



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.

The hundreds of thousands of people who flock to Liverpool's Albert Dock today have a different perception from the 19th century architectural historian, Joseph Picton, who described it as a "simply hideous pile of naked brickwork". The functional, historic, buildings of trade and industry are no longer so strongly linked in the mind with grim working conditions and pollution and can be seen as an outstanding legacy of a time when the North West of England was a leader on the world stage in the production of textiles and in trading and commerce. Yet despite this, much of our industrial legacy remains at risk. Empty warehouses, derelict mills and disintegrating mining remains sit alongside places where such buildings have been successfully repaired and converted to new uses. 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 finest industrial buildings. It is for this reason that English Heritage is focussing attention on industrial heritage at risk. Full details of this initiative can be found at www.english-heritage.org.uk/industrial-heritage-at-risk, while the 2011 Heritage at Risk Register for the North West features 39 industrial sites.

In the last year English Heritage has invested in industrial heritage at risk, including an injection of £375k in the Weavers Triangle in support of Burnley Council's initiative to revive the fortunes of this former hub of textile production. Our grant aid is heavily focused on at risk work and, of the £1.26m we offered to secular historic assets in 2010/11, all but £100k was used in this way. This included assistance in Cockerthorpe following the 2009 floods, a partnership with the Lake District National Park Authority to enable fuller understanding of how much heritage is at risk and

what should be done about it, grants for repairs such as at Mrs Gaskell's House in Manchester, and investment in traditional craft skills that are essential when tackling repairs and adaptations. English Heritage's partnership with the Heritage Lottery Fund has also seen over £3.3 million invested in historic places of worship across the North West in 2010/11.

There are some real successes to report from the last year. After many years of hard work the owners of Hankelow Hall, Cheshire East, have completed repairs to this fine building, while the mansion at Petteril Bank, Carlisle, is now restored as part of the impressive new County Record Office. The dedication of the trust that looks after Newland blast furnace in South Lakeland has secured the future of the structure and its ancillary buildings. The condition of many scheduled monuments has also been improved as a result of owners taking advantage of management agreements with English Heritage. However, notwithstanding the successful removal of nine sites from the register, ten have been added.

In the year ahead, we will be prioritising action on a small number of selected cases where we feel English Heritage may help to make a significant difference. This support need not always be in the form of grants; many people find the expert advice and guidance of English Heritage staff to be just as valuable. We will also be looking to develop wider partnerships which are often vital to achieving success, particularly in such challenging economic circumstances.

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NORTH WEST

BUILDINGS AT RISK

- Nationally, 3.0% of grade I and II* listed buildings are at risk. In the North West this rises to 5.2%, representing 105 sites.
- 9 sites have been removed from the 2010 Register, but 10 have been added.
- 45% of entries (70 buildings) on the baseline 1999 Register for the North West 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 North West we awarded grants totalling £300k to 7 sites.
- 31 listed places of worship have been added to our Register this year. We estimate the cost of repairing these buildings is £6.9m.

SCHEDULED MONUMENTS

- 16.9% (3,339) of England's 19,748 scheduled monuments are at risk, compared to 15.1% (198 sites) in the North West.
- In the North West, 20 sites have been removed from the 2010 Register, but 25 sites have been added.
- 15.5% of entries (26 sites) on the baseline 2009 Register for the North West 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. In the North West, general deterioration is the next most common issue.
- Nationally, 82% of scheduled monuments at risk are in private ownership, this rises to 84% in the North West.
- Of the £357k offered by English Heritage to owners of scheduled monuments at risk in 2010/11, £30k was to 7 sites in the North West.

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 North West, 7 of our 130 sites are at risk (5.4%).
- Nationally, 6 sites have been added and 2 removed from the 2010 Register. In the North West, 1 site has been added.

REGISTERED BATTLEFIELDS

- Of the 43 registered battlefields in England, 6 are at risk, 2 less than the 2008 baseline. None of the 3 registered battlefields in the North West are 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. There are no protected wreck sites off the coast of the North West.

CONSERVATION AREAS

- 288 local planning authorities (86%) have taken part in the national survey of conservation areas, of which 32 are in the North West. 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 752 conservation areas surveyed in the North West, 62 (8.2%) are at risk.



**WYCLIFFE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH,
STOCKPORT, GREATER MANCHESTER**

This grade II listed church is in a very fragile condition due to structural failure. The most urgent repairs to the church are now being grant-aided by English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund.

IN THE NORTH WEST:

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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



LION SALT WORKS, MARSTON, CHESHIRE

This is a rare, possibly unique, survival of an inland salt works, at risk because of its dilapidated condition. The Salt Works are to be developed as a visitor attraction. Preparatory work is being undertaken to ensure the archaeology on site is either safeguarded for the future or fully recorded and used to interpret the site for visitors.

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

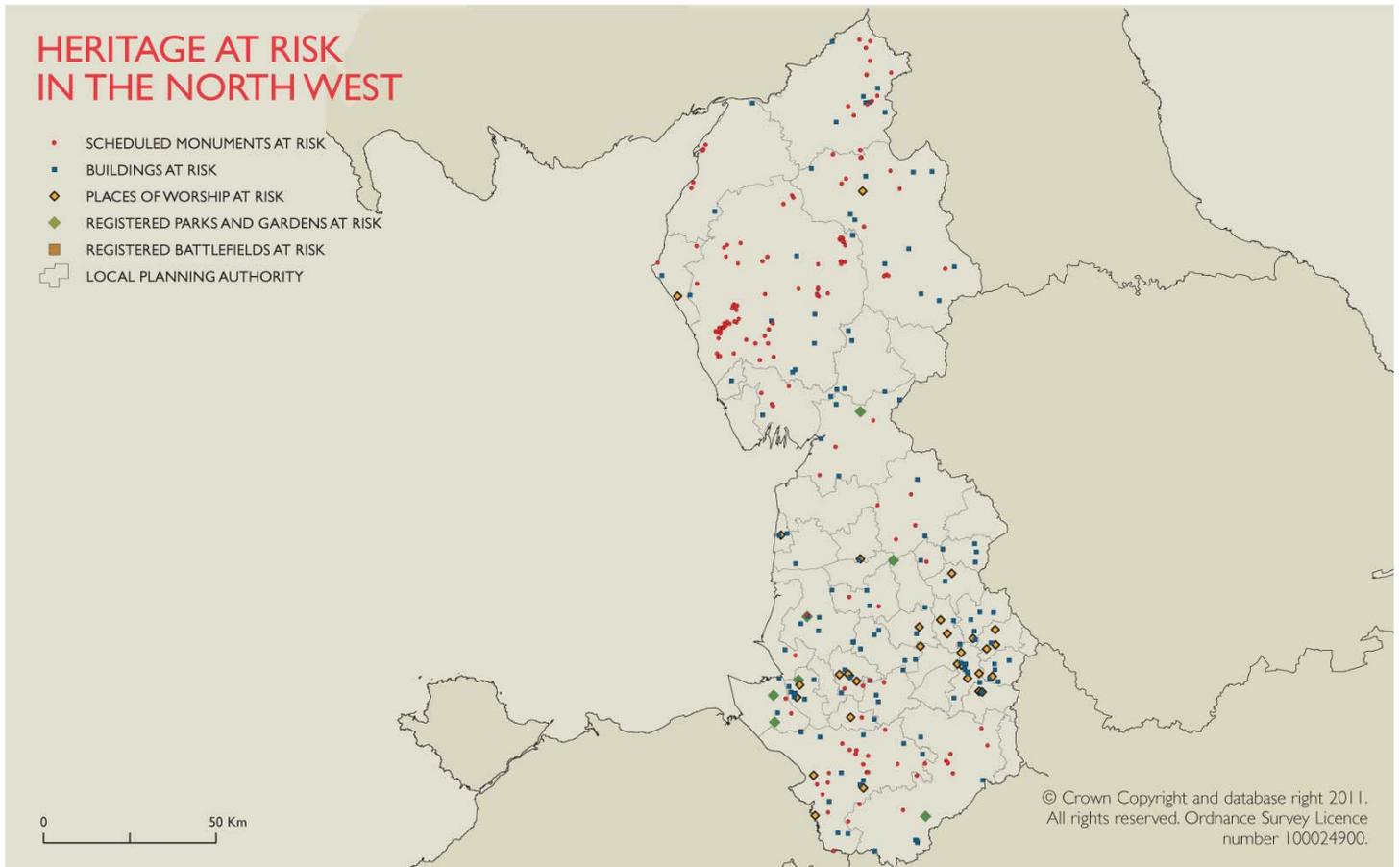
PRIORITY SITES

- Castle Hill motte and ditch system, Oldcastle, Cheshire
- Central General Service Hangar, South Road, Hooton, Ellesmere Port, Cheshire
- Church of St James, St James's Place, Liverpool, Merseyside
- Flaybrick Memorial Gardens, Wirral, Merseyside
- Police and Fire Station, London Road, Manchester
- Ribchester Roman fort (Bremetennacum), Ribchester, Ribble Valley, Lancashire
- Shieling settlement close to the mouth of Scale Beck, Loweswater, Allerdale, Cumbria
- The Winter Gardens, Adelaide Street, Blackpool
- Whitesyke and Bentyfield Lead Mines, Alston Moor, Eden, Cumbria
- Wycliffe Congregational Chapel, Wellington Road North, Heaton Norris, Stockport

COVER IMAGE:

Police and Fire Station,
Manchester; Building at
Risk and Priority Site

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