



ENGLISH HERITAGE

HERITAGE AT RISK

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EAST MIDLANDS

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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.

While the overall number of buildings at risk has fallen, the average conservation deficit for each property has increased from £260k (1999) to £370k (2012). We are also seeing a steady increase in the proportion of buildings that are capable of beneficial re-use – those that have become redundant not because of any fundamental lack of potential, but simply as the temporary victims of the current economic climate.

This year's Register for the East Midlands highlights just how adaptable our strategies need to be for rescuing heritage at risk. We can report a successful major intervention from the private sector this year, but generally progress is being made through a long-term, step-by-step approach that takes opportunities as they arise.

The East Midlands has more than its fair share of challenges. A greater proportion of our most highly graded listed buildings are at risk than nationally, and overall it has proved harder to find solutions for the entries on the 1999 baseline register for the region. Eight more are being added this year, including Taylor's Bellfoundry, the old station at Ashby de la Zouch, and gate piers at Drayton House in Northamptonshire.

Among the five buildings coming off the register is the Lion Terrace at Harlaxton Manor following its successful repair. Attention now turns to the wider estate, which is one of the East Midlands' ten priority sites.

Thirty-one places of worship have been added to the at risk Register, including a number brought to light as a result of partnerships with Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire and the Diocese of Lincoln. Others have been identified through applications for repair grants, which if successful should mean they will not be on the Register for long.

There is better news than the raw figures suggest. The number of sites being actively treated on a step-by-step basis gives hope that more are going to be out of harm's way before long. Important buildings enjoying a reduced level of risk this year include Building 17 at Cromford Mill and North Leverton Windmill.

The case of St Helen's House in Derby shows how, even in these straitened times, private-sector investment can breathe new life into neglected buildings. After 11 years on the Register it is now being actively repaired, as our case study explains.

In many cases plans for revitalisation already exist but adverse market conditions make it difficult to activate them. For many developers with buildings at risk in their ownership and care, the moment has yet to come when they are ready to take the plunge and start work.

Turning to scheduled monuments, the figures for the East Midlands are once again comparatively healthy. This is due principally to forging partnerships with landowners, Natural England and local authorities and aiming agri-environment funds towards improving the long-term prospects of sites currently at risk. Additions to this year's Register include some of Lincoln's most significant Roman remains and the historic lime quarry at Cowdale in High Peak.

The East Midlands Heritage at Risk Register shows not only the range of enduring challenges but also the remarkable number of inspiring solutions that have been found. It is proof that success depends not only on hard cash, but also on the imagination of owners, developers, local authorities, the voluntary sector and funders, all working in a spirit of creative collaboration.



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TAYLOR'S BELL FOUNDRY, LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE

Established in 1839, the foundry is a celebrated part of Loughborough's industrial heritage but also has a significance that extends far beyond the region. It is one of just two operational bell foundries remaining in the country and its earliest surviving buildings are listed grade II*. Many of the roofs are in poor condition, however, and there has been a long history of inappropriate repair. Now, with the help of an English Heritage project development grant, Taylor's are putting together exciting plans to repair the buildings and at the same time increase public access and community engagement. © English Heritage

BUILDINGS AT RISK

- Nationally, 3.0% of grade I and II* listed buildings are at risk. In the East Midlands this rises to 4.6% (132 buildings).
- 5 buildings at risk were removed from the 2011 East Midlands Register, but 8 have been added.

PLACES OF WORSHIP AT RISK

- Of the 459 listed places of worship surveyed in the East Midlands, 76 are at risk. 31 have been added this year.

SCHEDULED MONUMENTS

- 3,286 (16.6%) of England's 19,759 scheduled monuments are at risk, of which 111 are in the East Midlands
- In the East Midlands, 6 scheduled monuments have been removed from the 2011 Register, and 7 have been added.
- 23.2% of scheduled monuments (29) on the East Midlands' baseline 2009 Register have been removed for positive reasons, compared to the national figure of 15.8%.
- Nationally, damage from arable cultivation is the greatest risk factor for scheduled monuments, accounting for 44% of those at risk. In the East Midlands the proportion is 78%.

REGISTERED PARKS AND GARDENS

- 99 (6.1%) of England's 1,617 registered parks and gardens are at risk, a decrease from 103 (6.4%) in 2011. In the East Midlands, 6 (4.3%) of our 138 sites are at risk.
- Nationally, 5 sites were removed from the 2011 Register and 1 has been added. Of the registered parks and gardens removed, 1 is in the East Midlands.

REGISTERED BATTLEFIELDS

- Of the 43 registered battlefields in England, 6 are at risk, 2 fewer than the 2008 baseline. None of the 5 registered battlefields in the East Midlands are at risk.
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PROTECTED WRECK SITES

- Of the 46 protected wreck sites off England's coast, 4 are at risk. Of the 10 sites on the 2008 baseline, 9 have been removed. There are no protected wreck sites off the coast of the East Midlands.

CONSERVATION AREAS

- We now have information on the condition of 7,976 of England's 9,770 conservation areas; 524 (6.6%) are at risk. Of the 933 conservation areas surveyed in the East Midlands, 56 (6%) are at risk.
- 11 conservation areas were removed from the 2011 East Midlands Register for positive reasons, and 6 have been added.



ST HELEN'S HOUSE, DERBY

This grade I listed property, described as one of the finest Palladian town houses outside of London, has been on the Buildings at Risk Register since 2001. After a long period of vacancy, major repairs are being undertaken and permission has been granted for conversion into offices.

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PRIORITY HAR SITES

- Boston Conservation Area, Lincolnshire
- Chester House, Higham Road, Irchester, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire
- Former maltings of Bass Industrial Estate, Mareham Lane, Sleaford, North Kesteven, Lincolnshire
- Harlaxton Manor, Harlaxton (Registered Park and Garden), South Kesteven, Lincolnshire
- Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site: North Mill, Bridge Foot, Belper and Darley Abbey Mills (Long Mill, West Mill, North Mill, Engine House, Boiler House, preparation building, cottage, workshop and cart sheds), Old Lane, Derby
- Scaptoft Hall, Church Hill, Scaptoft, Harborough, Leicestershire
- Snibston Colliery, Ashby Road, North West Leicestershire
- The Crescent, Buxton, High Peak, Derbyshire
- Tuxford Conservation Area, Bassetlaw, Nottinghamshire
- Worksop Priory gatehouse, Cheapside, Worksop, Bassetlaw, Nottinghamshire

GRADE II PILOT PROJECTS

English Heritage is looking for people to take part in pilot projects that will explore options for expanding the Heritage at Risk programme to include all grade II listed buildings.

A maximum of 15 pilot projects are required to explore, cost and test various options for undertaking surveys of grade II listed buildings.

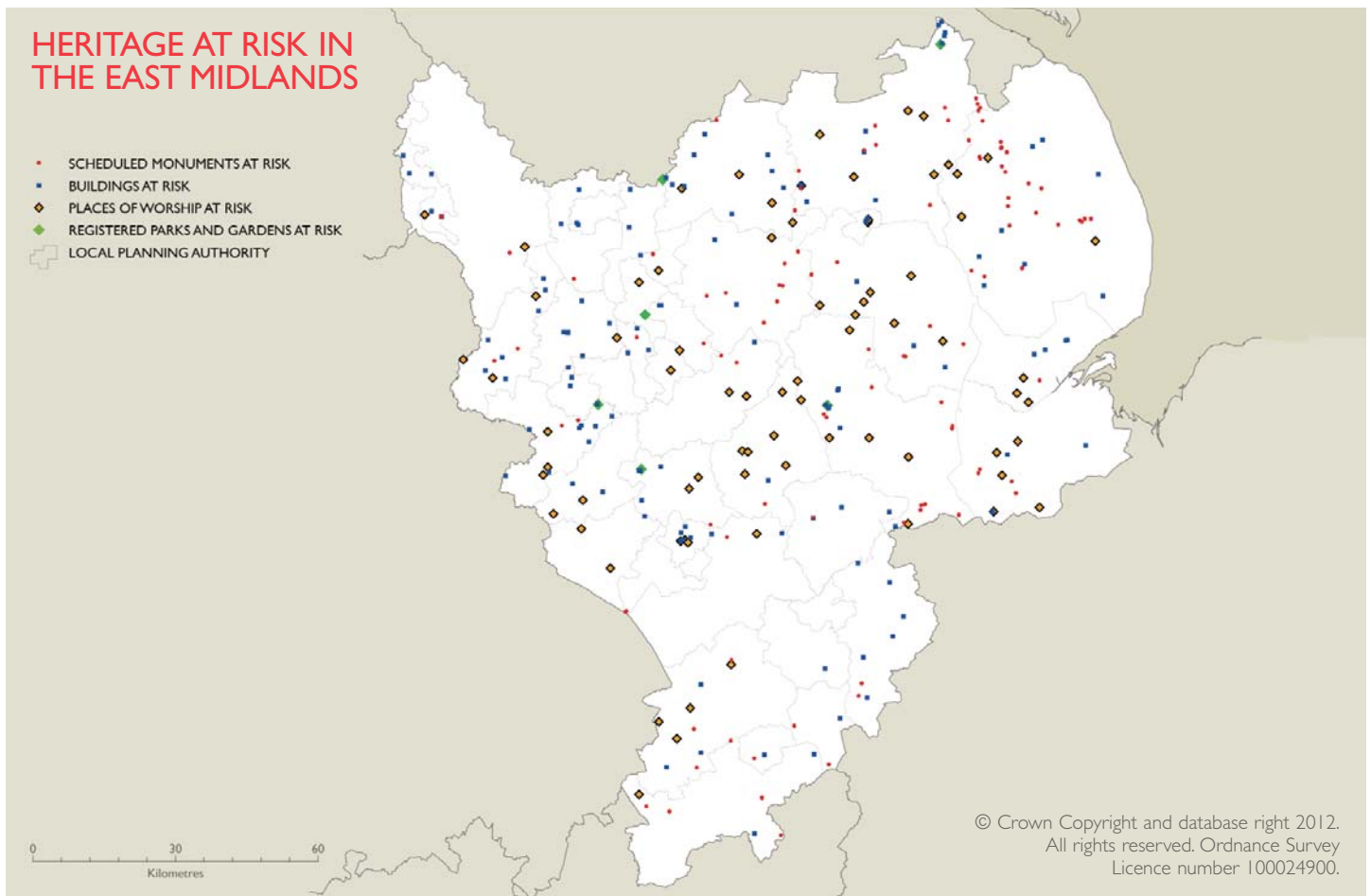
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