

## **Buildings at Risk Project**

### **FAQs for Owners and Occupants of Grade II Listed Buildings**

#### **1. What is DHBT's 'Buildings at Risk' (B@R) project?**

There are several thousand Grade II listed buildings in Derbyshire, and it is our goal to eventually complete a condition survey on every one of them. Supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, the project is focusing on Amber Valley and Derby City as the first two pilot areas during 2024 and 2025.

All the Grade II listed buildings are identified within a digital B@R application (app) created by our colleagues at the [West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust](#) (WMHBT) with support from [Historic England](#) and hosted by **Mergin Maps**.

This allows for real time data input so we can map and monitor the condition of buildings. Survey data is colour-coded by building condition; helping us to identify and prioritise buildings that may need further attention or support.

#### **2. What is the purpose of the 'Buildings at Risk' project?**

The aim of the project is to support local authorities by updating records and identifying Grade II listed buildings that may be at risk. It's not about 'naming and shaming' owners – it is about awareness, collaboration and offering practical guidance where needed. This data helps us direct resources more effectively.

As well as gathering this essential information, the 'Buildings at Risk' project also seeks to encourage many more people to engage with local history and heritage buildings.

#### **3. What will a survey of my property involve?**

Trained B@R volunteers will undertake a simple visual inspection of your property's exterior from a public right of way (pavement or footpath). This survey is accessed from the Mergin Maps B@R app. No access to your home or private property is required and there is a strict prohibition against volunteers attempting to photograph the interior of a building from outside.

#### **4. What will the volunteers be looking at during the building condition survey?**

The condition survey has four stages:

- Building elements – Rated as: Good, Fair, Poor and Very bad.
- Overall condition – rated using the same scale
- Occupancy status – assessed to determine vulnerability
- The 'At-Risk' category– automatically generated based on responses

#### **5. What will happen to the data collected?**

Data collected is shared with Local Authority conservation teams to help update records and improve the County Council's Buildings at Risk Register. This ensures more accurate heritage monitoring and planning.

#### **6. Can I see the data collected about my property?**

Yes – we'd encourage you to download the app, complete the short training module and agree to our code of conduct to access the data directly. Full details on how to do this can be found here:

[BaR Volunteer Hub](#)

Or contact us at [volunteers@derbyshirehistoricbuildingstrust.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@derbyshirehistoricbuildingstrust.org.uk) with your property address or list number and we'll send you the relevant information.

#### **7. What should I do if a volunteer isn't respecting my privacy?**

We take your privacy very seriously. The whole survey process should not be in any way intrusive to you. Every volunteer carries a digital ID card so that you can be sure that they have received B@R survey training including agreeing to our 'code of conduct'.

If you feel uncomfortable with a volunteer's behaviour, please just politely ask them to move on. If you have any concerns over the conduct of one of our volunteers, please contact us using the email address above.

If you still have questions, please get in touch at [volunteers@derbyshirehistoricbuildingstrust.org.uk](mailto:volunteers@derbyshirehistoricbuildingstrust.org.uk), we're happy to help!