

Westonzoyland Pumping Station, Sedgemoor, Somerset

Over the past year we have focused much of our effort on assessing listed Places of Worship, visiting those considered to be in poor or very bad condition as a result of local reports. We now know that of the 14,775 listed places of worship in England, 6% (888) are at risk and as such are included on this year's Register. These additions mean the overall number of sites on the Register has increased to 5,753. However, 575 sites have been removed from the 2013 Register.

We now have a complete view of the condition of listed Places of Worship. This in turn means we have the most comprehensive view of the state of our heritage since the Register began in 1998. Despite this, there is still much to be done. Grade II buildings represent 92% of all listed buildings and, with the exception of London, they have not been surveyed. The state of the majority of our listed heritage is still unknown.

To help address this, we are sharing our heritage

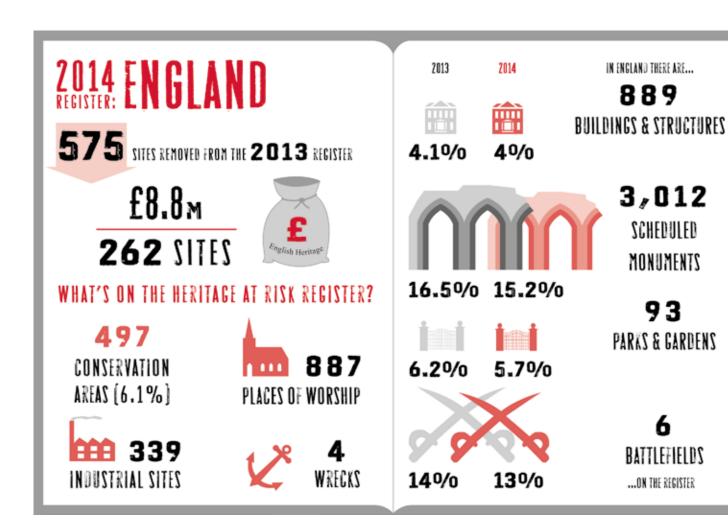
at risk expertise and encouraging local authorities, volunteers and building owners across the country to come together to record the condition of grade II buildings. This information will be collected using a nationally consistent approach to help local planning authorities identify those buildings most at risk. English Heritage will use the information collected to build a national picture to identify trends so we understand the issues facing all historic buildings.



Anfield Cemetery, Liverpool



Kensal Green (All Souls) Cemetery, Kensington and Chelsea



More than 800 volunteers have already signedup to take part in the Help Historic Buildings campaign. We know from the 2013 pilot projects that 16 out of 17 project managers would take part in a similar initiative again. This year a further nine projects have been funded by English Heritage, representing a cross section of the kind of groups, individuals and local authorities that will eventually take part in the campaign nationally. These projects will prepare the ground for other volunteers by testing the way information is recorded and how it can be used, so the future of grade II buildings.

'All you need is a passion for the subject, determination to succeed and commitment and then just go for it.'

Ann Buck, Broadlands volunteer

'By taking part in the pilot project we've been able to create an up to date and comprehensive Heritage at Risk register. We've worked closely with our local Civic Society and enhanced the Historic Environment Record for all grade II and locally listed buildings.'

James Dinn, Worcester City Council



Snodhill Castle, Snodhill, Herefordshire



Church of St Thomas the Apostle, Exeter



Alvecote Priory Dovecote, Shuttington, Warwickshire



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Crowland Abbey, South Holland, Lincolnshire

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