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YORKSHIRE AND
THE HUMBER

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It is heartening to see that the number of sites on the national Heritage at Risk Register continues to fall, despite the challenges of recession. 1,150 assets have been removed for positive reasons since the Register was launched in 2008. The sites that remain at risk tend to be the more intractable ones where solutions are taking longer to implement.

Overall, the number of buildings at risk has fallen, although we are seeing a steady increase in the proportion of buildings on the Register that are capable of beneficial re-use. These have become vacant not because of any fundamental lack of potential, but as the temporary victims of the current economic climate. The average conservation deficit for buildings has increased as end-values have stagnated or fallen.

We are now into the third year of our thematic approach, which focuses on the most distinctive aspects of Yorkshire's heritage at risk. We have had another strong year, removing 56 sites from the Register and offering £800,000 in grants to 20 others. Very few major repair schemes are coming forward, because financial margins are tight. We will therefore be investing in surveys and viability studies for selected sites, in the hope that this will reduce uncertainty and identify deliverable projects for the future.

The story of the **Industrial Remains of the Dales** has been enriched this year by the re-commissioning of Linton Falls Hydroelectric Power Station. An options appraisal has been completed for the lead-mining complex at Keld Heads and we are working with the owner to develop a project. Elsewhere, at Grassington Moor work to the flue and chimney is almost complete. Works will soon start at Beever and Cockburn mines with support from Natural England and a management plan for the whole Moor is underway.


We are delighted that the Heritage Lottery Fund has agreed to fund a scheme which should enable the First White Cloth Hall in Leeds to be restored. In Huddersfield a commercial solution has converted the merchants' warehouse at St George's Square to provide student flats. But otherwise there is little development of sites from the **Textile Industry of the West Riding**. We will therefore be working with owners to support urgent repairs wherever we can to reduce the conservation deficit and ensure reuse schemes can progress once the market recovers.

Our Chair, Baroness Andrews, recently visited Joel's Yard in Sheffield to celebrate the completion of repairs and to announce a further grant of £300,000 for the adjacent North Yard. But more needs to be done for the buildings of the **South Yorkshire Metal Trades**. Leah's Yard remains a priority, while the metal-trade conservation area of Kelham Island has been added to the Register.

We continue to support the restoration of one of the finest of **South Yorkshire's Designed Landscapes**, Wentworth Castle. Repair of the pillared barn is complete and we are providing £200,000 towards restoration of the conservatory. It is great to see that work has now begun on this impressive structure, which has been on the Register since 1999 and featured on the Restoration television series.

Ancient Landscapes of the Wolds and Moors.

Our productive partnership with the North York Moors National Park continues, with a further 25 scheduled sites removed from the Register. We hope to increase our support to maximise the benefits of this work. Arable cultivation is the greatest source of risk to scheduled monuments and a particular issue on the Wolds. We will be re-doubling our efforts to work with landowners, Natural England and other partners to understand the impact and to secure action. This will become the largest strand of our Heritage at Risk work.



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BIRDSALL ESTATE, MALTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE

The rolling chalklands of the Yorkshire Wolds contain some of England's least appreciated prehistoric, Roman and medieval remains. The greatest risk to these sites comes from arable cultivation cutting into their buried layers and eroding irreplaceable evidence of Yorkshire's past. Sites of this kind were once part of extensive systems stretching for many miles. They can therefore only be properly understood and protected at a landscape scale, which is why English Heritage is helping the Birdsall Estate to develop a Conservation Management Plan for the 65 scheduled monuments in its stewardship, 16 of which are at risk. Peter Horne © English Heritage

BUILDINGS AT RISK

- Nationally, 3.0% of grade I and II* listed buildings are at risk. In Yorkshire and the Humber this rises to 4.1% (91 buildings).
- 8 buildings at risk were removed from the 2011 Yorkshire and the Humber Register, and 4 have been added.

PLACES OF WORSHIP AT RISK

- Of the 339 listed places of worship surveyed in Yorkshire and the Humber, 63 are at risk. 22 have been added this year.

SCHEDULED MONUMENTS

- 3,286 (16.6%) of England's 19,759 scheduled monuments are at risk, of which 676 are in Yorkshire and the Humber.
- In Yorkshire and the Humber, 33 scheduled monuments have been removed from the 2011 Register for positive reasons, and 12 have been added.
- 12.8% of scheduled monuments (93) on Yorkshire and the Humber's baseline 2009 Register have been removed for positive reasons, compared to the national figure of 15.8%.
- Nationally, damage from arable cultivation is the greatest risk factor for scheduled monuments, accounting for 44% of those at risk. In Yorkshire and the Humber the proportion is 57%.

REGISTERED PARKS AND GARDENS

- 99 (6.1%) of England's 1,617 registered parks and gardens are at risk, a decrease from 103 (6.4%) in 2011. In Yorkshire and the Humber, 13 (11%) of our 118 sites are at risk.
- Nationally, 5 registered parks and gardens were removed from the 2011 Register and 1, in Yorkshire and the Humber, has been added.

REGISTERED BATTLEFIELDS

- Of the 43 registered battlefields in England, 6 are at risk, 2 fewer than the 2008 baseline. Of the 7 registered battlefields in Yorkshire and the Humber, 4 are at risk.

PROTECTED WRECK SITES

- Of the 46 protected wreck sites off England's coast, 4 are at risk. Of the 10 sites on the 2008 baseline, 9 have been removed. Yorkshire and the Humber's single protected wreck site is not at risk.

CONSERVATION AREAS

- We now have information on the condition of 7,976 of England's 9,770 conservation areas; 524 (6.6%) are at risk. Of the 848 conservation areas surveyed in Yorkshire and the Humber, 53 (6.3%) are at risk.
- 2 conservation areas were removed from the 2011 Yorkshire and the Humber Register for positive reasons, but 3 have been added.



HAWORTH

Poor maintenance and cumulative changes are threatening Haworth's reputation as a high-quality tourist destination. In partnership with Bradford Council, local groups and business owners, English Heritage is working to restore the character of the village and create a more authentic atmosphere for visitors.

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PRIORITY HAR SITES

- Barden Church, Barden, Yorkshire Dales National Park
- Battle of Towton, Lead / Saxton with Scarthingwell / Towton, Selby, North Yorkshire
- 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
- Haworth Conservation Area, Bradford, West Yorkshire
- Keld Heads lead smeltpill 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
- Grassington Moor (multi-period lead mines and processing works and 20th century barytes mill), Grassington, Yorkshire Dales National Park
- Whorlton Castle (gatehouse and ruins of undercroft), Castle Bank, Whorlton, North York Moors National Park

GRADE II PILOT PROJECTS

English Heritage is looking for people to take part in pilot projects that will explore options for expanding the Heritage at Risk programme to include all grade II listed buildings.

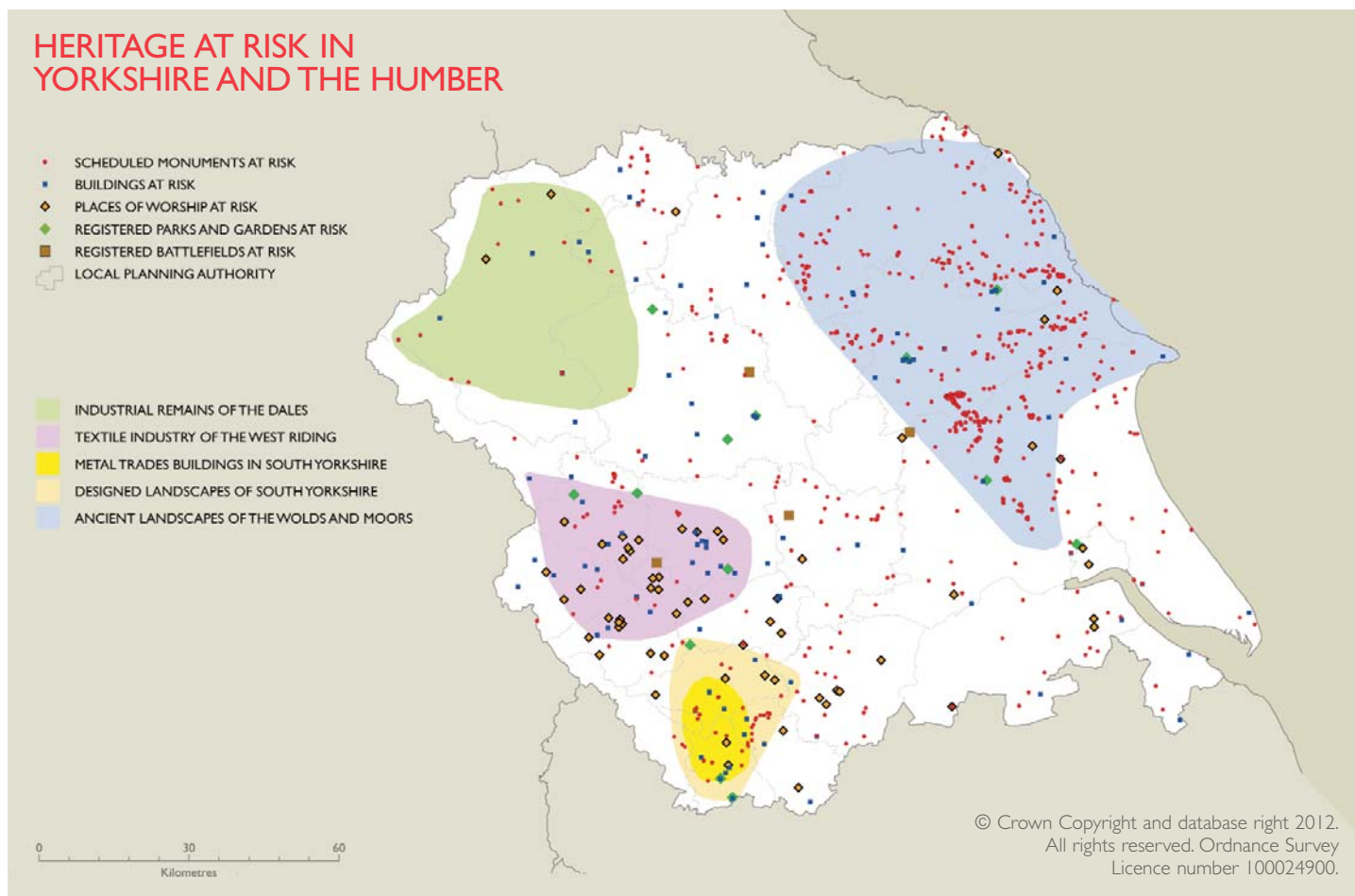
A maximum of 15 pilot projects are required to explore, cost and test various options for undertaking surveys of grade II listed buildings.

For more information and details on how to apply visit:

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