



Heritage at Risk is a national project that aims to identify endangered historic places and help secure them for the future. Our Heritage at Risk Register now includes grade I and II\* listed buildings, listed places of worship, scheduled monuments, registered parks and gardens, registered battlefields, protected wreck sites and conservation areas that are at risk as a result of neglect, decay or inappropriate development. At a time when economic factors are making investment very difficult, it is even more challenging to find solutions that will prevent the loss of some of our important heritage sites.

This year, we have examined England's industrial heritage built from 1750 onwards to understand the factors that put these sites at risk.

## INDUSTRIAL HERITAGE

Britain was the world's first industrial nation and has a wealth of industrial heritage but many industrial sites have been lost or are at risk due to functional redundancy. Our survey has shown that the percentage of listed industrial buildings at risk is three times greater than the national average for listed buildings at risk.

The conservation of industrial sites can pose considerable challenges. However, industrial sites often have great potential for re-use. Our research shows that the best way of saving industrial buildings is, where possible, to find an adaptive new use. We know this isn't easy, and is not always possible, but we hope those who own or are thinking of developing an industrial building will find our new web pages an invaluable source of information.

Voluntary groups and owners have saved a number of key industrial sites, often sites which contain working machinery. However, research has shown that many of these groups need support to encourage more and younger members to achieve the rescue of the site.

Building preservation trusts can provide the answer for industrial buildings where there is no apparent commercial solution by repairing the site and then selling it, or retaining and letting the space.

## What are we doing?

- Providing new guidance for owners on maintaining vacant historic buildings.
- Publishing a developers' portal on the English Heritage website where advice for all types of heritage asset including industrial sites can be found.
- Funding a new Industrial Heritage Support Officer, who will build capacity for industrial museums.
- Publishing an industrial themed issue of Conservation Bulletin in October 2011.
- Supporting a new Architectural Heritage Fund grant scheme which aims to encourage local groups to take on industrial buildings.
- Publishing an updated *Stopping the Rot: a guide to enforcement action to save historic buildings*.
- Using the National Heritage Protection Programme to shape an industrial designation programme for the period 2011-2015.

For more information visit:

[www.english-heritage.org.uk/industrial-heritage-at-risk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/industrial-heritage-at-risk)

## IMAGE:

Torr Vale Mill, Derbyshire, building at risk since 1998



**HARLAXTON MANOR,**  
Lincolnshire  
Registered park and garden at risk



**CHURCH OF ST MARY MAGDALENE,**  
South Norfolk  
Place of worship at risk



**WHITCHAPEL MARKET,**  
London Borough of Tower Hamlets  
Conservation area at risk

## BUILDINGS AT RISK

- Nationally, 3.0% of grade I and II\* listed buildings are at risk. The proportion varies from 1.8% in the South East and East of England to 6.3% in the North East.
- 91 entries have been removed from the 2010 Register because their futures have been secured, but another 60 have been added.
- 53% (757) of the sites on the baseline 1999 Register have now been removed from the Register.
- £5.2m in grants was offered to 71 buildings (excluding grade II listed buildings in London) on the Heritage at Risk Register during 2010/11, bringing the total since 1998/99 to £69.8m.
- Only 13.2% (compared to 12.6% in 2009) of the entries on the Register are thought to be economic to repair, indicating the scale of the public subsidy still required.

## SCHEDULED MONUMENTS

- 16.9% of England's 19,748 scheduled monuments are at risk.
- 202 sites have been removed from the 2010 Register due to positive reasons.
- 399 sites (11.9%) on the baseline 2009 Register have now been removed due to positive reasons.
- Arable cultivation (42%) and unrestricted plant, scrub and tree growth (26%) remain the most common sources of risk to scheduled monuments.
- During 2010/11, English Heritage offered grants totalling £357k to owners of 63 scheduled monuments at risk.

## REGISTERED PARKS AND GARDENS

- 103 (6.4%) of England's 1,610 registered parks and gardens are at risk, an increase from 99 (6.2%) in 2010.
- 6 sites have been added to the Register during the year and 2 sites have been removed.
- The South East has the largest number of sites at risk (24), but the highest proportion is in Yorkshire and the Humber (10.3%).
- £26k was offered by English Heritage during 2010/11 to 3 registered parks and gardens at risk.

## REGISTERED BATTLEFIELDS

- 6 (14%) of England's 43 registered battlefields are considered to be at risk.
- 4 of the 6 are in the Yorkshire and the Humber.

## PROTECTED WRECK SITES

- 7 (15.2%) of the 46 protected wreck sites around England's coast are at risk, 3 less than the 2008 baseline.
- 2 sites have been removed from the Register during the year and 1 site has been added.
- All 7 of the sites at risk lie off the South East coast.

## CONSERVATION AREAS

- 288 local planning authorities (86%) have taken part in the survey of conservation areas.
- Of the 7,841 conservation areas that have been surveyed, 516 (6.6%) are reported to at risk.
- 74 (13.5%) of sites have been removed from the 2010 Register due to positive reasons.

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