



Consolidation of the ruins at Pontefract Castle, Wakefield

The Heritage at Risk Register identifies sites most at risk of being lost as a result of neglect, decay or inappropriate development. Our nine local teams work with owners, developers, funders and communities, to focus on the country's most vulnerable historic places and ultimately find solutions to rescue them.

This year we have seen an increase in the percentage of grade I and II* listed buildings, and structural scheduled monuments, that are capable of beneficial use. In fact, it's at the highest it's ever been (45.7%). Despite this, there are fewer entries on the 2016 Register (5,341) compared to 2015 (5,478). Last year we reported there were more barrows than any other type of site on the Register. The number of barrows has been reduced from 854 in 2015 to 782 in 2016, however they remain the top site type on the Register.

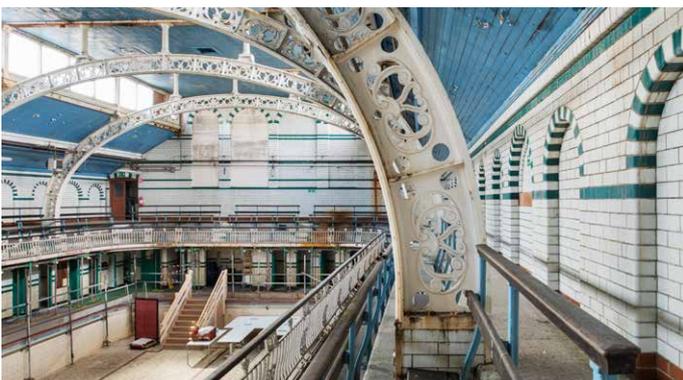
A reduction in the percentage of buildings and structures economic repair (13.6%), coupled with the increase of sites capable of beneficial use on the Register, suggests finding economic solutions is becoming increasingly difficult. There has been a significant increase in the estimated conservation deficit of buildings and structures on the Register – from £475.4m in 2015 to £613.4m in 2016.

There are two types of site that account for a third of this conservation deficit – country houses and textile industry sites. In response, we hope investment in mills will form part of the northern powerhouse initiative.

A factor in the increased conservation deficit is a skills shortage affecting consultants and tradesman alike, the result is increased tenders, making the cost of work more expensive. A scaffolding shortage for repair work projects has increased costs further.

Overall, the percentage of places of worship on the Register remains the same at 6.3%. Unfortunately, there has been a steady rise in the percentage of places of worship on the Register in poor condition (7.3% in 2014 now 8.4% in 2016), and those where no solution agreed has also increase from 60% in 2015 to 67%. This highlights the continued importance of funding for repairs from the Heritage Lottery Fund via its Grants for Places of Worship scheme.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to lower the overall amount of heritage at risk. We will continue to invest our staff time, research and grant aid to find solutions and improve the conditions of heritage at risk.



Public Baths, Moseley is under threat of closure



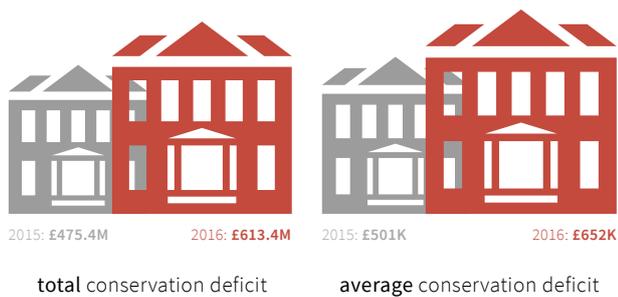
Calvary Charismatic Baptist Church, Poplar

2016 Heritage at Risk Register for England



There are **5,387** designated assets on the **Heritage at Risk Register**, **147** fewer than in 2015

The increasing challenge of repair



43 of the 122 country houses on the Register have an estimated total conservation deficit of over **£118M**

16 of the 39 textile mills on the Register have an estimated total conservation deficit of

£115M

Good news:



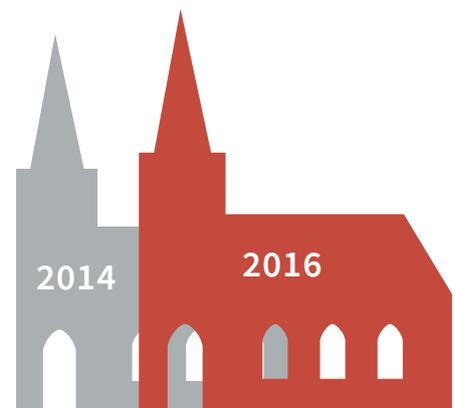
64
barrows



39
residential and domestic buildings

have been **removed** from the **2015 Register**

More **Places of Worship at risk** and in poor condition have no solution agreed



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