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Redgrave one of the top ten theatres 'at Risk'

Farnham's Redgrave Theatre has joined other key venues on the list of England's most endangered buildings. Conservation body the Theatre's Trust has published its annual Theatre Buildings at Risk register which includes 34 venues that are currently under threat. The Redgrave - and two other entries – have now joined the Trust's top ten.

They replace 3 others that have been saved from last year's Register, the Lonsdale Cinema, The Theatre Royal, Hyde and the Doncaster Grand, which is in the process of being sold to a local support group.

For over 10 years, the Redgrave has been under the control of Waverley Borough Council and according to the Trust, it is under threat because, "no money has been spent on maintaining the building which is slowly deteriorating."

"The fact that three of last year's top ten have been saved shows what can be done – there is still hope yet for the Redgrave" says FTA Chairman, Anne Cooper.

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NOTES FOR EDITOR

The Redgrave opened 1974 and closed in 1998. It was named after the Redgrave family, at the request of Sir Michael Redgrave who had been approached. In 2004 Corin Redgrave had plans to use the theatre but has had to retire due to illness.

Jemma Redgrave is one of many supporters from across the arts, including Lord Richard Attenborough, Dame Judi Dench and Maureen Lipman who recognise the work of the FTA in its drive to reintroduce a full live theatre for the people of Farnham and surrounding region.

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