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Places of Worship

Client

English Heritage

Location

National Survey of Places of Worship

Services Provided

Historic Buildings

Date of Completion

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Key Issues

Places of worship in need sample assessment

Survey of condition and level of use of a sample of England's listed churches

Analysis of the proposed methodology for identifying places of worship in need



The CgMs Historic Buildings Team was commissioned by English Heritage to carry out a sample assessment of places of worship in need. This is part of the wider Heritage at Risk (HAR) project, which is intended to provide evidence of the risks to all heritage assets with the aim of guiding English Heritage in targeting its resources in this field.

In the past places of worship have been omitted from Buildings at Risk (BAR) registers and there was therefore a need to develop a methodology for their assessment and to develop criteria for determining relative levels of risk. This pilot study was devised to test both the methodology and the criteria as well as to give an insight into the overall condition of a sample of England's listed places of worship.

The project involved the survey of 809 listed places of worship of various denominations (these were randomly selected and represent a 5% sample of listed places of worship across all nine English Heritage regions).

Following completion of the survey CgMs recommended a number of revisions to the methodology that could be incorporated into similar future studies, including improvements to data collection and statistical analysis.

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