

In its fourth year, the 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 known to be at risk as a result of neglect, decay or inappropriate development. This year, for the first time, we have published a list of 'priority sites': important heritage at risk sites where we will focus our resources to secure their futures.

This year the number of entries on the South East Register has changed little. However this masks some notable successes and some major new entries for us to tackle.

One of the biggest achievements this year was the successful completion of repairs to the beautiful Arts and Crafts style Watts Gallery in Surrey, following an £11 million restoration project. The success is particularly notable because the original contractors went into administration half way through the project, delaying its completion by almost a year. Progress is evident at some of our other long-standing cases so that we may soon see their removal from the Register: Conversion of both Hadlow Tower in Kent into holiday accommodation and the New Inn at Stowe into a new visitor centre are also exemplary schemes that illustrate high quality traditional skills and workmanship in action.

We continue to face huge challenges in the South East as we struggle to resolve new and existing heritage at risk. Whilst only a sample of the thousands of listed places of worship in the South East has been surveyed to date, 36 listed places of worship have already been added to the Register. 13 buildings at risk have been removed from the Register, but unfortunately 10 have been added. One such case is the highly publicised Saltdean Lido near Brighton. The local community is hoping to secure the lido's future by restoring it to community facilities and amenities.

Last year we highlighted the negative impact the recession was having on resolving heritage at risk sites. Although the continued slow recovery and the reduction in publicly available funding continue to have an impact on finding solutions, we remain both determined and optimistic. It is timely to remember that grant

aid is not the only way of making progress. Solutions can also be secured by local authorities' use of powers available through the planning system. We appreciate that this is challenging given the reduced numbers of specialist historic environment staff within local authorities, but we will increase the support and guidance we can offer to encourage use of these powers. This can often be the stimulus for owners to undertake maintenance and repairs before high cost solutions and rescue packages have to be found. For example, Waverley Borough Council recovered the costs of urgent works they undertook to secure Undershaw, the home of Arthur Conan Doyle, before serving a repairs notice on the owner.

We have also been particularly encouraged this year by the number of individuals, local groups and trusts that have mobilised themselves to save the heritage they care about. An example is Argos Hill Windmill, where the Argos Hill Windmill Trust has secured a long term lease from the local council to take on and restore the windmill. In the current climate, local people and groups will play an ever greater role in saving vulnerable heritage. We applaud these endeavours and where we can match such efforts with expertise or financial help we will. Our new Angel Awards Scheme, supported by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation raises the profile of heritage at risk by celebrating the efforts of people who have saved significant historic places that might otherwise have been lost forever.

Andrew Brown, Planning Director
SOUTH EAST

BUILDINGS AT RISK

- Nationally, 3.0% of grade I and II* listed buildings are at risk. In the South East this falls to 1.8%, representing 100 sites.
- 13 sites have been removed from the 2010 Register, but 10 have been added.
- 52% of entries (121 buildings) on the baseline 1999 Register for the South East have been removed as their futures have been secured, compared to the national figure of 53% (757 buildings).
- Nationally, £5.2m was offered to 71 sites on the Register during 2010/11. In the South East we awarded grants totalling £505k to 8 sites.
- 36 listed places of worship have been added to our Register this year. We estimate the cost of repairing these buildings is £8.8m.

SCHEDULED MONUMENTS

- 16.9% (3,339) of England's 19,748 scheduled monuments are at risk, compared to 9.5% (249 sites) in the South East.
- In the South East, 6 sites have been removed from the 2010 Register, but 8 sites have been added.
- 15.6% of entries (38 sites) on the baseline 2009 Register for the South East have been removed due to positive reasons, compared to the national figure of 11.9% (399 sites).
- Arable ploughing and unrestricted plant, scrub or tree growth account for nearly two thirds of sites at risk nationally. This increases to almost three quarters in the South East.
- Nationally, 82% of scheduled monuments at risk are in private ownership, this rises to 89% in the South East.

REGISTERED PARKS AND GARDENS

- 103 of England's 1,610 registered parks and gardens are at risk, an increase from 6.2% (99) in 2010 to 6.4% this year. In the South East, 24 of our 368 sites are at risk (6.5%).
- Nationally, 6 sites have been added and 2 removed from the 2010 Register. There has been no change in the South East.

REGISTERED BATTLEFIELDS

- Of the 43 registered battlefields in England, 6 are at risk, 2 less than the 2008 baseline.
- Of the 6 registered battlefields in the South East, 1 is at risk.

PROTECTED WRECK SITES

- Of the 46 protected wreck sites off England's coast, 7 are at risk, 3 less than the 2008 baseline.
- 7 of the South East's 20 protected wreck sites are at risk.

CONSERVATION AREAS

- 288 local planning authorities (86%) have taken part in the national survey of conservation areas, of which 55 are in the South East. This is 80% of our local planning authorities.
- We now have information on the condition of 7,841 of England's 9,600 designated conservation areas and 516 (6.6%) are at risk.
- Of the 1,526 conservation areas surveyed in the South East, 66 (4.3%) are at risk.



WATTS GALLERY, COMPTON, SURREY

The Watts Gallery was on the Heritage at Risk Register from 2006-2010, and reopened to the public in 2011 after an £11 million restoration project.

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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.

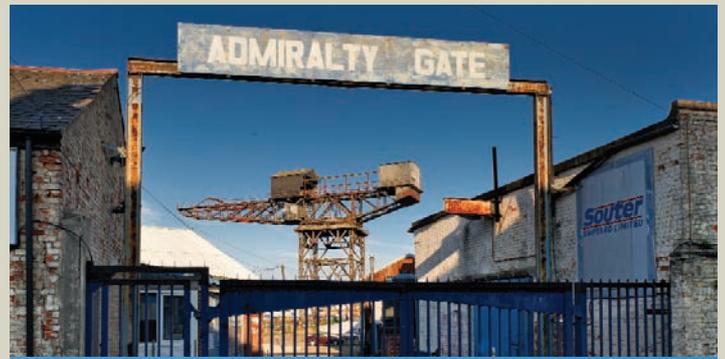
The conservation of industrial sites can pose considerable challenges. However, industrial sites often have great potential for re-use. Our research shows that the best way of saving industrial buildings is, where possible, to find an adaptive new use. We know this isn't easy, and is not always possible, 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 we know

- 4% of listed buildings and scheduled monuments are industrial
- Nationally there are proportionally more grade II* industrial listed buildings than grade II (4.6% compared to 4.4%)
- 10.6% of industrial grade I and II* listed buildings are at risk, making industrial buildings over three times more likely to be at risk than the national average for grade I and II* listed buildings
- The average estimated conservation deficit (cost of repair in excess of the end value) of industrial buildings at risk is twice that of non-industrial buildings at risk
- About 10% of industrial buildings at risk are economic to repair, compared to 13% of non-industrial buildings at risk
- Approximately 40% of industrial buildings at risk are capable of beneficial use, compared to 44% of non-industrial buildings at risk
- 10.9% of industrial scheduled monuments are at risk, making industrial scheduled monuments less likely to be at risk than the national average for scheduled monuments
- 3% of conservation areas were designated because of their industrial significance
- Industrial conservation areas in the North West and West Midlands are over twice as likely to be at risk than the national average
- In the last 10 years, English Heritage has offered grants totalling £25m to industrial sites



HAMMERHEAD CRANE, COWES, ISLE OF WIGHT

On the Heritage at Risk Register since 2008, this giant cantilever dockyard crane of 1912 is seriously at risk from decay and neglect. English Heritage is supporting the council by offering to underwrite the costs of serving an Urgent Works Notice on the owners to immediately address the most rapidly deteriorating elements of the structure.

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 (2011-2015) to shape an industrial designation programme.

If you are a developer, member of a building preservation trust, work in a local authority, own a visitor attraction or have an interest in England's industrial heritage, visit our website for more information:

www.english-heritage.org.uk/industrial-heritage-at-risk

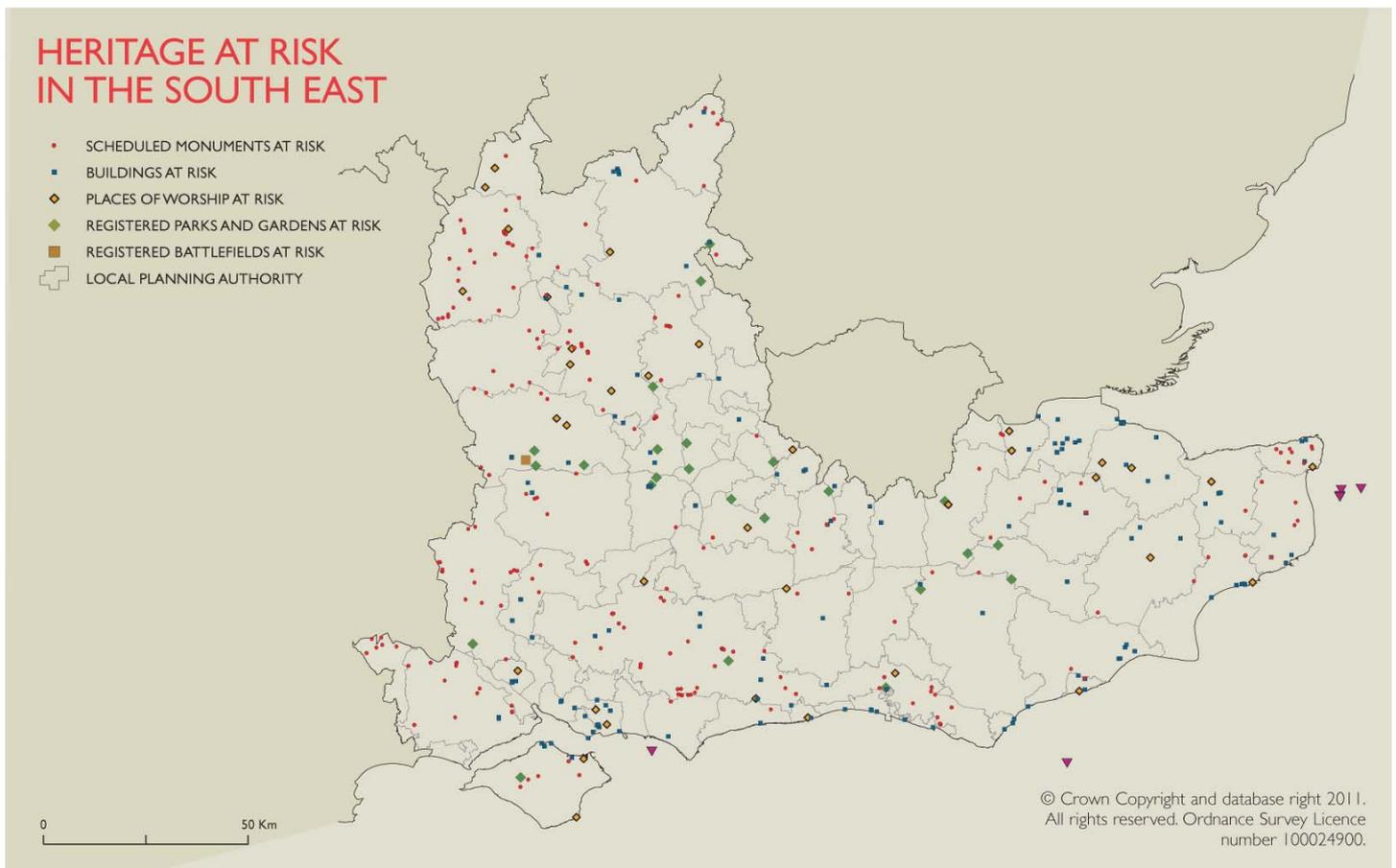
PRIORITY SITES

- Brookwood Cemetery, Brookwood, Woking, Surrey
- Castle Goring, Arundel Road, Worthing, West Sussex
- Hammerhead Crane, Thetis Road, West Cowes, Cowes, Isle of Wight
- RAF Bicester: World War II airfield, Laughton, Cherwell, Oxfordshire
- Roman Catholic Church of St Augustine of England with Cloisters attached, St Augustine's Road, Ramsgate, Thanet, Kent
- Sheerness Dockyard (incl. The Boat Store (No. 78), Former Medway Ports Authority Offices (Dockyard House), Coach Houses (Naval Terrace), 1-15 (consec) Regency Close, Former Royal Dockyard Church and attached wall and railings, Former Working Mast House, 26 Jetty Road), Sheerness, Kent
- Stowe Landscape Garden (incl. The Palladian Bridge, Temple of Friendship, The East Boycott Pavilion and The Queens Temple), Stowe, Buckinghamshire
- The Belvedere, Waldershare Park, Shepherdswell with Coldred, Dover, Kent
- The chapel at the former King Edward VII Hospital, Easebourne, Chichester, West Sussex
- The Western Heights fortifications, Castle Hill, Dover, Kent

COVER IMAGE:

The Western Heights fortifications, Dover, Kent, Building at Risk and Priority Site

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