

HERITAGE COUNTS

The State of the East of England's Historic Environment

Web Report

(featuring indicators and annual data for the East of England region)

2006

A Understanding the Assets

A1 Designated Heritage Assets

- The region had 57,795 listed buildings in April 2006, of which 1,749 were listed grade I, and 3,504 were listed grade II*.
- There were 1,767 Scheduled Ancient Monuments recorded in the region in August 2006. However, if a scheduled monument straddles a local authority boundary it has been counted twice. The regional total is therefore an overestimate.
- The region has one of England's 43 Registered Historic Battlefields, at Maldon in Essex.

A2 Historic Areas and Open Spaces

- There were 211 Registered Historic Parks and Gardens in the East of England region, in April 2006.
- There was no Conservation Area data available for the East of England in 2006.

Local Authority	Listed Buildings					Scheduled Ancient Monuments ¹	Registered Parks & Gardens ²	
	Grade I	Grade II*	Grade II	Not Graded	Total		Local Authority Total	True County Total
Bedfordshire	113	144	3,113	1	3,371	159	21	19
Bedford	50	44	1,250	1	1,345	69	5	
Mid Bedfordshire	44	76	1,295	-	1,415	59	12	
South Bedfordshire	18	24	488	-	530	26	2	
Luton UA	1	-	80	-	81	5	2	
Cambridgeshire	299	484	7,396	9	8,188	332	37	37
Cambridge	64	48	665	-	777	6	11	
East Cambridgeshire	48	55	868	-	971	50	4	
Fenland	10	43	603	-	656	20	1	
Huntingdonshire	60	127	2,027	-	2,214	84	5	
South Cambridgeshire	49	168	2,417	9	2,643	103	12	
Peterborough UA	68	43	816	-	927	69	4	
Essex	279	773	13,291	6	14,349	321	39	38
Basildon	2	13	110	-	125	3	-	
Braintree	66	185	2,956	-	3,207	40	8	
Brentwood	12	28	481	-	521	12	3	
Castle Point	3	3	27	-	33	7	-	

Chelmsford	14	51	930	-	995	19	6	
Colchester	41	103	1,427	1	1,572	46	4	
Epping Forest	15	82	1,231	2	1,330	34	5	
Harlow	5	8	150	-	163	13	1	
Maldon	15	52	964	-	1,031	20	1	
Rochford	1	17	309	-	327	5	-	
Tendring	23	42	904	2	971	27	3	
Uttlesford	65	168	3,503	1	3,737	73	7	
Southend-On-Sea UA	5	5	85	-	95	6	-	
Thurrock UA	12	16	214	-	242	16	1	
Hertfordshire	109	479	7,545	11	8,144	185	48	43
Broxbourne	5	11	244	-	260	9	1	
Dacorum	13	57	837	-	907	34	4	
East Hertfordshire	40	199	2,818	8	3,065	45	15	
Hertsmere	3	17	341	2	363	4	4	
North Hertfordshire	25	105	1,604	1	1,735	61	13	
St Albans	9	37	772	-	818	22	3	
Stevenage	2	10	115	-	127	3	-	
Three Rivers	3	14	334	-	351	3	2	
Watford	2	3	86	-	91	-	1	
Welwyn Hatfield	7	26	394	-	427	4	5	
Norfolk	539	829	9,159	8	10,535	438	54	51
Breckland	113	104	1,311	1	1,529	130	9	
Broadland	50	78	842	-	970	22	4	
Great Yarmouth	13	43	350	-	406	13	1	
King's Lynn And West Norfolk	106	135	1,231	4	1,476	130	5	
North Norfolk	96	198	1,949	1	2,244	81	18	
Norwich	62	120	835	1	1,018	25	9	
South Norfolk	99	151	2,641	1	2,892	37	8	
Suffolk	410	795	11,995	8	13,208	332	24	23
Babergh	86	187	2,714	1	2,988	34	5	
Forest Heath	12	23	317	-	352	38	-	
Ipswich	11	30	417	-	458	10	3	
Mid Suffolk	90	186	3,149	3	3,428	38	2	
St. Edmundsbury	93	140	2,257	3	2,493	68	4	
Suffolk Coastal	60	161	2,012	1	2,234	115	7	
Waveney	58	68	1,129	-	1,255	29	3	
Region Total	1,749	3,504	52,499	43	57,795	1,767	223	211

UA = Unitary Authority

¹ Scheduled Ancient Monuments that straddle local authority boundaries have been counted twice. The regional total is therefore an overestimate.

² Some Registered Parks and Gardens straddle district/borough local authority boundaries. Where this happens, they have been counted in both authorities and a true county figure has also been provided.

B Caring and Sharing

B1 Heritage at Risk

- English Heritage's **Register of Buildings at Risk** in 2006 recorded 118 entries of Grade I and II* buildings and structural Scheduled Ancient Monuments (SAMs) at risk through neglect or decay in the East of England. This is the same number as 2005. Ten entries have been removed, but a further 10 have been added.

Local Authority	Buildings at Risk		
	Grades I & II* (may also be SAMs)	SAMs (Grade II & Unlisted)	Total
Bedfordshire	5	-	5
Bedford	1	-	1
Mid Bedfordshire	2	-	2
South Bedfordshire	2	-	2
Luton UA	-	-	-
Cambridgeshire	14	-	14
Cambridge	-	-	-
East Cambridgeshire	2	-	2
Fenland	1	-	1
Huntingdonshire	3	-	3
South Cambridgeshire	2	-	2
Peterborough UA	6	-	6
Essex	17	9	26
Basildon	-	-	-
Braintree	1	-	1
Brentwood	1	1	2
Castle Point	-	-	-
Chelmsford	-	-	-
Colchester	3	1	4
Epping Forest	3	2	5
Harlow	1	-	1
Maldon	2	-	2
Rochford	-	-	-
Tendring	3	2	5
Uttlesford	1	1	2
Southend-On-Sea UA	1	-	1
Thurrock UA	1	2	3
Hertfordshire	10	-	10
Broxbourne	-	-	-
Dacorum	1	-	1
East Hertfordshire	1	-	1
Hertsmere	-	-	-
North Hertfordshire	3	-	3
St Albans	-	-	-
Stevenage	-	-	-
Three Rivers	2	-	2
Watford	2	-	2
Welwyn Hatfield	1	-	1

Norfolk	28	7	35
Breckland	4	-	4
Broadland	4	-	4
Great Yarmouth	1	1	2
King's Lynn And West Norfolk	6	3	9
North Norfolk	10	2	12
Norwich	2	1	3
South Norfolk	1	-	1
Suffolk	20	8	28
Babergh	2	-	2
Forest Heath	-	-	-
Ipswich	3	-	3
Mid Suffolk	5	1	6
St. Edmundsbury	6	-	6
Suffolk Coastal	3	6	9
Waveney	1	1	2
Region Total	94	24	118

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SAMs = Scheduled Ancient Monuments

- There is no single register of **Landscapes at Risk**. However, *Heritage Counts 2005* reported that nearly half of all parkland recorded in 1918 had been lost by 1995 as a result of agricultural development, conversion to golf courses and other changes. Breckland Council in Norfolk is one of the 10 local authorities in England that have seen the largest absolute loss of parkland, having lost 46.4% between 1918 and 1995.

Local Authority	Area (Hec)	Parkland 1918 (Hec)	% 1918 Parkland of Local Authority Area	Parkland 1995 (Hec)	% 1995 Parkland of Local Authority Area	Hectare Loss	% Parkland Loss
Bedfordshire							
Bedford	47,640	1,504	3.2%	829	1.7%	675	44.9%
Mid Bedfordshire	50,283	3,965	7.9%	2,532	5.0%	1,433	36.1%
South Bedfordshire	21,283	767	3.6%	541	2.5%	227	29.5%
Luton UA	4,336	127	2.9%	44	1.0%	83	65.3%
Cambridgeshire							
Cambridge	4,071	124	3.1%	40	1.0%	85	68.0%
East Cambridgeshire	65,168	772	1.2%	515	0.8%	256	33.2%
Fenland	54,735	42	0.1%	34	0.1%	9	20.8%
Huntingdonshire	91,260	1,440	1.6%	663	0.7%	778	54.0%
South Cambridgeshire	90,174	1,792	2.0%	918	1.0%	873	48.7%
Peterborough UA	34,346	975	2.8%	649	1.9%	326	33.4%
Essex							
Basildon	11,044	50	0.5%	50	0.5%	0	0.0%
Braintree	61,174	1,646	2.7%	546	0.9%	1,100	66.8%
Brentwood	15,316	1,328	8.7%	621	4.1%	707	53.2%
Castle Point	6,318	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Chelmsford	34,302	869	2.5%	410	1.2%	459	52.8%
Colchester	34,670	560	1.6%	297	0.9%	263	46.9%
Epping Forest	33,897	1,034	3.1%	225	0.7%	809	78.3%

Harlow	3,054	34	1.1%	33	1.1%	1	3.0%
Maldon	42,657	505	1.2%	180	0.4%	325	64.3%
Rochford	26,335	16	0.1%	0	0.0%	16	100.0%
Tendring	36,570	536	1.5%	218	0.6%	318	59.3%
Uttlesford	64,115	2,427	3.8%	1,180	1.8%	1,247	51.4%
Southend-On-Sea UA	6,780	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Thurrock UA	18,428	156	0.8%	45	0.2%	111	71.3%
Hertfordshire							
Broxbourne	5,146	227	4.4%	97	1.9%	130	57.2%
Dacorum	21,242	2,864	13.5%	1,719	8.1%	1,144	40.0%
East Hertfordshire	47,568	2,434	5.1%	1,393	2.9%	1,041	42.8%
Hertsmere	10,112	1,236	12.2%	569	5.6%	668	54.0%
North Hertfordshire	37,540	1,506	4.0%	779	2.1%	728	48.3%
St Albans	16,122	1,193	7.4%	543	3.4%	650	54.5%
Stevenage	2,594	93	3.6%	85	3.3%	8	8.8%
Three Rivers	8,875	987	11.1%	332	3.7%	655	66.4%
Watford	2,140	227	10.6%	101	4.7%	126	55.4%
Welwyn Hatfield	12,953	2,379	18.4%	1,298	10.0%	1,081	45.4%
Norfolk							
Breckland	130,506	4,837	3.7%	2,601	2.0%	2,236	46.2%
Broadland	55,326	2,640	4.8%	1,746	3.2%	894	33.9%
Great Yarmouth	18,249	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
King's Lynn And West Norfolk	151,290	3,620	2.4%	2,637	1.7%	983	27.1%
North Norfolk	99,457	4,744	4.8%	3,240	3.3%	1,504	31.7%
Norwich	4,060	78	1.9%	32	0.8%	46	58.5%
South Norfolk	90,889	3,489	3.8%	1,562	1.7%	1,927	55.2%
Suffolk							
Babergh	61,206	1,719	2.8%	700	1.1%	1,019	59.3%
Forest Heath	37,780	812	2.1%	614	1.6%	198	24.3%
Ipswich	4,031	246	6.1%	120	3.0%	126	51.1%
Mid Suffolk	87,104	1,483	1.7%	689	0.8%	794	53.6%
St. Edmundsbury	65,693	3,782	5.8%	2,053	3.1%	1,728	45.7%
Suffolk Coastal	92,104	2,572	2.8%	1,263	1.4%	1,309	50.9%
Waveney	37,542	1,554	4.1%	980	2.6%	574	36.9%

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- **Monuments at Risk.** English Heritage has a rolling programme of surveys underway in each of the English regions to assess systematically the condition and vulnerability of all Scheduled Monuments and to establish priorities for action and monument management. The study for the East of England should be published during 2006-07.

B2 Managing Positively

Planning Trends in the East of England:

- 71,013 planning applications were decided in 2005/06, a decrease of 8.0% on 2004/05.
- 4,565 applications for listed building consent were decided in 2005/06, a decrease of 5.4% on 2004/05.
- 123 scheduled monument consent decisions were made in 2005/06, an increase of 4.7% on 2004/05.
- 82 planning applications affecting registered parks and gardens were received by the Garden History Society in 2005/06, a decrease of 13 on 2004/05.
- 401 conservation area consent applications to demolish unlisted buildings within a conservation area were determined in 2005/06, a decrease of 7.4% on 2004/05.

Local Planning Authority	Planning applications decided	Listed Building consents	Scheduled Monument consents	Parks and Gardens planning applications			Conservation Area consents
				Grade I	Grade II*	Grade II	
Bedfordshire	6,302	259	11	-	7	2	27
Bedford	1,953	117		-	-	-	11
Mid Bedfordshire	1,736	105		-	3	2	12
South Bedfordshire	1,138	31		-	4	-	3
Luton UA	1,475	6		-	-	-	1
Cambridgeshire	9,533	623	23	-	7	1	51
Cambridge	1,128	83		-	3	-	14
East Cambridgeshire	1,235	82		-	1	1	11
Fenland	1,288	38		-	-	-	2
Huntingdonshire	1,953	146		-	-	-	13
South Cambridgeshire	2,298	196		-	-	-	9
Peterborough UA	1,631	78		-	3	-	2
Essex	19,668	1,156	36	4	2	4	86
Basildon	1,205	11		-	-	-	-
Braintree	2,095	270		-	-	1	15
Brentwood	1,103	58		-	1	-	1
Castle Point	670	3		-	-	-	-
Chelmsford	2,132	82		-	-	1	10
Colchester	1,870	107		-	-	-	8
Epping Forest	1,923	95		-	-	-	3
Harlow	365	10		-	-	-	1
Maldon	1,143	79		-	1	-	24
Rochford	951	35		-	-	-	4
Tendring	1,700	77		-	-	-	6
Uttlesford	1,792	312		4	-	2	4
Southend-On-Sea UA	1,425	11		-	-	-	9
Thurrock UA	1,294	6		-	-	-	1
Hertfordshire	13,662	681	21	-	2	22	136
Broxbourne	912	30		-	-	-	2
Dacorum	1,753	98		-	1	-	9
East Hertfordshire	2,143	206		-	1	15	31
Hertsmere	1,236	20		-	-	3	8
North Hertfordshire	1,477	154		-	-	4	9
St Albans	2,442	93		-	-	-	50
Stevenage	511	7		-	-	-	2
Three Rivers	1,278	21		-	-	-	21
Watford	802	8		-	-	-	1
Welwyn Hatfield	1,108	44		-	-	-	3

Norfolk	11,343	822	17	-	5	10	41
Breckland	1,751	116		-	-	4	1
Broadland	1,508	70		-	-	-	4
Great Yarmouth	895	15		-	-	-	2
King's Lynn And West Norfolk	2,341	101		-	-	1	13
North Norfolk	1,763	162		-	5	3	4
Norwich	916	103		-	-	-	11
South Norfolk	2,169	255		-	-	2	6
Suffolk	10,234	1,012	15	-	4	12	59
Babergh	1,713	235		-	1	4	9
Forest Heath	721	27		-	-	-	7
Ipswich	978	55		-	-	-	10
Mid Suffolk	1,974	290		-	-	-	5
St. Edmundsbury	1,503	177		-	3	1	7
Suffolk Coastal	2,046	148		-	-	4	15
Waveney	1,299	80		-	-	3	6
Broads Authority National Park	271	12		-	-	-	1
Region Total	71,013	4,565	123	4	27	51	401

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B3 Capacity and resources

- **English Heritage East of England grants, 2005/06:**

Places of worship = £1.688 million (excludes Heritage Lottery Fund contribution)

Secular buildings and monuments = £0.708 million

Conservation areas = £0.141 million

Regional capacity building = £0.042 million

Total regional grants = £2.579 million

Strategic grants by region = £0.784 million (includes Historic Environment Enabling Programme and Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund)

One half of English Heritage grants in the East of England are awarded to Grade I and II* places of worship. This reflects the significance that places of worship have in the region and a high proportion of these buildings are of outstanding historic interest.

- In the East of England, the **Heritage Lottery Fund** (HLF) awarded 2,155 grants between 1994/95 and 2005/06 to the value of £226 million.

Heritage Lottery Fund East of England 1994/95–2005/06	No. of awards	Value of awards (£)
Grand Total	2,155	225,892,573

Heritage area	No. of awards	Value of awards (£)
Historic buildings and monuments	562	51,038,136
Industrial, maritime and transport	43	15,871,340
Intangible heritage*	1,103	8,596,180
Land and biodiversity	203	54,233,211
Museums, libraries, archives and collections	244	96,153,706
East of England Grand Total	2,155	225,892,573

* Awards for All and Local Heritage Initiative included in Intangible heritage

Grant size band (£)	No. of awards	Value of awards (£)
1 to 50,000	1,667	21,465,412
50,001 to 999,999	432	78,609,952
1,000,000 to 4,999,999	44	65,985,720
5 million and above	12	59,831,489
East of England Grand Total	2,155	225,892,573

Programmes	No. of awards	Value of awards (£)
Awards for All	853	2,791,541

Heritage Grants	427	147,466,340
Joint Places of Worship	30	1,569,116
Landscape Partnership	-	-
Local Heritage Initiative	186	3,014,339
Major Museums, Archives and Libraries Programme	4	19,649,560
Millennium Festival Community Awards	15	385,130
Museums and Galleries Access Fund	6	525,700
Parks Programmes	45	25,586,855
Project Planning Grants	32	1,078,100
Repair Grants for Places of Worship	295	6,879,424
Tomorrow`s Heathland Heritage	6	1,839,108
Townscape Heritage Initiative and Conservation Area Partnership Scheme	36	7,342,320
Young Roots	37	816,700
Your Heritage	183	6,948,340
East of England Grand Total	2,155	225,892,573

- **Historic Environment Champions** provide leadership for heritage issues within their local authority. As of 31st July 2006, there were 27 champions in the East of England, representing 50% of the local authorities in the region.

C Using and Benefiting

C1 Participation

- The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has commissioned **Taking Part**, a major national survey to measure public participation in all forms of cultural activity, including attending heritage sites. Based on the first three quarters of the Taking Part survey, from mid-July 2005 to mid-April 2006, 72% of adults attended at least one historic environment site in the East of England during the past 12 months. This is one of the highest participation rates in England.
- In 2005/06, **English Heritage** had 595,000 members nationally. In September 2005 it was estimated that around 13.1% of these were in the East of England, which would equate to about 78,000 members in the region.
- There were 350,000 **National Trust** members in the region in 2005/06

C2 Economic Benefits

- The **Visit Britain** annual survey found that there were 3.7 million visits to historic properties in the East of England in 2005. These figures are a significant underestimate, because they do not cover all historic sites or visitors to special events or free sites. The region's historic houses attracted 1.4 million visitors and 0.9 million people visited places of worship.

Castles/ forts	Gardens	Historic houses	Historic monuments	Visitor/ heritage centres	Places of worship	Other historic properties	Total no. of visits	Total % of national no. of visits
162,000	583,000	1,383,000	198,000	114,000	923,000	297,000	3,661,000	6%

- Heritage Open Days** (HODs) are England's largest voluntary cultural event, offering free access to properties that are often closed to the public or charge admission. In 2005 there were 435 properties/events participating across the East of England.

C3 Education and Lifelong Learning

- In the East of England, 21,237 free educational visits were made to **English Heritage** sites in 2005/06. Educational visits are made by schools and also by higher education institutions and groups of young and adult informal learners.
- There were 47,382 formal learning visits to **National Trust** properties in the East of England in 2005/06.