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# PROTECTING HERITAGE AT RISK

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# This presentation will:

- Consider the role of Historic England
- Explore a number of themes where local councils can engage with their historic environment:
  - Via the planning system
  - Identifying and protecting heritage at risk
  - War memorials



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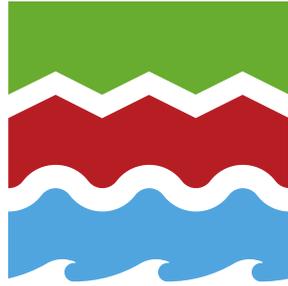
## THE NEW MODEL

- Came into effect 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015
- English Heritage Trust = new charity responsible for managing the National Heritage Collection
- Historic England = Government's adviser on all aspects of the historic environment





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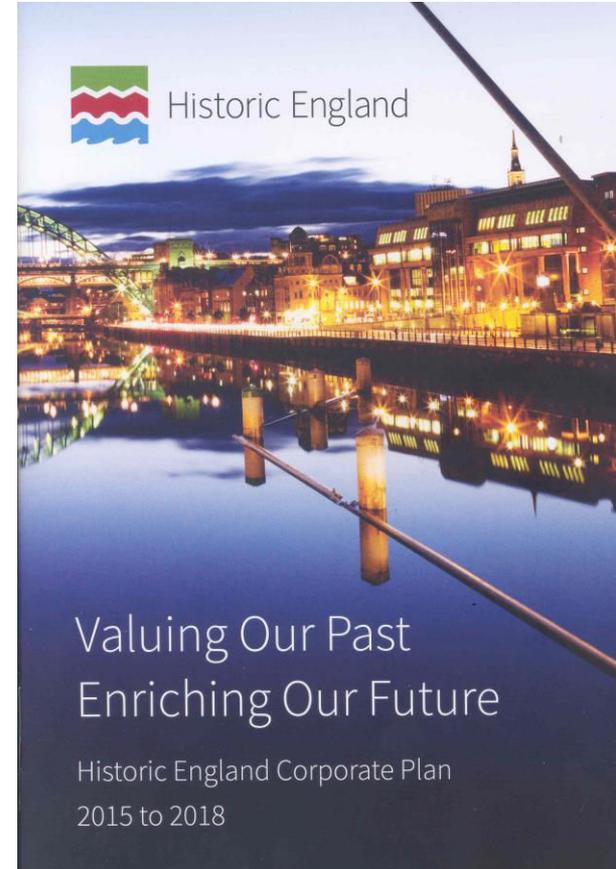


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- Champion England's heritage
- Identify and protect England's most important heritage
- Support change through Constructive Conservation
- Support owners and local authorities to have the expertise to look after England's heritage





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A few achievements since April 2015:

- Newly listed > 800 building and places
- Amended > 6,000 existing entries
- Advised on > 22,000 planning or listed building consent cases
- Funded > 300 research projects e.g. Must Farm
- Almost 100,000 pupils engaged in its Heritage Schools Programme
- Achieved the target of removing 25% of sites that in 2010 were on the nation's Heritage at Risk Register



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## Constructive Conservation

“By working together they helped us to create a building that retained the ‘ghosts’ of the theatre, alongside a bold new 21<sup>st</sup> century intervention that has added a worthy element to the on-going history of our building”

*Royal Shakespeare Company*





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# Heritage at Risk

Grade II\* listed Toll House,  
Stratford-on Avon





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%	Description of what is on the Heritage at Risk Register (2016)
3.8	Grade I and II* listed <b>secular</b> buildings
6.3	Listed <b>places of workshop</b> (all grades)
4.7	<b>All</b> listed buildings
13.0	Scheduled monuments
5.8	Registered parks and gardens
13.0	Registered battlefields
12.2	Protected wreck sites
6.0	Conservation areas surveyed



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# Heritage Crime Programme





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## Heritage Champions initiative:

- Network established in 2004
- Relunched initiative in 2016, with new Handbook and revised Short Guide
- Heritage Champion is normally a local councillor who has been nominated by their authority to promote all aspects of the historic environment in their area
- For more information, email: [champions@HistoricEngland.org.uk](mailto:champions@HistoricEngland.org.uk)



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## Heritage Champions Handbook

May 2016



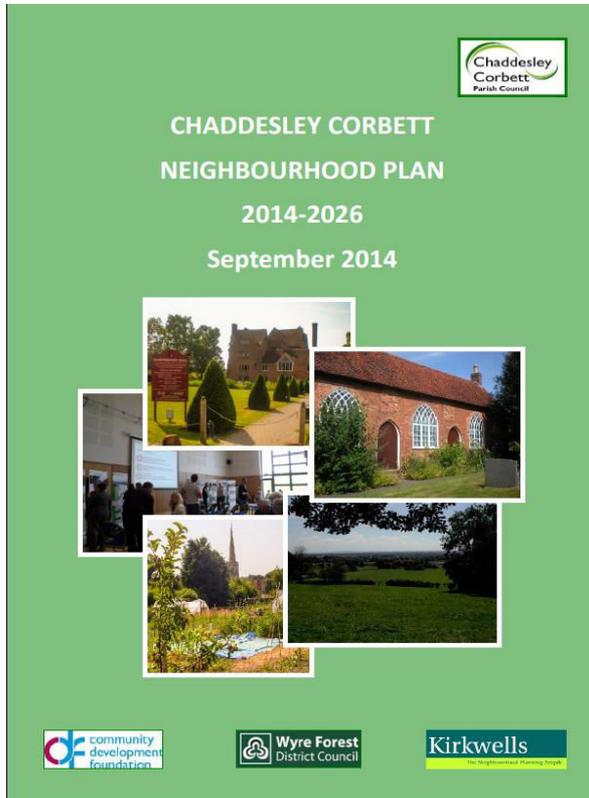


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## Historic England Advice on Neighbourhood Planning

<https://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/planning/plan-making/improve-your-neighbourhood/>



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<http://historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/pillars-of-the-community/>



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## Pillars of the Community

The Transfer of Local Authority Heritage Assets

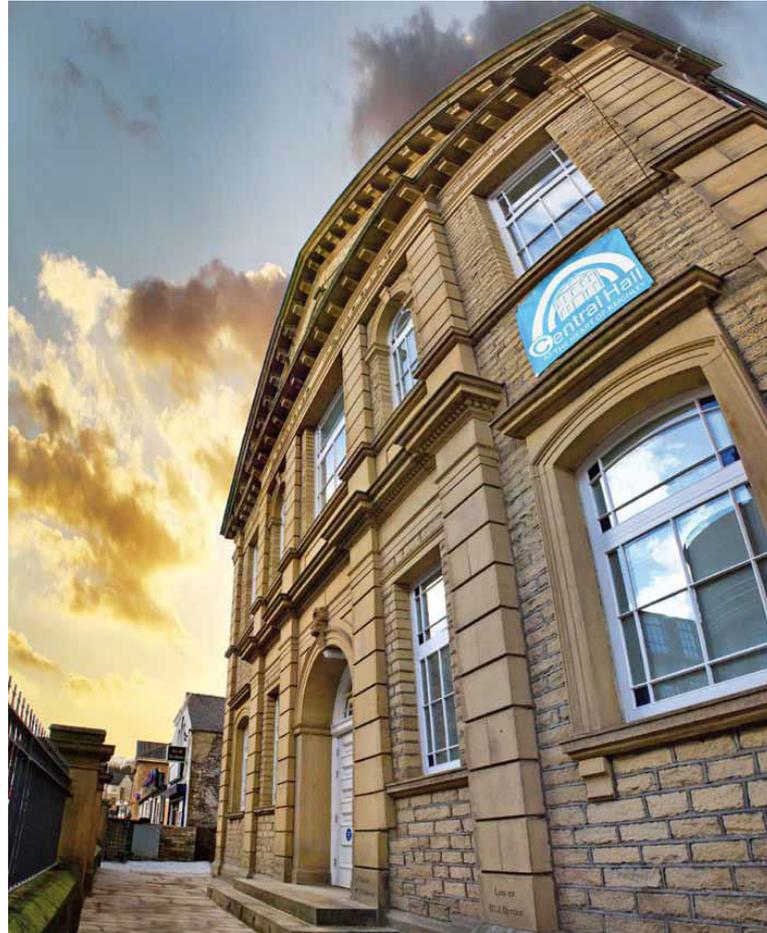




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## Keighley Central Hall

Repaired and transferred on a 99 lease to Keighley and Ilkley Voluntary and Community Action





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# War Memorials

- We are playing a tangible part in the WWI centenary commemorations:
  - Listing 2500 war memorials
  - Up to £2.5m in grants
  - Providing guidance and expert advice on conservation, repair and maintenance
  - Delivering training and raising awareness, appreciation and stewardship of war memorials for the next 100 years





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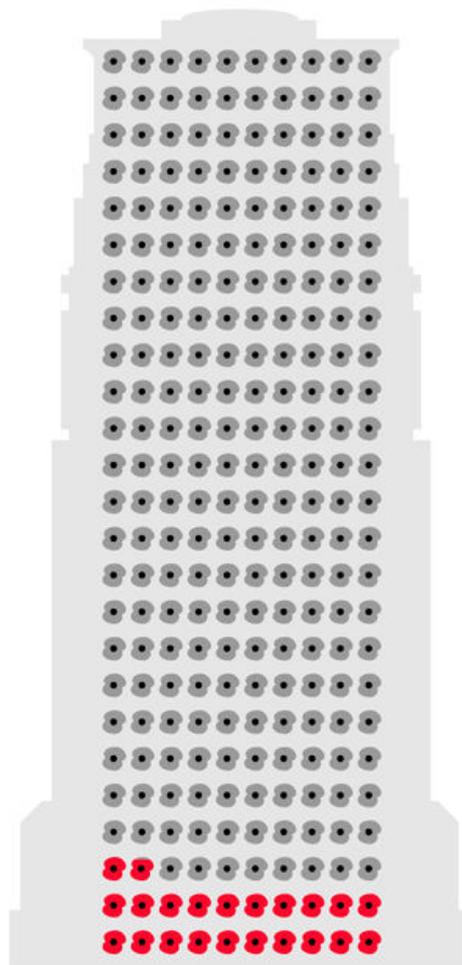
# War Memorials

- Up to **£2.5m in grants** is available until 2018:
  - Between £200 and £30,000 per project (and even more in exceptional cases)
  - Up to 75% of eligible costs
  - [www.warmemorialstrust.org/grants](http://www.warmemorialstrust.org/grants)
- We will list 2500 war memorials by the end of the centenary
- Specialist Conservation Guidance & Advice
- Education programme for schools





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 = 10 memorials listed last year

**219** war memorials have been listed during the centenary of the First World War. Our target is 2,500.





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# War Memorials

- Training across the country for volunteers and the public:
  - Condition surveys
  - Applying for grants
  - How to get a war memorial listed

[www.historicengland.org.uk/listingwarmemorials](http://www.historicengland.org.uk/listingwarmemorials)





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## The List

The National Heritage List for England (NHLE) is the only official and up-to-date database of all nationally designated heritage assets, including:

- Listed buildings
- Scheduled monuments
- Protected wreck sites
- Registered parks and gardens
- Registered battlefields
- World Heritage Sites
- Applications for Certificates of Immunity (COIs)
- Current Building Preservation Notices (BPNs)

World Heritage Sites are recorded on the List, but these sites are inscribed separately by UNESCO.



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# Summing-up

- Ensure development proposals and Neighbourhood Plans take account of the historic environment
- Tackle Heritage at Risk and reduce heritage crime
- Consider opportunities for the successful transfer of heritage assets and support local groups in their management
- Engage in our project on war memorials
- Look at our website - <https://www.historicengland.org.uk/>
- Sign-up to the Historic England Newsletter - <https://www.historicengland.org.uk/news-and-features/historic-england-newsletter/>



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**What do you want from us?**

