These three concepts underlie the collective missions, which make up the Heritage Conservation Section, especially:

- Providing prior notice and follow-up of dossiers submitted by the Territory Development Service
- Management of Cantonal and Federal subsidies for conservation/restoration work, as well as the Federal subsidies for protective measures for cultural properties in the event of conflict or catastrophe
- Maintaining a database of Historic Monuments and Neuchâtel's Cantonal Architectural Rankings (RACN), as well as a historic and iconographic register
- Providing advice and follow-up of sites in development
- Providing and maintaining technical documentation,
- Management of Section records
- Building archaeology
- Scientific studies and publications
- Valuing Built and Inhabited Neuchâtelois Heritage
- "Watchmaking Town Planning" inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list

### Team: functions (publications, refer to the French page)

- Jacques Bujard, head of OPAN and Cantonal Conservator (100%)
- Nicole Froidevaux, heritage historian (responsible for building rankings) (90%)
- Florence Hippenmeyer, architect (60%)
- Carmela Hoffmann, secretary (80%)
- Patrick Jaggi, technician (100%)
- Anne-Laure Juillerat, art historian (40%)
- Claire Piguet, heritage historian (historical research) (70%)
- Katherine Ramirez, archaeological technician (70%)
- Christian de Reynier, building archaeologist (80%)

### Contact

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### Hours

Our office is open from **Monday to Friday** from **8h00 to 12h00** and **13h30 to 17h30**. Pre-booking meetings is advised.