



The Politics of the Period

Summer 2016:

- Brexit Referendum – we're leaving;
- Almost entirely new Government;
- Newly configured Ministries;

2017:

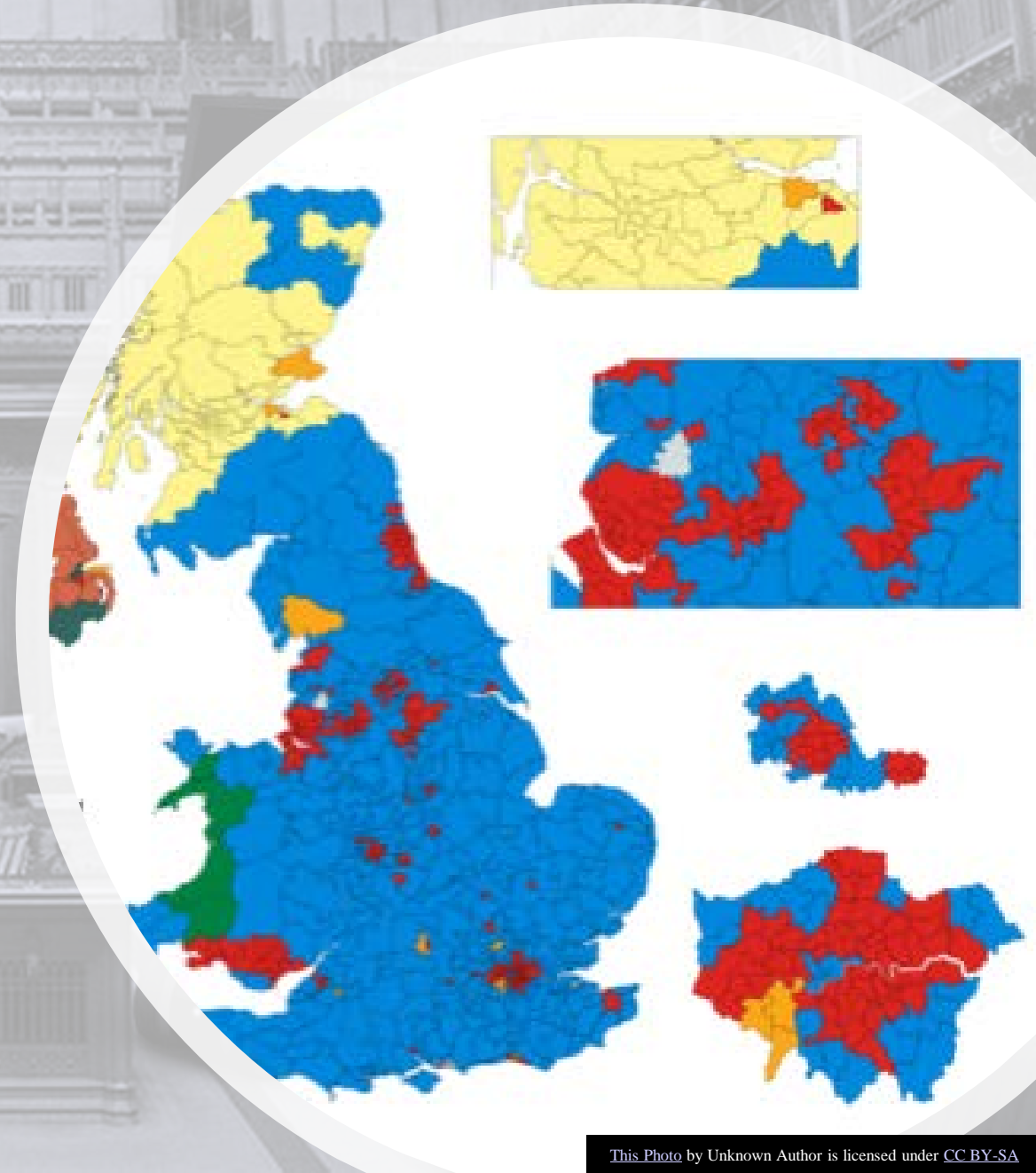
- Snap General Election - Minority Government;
- Article 50 triggered - Brexit legislative agenda
- Heritage Statement, Heritage Council

2018:

- 2 lots of re-shuffling
- Planning Reform, Brexit and Soft Power

2019 Britain Turns Blue

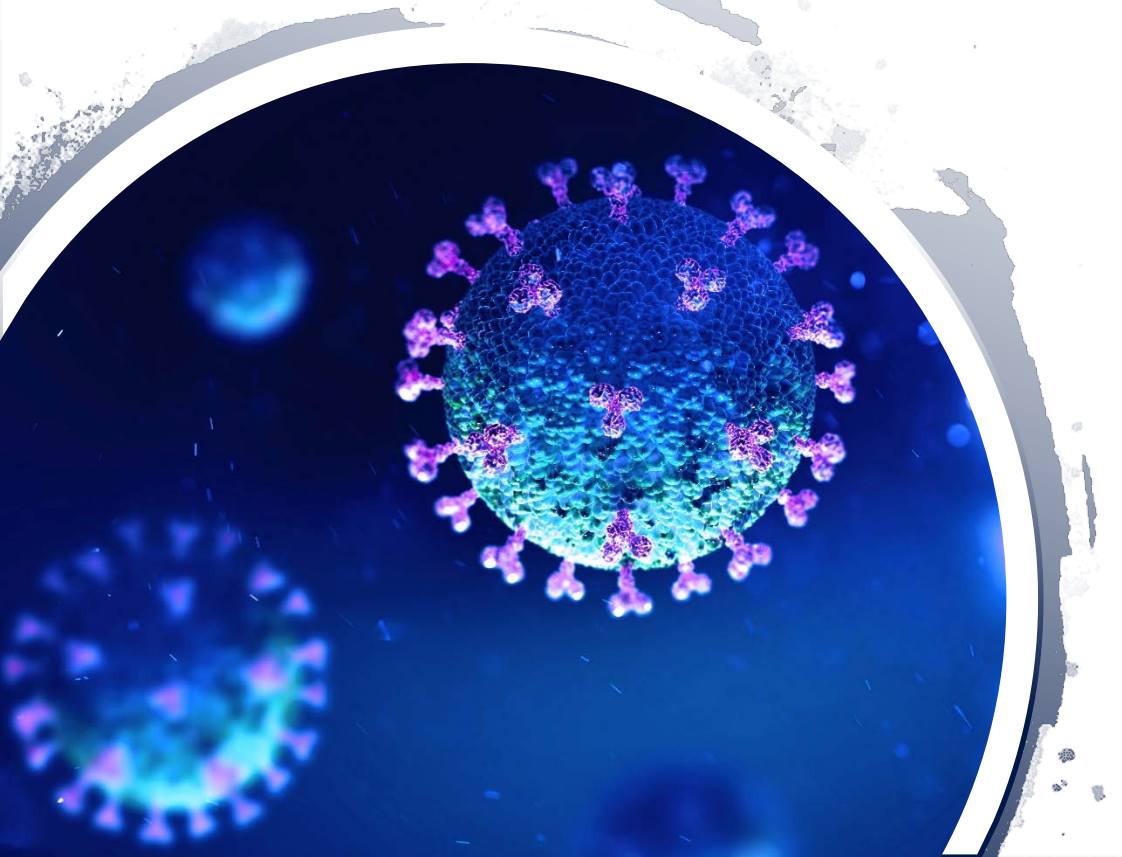
- Housebuilding and Brexit: Building up, Soft Power, Cultural Development Fund, Environment Bill
- General Election – Tory Landslide – England Blue, Scotland Yellow





Pandemic Britain

- Social Distancing
- Sites in lockdown
- Financial Jeopardy
- Furlough and Redundancy
- Emergency Funding
- Housing, Planning, Brexit





Cultural attractions will require funding until social distancing is lifted, heritage chiefs warn

In a letter to The Daily Telegraph, the Heritage Alliance said many institutions will struggle financially without relief

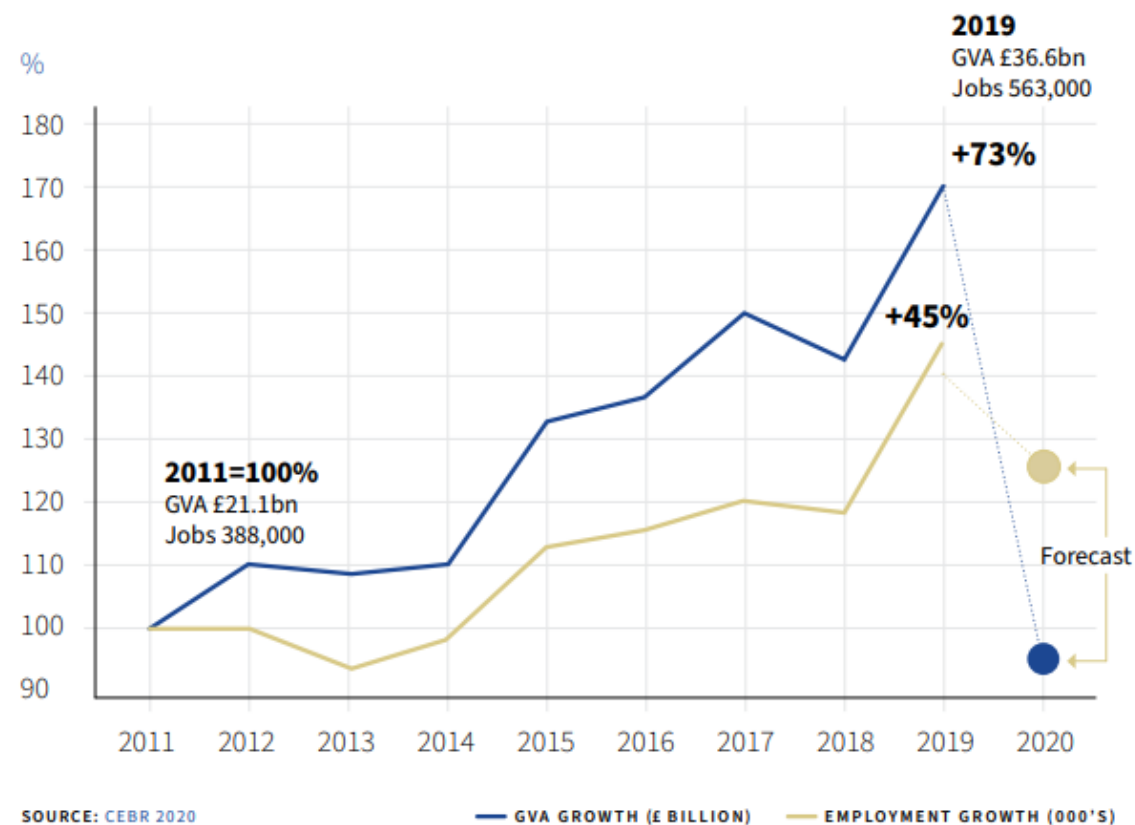
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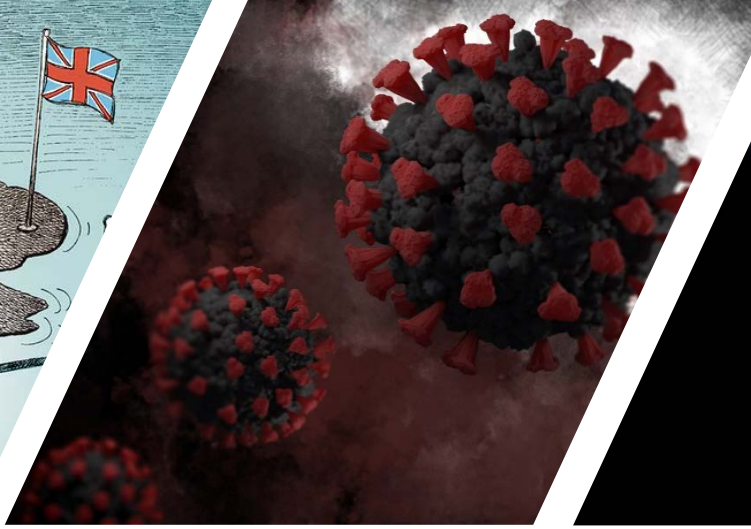




Heritage Matters

The heritage sector is a vital and growing part of our national economy- but the sector has been hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic.





- Funding and Long Tail of Covid
- Charities and small organisations
- Brexit
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Skills
- Rapidly changing digital landscape
- Climate Change
- Lack of legislative opportunity





Looking ahead?

Brexit and the World Stage

- Funding
- Regulations
- Movement of People
- Movement of Materials
- Soft Power

Don't lose it:

1. Champion our world-leading heritage sector on the world stage - maximising Brexit's opportunities, and minimising its challenges for heritage.
 - The UK Shared Prosperity Fund, which is set to replace EU Structural Funds, should ensure that all projects benefit heritage wherever possible;
 - Buy into Horizon 2020, Creative Europe, Erasmus and other schemes;
 - Avoid imposing tariffs on restoration materials after Brexit; and
 - Ensure the new Environmental Land Management System provides sufficient long-term funding to deliver public goods with the historic and natural environments on an equal footing.



Reforming the Tax Regime

Sustain It:

Nigel Huddleston MP #StayAtHome ✓ @HuddlestonNigel · Feb 25 ...

I am pleased to confirm that the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme will be renewed this year on the same terms as it operated previously.

This scheme will help many places of worship during these difficult times and help them to reopen fully once it is safe to do so. @DCMS



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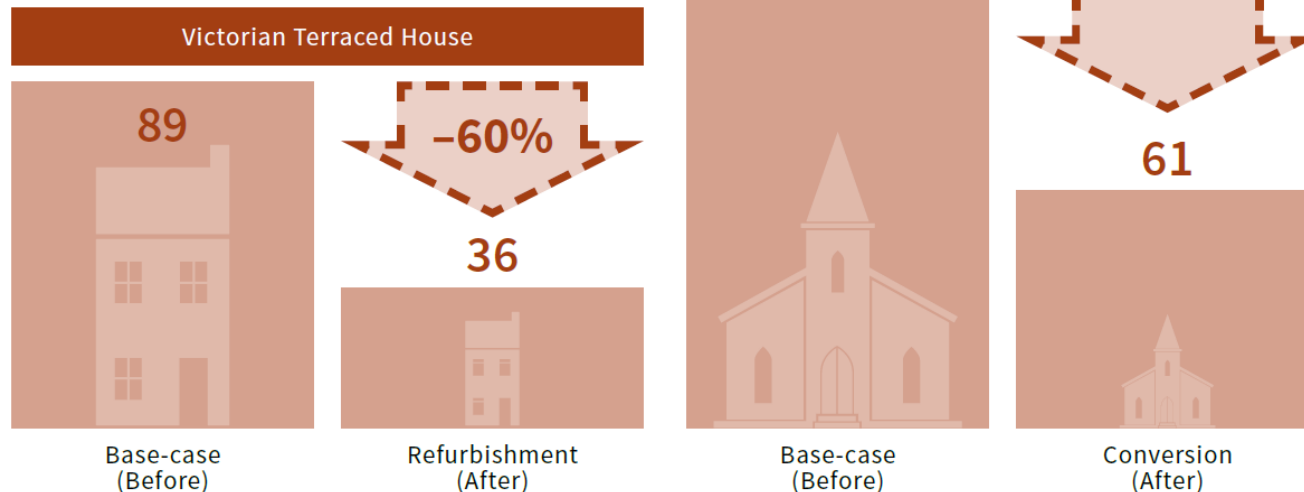
4. Reform the tax regime to promote the repair and maintenance of our nation's irreplaceable heritage assets.
 - Equalisation of VAT on repair and maintenance of existing buildings, with that of new build, in areas of greatest need and gather evidence of its impact on productivity and repair, creating a level playing field with new build housing.
 - Reduce the income tax on heritage maintenance funds from 45% to 20%; and
 - Continue the Listed Places of Worship grant scheme so that VAT incurred can be recovered, on a 3 year basis; and
 - Reduce the burden of business rates on the heritage sector through clearer treatment of historic sites and assets.

Environmental Agendas – Re-use

- Demolition emissions alone account for up to 7% of a new buildings carbon emissions over 60 years.
- Re-using old buildings is an everyday form of carbon capture and storage that each of us promotes every time.

Carbon emissions before and after retrofit and refurbishment

2050 (tCO₂e)



Source: Carrig (2019)

