

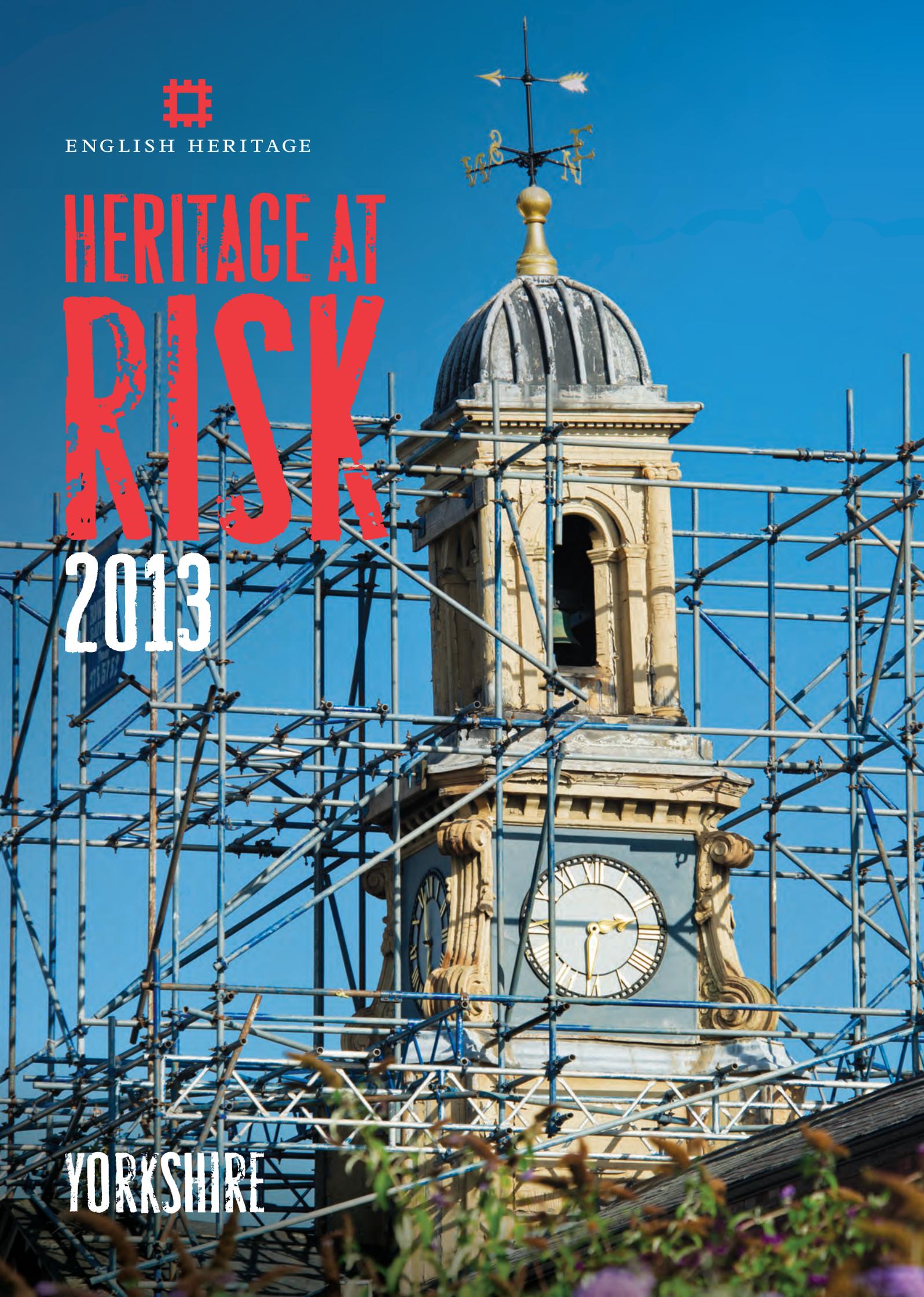


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Heritage at Risk is our campaign to save listed buildings and important historic sites, places and landmarks from neglect or decay. At its heart is the Heritage at Risk Register, an online database containing details of each site known to be at risk. It is analysed and updated annually and this leaflet summarises the results. Each of our nine local offices now hosts a dedicated Heritage at Risk team, delivering national expertise locally.

The good news is that we are on target to save 25% (1,137) of the sites that were on the Register in 2010 by 2015. From the historic battlefield at Towton to ancient barrows on the Wolds, this success is down to good partnerships with owners, developers, the Heritage Lottery Fund, Natural England, councils and local groups. It will be increasingly important to build on these partnerships to achieve the overall aim of reducing the number of sites on the Register. **Trevor Mitchell**, Planning and Conservation Director, Yorkshire

This year we have made great progress, removing over 120 assets from the Heritage at Risk Register, including 96 scheduled monuments, many of which have received funding through Natural England Stewardship Schemes. We have also removed two of our top ten priority sites. Our approach continues to focus on Yorkshire's most distinctive heritage.

## **The Ancient Landscapes of the Wolds and Moors**

These landscapes contain some of England's most important but least appreciated prehistoric sites. Working with the North York Moors National Park, the Coast Wolds and Wetlands Leadership Partnerships and Natural England, we are addressing the threat of arable cultivation to the area's many barrows, dykes and boundary features.

## **The Industrial Remains of the Dales**

Lead mining has shaped the landscape of the Dales since Roman times and our successful partnership with the National Park has secured characteristic remains as evidence for future generations. Successes include the removal of Sargill Lead Mine, now monitored by a team of volunteers and the repair of the chimney and flues associated with lead smelting on Grassington Moor.

## **South Yorkshire Metal Trades**

Real progress has been made securing this important industrial legacy. In Sheffield, grants of over £260k for Green Lane Works and Eagle Works will aid the repair and reuse of these important landmarks in the Kelham Island Conservation Area, as part of a £13m mixed-use scheme, supported by the Homes and Communities Agency. Next year we will focus our attention on Leah's Yard, a key courtyard site in the

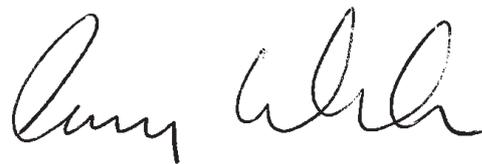
heart of Sheffield, while our work with the East Peak Innovation Partnership should see improvements to Rockley Blast Furnace and Engine House near Barnsley.

## **The Textile Industry of the West Riding**

It continues to be difficult to secure regeneration of large mill complexes in the current economic climate. However, there is some progress with smaller sites and associated townscapes. We have offered a grant of £92k to the social housing provider Accent Foundation to support the residential conversion of the former St Catherine's Nurses Home in Manningham. We have also helped to scope the outstanding repair needs at nearby Lister Mills. In Haworth, a combination of initiatives has improved the conservation area sufficiently for us to remove it from the Register, although there is more to be done to ensure that the village is a truly world-class visitor destination.

## **South Yorkshire Designed Landscapes**

Dedication and perseverance pays off. For some years we have been investing alongside the Heritage Lottery Fund and others in the amazing grade I landscape at Wentworth Castle, securing many of its fine follies. And finally, 10 years after it featured on the BBC Restoration programme, the £3.7m repair of the beautiful Victorian Conservatory is now complete.



**Tammy Whitaker,**  
Principal Adviser, Heritage at Risk

## **GREEN LANE WORKS, SHEFFIELD, SOUTH YORKSHIRE**

The imposing entrance to Green Lane Works, described as "the most spectacular survival of factory architecture in Sheffield." The site was home to successive metal manufacturing firms making everything from razor blades to agricultural machinery and motor parts. But once production ceased the condition of the building deteriorated and the grade II\* gateway was added to the Register this year. But the future looks promising. The site is set to be restored as part of a £13m eco-friendly mixed-use development, incorporating housing, commercial and leisure space by award winning Leeds based developer Citu.

## BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

- Nationally, 4.1% of grade I and II\* listed buildings (excluding places of worship) are on the Register. In Yorkshire the percentage is 6.0% (96 buildings).
- 8 building or structure entries have been removed from the 2012 Yorkshire Register because their futures have been secured, but 11 have been added.

## PLACES OF WORSHIP

- Of the 519 listed places of worship assessed in Yorkshire, 71 are on the Register.
- 14 places of worship have been removed from the 2012 Register following repair work.

## ARCHAEOLOGY

- 3,265 (16.5%) of England's 19,792 scheduled monuments are on the Register, of which 597 are in Yorkshire.
- 96 archaeology entries have been removed from the 2012 Register for positive reasons and 4 have been added.
- 25.6% of archaeology entries (185) on Yorkshire's baseline 2009 Register have been removed for positive reasons, compared to the national figure of 21.1%.
- Nationally, damage from arable cultivation is the greatest risk factor, accounting for 43% of those on the Register. In Yorkshire the proportion is 57%.

## PARKS AND GARDENS

- 100 (6.2%) of England's 1,624 registered parks and gardens are on the Register. In Yorkshire, 14 are on the Register, an increase of 1 on last year.

## BATTLEFIELDS

- Of the 43 registered battlefields in England, 6 are on the Register. Of the 7 registered battlefields in Yorkshire, 3 are on the Register. 1 entry has been removed from the 2012 Register.

## WRECK SITES

- Of the 46 protected wreck sites around England's coast, 4 are on the Register. Yorkshire's single protected wreck site is not on the Register.

## CONSERVATION AREAS

- 8,179 of England's 9,839 conservation areas have been surveyed by local authorities. 510 (6.2%) are on the Register. Of the 853 conservation areas surveyed in Yorkshire, 55 (6.4%) are on the Register.
- 3 conservation areas have been removed from the 2012 Yorkshire Register for positive reasons, but 5 have been added.



### LEAD CUPOLA, FLUE AND CHIMNEY, GRASSINGTON MOOR, NORTH YORKSHIRE

The surviving remains of a lead processing plant stand high on Grassington Moor. On the Register since 1999, the ruins of this extraordinary system of flues, semi-sunken arched tunnels, condensing chambers, and chimney have now been repaired and removed from the Register with grant aid from English Heritage.

**61%** OF  
BUILDINGS AND  
STRUCTURES  
ON THE 1999 REGISTER  
HAVE BEEN  
**SAVED**

**55**  
CONSERVATION  
AREAS ARE ON  
THE REGISTER

**22.8%**  
OF SCHEDULED  
MONUMENTS ARE ON  
THE REGISTER

**£1.1m** IN  
GRANTS  
WAS OFFERED TO  
**23** SITES  
ON THE REGISTER

Heritage assets are assessed based on the nature of the site. Buildings and structures include listed buildings (excluding listed places of worship) and structural scheduled monuments; archaeology assessments cover earthworks and buried archaeology.

## PRIORITY HAR SITES

- Barden Church, Barden, Yorkshire Dales National Park
- Birdsall Estate (incl. 16 scheduled monuments at risk), Birdsall Wold, Ryedale, North Yorkshire
- First Leeds White Cloth Hall, 98-101 (consec) Kirkgate, Leeds, West Yorkshire
- Grassington Moor (multi-period lead mines and processing works and 20th century barytes mill), Grassington, Yorkshire Dales National Park
- Keld Heads lead smeltnill and mine complex, Wensley, Richmondshire, North Yorkshire
- Kirklees Park Farm buildings (incl. Double aisled barn to north west of Kirklees Priory Gatehouse, Home Farm (Building No. 6), Kirklees Priory Gatehouse, L-shaped Aisled Barn, and the Malthouse) Brighouse, Calderdale, West Yorkshire
- Leah's Yard, 20-22 Cambridge Street, Sheffield, South Yorkshire
- Rockley Blast Furnace and Engine House, Bamsley, South Yorkshire
- Whortlon Castle (gatehouse and ruins of undercroft), Castle Bank, Whortlon, North York Moors National Park
- Wressle Castle, Brighton Road, Wressle, East Riding of Yorkshire

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## HAWORTH CONSERVATION AREA, WEST YORKSHIRE

### BACKGROUND AND HISTORY:

At one time entire families in the Pennine village of Haworth were employed as weavers and wool combers, producing fine quality worsted yarn and cloth. Today, it is best known for its famous association with the Bronte family. It is a remote and picturesque village, based on the side of a steep hill, with the lonely and desolate moors, made famous by Emily Bronte's *Wuthering Heights*, rising behind. The historic village is a product of the 19th century when its location on the trans-Pennine turnpike road meant that it served a large area,

hosting a range of shops and services including booksellers, grocers, tailors, drapers, surgeons and an apothecary and wine merchant. The Brontes added their mark founding the National School in 1832.

### IS IT AT RISK?

This thriving tourism destination was added to the Heritage at Risk Register in 2010, when fears that poor maintenance and piecemeal changes were eroding the character of the village. Local residents and businesses have been working with English Heritage and Bradford Council to reverse the decline and ensure Haworth retains its reputation as an international tourism destination. Small improvements like the

reinstatement of original features including windows in the old school room (left, before and after) and shop fronts on Main Street, repair of the cobbled streets and repairs to the roof of St Michael and All Angels Church where Patrick Bronte was curate have all helped to restore the character of the village.

### WHAT'S THE CURRENT SITUATION?

The work by residents, businesses, the local authority and English Heritage has helped Haworth to turn a corner, but there is still much to do. We've identified a series of further actions such as tackling the plethora of signage blighting Main Street and encouraging owners to follow our lead on building repairs so that Haworth continues to strengthen its identity as an iconic Yorkshire village showcasing Yorkshire's heritage to visitors from all over the world.

Find out what's at risk by searching or downloading the online Heritage at Risk Register at [www.english-heritage.org.uk/har](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/har)

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