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Heritage Crime Risk Assessment

A fillable PDF version of the Heritage Crime Risk Assessment Framework form

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HistoricEngland.org.uk/advice/caring-for-heritage/heritage-crime/

Objective/scanning – heritage asset to be assessed

Assessment date	<input type="text"/>	Assessor name	<input type="text"/>	Organisation	<input type="text"/>
Landline/extension	<input type="text"/>	Mobile	<input type="text"/>	Email	<input type="text"/>
Address/location of heritage asset	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>	Ordnance Survey reference (to 6 figures) Latitude/longitude for maritime sites	<input type="text"/>
Assessment title	<input type="text"/>			what3words.com location reference	<input type="text"/>
Brief description of assessment activity, Principle crime concerns/objectives and brief note of how success might be measured	<input type="text"/>				

Note: Describe area assessed (eg building and curtilage), significant factors in surrounding environment, any limitations to assessment (eg limited access) and so on. If the site is complex and comprises multiple buildings, then a separate form should be used for each building.

Scanning – Designation and description of heritage asset affected

In order to identify designations for heritage assets, see historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/
 For the Heritage at Risk Register see historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk/search-register/

Identification and designation of heritage assets

(Please tick all categories that apply)

Unesco World Heritage Site <input type="checkbox"/>	Listed building Grade I <input type="checkbox"/>	Listed building Grade II* <input type="checkbox"/>	Listed building Grade II <input type="checkbox"/>	Scheduled monument <input type="checkbox"/>
Registered park and garden <input type="checkbox"/>	Protected wreck site <input type="checkbox"/>	Protected military remains <input type="checkbox"/>	Registered battlefield <input type="checkbox"/>	Historic building in conservation area <input type="checkbox"/>

Additional information

Heritage at Risk Register <input type="checkbox"/>	Upstanding ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Buried archaeology <input type="checkbox"/>	Archaeological excavation/ recording in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Curtilage of designated building <input type="checkbox"/>
Unoccupied building (used less than seven days a year) <input type="checkbox"/>	Residential/ occupied building <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum/gallery <input type="checkbox"/>	Memorial/public art <input type="checkbox"/>	Place of worship <input type="checkbox"/>
Intertidal zone - above mean low-water mark <input type="checkbox"/>	Maritime heritage asset <input type="checkbox"/>	River or canal heritage asset <input type="checkbox"/>	Transport heritage asset <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial heritage asset <input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)	
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Scanning – Heritage crime threats

(Use the table below as reference when adding threats in the assessment. Please tick all categories that apply)

Theft of metal <input type="checkbox"/>	Theft of stone <input type="checkbox"/>	Theft of other architectural or decorative feature <input type="checkbox"/>	Theft of cultural property/artefact <input type="checkbox"/>
Criminal damage (including graffiti) <input type="checkbox"/>	Arson <input type="checkbox"/>	Activity that may cause harm to a scheduled monument (eg off-road driving, bait digging on foreshore or unauthorised groundworks) <input type="checkbox"/>	Anti-social behaviour that may cause nuisance or disorder near a heritage asset (eg problematic alcohol or drug consumption, litter, public urination) <input type="checkbox"/>
Environmental crimes that may cause harm to a heritage asset (eg tyre dumping or fly-tipping) <input type="checkbox"/>	Unauthorised works by owners/former owners <input type="checkbox"/>	Illicit metal detecting/illicit magnet fishing <input type="checkbox"/>	Interference with wreck/military remains <input type="checkbox"/>
Terrorism or domestic extremism activity that may cause harm to a heritage asset <input type="checkbox"/>	Online or cyber element involved in heritage crime offence* <input type="checkbox"/>	Hate crime element involved in heritage crime offence** <input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (please specify)			

* *Cyber-dependent* crimes are those that can only be committed using a computer or ICT, such as introduction of malware. *Cyber-enabled* crimes are ‘traditional’ crimes that are increased in scale or reach by the use of computers or ICT, such as using a drone to capture images of a church roof to identify opportunities for theft. *Cyber-assisted* crimes are those that use networked digital technologies in the course of criminal activity that would take place anyway, such as online research before committing a burglary.

** Hate crime: ‘Any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice, based on a person’s disability or perceived disability; race or perceived race; or religion or perceived religion; or sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation or transgender identity or perceived transgender identity.’ (Crown Prosecution Service)

Scanning – Heritage crime threats

Give a brief summary of any relevant and credible information about local and national trends, especially those relating to heritage crime. Sources include police, Historic England and national media. When outlining the contextual crime picture, consider the relevance of:

- Previous history of offences (including attempts) at the location under review during the past three to five years
- Local levels of crime and anti-social behaviour, especially the local heritage crime picture (via www.police.uk website and information from local police)
- National trends and criminal activity in relation to heritage crime

It may also be useful to consider motivations to commit heritage crime. These include crimes committed due to criminal recklessness (eg causing foreseeable damage to a listed building by climbing on it, thereby damaging the roof and walls), financial gain (eg stealing something to sell for profit), ideology (eg damage caused by graffiti related to gang affiliation) or attachment (eg theft by illicit collectors).

Analysis – Scoring guidance

Impact (identify the worst reasonably foreseeable consequence)			Likelihood (at location or nearby)		
Score	Description	Example	Score	Description	Example
1	Insignificant	Loss or damage to a heritage asset, superficial in nature and with minimal adverse impact on the asset	1	Rare	Incident unlikely ever to happen Probability of incident close to zero
2	Minor	Loss or damage to a heritage asset of limited significance, unlikely to attract public or academic concern and no ongoing risk	2	Unlikely	Incident foreseeable but probability very low Incident might be seen once during working life (40-year period)
3	Substantial	Loss or damage to a heritage asset of national/international significance (eg Grade I/II* listed building), which, while causing impairment, does not affect the elements of greatest significance, or serious loss or partial destruction to a designated heritage asset of lesser significance (eg Grade II listed building)	3	Possible	Incident may have occurred in the past Expect to see several incidents during working life (40-year period)
4	Serious	Serious loss or partial destruction/serious damage to a heritage asset of national/international significance (eg Grade I/II* listed building), or grave loss or destruction of a designated heritage asset of lesser significance (eg Grade II listed building)	4	Likely	Incident has occurred in the past Expect at least one incident per year Local police/heritage professionals would not be surprised by incident
5	Catastrophic	Grave loss or destruction of a major asset of national/international significance (eg Grade I/II* listed building)	5	Almost certain	Incidents occur frequently Expect significant number of incidents each year

Analysis – Prioritisation risk matrix

Likelihood (L)	Impact (I)					
	1 Insignificant	2 Minor	3 Substantial	4 Serious	5 Catastrophic	
1 Rare	1	2	3	4	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further action is required immediately Action should be identified to reduce the risk Urgent action required to reduce the risk Immediate action required in consultation with Historic England, Head of Heritage Crime Strategy and accredited police or specialist independent crime prevention adviser
2 Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10	
3 Possible	3	6	9	12	15	
4 Likely	4	8	12	16	20	
5 Almost certain	5	10	15	20	25	

Analysis/response – Summary Sheet 1

Date	Threat type – (from list above)	What is the crime threat? What might be harmed and how?	Existing controls	Current risk rating			Additional controls (brief summary)	Revised rating		
				I	L	I x L		I	L	I x L
				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood						
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Actions	Description	Responsible person	Date due	Date completed	Notes/comments
List key actions agreed with target date and date completed					

Analysis/response – Summary Sheet 2

Date	Threat type – (from list above)	What is the crime threat? What might be harmed and how?	Existing controls	Current risk rating			Additional controls (brief summary)	Revised rating		
				I	L	I x L		I	L	I x L
				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood						
							Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood			

Actions	Description	Responsible person	Date due	Date completed	Notes/comments
List key actions agreed with target date and date completed					

Analysis/response – Summary Sheet 3

Date	Threat type – (from list above)	What is the crime threat? What might be harmed and how?	Existing controls	Current risk rating			Additional controls (brief summary)	Revised rating		
				I	L	I x L		I	L	I x L
				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood		

Actions	Description	Responsible person	Date due	Date completed	Notes/comments
List key actions agreed with target date and date completed					

Analysis/response – Summary Sheet 4

Date	Threat type – (from list above)	What is the crime threat? What might be harmed and how?	Existing controls	Current risk rating			Additional controls (brief summary)	Revised rating		
				I	L	I x L		I	L	I x L
				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood						
				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood						

Actions	Description	Responsible person	Date due	Date completed	Notes/comments
List key actions agreed with target date and date completed					

Analysis/response – Summary Sheet 5

Date	Threat type – (from list above)	What is the crime threat? What might be harmed and how?	Existing controls	Current risk rating			Additional controls (brief summary)	Revised rating		
				I	L	I x L		I	L	I x L
				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood		

Actions	Description	Responsible person	Date due	Date completed	Notes/comments
List key actions agreed with target date and date completed					

Analysis/response – Summary Sheet 6

Date	Threat type – (from list above)	What is the crime threat? What might be harmed and how?	Existing controls	Current risk rating			Additional controls (brief summary)	Revised rating		
				I	L	I x L		I	L	I x L
				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood						
				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood						

Actions	Description	Responsible person	Date due	Date completed	Notes/comments
List key actions agreed with target date and date completed					

Analysis/response – Summary Sheet 7

Date	Threat type – (from list above)	What is the crime threat? What might be harmed and how?	Existing controls	Current risk rating			Additional controls (brief summary)	Revised rating		
				I	L	I x L		I	L	I x L
				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood		

Actions	Description	Responsible person	Date due	Date completed	Notes/comments
List key actions agreed with target date and date completed					

Analysis/response – Summary Sheet 8

Date	Threat type – (from list above)	What is the crime threat? What might be harmed and how?	Existing controls	Current risk rating			Additional controls (brief summary)	Revised rating		
				I	L	I x L		I	L	I x L
				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood		

Actions	Description	Responsible person	Date due	Date completed	Notes/comments
List key actions agreed with target date and date completed					

Analysis/response – Summary Sheet 9

Date	Threat type – (from list above)	What is the crime threat? What might be harmed and how?	Existing controls	Current risk rating			Additional controls (brief summary)	Revised rating		
				I	L	I x L		I	L	I x L
				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood		

Actions	Description	Responsible person	Date due	Date completed	Notes/comments
List key actions agreed with target date and date completed					

Analysis/response – Summary Sheet 10

Date	Threat type – (from list above)	What is the crime threat? What might be harmed and how?	Existing controls	Current risk rating			Additional controls (brief summary)	Revised rating		
				I	L	I x L		I	L	I x L
				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood				Key: I = Impact L = Likelihood		

Actions	Description	Responsible person	Date due	Date completed	Notes/comments
List key actions agreed with target date and date completed					