

The economic, social and cultural impact of independent historic houses

Historic Houses members
welcomed over

19 million

visits in 2024
— an average of

44,500

visits per property

Generated around

£1 billion

in expenditure for
the UK economy

Welcomed over

275,000

learners of all ages

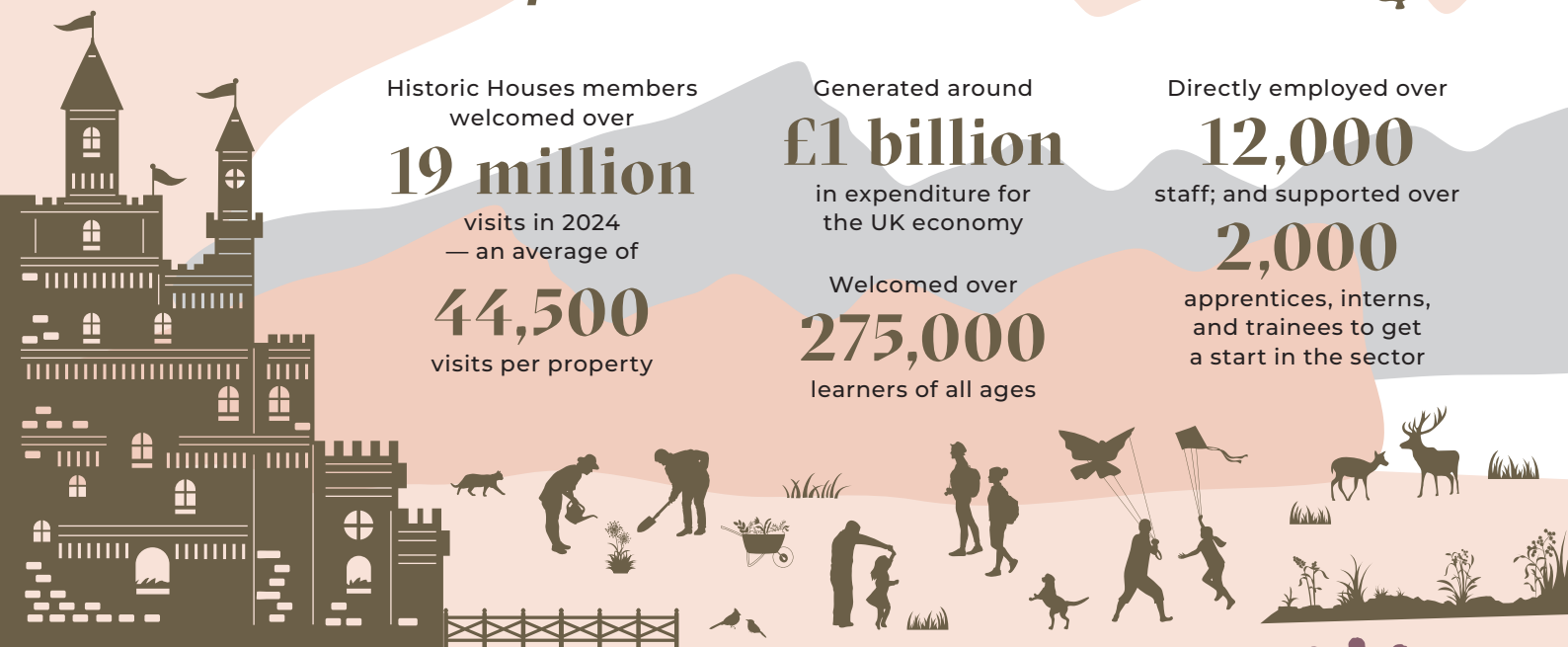
Directly employed over

12,000

staff; and supported over

2,000

apprentices, interns,
and trainees to get
a start in the sector



According to the Historic Houses member survey, the impacts
of changes announced in the October 2024 Budget include:



87%

of Historic Houses members say
they will be **negatively affected** by
changes to IHT reliefs announced

54%

say changes to IHT reliefs will
leave them **unable to develop/
diversify their business**

41%

say they will have to **make
redundancies or freeze hiring** due
to changes made in the Budget

Keeping historic places alive and accessible for generations to come



Our members reported
a **total backlog of**

£2 billion

of repairs & maintenance work,
despite a reported annual spend
of **around £160,000 each in 2024**



Over

47%

of Historic Houses places
**delayed or cancelled urgent
repairs and maintenance
works** due to lack of funds
between 2020 and 2022



Introducing a **VAT rebate scheme**
for listed buildings open to
public access could yield

£7 million

of economic benefit and
generate an estimated **300,000
additional visits** every year