

# The Heritage Crafts Association Radcliffe Red List of Endangered Crafts

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# Research aim

To assess the current viability of heritage crafts in the UK and identify those crafts which are most at risk of disappearing.

A heritage craft is considered to be viable if there are sufficient craftspeople to transmit the craft skills to the next generation.



# Findings

- 4 extinct (in the last ten years)
- 17 critically endangered
- 45 endangered
- 93 currently viable
- 8 data deficient



# Issues affecting crafts

- Ageing skilled workforce
- Loss of craft skills
- Market issues
- Supply of raw materials, allied materials and tools
- Small business issues
- **Training issues**
- **Recruitment issues**



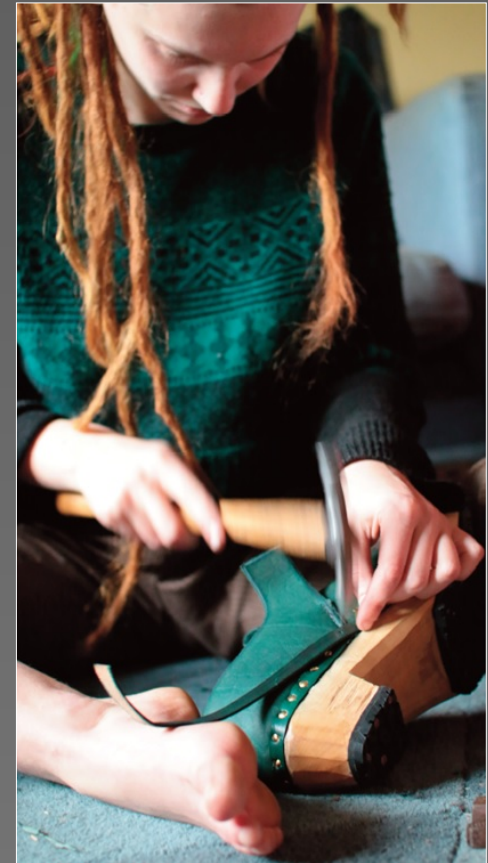
# Training issues

- Loss of apprenticeships
- Closure of further/higher education courses
- Prevalence of short courses
- Qualifications issues
- Costs of training to trainer



# Recruitment issues

- Lack of awareness of crafts as a career
- Lack of craft-oriented careers advice in schools
- Difficulties finding trainees with basic skills
- Lack of making in schools
- Difficulties finding younger trainees





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# Find out more

<http://redlist.heritagecrafts.org.uk>

- Detailed information about each craft
- Copy of publication
- Copy of full research report

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