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Comprehensive Spending Review - changes ahead for English Heritage

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Education, health and overseas aid have all had their budgets ring-fenced as expected. However, two departments with high impact on heritage - Communities & Local Government and Environment, Food & Rural Affairs - will both receive a 10% cut. [A statement from the Museums Association](#) has already warned of potential closures if local government funding is slashed.

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport fared slightly better, receiving a 7% overall cut with special dispensation (of 5%) for arms-length arts and museums bodies.

HODs gets airing in Commons

Culture Questions in the House of Commons on 26 June saw an appearance from Heritage Open Days, as Culture Minister Ed Vaizey was quizzed about visitor figures and impact by Bishop Auckland MP Helen Goodman.

The Minister was able to pass on the fact that last year over 2 million people visited 4,648 properties and activities across the country - with 93% of attendees saying they were inspired to visit other heritage sites.

Heritage Open Days - time to register!

It's that time of year again; historic properties around the country are planning events, dusting off the welcome signs and gearing up for Heritage Open Days 2013, which this year runs from September 12-15. If you haven't registered yet there's still time – but registration closes on August 1.

For more information visit www.heritageopendays.org.uk and click on 'Get Involved', which has all the details on how to take part.