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Heritage at Risk in the Portsmouth Harbour Area

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The term ‘At Risk’ identifies **those highly designated sites that are most at risk of wholesale loss, or loss of significance as a result of decay, vacancy or inappropriate development.**

Fig. 1: Cover for 2016 South East local summary leaflet.

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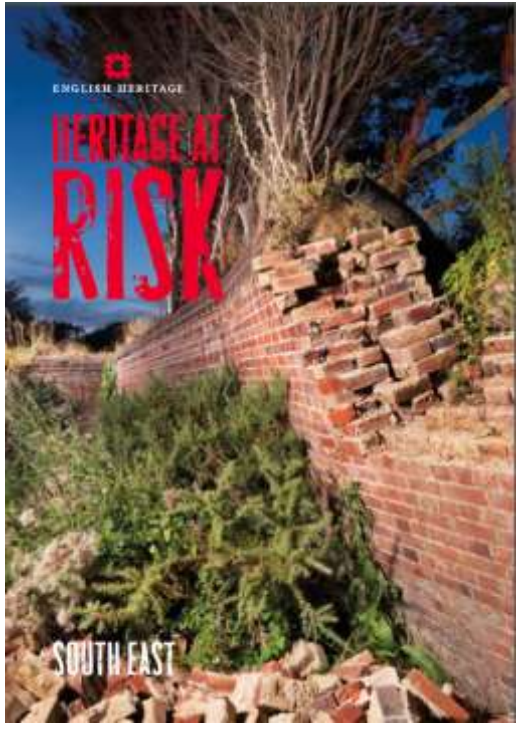

- EH/HE has been concerned with buildings at risk since 1990s
- The Heritage at Risk Programme (HAR) was launched in 2008, as a way of understanding the overall state of England's historic sites.
- Local HAR teams were created in 2012 and are responsible for delivering national and local HAR strategies to reduce risk to the significance of historic assets.

Fig. 2: Cover for 2014 South East local summary leaflet.

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- Over 500 assets on the SE Register at present
- Not exhaustive
- Not ‘a stick to beat owners with’
- 7 different risk assessments are used to ascertain eligibility
- Reduction of risk is indicated by a progressive lowering of A-F categories

Fig. 3: Cover for 2015 South East local summary leaflet.

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2016 South East HAR Register can be downloaded in PDF form at;

https://content.historicengland.org.uk/images-books/publications/har-2016-registers/se-har-register2016.pdf/

Or searched online at;

http://www.historicengland.org.uk/advice/heritage-at-risk/search-register/

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The most common **Heritage at Risk** across the country

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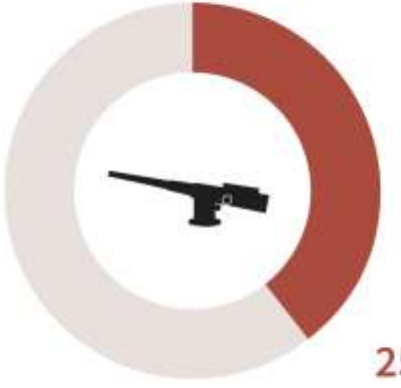
Entries on the 2015 national Register in the **South East**



25 (39.7%)
Coastal
defence sites

18 (33.3%)
Landscape
parks

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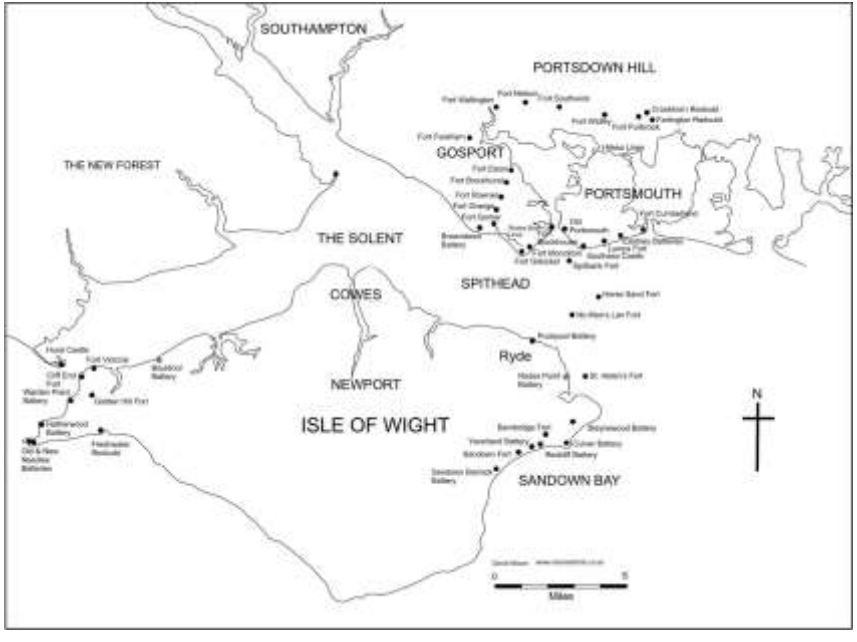

- Roughly 60% of the HAR in the immediate vicinity of Portsmouth Harbour can be defined as coastal defence sites
- Their significance is usually threatened by all of the things on our list, and for many of them all at once.
- Even where forts are occupied, the maintenance burden is huge and difficult to cope with, without specialist advice.

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Capacity

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Repairs

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Re-use

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