



Country House Survival

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Gwrych Castle





2020: a year to forget....



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Historic Houses places
welcome over **26.8 million**
visits each year

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million



Reserves exhausted

£267 million lost income

1000s of jobs lost or now at risk



The value of outstanding urgent repairs across all Historic Houses places is estimated to be almost

£480 million

with value of outstanding other repairs almost

£901 million

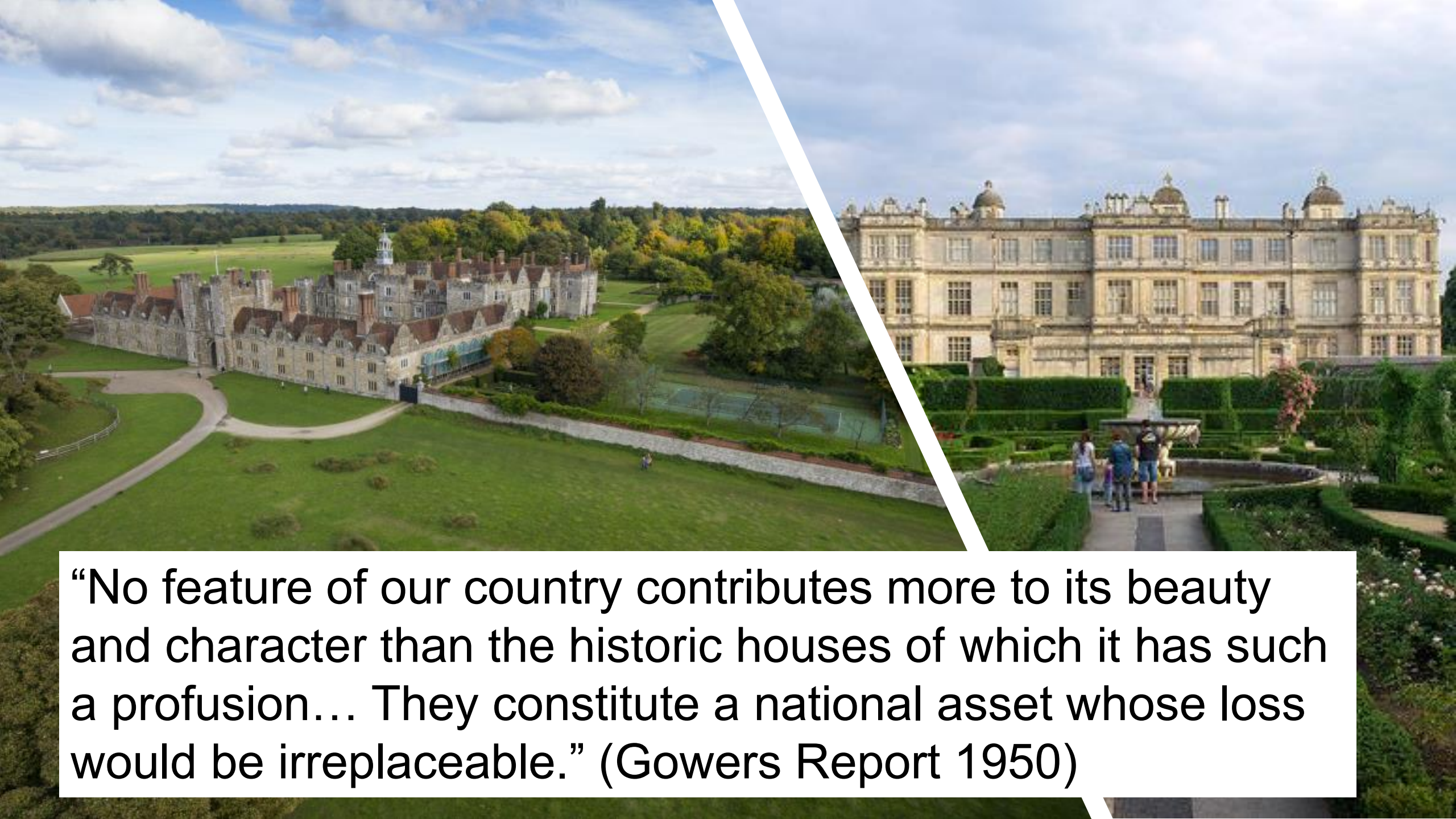
The estimated spend on regular repairs and maintenance across all Historic Houses places is

**£85 million
per annum**





Sir Ernest Gowers



“No feature of our country contributes more to its beauty and character than the historic houses of which it has such a profusion... They constitute a national asset whose loss would be irreplaceable.” (Gowers Report 1950)

Mr. Gosnell, Reg. 4.

HOUSES
OF OUTSTANDING
HISTORIC OR
ARCHITECTURAL
INTEREST

REPORT OF A COMMITTEE
APPOINTED BY THE
CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER



LONDON : 1950
HIS MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE
THREE SHILLINGS NET

“Houses should, so far as possible, be preserved as private residences occupied preferably by the families connected with them.”





Recognised by VisitEngland, the National Tourist Board of England



Screen for
2 metres
till & coffees
Sanitiser

Loos

Windows and doors open

One household at a time

Cleaned hourly and end of day

Please
wait here

One household at a time
in the ladies' loos, please

Re-opening Updates

Detailing the latest information and updates from our houses

YOU'RE HERE: [HOME](#) RE-OPENING UPDATES

The coronavirus outbreak is affecting people and businesses everywhere, including our member houses. While the situation unfolds, we're trying to keep on top of developments among our houses and keep you aware of any changes to their opening arrangements.

With our member places facing one of the worst crises in living memory, our work supporting independent heritage has never been more essential. We are grateful for the support of all our members. We understand that many will be disappointed by the reduction in free-entry benefits but we're working hard to ensure that we can still offer a great value membership.

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