

HERITAGE COUNTS 2012

YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER

Heritage Counts 2012 is the eleventh annual survey of the state of England's historic environment. It is prepared by English Heritage on behalf of Yorkshire and the Humber Historic Environment Forum. This year's theme is resilience in the historic environment. Visitors to the Heritage Counts website can download the research projects commissioned to support this year's report and access the full set of local statistics and maps, including asset data, funding information, employment numbers and visitor figures. Many of these indicators were first reported in 2002, so this year also marks 10 years of Heritage Counts indicators. Further analysis has been carried out on the 10-year trends for some of the key indicators.

HERITAGE AND RESILIENCE

This year, Heritage Counts focuses on resilience: the ability of heritage organisations to cope with issues that affect them. Although prompted by the current economic climate, the research found that the resilience evident in the organisations studied predates the current difficulties, suggesting that resilient organisations have a long history of change and adaptation. The research identified barriers to resilience which might make it difficult for organisations to adapt to a changing climate. It looks at a sample of heritage organisations that have adapted in a range of ways, and identifies how these changes can be applied across other organisations in the sector. Please see the national Heritage Counts 2012 report for more detail.

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THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT IN 2012: AN OVERVIEW

2012 has been a high-profile year for heritage with record numbers of visitors, and policy changes in planning and taxation affecting the historic environment being debated nationally.

The *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF) gained widespread media coverage as a broad coalition of organisations sought changes to the policy, to ensure the protection of the historic and natural environment. The sector considers that the now very succinct, Government heritage policy will require clarification to minimise grounds for misinterpretation, both for applicants and decision-makers.

With the March 2012 Budget, organisations across the sector campaigned against proposals to impose VAT on alterations to listed buildings. Whilst the decision was not reversed, concessions were obtained that reduced the impact on existing projects and places of worship, and the zero-rated transition period on alterations was extended to September 2015.

The scope for communities to become involved in managing local heritage widened as the Localism Act introduced neighbourhood planning and community rights. However, the number of front line staff employed by local authorities protecting the historic environment continues to fall.

Nevertheless, people's involvement in heritage has never been higher - almost 75% of the public visited a historic place in the past year. These increases in national participation have also been reflected regionally and across a wide range of socio-economic groups.



Haworth, one of our 901 Conservation Areas
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Understanding the Assets

Yorkshire and the Humber Assets	2012 totals
World Heritage Sites	2
Scheduled Monuments	2625
Listed Buildings Grade I	686
Listed Buildings Grade II*	1508
Listed Buildings Grade II	29228
Registered Parks and Gardens	118
Registered Battlefields	7
Conservation Areas	901
Protected Wrecks	1

The last ten years have seen increased appreciation of the value of our Historic Landscapes and the Registered Parks and Gardens designations in the region have increased by nearly 15%.



Reinstated view towards Bretton Park Hall from Cascade Bridge, following selective felling of trees along the lakeside.

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Registered Parks and Gardens designated in Yorkshire and the Humber since 2002	
Grade II*	Location
York Cemetery	York
Pudsey Cemetery	Leeds
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Monument Grounds, City Road Cemetery, Beauchief Hall, Burngreave Cemetery	Sheffield
Lister Lane Cemetery, Stoney Royd Cemetery	Halifax
Central Park	Haworth
Scholemoor Cemetery	Bradford
St Ives Estate	Harden
Whinburn	Keighley
Beckett Street Cemetery, Hunslet Cemetery, Lawnswood Cemetery	Leeds
Dewsbury Cemetery	Kirklees
Parcevall Hall	Appletreewick
Moorgate Cemetery	Rotherham
Middleton Lodge	Middleton Tyas
Thornes Park	Wakefield

Using and Benefiting

Since 2007, the number of Heritage Open Days events in Yorkshire and the Humber has increased steadily to over 430. Adult participation in the historic environment has increased from 68% to nearly 75%. National Trust volunteer numbers in Yorkshire and the North East increased by 14% to 3460 in 2011/12 (nationally

Resilience: The Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust has three clear aims: to create new native woodland; to protect and restore ancient woodland; and to inspire people to value woods and trees. It has over 200,000 members and owns more than 1,200 woods across the UK.

The Trust is building resilience by working more extensively in partnership with others to deliver its priorities. Also underpinning the Trust's success is its diversified funding model. Income is derived from a wide range of sources and public sector grants comprise less than 10% of total income.

In order to maximise the value of its supporter base, the Trust has upgraded the way it records contacts and interactions. The Trust has changed the way that supporters and volunteers interact with staff and share opportunities for development.

Hackfall Wood, managed by the Woodland Trust, is a Grade I registered Historic Park and Garden in North Yorkshire.
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the increase was 7%). English Heritage Volunteers also increased nationally in 2011/12 by 28%, to 830.

Caring and Sharing

In terms of the *Heritage at Risk Register* in Yorkshire and the Humber:

- 4% of high grade (Grade I and II*) listed buildings were at risk in 2012, an improvement from 7% at risk in 1999.
- 26% of scheduled monuments are at risk although the numbers have reduced from 744 to 676.
- 11% of the 118 registered parks and gardens are at risk.

Over the last decade the pattern of planning application decisions in Yorkshire and the Humber mirrors the national trend. From a peak in 2004/05 the numbers declined slowly until 2007/08 and more rapidly since then. In 2011/12 there were just over 33,700 planning applications decided, the lowest number since 2002/03. In Yorkshire and the Humber, English Heritage have given grants of over £22 million in grants since 2002/03, including over £1.7 million in 2011/12.

Since 1994/95 the Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded over £380 million in grants in Yorkshire and the Humber. This represents 8% of total HLF spend in the UK including over £156 million in historic buildings and monuments and over £82 million on public parks, land and biodiversity projects.

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