

YORKSHIRE PLANNING AND CONSERVATION TEAM REPORT 2014

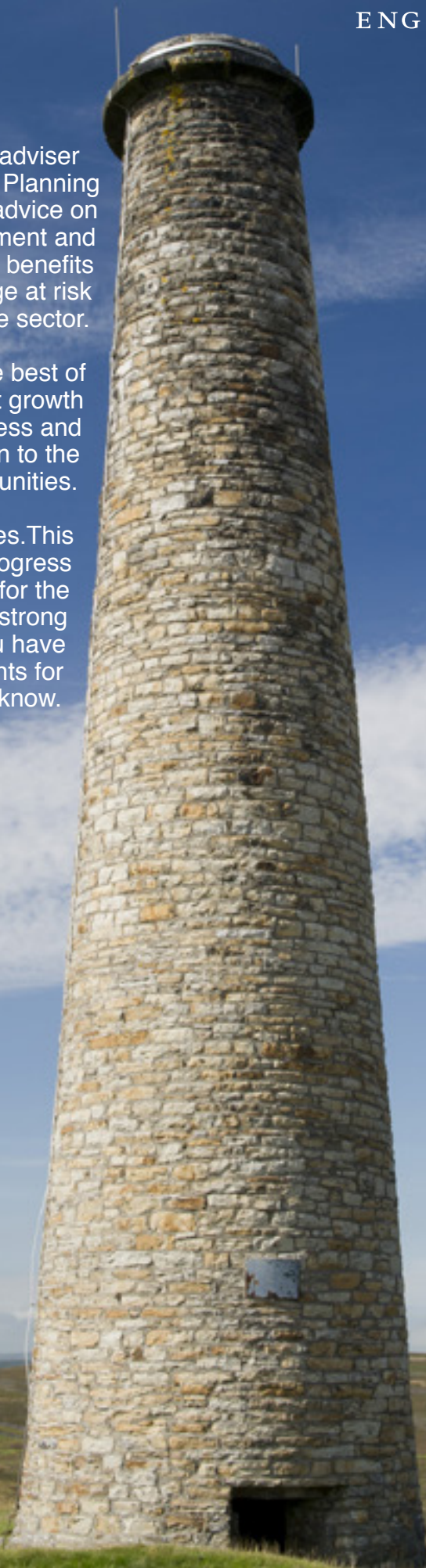


ENGLISH HERITAGE

English Heritage is the Government's adviser for the historic environment. Yorkshire's Planning and Conservation Team delivers advice on managing change in the historic environment and works to inspire public confidence in the benefits of it. We also provide funding to heritage at risk and to increase capacity in the heritage sector.

We are committed to using the best of Yorkshire's distinctive heritage to support growth through its contribution to the business and visitor economies and for its contribution to the development of sustainable communities.

In 2013 we identified six strategic priorities. This document gives you a snapshot of progress in these areas and what our focus is for the year ahead. Much of our work relies on strong partnerships with others so if you have comments on our priorities and thoughts for how we can collaborate, please let us know.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2013/14

Yorkshire's City Regions

One of our highlights last year was seeing City of York Council move into their iconic new headquarters and customer service centre right across from our own offices in Tanner Row. The development celebrates the valuable heritage elements of York's original railway station from 1840, Grade II* listed, and incorporates it sensitively with new design to create a place that serves the people of the City once again.



West Offices, York

The Textile Industry of West Yorkshire

Bradford MDC have been breaking new ground by taking advantage of new ERR Act provisions and working with us to draft the first ever Local Listed Building Consent Order (LLBCO). The pilot scheme is for Little Germany which is adjacent to a new retail development. The unusual uniformity in architectural design makes it an ideal location for an LLBCO to help promote investment.

We also worked closely with the Council, local councillors, businesses, community groups and residents in Haworth to get the Conservation Area off the Heritage At Risk Register. It was added in 2010 because poor maintenance and piecemeal changes were eroding the very special character of the village. Some vital improvements will help the village look its best when the world's cameras zoom in on the Tour de France cyclists heading through.



Haworth



Green Lane Works, Sheffield

The Metal Trades of South Yorkshire

Sellers Wheel is a stunning example of constructive conservation work that we're really proud of. This Grade II listed 19th-century courtyard complex originally housed John Sellers and Sons - manufacturers of pen knives, table cutlery and razors. Original features like vaulted ceilings, fireplaces and beams are incorporated in the mixed-use development with a popular coffee house, office space and student flats. After a period of uncertainty, the building once again has a buzz about it and contributes positively to the feel of the surrounding Cultural Industries Quarter of Sheffield.



Sellers Wheel, Sheffield

The Designed Landscapes of South Yorkshire

We are really delighted that the conservatory at Wentworth Castle is finally off the Heritage At Risk Register. This beautiful Victorian glasshouse, built in 1855, faced an uncertain future after sixty cold winters took their toll on the unheated building. With the help of English Heritage funding and advice the work was completed in September and the glasshouse, now open to the public, is definitely worth a visit.



Wentworth Conservatory

The Ancient Landscapes of the Moors and Wolds

The Moors and Wolds has archaeology as rich, if not richer than at Stonehenge. There are hundreds of ancient monuments that tell us all about our past but many of them are at risk through farming or bracken growth. We have been working with the North York Moors National Park Authority to find solutions using the latest technology. We've also looked for opportunities, like attending Driffield Show, to let people see how they can play a part in looking after these monuments.



Wade's Stone © Tees Archaeology



Grassington Moor

The Industrial Legacy of the Dales

Did you think the heritage of the Dales was all about sheep and stone walls? In fact the lead mining industry shaped the landscape significantly. We are working with Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to celebrate this lesser known aspect of the area's history and so far have removed several threatened sites from the Heritage At Risk Register. There is more to do in practical terms and in helping the local community and visitors to the Dales appreciate the context of what they are seeing in the landscape.

£1.1m in grants was offered to **23** sites on the Heritage At Risk Register in 2013

100% of planning consultations replied to within deadline

96 archaeology entries were removed from the Register, only **4** added

61% of buildings and structures on the 1999 Register have been saved

£1.1m committed to Yorkshire owners of heritage at risk in 2014

PRIORITIES FOR 2014/15

Strategic Engagement Priorities for Yorkshire in 2014-15

Yorkshire's City Regions

We will promote a positive and collaborative approach to delivering growth through the imaginative development of heritage assets in our city regions, to provide jobs and homes.

The Textile Industry of the West Riding

The buildings of the textile industry and the wealth it created have shaped the distinctive character of the West Riding. We will work to secure growth by supporting the repair and adaptive reuse of textile sites. We will focus on Bradford's rich legacy, ensuring that heritage and heritage tourism play a positive role in the city's regeneration.

The Metal Trades of South Yorkshire

Steel and metal-working put South Yorkshire on the world map. We will work to secure regeneration by supporting the repair and adaptive reuse of key metal trades sites, such as Leah's Yard, Kelham Island and Well Meadow Street.

The Industrial Legacy of the Dales

Lead mining and industry has shaped the Dales landscape as much as farming. We will work with the National Park to help secure the future of targeted sites and increase their contribution to tourism and will celebrate our successes.

The Designed Landscapes of South Yorkshire

The beautiful urban parks, historic gardens and parkland of South Yorkshire are unrealised assets. We will work to improve the condition of key sites and to celebrate their quality, so that they grow the visitor economy and attract inward investment.

The Ancient Landscapes of the Moors and Wolds

Our pre-historic and medieval remains connect us to our farming ancestors who shaped this distinctive landscape. We will support the rural economy by improving the condition of this heritage and promoting its use in developing the visitor economy.

Hull 2017 UK City of Culture

Yorkshire is home to England's first UK City of Culture. We will support Hull in its preparations, seeking to maximise the contribution that the city's rich heritage makes to its success and to the creation of a lasting legacy

Brutal and Beautiful exhibition

We are bringing the Brutal and Beautiful exhibition to Park Hill, Sheffield as part of Sheffield Design Week and RIBA Love Architecture Week. This exhibition celebrates the best of England's post-war listed buildings with stunning images, three short films and a slideshow of northern buildings. We hope to show the exhibition in other venues across Yorkshire too so do get in touch if you know a suitable space.

Historic England

This will be the year in which English Heritage becomes a charity for the National Collections and we, the government advice arm, become Historic England. We will keep you informed of developments as they happen but until all is formalised you can expect business as usual.

National Heritage Protection Plan

Thank you to everyone who took part in the consultation to share what you thought of the existing plan and offer ideas for the future plan. We expect the NHPP Advisory Group to publish the next plan later this year.

National expertise, locally delivered

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