

Extract from Historic England website:

<https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/hpg/has/listed-buildings/>

## Listed Buildings Identification and Extent

How the listing system identifies and grades buildings of historical and architectural interest, as well as providing clarification on extent.

If a [building](#) is considered by the [Secretary of State \(for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport\)](#) to be of [special architectural or historic interest](#) it will be included in a list of such buildings.

The designation regime is set out in the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 [\(1\)](#). The list is maintained by [Historic England](#) and is available online through the [National Heritage List for England](#) [\(2\)](#). Applications for new entries and to remove or amend an existing entry are made to Historic England. It will investigate the merits of the application and make a recommendation to the Secretary of State (for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport) who will make the decision.

There are around 400,000 [listed building](#) entries in England. Listed buildings are classified into three grades:

[Grade I buildings](#) are of exceptional interest. Just 2.5% of listed buildings are Grade I.

[Grade II\\* buildings](#) are particularly important buildings of more than special interest. 5.8% of listed buildings are Grade II\*.

[Grade II buildings](#) are of special interest warranting every effort to preserve them. Over 90% of all listed buildings are in this grade [\(3\)](#).