

# HERITAGE COUNTS 2007

WEST  
MIDLANDS

Children at the Avoncroft  
Museum in Worcestershire  
get hands on experience of  
traditional building techniques

## A Common Indicators

### Designated historic environment assets

- The West Midlands is home to one World Heritage Site: The Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site in Shropshire
- The region had 34,017 listed buildings in April 2007. Over the five years of Heritage Counts there has been a limited amount of change in this figure, with a net increase of 230 Grade II listed buildings and 6 at Grade II\*. The City of Birmingham had the most significant increase, including a net increase of 109 entries at Grade II, almost half the total net increase for the region.
- There were 1,427 Scheduled Ancient Monuments in the region in August 2007. This represents a net increase of 90 since 2002, which is probably the result of the near-completion of the Monuments Protection Programme. The greatest concentration of newly designated monuments is in South Shropshire.
- Six Parks and Gardens have been added to the Register since 2002..
- There are 6 Registered Historic Battlefields in the region.

Local Authority	No of Listed Buildings by grade (2002 figs in brackets. Net change by county or UA).			Scheduled Ancient Monuments <sup>1</sup>	Registered Parks & Gardens <sup>2</sup>
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<b>Herefordshire</b>	<b>126 (126)</b> (-)	<b>345 (345)</b> (-)	<b>5395 (5380)</b> (+15)	<b>263 (261)</b> (+2)	<b>24 (24)</b> (-)
<b>Worcestershire</b>	<b>101</b> (-)	<b>310</b> (-)	<b>5911</b> (+19)	<b>175 (167)</b> (+8)	<b>18 (18)</b> (-)
Bromsgrove	6 (6)	27 (27)	432 (429)	13 (12)	2 (2)
Malvern Hills	35 (35)	85 (85)	1753 (1746)	50 (50)	6 (6)
Redditch	1 (1)	10 (10)	149 (149)	8 (6)	0 (0)
Worcester	14 (14)	40 (40)	648 (648)	21 (21)	0 (0)
Wychavon	40 (40)	123 (123)	2267 (2265)	74 (69)	8 (8)
Wyre Forest	5 (5)	25 (25)	662 (655)	9 (9)	2 (2)
<b>Warwickshire</b>	<b>111</b> (-)	<b>345</b> (+1)	<b>5510</b> (+16)	<b>180 (170)</b> (+10)	<b>32 (30)</b> (+2)
North Warwickshire	7 (7)	53 (53)	524 (524)	28 (27)	3 (3)
Nuneaton & Bedworth	3 (3)	7 (7)	81 (81)	2 (2)	2 (2)
Rugby	6 (6)	37 (37)	451 (449)	26 (24)	5 (5)
Stratford-on-Avon	65 (65)	164 (163)	3095 (3093)	84 (78)	11 (11)
Warwick	30 (30)	84 (84)	1359 (1347)	40 (39)	11 (9)
<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>62</b> (-)	<b>208</b> (+4)	<b>2788</b> (+129)	<b>64 (55)</b> (+9)	<b>31 (29)</b> (+2)
Birmingham	21 (21)	99 (97)	1343 (1234)	13 (8)	15 (14)
Coventry	19 (19)	20 (20)	233 (232)	10 (10)	3 (3)
Dudley	6 (6)	15 (15)	232 (229)	11 (8)	2 (1)
Sandwell	2 (2)	8 (6)	180 (174)	6 (5)	5 (5)
Solihull	12 (12)	38 (38)	312 (310)	15 (15)	1 (1)
Walsall	0 (0)	6 (6)	138 (133)	5 (5)	3 (3)
Wolverhampton	2 (2)	22 (22)	350 (347)	4 (4)	2 (2)
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>114</b> (-)	<b>467</b> (-)	<b>6263</b> (+26)	<b>435 (384)</b> (+51)	<b>32 (32)</b> (-)
Bridgnorth	19 (19)	74 (74)	1038 (1032)	39 (37)	12 (12)
North Shropshire	12 (12)	70 (70)	1125 (1121)	49 (47)	3 (3)
Oswestry	7 (7)	19 (19)	511 (508)	49 (39)	2 (2)
Shrewsbury & Atcham	40 (40)	159 (159)	1682 (1676)	86 (81)	6 (6)
South Shropshire	36 (36)	145 (145)	1907 (1900)	212 (180)	9 (9)
<b>Telford &amp; Wrekin</b>	<b>12 (12)</b> (-)	<b>52 (52)</b> (-)	<b>730 (729)</b> (+1)	<b>28 (24)</b> (+4)	<b>3 (3)</b> (-)
<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>75</b> (-)	<b>331</b> (+1)	<b>4569</b> (+19)	<b>277 (272)</b> (+5)	<b>15 (13)</b> (+2)
Cannock Chase	0 (0)	6 (5)	59 (57)	5 (4)	0 (0)
East Staffordshire	11 (11)	61 (61)	805 (805)	57 (57)	1 (0)
Lichfield	12 (12)	63 (63)	675 (672)	16 (15)	1 (1)
Newcastle under Lyme	3 (3)	22 (22)	340 (337)	13 (12)	2 (2)
South Staffordshire	15 (15)	42 (42)	595 (592)	23 (23)	5 (5)
Stafford	21 (21)	60 (60)	724 (720)	43 (43)	4 (3)
Staffordshire Moorlands	10 (10)	72 (72)	1241 (1237)	117 (115)	2 (2)
Tamworth	3 (3)	5 (5)	130 (130)	3 (3)	0 (0)
<b>Stoke-on-Trent</b>	<b>1 (1)</b> (-)	<b>16 (16)</b> (-)	<b>175 (170)</b> (+5)	<b>5 (4)</b> (+1)	<b>5 (5)</b> (-)
<b>REGION TOTAL</b>	<b>602</b> (-)	<b>2074</b> (+6)	<b>31341</b> (+230)	<b>1427 (1337)</b> (+90)	<b>160 (154)</b> (+6)

<sup>1</sup> *Scheduled Ancient Monuments that straddle local authority boundaries have been allocated to the local authority in which the greatest area of the monument lies.*

<sup>2</sup> *County totals for Registered Parks and Gardens may be inaccurate as some of them straddle local authority boundaries and may have been counted twice.*

## Historic environment at risk

- There are 179 Buildings at Risk in the region in 2007, which represents 14% of the national total. In the past year there has been a net decrease of 14 on 2006. When compared to 2002, this represents a small net decrease over the past five years, with significant increases in Herefordshire, and the City of Birmingham, and significant decreases in Shropshire (especially Shrewsbury and Atcham) and Staffordshire.

Local Authority	No of Entries (2007)	Net Change on 2006	Net Change on 2002
<b>Herefordshire</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>+6</b>
<b>Worcestershire</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>+1</b>
Bromsgrove	2	-	+1
Malvern Hills	5	-	+2
Redditch	0	-	-
Worcester	3	-	+2
Wychavon	3	-2	-3
Wyre Forest	3	-	-1
<b>Warwickshire</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>+2</b>
North Warwickshire	10	+1	+2
Nuneaton & Bedworth	2	-	-1
Rugby	0	-1	-1
Stratford-on-Avon	3	-1	+1
Warwick	4	-	+1
<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>+8</b>
Birmingham	19	-3	+10
Coventry	4	-2	-3
Dudley	5	-	-
Sandwell	2	-	-
Solihull	1	-	+1
Walsall	1	-	-
Wolverhampton	3	-	-
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>-4</b>	<b>-11</b>
Bridgnorth	5	-1	-2
North Shropshire	7	-	+1
Oswestry	4	-1	+1
Shrewsbury & Atcham	10	-1	-8
South Shropshire	7	-1	-1
Telford & Wrekin (UA)	1	-	-2
<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>-10</b>
Cannock Chase	0	-	-
East Staffordshire	2	-	-
Lichfield	6	-	-1
Newcastle under Lyme	3	-	-3
South Staffordshire	5	-1	-4
Stafford	6	-	-2
Staffordshire Moorlands	10	-	+1
Stoke-on-Trent (UA)	9	-	-1
Tamworth	1	-	-
<b>REGION TOTAL</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>-4</b>

## DEVELOPMENT-BASED ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE WEST MIDLANDS IN 2006

LOCAL AUTHORITY	Desk-based assessment	Evaluation	Excavation	Watching brief	Building recording	Total all work
Birmingham	7	6	7	4	5	29
Coventry	4	9	4	6	2	25
Dudley	6	0	1	2	4	13
Herefordshire	16	30	12	41	9	108
Sandwell	4	14	4	6	6	34
Shropshire <sup>1</sup>	3	18	9	16	0	46
Solihull	2	5	1	3	0	11
Staffordshire	10	9	3	21	11	54
Stoke-on-Trent	0	6	3	7	1	17
Walsall	4	1	1	5	4	15
Warwickshire	0	15	4	64	24	107
Wolverhampton	2	1	1	5	4	13
Worcester	10	19	4	17	12	62
Worcestershire	2	16	7	8	6	39
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>573</b>

Statistics on development-related archaeology have been collected for the years 2003 to 2006. Although those for 2003 and 2004 were incomplete, year-on-year comparisons can be made, and have been supplemented by comments on the statistics made by local authority archaeologists.

The total number of items of archaeological work is fewer in 2005 and 2006 than in 2003 and 2004. A partial explanation is that some local authorities with notably higher figures in the earlier years returned figures for work recommended rather than work carried out; not all developments are implemented, and in some cases a recommendation for recording may have been a trigger for a redesign avoiding impact on archaeological remains. The sheer quantity, though, is itself striking.

The totals for 2005 and 2006 for the whole region, and also for many of the individual authorities, are virtually identical (e.g. Coventry 25/25, Walsall 15/15, Staffordshire 53/54). One local authority archaeologist suggested that the similarity of figures in 2005 and 2006, and for 2003 and 2004 as well for some authorities, might reflect the staffing resource level of local archaeological advisory services, and therefore the capacity they could handle, rather than the true number of archaeological sites affected by development.

Greater development pressure might be expected in urban areas; in these areas, the often smaller figures returned may reflect not only the smaller areas but also the number of local authority archaeological staff. This also affects the quality of SMRs/HERs which form the basis for management of archaeology in the development control process. One archaeological officer suggested that increases in the quantity of archaeological work in some individual authorities might be accounted for by SMR/HER enhancement, which would lead to a greater number of recognised sites which might be affected by development, but also to improved targeting of work on known sites.

The total number of each type of archaeological work carried out is again relatively consistent from year to year. Watching briefs are the commonest type in all years, perhaps surprisingly as this must be the least preferred archaeological recording method, and may indicate inadequate information on which to require more detailed recording. However, the high number of evaluations demonstrates that in accordance with PPG 16 an appropriate level of information is frequently being required prior to decision making. The total number of excavations may seem relatively small considering the size of the region, but the statistics do not include cases where a proposed development was refused permission, or in which preservation in situ was required, and therefore no excavation took place. The consistent figure for building recording shows that the built historic environment is being taken into account, but such recording may not be required as often as it should be. The requirement for building recording may often come from archaeologists rather than the building conservation officers who will advise on listed building consent applications.

<sup>1</sup> Includes Telford & Wrekin

## Managing positively

In 2006/07 about 50,700 planning applications were decided in the West Midlands by local planning authorities, some 3,000 fewer than the previous year. 2,700 applications for listed building consent were decided, and 240 conservation area consents were determined as well as scheduled monument consent decisions by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. These figures are broadly comparable with the previous year and indicate consistent levels of activity over the Heritage Counts time series.

Local Authority	Planning applications decided	Applications for listed building consent decided	Conservation area consent applications determined	Scheduled Monument Consent Decisions issued
<b>Herefordshire</b>	<b>3,061</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Worcestershire</b>	<b>6,999</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>14</b>
Bromsgrove	1,332	60	9	-
Malvern Hills	1,432	177	9	-
Redditch	524	18	0	-
Worcester	781	75	21	-
Wychavon	1,940	170	10	-
Wyre Forest	990	90	2	-
<b>Warwickshire</b>	<b>6,735</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>
North Warwickshire	668	19	0	-
Nuneaton & Bedworth	753	3	2	-
Rugby	1,252	42	1	-
Stratford-on-Avon	2,304	303	7	-
Warwick	1,758	209	9	-
<b>West Midlands</b>	<b>17,276</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>11</b>
Birmingham	6,475	120	24	-
Coventry	1,644	7	1	-
Dudley	2,041	9	3	-
Sandwell	1,557	9	1	-
Solihull	2,176	30	3	-
Walsall	1,859	31	8	-
Wolverhampton	1,524	19	5	-
<b>Shropshire</b>	<b>6,238</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>19</b>
Bridgnorth	940	98	5	-
North Shropshire	1,121	90	9	-
Oswestry	529	27	4	-
Shrewsbury & Atcham	1,329	134	4	-
South Shropshire	946	141	15	-
Telford & Wrekin	1,373	63	13	2
<b>Staffordshire</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>16</b>
Cannock Chase	749	10	4	-
East Staffordshire	1,441	83	11	-
Lichfield	1,158	63	9	-
Newcastle under Lyme	1,072	24	1	-
South Staffordshire	1,642	68	6	-
Stafford	1,220	52	4	-
Staffordshire Moorlands	1,094	49	2	-
Stoke-on-Trent	1,475	22	7	4
Tamworth	549	17	3	-
<b>West Midlands Region</b>	<b>50,709</b>	<b>2,703</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>England</b>	<b>587,300</b>	<b>33,500</b>	<b>3,300</b>	<b>1,010</b>

Planning applications referred to the Garden History Society (GHS) that affected Registered Historic Parks and Gardens in 2006/07 numbered 75, to which the GHS made 7 written responses. 12 applications affected grade I registered parks, 17 affected Grade II\* and 46 affected Grade II. This is higher than the previous year but is in keeping with levels of activity over the four years Heritage Counts has recorded this data.

## Capacity and resources

- In the financial year 2006/7, English Heritage offered a total of £5.07M as part of its various grant schemes in the West Midlands. Of this:
  - £911,000 was offered as part of the Historic Buildings, Monuments and Designed Landscapes grant scheme.
  - £100,000 was offered for conservation areas schemes
  - £3.7M was offered as part of the Regional Grants for Places of Worship scheme and £260,000 for cathedral schemes.
  - £36,000 was offered as part of the Regional Capacity Building Scheme.
  - £33,000 was offered for Section 17 Management Agreements for Scheduled Monuments.

Over the years that Heritage Counts has been reporting on English Heritage grant offer and spend, there has been a gradual decline in the spend capacity of English Heritage's grants programmes. When spend is adjusted to take account of inflation, the actual value of English Heritage's secular grant send h declined by more than 30% between financial years 01/02 and 06/07. It is worth, perhaps, worth reflecting that this is the grant stream under which most Buildings at Risk would be eligible for support.

- From 1994/5 to 2006/7, the Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded just under £271m in grant aid in the West Midlands through 1,909 individual awards. This represents 6.6% of the total UK spend.
  - In this period, applications to the HLF in the region have had a success rate of 72%, the second highest in England after the North East region.

HERITAGE SECTOR*	Value of awards	Number of Awards
Historic buildings and monuments	104,791,681	718
Industrial maritime and transport	30,858,647	70
Intangible heritage**	16,011,639	1,440
Land and biodiversity***	62,518,245	186
Museums libraries archives and collections	57,772,486	219
Total	271,952,699	2,633

\*This year projects have been reclassified to take into account the fact that some projects are multi-sectoral. e.g. a railway museum project might be classified as both Industrial Maritime & Transport, and as a Museum. In such cases the figures are divided equally between the categories. This has resulted in a slight redistribution of amounts awarded to each Heritage Sector, and a drop in the amount attributed to Museums libraries archives and collections.

\*\* For example, oral history, language heritage and cultural traditions

\*\*\* Land and Biodiversity: includes Parks

GRANT SIZE BAND	Value of awards	No. of awards
up to and including £50,000	25,332,475	2,027
£50,001 - £999,999	102,803,942	514
£1,000,000 - £4,999,999	115,999,602	79
£5,000,000 and over	27,816,680	12
Total	271,952,699	2,632

GRANT PROGRAMME	Value of awards	No. of awards
Awards for All, Home Front Recall and Microgrants	3,541,630	1,159
Heritage Grants	180,911,749	399
Joint Places of Worship	7,068,840	60
Landscape Partnership	50,000	1
Local Heritage Initiative	2,816,794	161
Major Museums Archives and Libraries Programme		
Millennium Festival Community Award	278,300	7
Museums and Galleries Access Fund	153,000	3
Parks Programmes	34,750,800	41
Project Planning Grants	1,923,200	48
Repair Grants for Places of Worship	9,685,732	400
Tomorrow's Heathland Heritage	874,681	3
Townscape Heritage Initiative and Conservation Area Partnership Scheme	18,595,951	49
Young Roots	1,160,775	52
Your Heritage	10,141,246	249
Total	271,952,699	2,632

## Caring and Sharing

### *Education Visits to National Trust Properties between 2002 - 07*

<b>2002/03</b>	<b>30206</b>
<b>2003/04</b>	<b>30,874</b>
<b>2004/05</b>	<b>33,143</b>
<b>2005/06</b>	<b>43,791</b>
<b>2006/07</b>	<b>41,880</b>

### *Education Visits to English Heritage properties between 2002 – 07*

<b>2002/03</b>	<b>36,461</b>
<b>2003/04</b>	<b>17,780</b>
<b>2004/05</b>	<b>18,136</b>
<b>2005/06</b>	<b>17,336</b>
<b>2006/07</b>	<b>30,820</b>

Trends in no. of visits to West Midlands historic properties 2000-2006 using 2000 as the baseline year (i.e. = 100).

<b>2000</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>96</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>103</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>101</b>

Trends in no. of school visits to West Midlands historic properties 2001-2006 using 2001 as the baseline year (i.e. = 100).

<b>2001</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>2002</b>	<b>102</b>
<b>2003</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>2004</b>	<b>97</b>
<b>2005</b>	<b>105</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>108</b>

