

The image shows the top section of a press release. It features a blue banner with the text 'Hadrian's Wall Heritage Ltd' in white. Below the banner is a photograph of Hadrian's Wall, a stone wall built by the Romans, stretching across a grassy hillside under a clear sky. The wall is made of large, reddish-brown stones. The background shows rolling hills and a clear sky.

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PRESS RELEASE

### **HADRIAN'S WALL HERITAGE LTD WELCOMES 'HERITAGE AT RISK' REPORT**

Hadrian's Wall Heritage Ltd has welcomed English Heritage's new report on at risk heritage sites in England.

English Heritage has just published its new Heritage at Risk Register - the first all-encompassing register of the country's neglected or decaying historic treasures. The register identifies about 14 sites along Hadrian's Wall that are at high risk and another 109 sites that are at medium or low risk.

Hadrian's Wall Heritage Ltd was set up in 2006 to help look after, protect and conserve this important World Heritage Site, as well as to enhance the quality of the visitor experience and increase the Wall's contribution to the local and regional economy through sustainable tourism.

Linda Tuttiett, Chief Executive of Hadrian's Wall Heritage Ltd, says: "This report is a valuable reminder of the importance of maintaining the country's scheduled monuments.

Hadrian's Wall is Britain's longest, and greatest, piece of heritage. Maintaining such sensitive archaeology, given the sheer extent and complexity of the ancient frontier and its setting, presents a considerable number of challenges. Over 50 organisations, 700 private owners and nearly a million people live or work around the Wall.

This report therefore shows the importance of the work we are doing to develop the very best practice in World Heritage Site management. It is particularly timely as it comes while we are consulting on the Management Plan for the Site for the next five years.

The *Draft Consultation Management Plan* identifies a number of important issues and policies affecting Hadrian's Wall and its surrounding environment such as the problem of how to protect archaeological remains in urban as well as rural areas.

As well as the well known sites on and around the Wall, such as Housesteads, Birdoswald and Vindolanda, there are many other sites that have not yet been studied while aerial photographic research suggests there are many more sites of different periods that have yet to be identified. Hadrian's Wall Heritage Ltd believes it is important to protect them too. Further research is therefore essential to ensure the rich cultural landscape of the World Heritage Site is fully understood and looked after.

The Plan is available to download from [www.hadrians-wall.org/managementplan](http://www.hadrians-wall.org/managementplan). A short guide to accessing the Draft Management Plan and an Executive Summary are also available on the website.

Comments on the Draft Management Plan should be sent to: [managementplan@hadrianswallheritage.co.uk](mailto:managementplan@hadrianswallheritage.co.uk).

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For more information on Hadrian's Wall please visit [www.hadrians-wall.org](http://www.hadrians-wall.org) or call 01434 322002.

For more information on the Heritage at Risk Register please visit the English Heritage website [www.english-heritage.org.uk/risk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/risk)

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### Notes to Editors

1. Hadrian's Wall Heritage Ltd is a not for profit company with responsibility for the coordination, protection, development and marketing of the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site and the areas it passes through.
2. The organisation was set up in May 2006 in partnership with One NorthEast (One), the Northwest Regional Development Agency (NWDA), Natural England and English Heritage.
3. Hadrian's Wall Heritage works in partnership with a number of organisations. It brings together business and conservation, visitors and local communities in a uniquely focused way, with the overall aim of:
  - Creating jobs and enhancing the local economy
  - Attracting more visitors who will stay longer and spend more in the area
  - Creating a vibrant and sustainable visitor economy
  - Finding better ways to interpret and protect an internationally recognised monument
  - Making Hadrian's Wall a truly world-class destination