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SAVE's 2009 Buildings at Risk report is the most agonising parade of delightful and decaying historic buildings that SAVE has so far produced. Yet it is exciting too, because many of these buildings can be tackled and rescued by enterprising individuals. This list of over 100 buildings includes classic Queen Anne and Regency houses begging for restoration, weather boarded Essex farmhouses, old rectories, town houses built for wealthy merchants, pretty but forlorn village pubs, and a perfect William and Mary Dolls House belonging to the Ministry of Defence. There are bigger buildings too, many prominent local landmarks such as the art College at Derby, the Prison at Plymouth, several town halls, post offices, schools, chapels and hotels. Every page is a cry for help.

This is SAVE's 20th annual report on historic buildings in need of new owners and new uses. The concern, initially, was that with each year SAVE would be dealing with more and more basket cases – buildings which are both difficult to market and in a very bad state of repair. In fact the opposite is true – the quality and interest of the buildings included, whether large or small, continues to increase.





The register continues to perform vital work as the only national source of information on Grade II listed and unlisted buildings at risk from all around England and Wales. Access to the online register (featuring over 1000 properties) costs £25 for a year's subscription. To become a Friend of SAVE or to order *All We Need is Love!* contact the SAVE office directly.

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This year's publication features additional articles – including a section looking at properties from previous SAVE reports which have been successfully repaired, and others focussing on particular building types and problem areas (including a chapter on 'scandals'). There is also information on buildings at risk in Northern Ireland.



NOTES TO EDITORS

SAVE Britain's Heritage has been campaigning for historic buildings since its formation in 1975 by a group of architects, journalists and planners. It is a strong, independent voice in conservation, free to respond rapidly to emergencies and to speak out loud for the historic built environment. It has published a Buildings at Risk Register for England and Wales since 1989.

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