



Despite the challenges of recession, the number of sites on the Heritage at Risk Register continues to fall. Excluding listed places of worship, for which the survey is still incomplete, 1,150 assets have been removed for positive reasons since the Register was launched in 2008. The sites that remain at risk tend to be the more intractable ones where solutions are taking longer to implement.

To help address this challenge we have published our national Heritage at Risk Strategy which will be supported by nine local strategies. Key objectives of the strategy are to understand why assets are at risk and what most influences their removal from the Register. It will be about finding solutions for heritage at risk through partnerships, stimulating economic regeneration and growth and maximising the benefit of our expertise and resources.

We continue to work closely with owners, developers and local authorities to find the best solutions for places at risk. The English Heritage Angel Awards, co-funded by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation, celebrates the work of local people and voluntary groups in England who have selflessly helped rescue sites 'at risk'. The awards are a reminder that so much more can be achieved when stakeholders join forces to achieve a combined aim.

As well as being committed to reducing the number of sites on the 2010 Register by 25% (1,137) by 2015, we intend to use research to further our understanding of the condition and management of the entire historic environment. We are therefore looking for organisations interested in setting up around 15 pilot projects focused on the grade II listed buildings that are not yet within the scope of the national Heritage at Risk programme. In each sample area this will involve surveying the existing stock of buildings, publishing the data on those sites that are known to be at risk, and identifying possible solutions and intervention strategies for bringing them back into good condition. We then aim to draw comparisons between grade II listed buildings at risk and their grade I and II* counterparts already on the Register. This will in turn allow us to decide whether or not national coverage of grade IIs can be achieved. For more information and details on how to apply visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/risk.

In order to reduce the overall number of heritage assets that are 'at risk' or vulnerable to becoming so, **English Heritage will:**

- Focus on finding solutions for the sites it has identified as priorities
- Work with owners and managers to find solutions that will allow sites to be removed from the Register
- Use its National Heritage Protection Plan to commission research that will further our understanding of what makes sites 'at risk' and what can be done to reduce the risk
- Evaluate the impact we have and identify how we can be more effective in our work with the sector
- Encourage local authorities to take enforcement action by offering grant support to underwrite the costs
- Produce Official Statistics and analyse trends to help provide further understanding of what is at risk, why, and how its condition has changed over time.

For more details on English Heritage's Heritage at Risk strategy 2012-15, visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/risk

Find out what's at risk by searching or downloading the Heritage at Risk Register at www.english-heritage.org.uk/har

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Hooton Hangars, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire



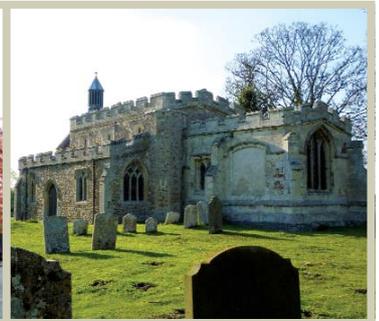
Whitesyke and Bentyfield Lead Mines, Eden



Bentley Priory, Harrow



Old Sunderland conservation area, Tyne and Wear



Church of All Saints, Eyeworth

BUILDINGS AT RISK

- Nationally, 3.0% of grade I and II* listed buildings are at risk. The proportion varies from 1.7% in the South East and East of England to 6.1% in the North East.
- 85 entries have been removed from the 2011 Register because their futures have been secured, but another 66 have been added.
- 55% of buildings (791) on the baseline 1999 Register have been removed from the Register because their futures have been secured.
- Only 13.3% of buildings on the Register are thought to be economic to repair, indicating the scale of the public subsidy required.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

- Of the 2,771 listed places of worship surveyed nationally, 483 are at risk.

SCHEDULED MONUMENTS

- 16.6% of England's 19,759 scheduled monuments are at risk.
- 157 scheduled monuments have been removed from the 2011 Register for positive reasons.
- 15.8% of scheduled monuments (531) on the baseline 2009 Register have been removed for positive reasons.
- Arable cultivation (44%) and unrestricted plant, scrub and tree growth (26%) remain the most common sources of risk to scheduled monuments.

REGISTERED PARKS AND GARDENS

- 99 (6.1%) of England's 1,617 registered parks and gardens are at risk.
- 5 sites have been removed from the 2011 Register and 1 site has been added.
- The South East has the largest number of sites at risk (24), but the highest proportion is in Yorkshire and the Humber (11%).

REGISTERED BATTLEFIELDS

- Of the 43 registered battlefields in England, 6 are at risk.
- 4 of the 6 are in Yorkshire and the Humber.

PROTECTED WRECK SITES

- 4 of the 46 protected wreck sites around England's coast are at risk.
- 4 sites have been removed from the 2011 Register; and 1 site has been added. Of the 10 sites on the 2008 baseline, 9 have been removed.
- All 4 of the sites at risk lie off the South East coast.

CONSERVATION AREAS

- 292 local planning authorities (86.9%) have taken part in the survey of conservation areas.
- Of the 7,976 conservation areas that have been surveyed, 524 (6.6%) are at risk.
- 97 (17.7%) of sites have been removed from the 2010 Register for positive reasons.

ENGLISH HERITAGE FUNDING

- £8.2m in grants was offered to 191 sites on the Heritage at Risk Register during 2011/12.
- English Heritage grant totalling £75.3m has been offered to grade I and II* listed buildings at risk and structural scheduled monuments on the Register between 1998/99 to 2011/12.

For more information on Heritage at Risk visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/risk

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