The HCA Red List of Endangered Crafts, first published in 2017, is the only report of its kind to rank UK craft skills by the likelihood they will survive to the next generation, based on intangible cultural heritage safeguarding principles. The Heritage Crafts Association was the first UK UNESCO-accredited NGO working primarily in the domain of traditional craftsmanship.

**Extinct in the UK (4)**

Crafts classified as ‘extirpated’ or ‘locally extinct’ are those which have ceased to be practised in the UK in the past generation.

- Cricket ball making
- Gold beating
- Lacrosse stick making
- Mould and deckle making

**Critically endangered crafts (56)**

Crafts classified as ‘critically endangered’ are those at serious risk of no longer being practised in the UK.

- Barometer making
- Basketwork furniture making
- Bell founding
- Bowed-felt hat making **NEW**
- Brilliant cutting **NEW**
- Clay pipe making
- Clog making
- Coiled straw basket making **NEW**
- Compass making **NEW**
- Copper wheel engraving **NEW**
- Currach making **NEW**
- Damask weaving
- Devon stave basket making
- Diamond cutting **NEW**
- Engine turning
- Fabric pleating **NEW**
- Fair Isle chair making
- Fan making
- Flute making
- Fore-edge painting
- Frame knitting **NEW**
- Glass eye making **NEW**
- Hat plaiting
- Hazel basket making **NEW**
- Highlands and Islands thatching **NEW**
- Horse collar making
- Horsehair weaving **NEW**
- Industrial pottery
- Kishie basket making
- Maille making
- Metal thread making
- Millwrighting
- Mouth-blown sheet glass **NEW**
- Oak bark tanning
- Orrery making
- Paper making *(commercial)*
- Parchment and vellum making
- Piano making
- Plane making
- Pointe shoe making **NEW**
- Saw making
- Scissor making
- Shetland lace knitting **NEW**
- Shinty caman making
- Sieve and riddle making
- Silver spinning **NEW**
- Spade making
- Spinning wheel making
- Sporran making **NEW**
- Swill basket making
- Tinsmithing
- Wainwrighting
- Watch face enamelling
- Watchmaking
- Withy pot making
- Wooden fishing nets **NEW**
Endangered crafts (74)

Crafts classified as ‘endangered’ are those which currently have sufficient craftspeople to transmit the craft skills to the next generation, but for which there are serious concerns about their ongoing viability.

Arrowsmithing
Bagpipe making (Northumbrian, smallpipes and bellows blown)
Bee skep making
Block printing
Bow making (musical)
Brass instrument making
Brick making
Broom making
Brush making
Clock making
Coach building
Coach trimming
Coopering (non-spirits)
Coppersmithing (objects)
Coracle making
Corn dolly making
Cricket bat making
Cutlery and tableware making
Falconry furniture making
Fender making
Flintknapping (masonry)
Folding knife making
Free reed instrument making
Gansey knitting
Globe making
Glove making
Hand grinding
Harp making
Hat block making
Hat making NEW
Horn, antler and bone working
Hurdle making
Illumination
Iron founding
Japanning
Keyboard instrument making
Kilt making NEW
Ladder making
Lead working
Letterpress printing
Lithography
Lorinery
Marbling
Nalbinding
Neon bending
Oar, mast, spar and flagpole making
Orkney chair making
Pargeting
Passementerie
Percussion instrument making
Rake making
Reverse glass sign making
Rope making
Rush matting
Sail making
Scientific glassworking
Shoe and boot last and tree making
Shoe and boot making
Side saddlery
Skeined willow working NEW
Slating
Sofrut calligraphy NEW
Spectacle making NEW
Split cane rod making
Straw working
Surgical instrument making
Sussex trug making
Type founding and manufacture NEW
Umbrella making
Vegetable tanning
Wheelwrighting
Whip making
Wooden pipe making
Woodwind instrument making

Full descriptions of each craft can be found at http://redlist.heritagecrafts.org.uk
Currently viable crafts (110)

Crafts classified as ‘currently viable’ do not appear on the Red List as they are in a healthy state or have sufficient practitioners to transmit their skills to the next generation. This does not mean that the crafts are risk-free or without issues affecting their future sustainability/viability. We will continue to monitor them for changes.

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