

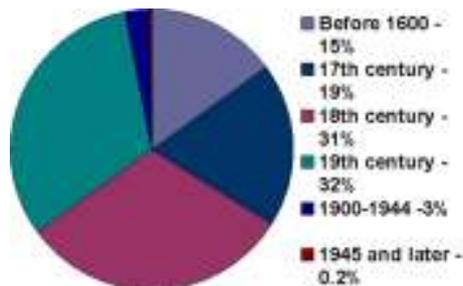


LISTED BUILDINGS

Listing helps us acknowledge and understand our shared history. It marks and celebrates a building's special architectural and historic interest, and also brings it under the consideration of the planning system so that some thought will be taken about its future.

The older a building is, the more likely it is to be listed.

All buildings built before 1700 which survive in anything like their original condition are listed, as are most of those built between 1700 and 1840. The criteria become tighter with time, so that post-1945 buildings have to be exceptionally important to be listed. A building has normally to be over 30 years old to be eligible for listing.



Graph detailing the age range of listed buildings in the UK

Categories of listed buildings

- Grade I buildings are of exceptional interest, sometimes considered to be internationally important; only 2.5% of listed buildings are Grade I
- Grade II* buildings are particularly important buildings of more than special interest; 5.5% of listed buildings are Grade II*
- Grade II buildings are nationally important and of special interest; 92% of all listed buildings are in this class and it is the most likely grade of listing for a home owner.

In England there are approximately 374,081 listed building entries.

(An entry can sometimes include more than one building – such as a terrace.)

There are also:

- 19,717 scheduled ancient monuments
- 1,601 registered historic parks and gardens
- 9,080 conservation areas
- 43 registered historic battlefields
- 46 designated wrecks
- 17 World Heritage Sites

How will listing affect me?

Listing is not a preservation order, preventing change. Listing is an identification stage where buildings are marked and celebrated as having exceptional architectural or historic special interest, before any planning stage which may decide a building's future.

Listing does not freeze a building in time, it simply means that listed building consent must be applied for in order to make any changes to that building which might affect its special interest. Listed buildings can be altered, extended and sometimes even demolished within government planning guidance. The local authority uses listed building consent to make decisions that balance the site's historic significance against other issues such as its function, condition or viability. Find out more from our [Planning Advice \(http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/your-property/planning-advice/\)](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/your-property/planning-advice/) page.



Belsay Hall, Northumberland, Grade I

What can I do with my listed building?

Planning information on making changes to listed buildings and links to grant information is available at [What can I do with my listed building? \(http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/your-property/planning-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-listed-building/\)](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/your-property/planning-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-listed-building/)

How do I find out if my property is listed?

You can search on [The National Heritage List for England \(http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/national-heritage-list-for-england/\)](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/national-heritage-list-for-england/) to find out if your property is listed. Alternatively you can contact your local authority, who will also be able to tell you if the area you are interested in is a conservation area.

The National Heritage List for England also contains information on registered battlefields, registered parks and landscapes and historic wreck sites. For any general requests for more information, please contact our National Monuments Record enquiry and research services.



Radar Training Station, Lancs, Grade II

Can I see the lists?

You can search [The National Heritage List for England \(http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/national-heritage-list-for-england/\)](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/national-heritage-list-for-england/) to search for listed buildings in your area and download copies of individual entries.

A complete set of lists is available for inspection at the National Monuments Record, The Engine House, Fire Fly Avenue, Swindon, SN2 2EH. Contact our National Monuments Record enquiry and research services on or contact nmrinfo@english-heritage.org.uk.

[Heritage Gateway \(http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/\)](http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/) is a tool which allows any user to search across national and local records of England's historic sites and buildings.

Over 20 local authority Historic Environment Records and several national datasets, including Images of England, data from Listed Buildings Online and the NMR Excavation Index are available to search through Heritage Gateway. More datasets are being linked to this search as the project progresses.

[Images of England \(http://www.imagesofengland.org.uk/\)](http://www.imagesofengland.org.uk/) is a photographic library of England's listed buildings, recorded at the turn of the 21st century. You can view over 300,000 images of England's built heritage from lamp posts to lavatories, phone boxes to toll booths, mile stones to gravestones, as well as thousands of bridges, historic houses and churches.



Hammersmith Bridge, London, Grade II*

I WANT TO...

- [Search The National Heritage List for England \(http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/national-heritage-list-for-england/\)](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/national-heritage-list-for-england/)
- [Nominate a heritage asset to be protected \(http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/online-application-form/\)](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/online-application-form/)
- [Request a minor amendment to an entry on The National Heritage List for England \(http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/amending-an-entry\)](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/amending-an-entry/)
- [Download data from The National Heritage List for England \(http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/spatial-data/\)](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/protection/process/spatial-data/)
- [Learn about buildings at risk \(http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/heritage-at-risk/buildings/buildings-at-risk/\)](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/caring/heritage-at-risk/buildings/buildings-at-risk/)

ALSO OF INTEREST

- [Planning Advice](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/your-property/planning-advice/) (<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/your-property/planning-advice/>)
 - [What Can I Do with my Listed Building?](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/your-property/planning-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-listed-building/) (<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/your-property/planning-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-listed-building/>)
 - [What Can I Do with my Place of Worship?](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/your-property/planning-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-place-of-worship/) (<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/your-property/planning-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-place-of-worship/>)
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RELATED DOCUMENTS

[Principles of Selection for Listing Buildings 2010 \(83.83 KB\)](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/content/imported-docs/p-t/principles-of-selection-for-listing-buildings-2010.pdf) (<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/content/imported-docs/p-t/principles-of-selection-for-listing-buildings-2010.pdf>)

EXTERNAL LINKS

- [Heritage Gateway](http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/) (<http://www.heritagegateway.org.uk/gateway/>)
- [Images of England](http://www.imagesofengland.org.uk/) (<http://www.imagesofengland.org.uk/>)