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Chris Blandford Associates sponsors Heritage Link Update

Chris Blandford Associates (www.cba.uk.net) is the multi-disciplinary consultancy specialising in the sustainable planning, design and management of the historic and natural environment. Over the years, the practice has advised on planning, design and management issues for a wide range of heritage sites - from locally important heritage sites, to World Heritage Sites. Heritage Link welcomes Chris Blandford Associates and looks forward to working with the consultancy as a sponsor of Update. [Back](#)

Rates on empty premises (including listed buildings): CLG consultation to 1st October

The Government is modernising the system of relief from non domestic rates for empty properties in order to boost incentives to bring empty non domestic property back into use. The Rating (Empty Properties) Bill has completed its passage through Parliament and now awaits Royal Assent. Following the reforms announced in the 2007 Budget, it raises the empty property rate from 50% to 100% of the basic occupied business rate and makes consequential changes to partly occupied relief. It also reduces the rate for empty property held by charities and community amateur sports clubs from 10% of the basic occupied rate to zero. Secondary regulations will be

amended later this year to replace the current permanent exemption for owners of empty industrial property with a six month exemption.

CLG is now consulting on further details to be achieved through secondary legislation. This includes a review of the current exemptions including whether empty listed and other protected buildings should continue to be exempt from rates. There are also proposals for new anti-avoidance regulations and how to identify other types of rate avoidance.

Full details of the *Modernising Empty Property Relief* consultation can be seen on the Communities and Local Government website at www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1017165 Comments should be submitted preferably by email to emptyproperty@communities.gov.uk by 1st October. All reforms will be brought into effect by 1st April 2008. [Back](#)

Enabling Development: English Heritage consultation to 19th October

EH is updating its Policy Statement and Practical Guide *Enabling Development and the Conservation of Heritage Assets* in the light of practical experience, changing legislation and additional issues that have emerged. The intention of the policy remains the same but changes of wording will bring it into line with the English Heritage's *Conservation Principles, Policies and Guidelines*.

Enabling development is defined here as development that is contrary to established planning policy but which is occasionally permitted because it brings public benefit that clearly outweighs the harm that would be caused and could not otherwise be achieved.

Views are invited on exception policies; on the expanded guidance on enabling development and 'historic entities', and on the specific guidance on enabling development of farm buildings. It also asks for opinions on the guidance in 5.16 which stresses the desirability of normally discouraging the use of enabling development to fund restoration or enhancement beyond the minimum necessary to secure the future of the heritage asset.

For the consultation document and details of how to respond see www.english-historic.org.uk/enablingdevelopment [Back](#)

Inquiry relating to pay and conditions in archaeology: APPAG inquiry to 30th September

Five years after the All Party Parliamentary Group on Archaeology found that 'There is an urgent need to improve pay and conditions for employment in field archaeology so that they are commensurate with graduate entry level in allied professions such as local authority planning officers, civil engineers and university lecturers', the Group is assessing how far various initiatives have succeeded in implementing the recommendations.

APPAG intends to hold a short inquiry, initially inviting brief written submissions from those taking an active role in seeking to improve pay and conditions, setting out what they are doing and how they intend to implement any reforms. APPAG is interested in information and comment on what is being done, not on the present position. Submissions of up to 1000 words should be sent to inquiry@appag.org.uk by 30th September.

APPAG will take oral evidence during the autumn before making a report with recommendations and may organise debates in Parliament. [Back](#)

Institute of Field Archaeologists: the future of the Institute

The Institute of Field Archaeologists has written an open letter to the sector about the Institute's future. Marking its 25th year, the letter points out that IFA members work in all areas of the historic environment, and speaks of building on and accelerating the current integration of disciplines within the historic environment profession. The IFA's Chair (Michael Dawson) and Chief Executive (Peter Hinton) argue that to be able better to represent the needs and vision of its existing and potential membership across the sector, the Institute will need a programme of reforms including a more representative name, refocusing its publications, greater emphasis on CPD, a more accessible membership application process and closer working with other bodies. Specific proposals are promised at future IFA events.

The full text of the letter can be read at www.archaeologists.net/modules/news/article.php?storyid=181 Comments are sought. [Back](#)

Conservative Shadow Cabinet

David Cameron has appointed Eric Pickles MP for Brentwood and Ongar as the Conservative Shadow Secretary of State for Communities & Local Government. His front bench team includes Grant Shapps, Alistair Burt, Bob Neil and Jacqui Lait. The Shadow Minister for Community Cohesion is Sayeeda Warsi and the CLG shadow spokesman in the House of Lords is Lord Dixon Smith.

For the Culture portfolio, the Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport is Jeremy Hunt and his front bench team comprises Hugh Robertson and Ed Vaizey as before with Tobias Ellwood. The culture spokesman in the House of Lords is Lord Howard of Rising and for the Olympics Lord Glentoran. For Environment Food and Rural Affairs, the Tories have appointed Peter Ainsworth with a front bench team of James Paice, Greg Barker, Bill Wiggin and Ann McIntosh. In the House of Lord the spokesman is Lord Taylor of Holbeach. [Back](#)

Lib Dem shadow appointments

In HM Treasury, the Lib Dems have Vincent Cable MP. Chris Huhne is shadow Minister for DEFRA with Martin Horwood as Shadow Minister for the Environment and Roger Williams as Shadow Minister for Rural Affairs. Their spokespeople in the Lords are Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Damer, Lord Dykes (CAP reform), Lord Teverson (Climate Change), Lord Greaves and Lord Redesdale (Agriculture and Energy).

For the Department for Communities and Local Government, the Shadow Minister is Andrew Stunell MP, joined by Paul Holmes MP - lately with an Arts and Heritage brief - as the Shadow Housing Minister, together with Tom Brake MP and Jo Swinson MP. Their spokespeople in the Lords will be Baroness Scott of Needham Market and Baroness Hamwee.

Lib Dem Shadow Minister for Department for Culture Media and Sport and the Olympics remains Don Foster MP for Bath with Dan Rogerson MP as Shadow Minister for the Arts, Culture and Heritage, Tom Brake MP as Shadow Minister for London and the Olympics, and Richard Younger-Ross MP. Lord Clement Jones continues as spokesperson in the Lords with Baroness Bonham Carter. Lord Addington will speak for Sport and Lord Lee of Trafford for Tourism.

In addition Lib Dem peer Baroness Neuberger will work with the Prime Minister, the Government and the voluntary sector to champion volunteering. [Back](#)

New Regional Ministers

For the first time the English regions have a named parliamentary representative. Department of Health Minister Ben Bradshaw is also Minister for the South West. Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in DEFRA, Jonathan Shaw, is Minister for the South East. The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Department for Work and Pensions Barbara Follett MP is Minister for the East of England. The Rt Hon Beverley Hughes MP is Minister for Children, Schools and Families and in addition Minister for the North West. Cabinet Office Parliamentary Secretary Gillian Merron MP is Minister for the East Midlands. Minister for the Olympics and Minister for London (Paymaster General) is The Rt Hon Tessa Jowell MP. The Deputy Chief Whip The Rt Hon Nick Brown MP is also Minister for the North East of England. Home Office Minister and Minister for the West Midlands is Liam Byrne MP and DWP Minister Caroline Flint MP, Minister for Yorkshire and the Humber. [Back](#)

Draft Bills

As expected Gordon Brown's list of legislation gives the Housing Bill (and raising the annual house building target from 200,000 to 240,000 per annum) top priority. He did however assure the House ' because at the same time as building more affordable homes we must also reduce their environmental impact...I can assure the House that we will continue to protect robustly the land designated as green belt'.

The Planning Reform Bill is included as is the Cross Rail Bill. Less clear is the fate of the Planning Gain Supplement Bill. The Prime Minister said it was 'provisional because if prior to the Pre-Budget Report a better way is identified of ensuring local communities receive significantly more of the benefit planning gain to invest in necessary infrastructure including transport - and it is demonstrated that these are a better alternative - the Government will be prepared to defer next session's legislation'. [Back](#)

The Heritage Protection Bill currently being drafted was not included in his speech but does appear in the formal Draft Legislation Programme: 'The Government will continue seeking to ensure that as many bills as possible are published for pre-legislative scrutiny. At this stage the Government is considering publishing a draft bill concerning Marine, Heritage Protection and Single Equality and the Leader of the House will publish in a written ministerial statement the government's proposals for draft bills in November 2007 at the beginning of the next session. The

Government intends to identify opportunities during this Parliament to legislate on all its manifesto commitments that require legislation.'

The Prime Minister's speech on 11th July can be read at <http://www.number-10.gov.uk/output/Page12422.asp>
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Housing Bill

There has been much debate in the media in advance of the Housing Green Paper expected next week with several contributions from the heritage side. Judith Martin, of the Industrial Buildings Preservation Trust points out in a letter to the Guardian on 13th July that the major housebuilding years of the 50s and 60s are not a happy precedent. 'A few visionary architects and developers see that reusing the historic built heritage or reinterpreting it in a genuinely "green" way is better than flattening what exists and developing on the slash-and-burn model of the 50s and 60s, but despite the reams of legislation requiring sustainable communities, affordable housing and the rest, most developers remain adept at sliding around the legislation.' see <http://www.guardian.co.uk/letters/story/0,,2125256,00.html>

Neil Sinden, Director of Policy at the Campaign to Protect Rural England welcomes the emphasis on brownfield development but warns that there are details to be unpicked and calls on Gordon Brown to deliver on the commitment he made in 2003 to maintain or increase green belt land in every English Region (*Society Guardian* 19th July).

Bill Bryson, in his inaugural speech as President of CPRE, calls for the whole of England to be a National Park <http://www.cpre.org.uk/news/view/408> [Back](#)

Heritage Link recommends heritage led regeneration rather than casinos

The Times published (<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/debate/letters/article2072630.ece>) Heritage Link's letter on Saturday 14th July which suggested that Manchester might find heritage led regeneration a more sustainable answer than a super casino. Culture Secretary James Purnell's statement on 16th July has set out the reasons behind the change of heart by the Government. On the regional casino, 'many members of all sides of both Houses expressed serious doubt about whether we should have regional casino at all.'

'In view of the very real concern surrounding the regional casino' he continues, 'it would be prudent to examine afresh whether deprived areas can be equally well served by other forms of regeneration'.

The written ministerial statement can be found at http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Minister_Speeches/James_Purnell/jamespurnell_writtenstatement_casinos_16jul07.htm [Back](#)

English Heritage Peer Review published

The 2006 Review jointly commissioned by English Heritage and DCMS and published on 9th July is welcomed by Chief Executive Simon Thurley as 'very positive about the changes made at English Heritage during its modernisation programme. It is gratifying that stakeholders have seen a real change for the better in the way that English Heritage works and delivers its services'. EH outreach and access teams were singled out for praise in stakeholder responses.

The Review does however make several critical observations: on the scope for more liaison with Communities and Local Government, and on allowing stakeholders earlier involvement in English Heritage policy making. It notes significant concerns cross the heritage sector about the resource implications of the Heritage Protection Review. An action plan sets out recommendations, including: guidelines for use of volunteers at EH properties, a capital investment programme for properties in care, more strategic ties with the Local Government Association to raise the profile of the historic environment within local government and, establishment of strategic goals with the three lead Government Departments. Most importantly there is a commitment on the Heritage Protection Review 'to draw up a nationally agreed action plan to tackle the capability gap'.

For the full Review and Action Plan follow the links at <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.11370> [Back](#)

Risk of sales of major works of art to secure the future of historic houses

Reports in the *Daily Telegraph* on 3rd July and the *Guardian* on 16th July warn of major arts sales. Historic Houses Association Director General, Nick Way has pointed out the difficult decisions that owners are facing. 'Such sales

are a matter for regret, and we hope very much that a buyer can be found who will retain these works in this country for public access. However, what is certain is that owners do not take the decision to sell easily; it is usually the lesser of two evils - parting with a work of art or risking the long term maintenance of their houses and estates.'

The Historic Houses Association says that unless the maintenance funding issue is addressed, there will unavoidably be more sales in future. The public does not always see the mounting urgency of maintenance and repairs, until a sale of a major work of art throws a spotlight on the problem. With the costs of maintenance and regulation rising, often faster than general inflation, restoration grants for privately owned heritage are now the exception and with the Heritage Lottery Fund focusing away from privately-owned buildings for capital projects, 1 in 8 owners have had to resort to such sales in the last ten years to fund the future of historic houses, according to the HHA's 2006 Survey of its Members.

HHA's full statement advocating fiscal incentives for better maintenance can be found at www.hha.org.uk under Policy and Media/Current Campaigns. [Back](#)

Pathfinder communities demand to be heard

Homes Under Threat (HUT), the national network of communities under threat of demolition welcomed the new Prime Minister's assertion that affordable homes and listening to people would be amongst his priorities in Government. Representatives from 20 areas affected by demolition proposals across the country are calling on Hazel Blears, Minister of Communities and Local Government, to take a new look at the planned Compulsory Purchase Orders, (CPOs) both within the controversial Housing Pathfinder Programme and other local Communities blighted by the threat of the bulldozer.

Spokesperson Sylvia Wilson of Nelson, Lancashire said 'It does not make sense for the Government to be destroying communities by knocking people's homes down when there clearly is a growing housing shortage not only in the South but now in the North of England as well. All over the country people are telling us that their homes are needed. Just because a house is a terrace or in need of some investment, it doesn't mean it can't be renovated more quickly and more cheaply than destroying communities and having to build new.'

The HUT conference in early July made up of Housing Campaigns across the country says they are the real experts as to what is needed as far as their local areas are concerned and need to be at the table when decisions are being made. Local examples of groups fighting the demolition of homes and their communities span from Middlesbrough to Stoke, from Hull to Liverpool, even as far away as London and Essex and can be seen on the HUT's website www.fightforourhomes.com [Back](#)

Planning White Paper: CPRE Action Guide

Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) has produced an action guide to help individuals and groups to organise campaigning activities on the Planning White Paper and to spread the message about the Government's proposals to the wider public and help them respond to the current consultation.

The guide includes ideas for public action on the Planning White Paper; a briefing on the Planning White Paper aimed at the general public with information about some specific Major Infrastructure Projects (MIPs) in the pipeline; Tricky questions and answers; Actions you can take as an individual; How to create a 'Bash the MIP' game - just one idea for getting people attracted to a campaign stall; A sample news release to help you publicise your event; Positive planning poster - bullet points summarising what a good planning system can and should do - this can be enlarged to A3 or larger; and Feedback forms to let CPRE know what you are doing.

Read the action guide, and order postcards and other resources from the campaigns team. Email campaigns@cpre.org.uk or phone 020 7981 2869. To download the *Planning White Paper Action Guide* see PDF link at <http://www.cpre.org.uk/campaigns/planning/planning-system/planning-system-what-you-can-do>

The deadline for responses to the Planning White Paper consultation is 17th August. See <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1510731> [Back](#)

Conservation Bulletin: Broadening access approaches and practical guidelines

The summer issue of English Heritage's *Conservation Bulletin* devoted to *Heritage: Broadening Access* brings together the sector's response to the 2000 *Power of Place* recommendation to 'remove barriers to access'. As Maria Adebowale, English Heritage Commissioner more pertinently points out 'England's heritage is built on diversity. But it will only flourish if people from equally varied backgrounds are willing to act as its future stewards'.

The Bulletin explores different motivations and a huge range of different approaches, from English Heritage, the National Trust, Black Environment Network and Gateway Gardens Trust to Heritage Open Days, community archives, Romany gypsy heritage to heritage and reconciliation in south east Europe.

It then goes on to look at sectoral skills and training covering Heritage Link *Embracing Difference* programme 2006-8, Inclusive, Accessible Archaeology, the *Your Place or Mine* Conference and more. It even includes practical guidance on How to run a community heritage project, How to diversify your volunteers, How to market to new audiences and How to do meaningful community consultation. Finally Miriam Levin, Head of Outreach at English Heritage takes a look at the skills required for outreach posts.

There is a long way to go but as a record of achievement since 2002, *Conservation Bulletin no 55* shows all parts of the heritage sector taking up the challenge with imagination and commitment. To download a copy visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.11241> [Back](#)

Friends of Friendless Churches celebrates 50 years

About 150 people gathered for evensong in the newly restored St George's Bloomsbury to celebrate the achievement of Friends of Friendless Churches, set up in 1957 to preserve redundant churches for public access and the benefit of the nation. Today the Friends own 37 former churches and chapels, half in England and half in Wales where the Friends are recognised as the equivalent of the Churches Conservation Trust in England.

The anniversary continues until the autumn with a series of events: on 23rd July a bilingual service in Welsh and Breton in Llanfaglan Church near Caernarfon, in Gwynedd; 5th August, Evensong preceded by Cream Teas at St Mary, Akenham, Suffolk; 9th September, at The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hardmead, Buckinghamshire; 16th September, St Peter, Wolfhampcote; 28th - 30th September, Friends' AGM Weekend in Pembrokeshire, beginning with a service on the Friday in St David's Cathedral followed by the AGM on the Saturday with visits to Friends' churches in the county; 6th October, Papworth St Agnes, Cambridgeshire, Harvest Service and Supper; and 21st October, St Luke Milland on the Hampshire/Sussex border.

For details, maps and booking information visit

<http://www.friendsoffriendlesschurches.org.uk/festivalfortheffriends.htm> [Back](#)

Building Faith in our Future

The Church of England's *Building Faith in our Future* campaign continues with a 6th bulletin to update readers on developments to date and gather further support. This issue covers the results of questions in the parish returns on church facilities (44% now have toilets and 37% have kitchen facilities). Half the C of E Churches are now open for more than 10 hours a week and many for longer, while only 20% are always closed to casual visitors outside service times.

It notes the development of national guidelines covering requirements and procedures for the church and the Post Office which will explain what is involved if a church is considering hosting a post office. These will be posted later in the summer on www.churchcare.co.uk

The bulletin keeps track of the contribution in social action and culture that places of worship make to their communities. Stories of innovative and imaginative projects are always needed to add to the survey, with brief details, key findings and main recommendations.

To become a *Building Faith* supporter and receive copies of the ebulletin and/or share information, contact Becky Payne at rebecca.payne@c-of-e.org.uk [Back](#)

New website encourages wider participation in study of local history

A new, interactive website, which will provide free access to thousands of local history resources, was launched by historian Michael Wood at an event at the Houses of Parliament last month. Speaking at the event Michael Wood illustrated the importance of personal stories in building a history of our communities. He also emphasised the key role technology plays in reaching new audiences. The launch was also attended by Rt Hon Ruth Kelly, MP (then Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government) who launched an exhibition of Victoria County History work to coincide with the website launch.

The website, *Explore England's Past* is a key outcome of the Heritage Lottery funded, Victoria County History (VCH) project, *England's Past For Everyone* (EPE). Resources have been collected by local volunteers and

historians working on EPE projects in ten counties. Visitors to the *Explore* site will be able to access a wide range of materials including images, historical documents and audio files and the site can be searched by location, place, people, theme and time period. Volunteer research will also contribute to a series of 15 paperback publications and schools resources.

To find out more about the EPE project visit www.EnglandsPastForEveryone.org.uk To explore the history of your community visit www.ExploreEnglandsPast.org.uk [Back](#)

DCMS Sustainable Development Action Plan 2007

This is the Department for Culture Media and Sport's second sustainable development action plan. It covers the period between April 2007 to March 2010 and sets targets for the department and its non-departmental public bodies. It will be reviewed in the spring of 2008. The full document can be found at <http://www.info4local.gov.uk/documents/publications/315259>

This year's targets contribute towards three high level Sustainable Development Action Plan priorities: to carry out a review of the contribution of the cultural and heritage sector to combat climate change; to lead the efforts of a key group of NDPBs to make the most of their significant potential to influence public responses to sustainable development issues, in particular climate change; and to ensure that current policy development is consistent with wider government sustainable development priorities. [Back](#)

£70m funding for Youth volunteering

It was created to implement the recommendations of the Russell Commission, and after its first year of operation, announces funding for the first element of the new National Youth Volunteering Programme (NYVP), which aims to transform youth volunteering in England. More than £70 million is available over three years for organisations to develop and deliver innovative volunteering opportunities for 16-25 year olds in all parts of the country.

Strand One will expand support for organisations and young people (£42.6m). Strand Two is for direct delivery of new volunteering opportunities (£30m). The combined approach is expected to provide new and improved ways to engage with and deliver volunteering opportunities for young people in a significant and sustainable way.

Organisations and projects are invited to submit expressions of interest by 5pm on 10th August. For funding guidance, FAQs and enquiry point visit <http://www.wearev.com/grants/index.php> [Back](#)

Natural England searches for England's most innovative farmers

Natural England launched its *Future of Farming Awards* scheme on 2nd July. The new scheme to celebrate environmental excellence and innovation in farming will recognise those farmers who have made the greatest contribution to both conserving England's special wildlife and landscapes whilst helping people to greater access.

A winner and runner up will be chosen in August from each of England's nine regions. A national panel will select the overall winner and runner up, to be announced at a special event this autumn. Entrants will need to demonstrate: first-rate land management practices that boost biodiversity, public access opportunities and landscape conservation; a good understanding of the economic, social and environmental opportunities that biodiversity, public access and landscape conservation brings; and pioneering management of the natural environment in one of access, biodiversity or landscape that sets a new standard for the future. In future years Natural England will expand the Awards introducing more categories to recognise other areas of environmental excellence. For further information see <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/press/releases2007/020707.htm> [Back](#)

New Bursary Scheme Helps Meet Demand for Heritage Skills

A new bursary scheme launched by English Heritage, the National Trust, Cadw, Construction-Skills and the National Heritage Training Group is set to help address the skills shortage in the heritage sector as highlighted by reports in 2005 from the Countryside Agency and the National Heritage Training Group.

The Traditional Building Skills Bursary Scheme organises and funds work-based training placements for individuals who want to work in the built heritage sector. The main skills targeted through about 80 bursaries over four years include brickwork, carpentry and joinery, fibrous plaster, lime plaster, stone masonry and conservation, leadwork, thatching and ironwork.

The bursaries will operate as work based training placements - at NVQ Heritage Skills level 3 and above - working with contractors at a variety of sites, including those of National Trust, English Heritage and Cadw.

Bursary placements are currently being advertised on the Scheme's website and more will be available throughout the duration of the Scheme.

The four year project has been funded by a £900,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and contributions from the partners. More information is available from the Scheme's website www.buildingbursaries.org.uk or by contacting the Bursary Scheme Manager Clara Willett at enquiries@buildingbursaries.org.uk or 01442 890756. [Back](#)

Skills Shortages quantified in Wales

Historic buildings in Cardiff are at risk of falling into disrepair due to a lack of skilled workers, a study has found. The report by the National Heritage Training Group (NHTG) revealed there were not enough workers within the built heritage sector in Wales. In the next four years about 500 additional workers are required to meet demand for conservation, restoration, repair and maintenance work.

The report, *Traditional Building Craft Skills: Assessing the Need, Meeting the Challenge*, the first ever analysis in Wales, is due to be formally launched at the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show on 24th July. The full report can be downloaded from www.constructionskills.net/research [Back](#)

Churchill Fellowships 2008

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust offers Fellowships to British Citizens resident in the UK and from all walks of life to acquire knowledge and experience abroad. The Trust aims to be inclusive - the oldest Fellow was 80 when he successfully applied. Fellows come from all backgrounds and ethnic groups, and include those with disabilities.

This year's categories include: The Recruitment and Use of Volunteers in the Community; under the Young People category (under 25 on 31st December 2008), the Trust will support projects, including sporting activities, that encourage personal development, as well as benefiting the community); Making a Living in the Countryside - the Trust is anxious to hear from a very broad spectrum of those involved in any form of business in the countryside; Craft Workers and Teachers involved in the Built Environment; and one award in the field of History.

Further details can be found at <http://www.wcmt.org.uk/> The deadline for applications is 5pm on 16th October. [Back](#)

Cathedral Camps in historic church makeover

Young conservation volunteers from all walks of life are taking part in a summer camp to help The Churches Conservation Trust and UK volunteering charity CSV (Community Service Volunteers) look after the Trust's church in Wentworth, South Yorkshire, from 8th -15th August.

Cathedral Camp volunteers between the ages of 16-25 will carry out a range of practical activities to include a comprehensive photographic survey of the inscriptions and symbolism of the churchyard, conservation cleaning, and the development of new ideas for improving the rate and experience of the church's visitors.

This is the first time that the Trust has taken part in Cathedral Camps, a programme which has been running with great success for over 25 years and is now organised in partnership with CSV. The project is part of the Trust's wider work to engage more young people of diverse backgrounds in heritage conservation, which also includes a comprehensive education programme. Visit www.visitchurches.org.uk to find out more. [Back](#)

Historic buildings in Wales share restoration money

Minister for Sustainability and Rural Development Jane Davidson has announced almost £800,000 in grants to 23 projects. Cadw has offered the first tranche of grants under its new grant scheme for Church in Wales churches, which has resulted in a high number of grants to ecclesiastical buildings on this occasion. The new scheme with a budget for 2007-08 of £500 000 considers applications from Anglican churches in Wales on an annual basis. For the full list of recipients and proposed works see <http://www.cadw.wales.gov.uk/default.asp?id=21&NewsId=173> [Back](#)

English Heritage: new Access Guide

If you are struggling with the baby's buggy, are visually or hearing impaired, are caring for an elderly relative or hoping to delight a child with special needs, the English Heritage's new Access Guide will help you plan a successful day out. The new *Access Guide to English Heritage Properties*, published on 10th July, ensures that you can plan your visit, knowing what facilities you will find when you arrive. English Heritage sites offer features

such as virtual and audio tours, tactile exhibits, scented gardens, new visitor centres, improved surfaces and clear information for visitors with limited mobility or for those with pushchairs.

English Heritage has made numerous improvements in access to its sites: Battle Abbey in East Sussex has a new visitor centre. There is an audio tour, hearing loop and large print interpretation book. Kenilworth Castle now has a new lift to all floors of its Gatehouse, baby-changing facilities and an audio visual unit. Belsay Hall, Castle and gardens have a new terrain guide to help visitors judge how much of the extensive site they can comfortably get around. Tilbury Fort in Essex has a new Talking History interactive computer that provides audio-visual oral and large-text information, sharing memories of the history of the fort, plus 360° views from various points that are inaccessible to visitors with limited mobility.

The Access Guide is available in audio form - either on tape or CD, as a PDF document which can be used with Screenreader software, as a word file with all formatting removed and pictures described, in Braille and in large print format on request. Copies can be downloaded from www.english-heritage.org.uk/accessguide or requested from English Heritage customer services on 0870 333 1181. [Back](#)

ArchLib is launched

The Council for British Archaeology and the Society of Antiquaries of London announce the launch of ArchLib: an electronic library of publications for archaeology. This new, not-for-profit service provides access to material from a consortium of archaeological publishers, offering researchers a range of publications through one easy search and buy interface. Initially comprising journal papers and books from eight different publishers, the CBA and SAL will be expanding ArchLib to include a greater range and number of publications in the coming months.

To use it click on <http://archlib.britarch.net>, enter a term or keyword in the search box and you will receive results from over 2000 pages of material. You can then view the opening page of a publication to check it is what you need, then go ahead and buy it. You will receive a PDF file which can be immediately downloaded and kept.

More content will be added in the coming months from a wider range of archaeological publishers. In time, ArchLib will link with both the Archaeology Data Service <http://ads.ahds.ac.uk> and the CBA's British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography www.biab.ac.uk to become the first port of call for anyone in need of published information about archaeology, including material which is free to access.

ArchLib is a developing resource, so if you are an archaeological publisher and are interested in joining the service, contact Dan Hull on archlib@britarch.ac.uk [Back](#)

A3 Colour Printer For Sale

The Theatres Trust has an HP5550dtn Laserjet colour printer for sale, a little mucky but otherwise in full working order. It comes loaded with toner cartridges 50-75% full. This machine can print up to A3 size and does double-sided printing too. Currently with a book value of £950 but any serious offer considered as it is currently taking up much needed floorspace. Please contact Paul Connolly on (020) 7836 8591 for further details. [Back](#)

PEOPLE

Director of Architecture and Design Review at CABE

Diane Haigh has been appointed Director of Architecture and Design Review at CABE. Diane is an architect and is currently a Director of Allies and Morrison where she has worked for 11 years. She has been involved in several conservation projects, such as the reopening of Blackwell in Cumbria and at the Queen's House, Greenwich, as well as new buildings such as the English Faculty at Cambridge University, and major urban design schemes. Diane is curator of the current V&A exhibition Royal Festival Hall Revival, and designed their International Arts and Crafts exhibition in 2005.

At CABE, Diane will act as principal advisor to the Commission and its directors on architectural matters, and direct the work of design review, the expert independent assessment of around 350 schemes a year. She takes up her post on 1st October. [Back](#)

EVENTS

The findings: the future - learning from the Cultural Pathfinders. Conference, 25th July

Over the past two years, the LGA and DCMS have worked with 12 pathfinder projects to examine the ways in which cultural services and projects contribute to the delivery of shared outcomes, and also to identify the opportunities and barriers that they face along the way and how these can be overcome. The evaluation of the Pathfinder programme is now well underway by De Montfort University. This conference will share the lessons

and learning from the programme and consider 'what next?' for cultural services. For booking details see <http://www.lga.gov.uk/event.asp?id= SXBAFD-A7841676> [Back](#)

New ways of financing regeneration. Conference, 12th September

With a challenging spending round looming, this conference will look at new ways of financing regeneration to allow councils and their partners to continue this transformation. The focus of the day will be on sharing new ideas and best practice. Speakers from the private, public and social enterprise sectors will share their expertise about markets, innovative funding models and potential new sources of finance. Workshops will focus on the practicalities of using existing tools such as Business Improvement Districts, LABGI and community assets to finance new schemes. For booking details see <http://www.lga.gov.uk/event.asp?id= SXBB6F-A7844C61> [Back](#)

Council for British Archaeology: Archaeology for All Weekend, York 14th-15th September

The programme of events will include the free annual Beatrice de Cardi lecture, this year given by Dr Simon Thurley, Chief Executive of English Heritage on *Archaeology and Artifice: the Office of Works and the fabrication of Medieval History*; presentations on York and its locality; tours around the historic town (including the Medieval Guildhalls) and a trip out to some of Yorkshire's more ancient sites. Places are limited so early booking is strongly advised. For the full programme see <http://www.britarch.ac.uk/cba/weekend/index.html> Bookings can be made by contacting sophiecringle@britarch.ac.uk tel 01904 671417, fax 01904 671384. [Back](#)

Impact of transport schemes on historic landscapes. Conference: 28th September

This is a multi-disciplinary conference which will consider the policy background to the protection of historic landscape, the methodologies for assessing the impact of transport schemes on cultural heritage, and recent examples where transport schemes have affected historic landscapes. Speakers from Local Government, the Highways Agency, Natural England and professional planners, landscape architects and archaeologists.

The Highways Agency, in collaboration with landscape and cultural heritage government and non government bodies, has developed new guidance on the assessment of historic landscape character, evaluation and the effects of road schemes. The draft guidance, *Assessing the effects of road schemes on historic landscape character*, is available on English Heritage's HELM website at www.helm.org.uk Cost: £50. Location ICE, Westminster, London. To book contact Surendra Singh-Suman, tel 0117 372 8376. [Back](#)

Suburban Futures: Town Centres, the Arts and Regeneration conference: 28th September

This conference will focus on new approaches to revitalising London's Town Centres through the innovative use of arts and culture. Speakers include Charles Landry (founder of *Comedia* and author of *The Art of City Making*), Jordi Pascual (Institute for Culture, Barcelona City Council) and John Burton (Creative Space Agency and Urban Space Management Ltd.) Other presentations will include the research outcomes from the *Arts in Town Centres* study (ACE London, ATCM and A&B, 2006), case studies, and the views of commercial property owners. Cost: £30 including all refreshments. Capacity will be limited, so please advise peter@fourgreens.org as soon as possible if you wish to register. Location: artsdepot, London N12. [Back](#)

SITUATIONS VACANT

We expect all organisations whose posts are advertised below to offer equal opportunity to all and to welcome applications from all sections of the community

National Trust for Scotland: Director of Conservation Services and Projects

Following the recent Sunday Times campaign this position will be closing very soon but further applications are invited. This is a challenging yet rewarding role requiring the post holder to provide strong leadership and direction to a technically diverse team. Essentially, applicants must have the credibility to operate in a complex stakeholder environment, delivering the critical balance between conservation and visitor services aims in particular. A focus on delivering real outcomes and value for money through sound project management will be critical for success.

Ref: G420a. Attractive package. Based Edinburgh. If interested in applying please contact D.O'Brien or D. Stewart as soon as possible on 0141 2277550, email Debbie.stewart@munroconsulting.com

MLA: Programme Director for the Cultural Olympiad

The Museums and Libraries Council (MLA) with the London Organising Committee (LOCOG) are setting up one of the major projects for the Cultural Olympiad. The programme will create a partnership of museums and galleries to focus on the reinterpretation of collections. It will deliver the core values of the Cultural Olympiad:

welcoming the world to London and the UK; inspiring and involving young people and generating a positive legacy. Candidates will be established and inspirational leaders with a track record in a cultural or heritage field.

Six figure salary plus pension and bonus. Initially fixed-term for 2 years. For all details see www.odgers.com/17713 or enquire on 0845 1309005 with ref NAO/17713ST. Closing date 30th July.

Campaign to Protect Rural England: 2 posts

1. Senior Planning Officer

Applicants will have a sound understanding of the planning system and how it can benefit the countryside, as well as campaigning experience gained at local or national level and sound influencing skills. The work covers spatial planning and transport issues, providing expert advice on legislation and planning policy.

2. Senior Regional Policy Officer

The officer will deliver CPRE's policy and campaigning work on regional policy, liaising with regional officers and volunteers to develop policy positions. This involves responsibility for keeping regional staff updated on policy information and gathering feedback from across the organisation. The post requires regular travel within England and flexible hours.

Both positions offer a salary of £28,369 and are London based. For an application pack email jobs@cpre.org.uk or see the jobs page at www.cpre.org.uk Closing dates 25th July.

Alba Conservation Trust: Project Manager

Alba Conservation Trust heads a group of building preservation trusts working with large and small projects for historic buildings throughout Scotland. An experienced Project Manager is needed for the team.

A degree in an appropriate building, surveying or architectural discipline, a proven track record in the building sector, particularly in project management, and a working knowledge of Scottish cultural and architectural history are sought. Applicants will demonstrate a keen interest in architectural detail as well as an understanding of the issues in fundraising for complex historic buildings projects.

Post full time but part-time or flexible working will be considered. Based Edinburgh. Salary is dependent on experience. If interested, please email a CV to una@conservationtrust.co.uk Closing date 23rd July.

Newbiggin Heritage Partnership: Project Development Coordinator

Newbiggin Heritage Partnership, established in 2006, is now looking to recruit a Project Development Co-ordinator initially to March 2008. Applicants should demonstrate experience of the following: a proven track record of delivering similar capital cultural developments; working with and engaging the support of key partner agencies in similar ventures; securing large scale capital funding (over £1.5m) for comparable capital build projects, as well as revenue funding for project staff; engaging the support of local communities; delivering successful communication and marketing strategies; good IT, interpersonal and presentation skills and a full driving licence.

Salary negotiable. For all information contact Eddie Galvin, eddie@nearts.co.uk tel 01670 858834. Please note that secondments/ self-employed consultants would be considered. Closing date 3rd August.

Donald Insall Associates: 5 posts

1a. Senior Architect: London Office

1b. Office Junior: London Office

Two posts are vacant at the London office. An enthusiastic Senior Architect with experience of working with Historic Buildings, strong design, detailing, specification writing and job running experience and CAD skills. Second, a bright and enthusiastic person, educated to GCSE standard with PC skills and a good telephone manner is wanted to work as Office Junior for one year from mid-August. The post requires a range of administrative skills.

For both posts contact Anne.King@insall-lon.co.uk for more information.

2. Architect: Shrewsbury Office

An experienced and talented Architect is required to work on a range of historic building projects and new buildings in sensitive areas throughout the West Midlands and the Marches. Applicants should have job running experience on listed buildings, a strong record in the production of working drawings and specifications and be proficient in the use of Autocad. Hand drawing would be advantageous.

Contact Geoff.Broster@insall-salop.co.uk for information.

3. Recently Qualified Architects: Opportunities in Cambridge/ Chester/ Shrewsbury

Talented, recently qualified Architects are sought with a strong interest in conservation. The posts will specialise in conservation projects with some locations offering projects on new building in historic environments. Autocad proficiency required and good hand drawing skills an advantage. Contact Elaine.Taylor@insall-camb.co.uk for more information on the Cambridge post; Beverley.Hinks@insall-deva.co.uk for Chester; Geoff.Broster@insall-salop.co.uk for Shrewsbury.

4. Post Part-II Architect: Chester Office

The company is also looking for an experienced and talented post Part II Architect with an interest in conservation, to work on varied and interesting projects in the Chester Office. Strong design and technical skills are required. Contact Beverley.Hinks@insall-deva.co.uk

Heritage Lottery Fund: Yorkshire & Humberside Region (based Leeds) 2 posts

1. Development Officer – Yorkshire and Humberside Region (maternity cover – 6 mth initially)

The post holder will join a team supporting the planning and implementation of outreach strategies. The post will stimulate and support good quality applications, particularly in areas of low HLF investment and from under represented or targeted communities. The post holder should have proven and substantial work experience preferably gained in the public and/ or voluntary sectors. For candidates with exceptional experience there may be scope to develop a managerial aspect which will be reflected in any package offered. Salary: £20,284 - £23,530 pro rata. Apply via www.hlf.org.uk Closing date 25th July, interviews 7th/ 8th August.

2. Office Assistant: Yorkshire and Humberside Region

This is a full time post being offered in a newly restructured office management team. The successful candidate should possess good administrative and organisational skills, excellent communication skills and be a proactive team player. Salary Range: £13,800 - £18,440. Apply via www.hlf.org.uk Closing date 25th July, interviews 8th August.

English Heritage: Heritage Protection Coordinator, Cambridge

English Heritage administers the system of heritage protection, applying statutory protection to historic assets. Incremental changes will take place leading up to new Heritage Protection legislation in 2010.

The successful candidate will help to implement the reformed system on an administrative basis, ensuring the efficient flow of casework and coordinating consultation procedures with local authorities, government offices and interested parties. With good communication and editing skills and knowledge gained from an office environment, applicants will be able to deal with a broad range of contacts, be highly organised and attentive to detail, and have the ability to meet deadlines. Knowledge of the current procedures relating to heritage protection is essential, as is commitment to delivering reform of the heritage protection system.

Salary: £18,477 pa. For an application pack email midlands.recruit@english-heritage.org.uk quoting reference F/28/07 in subject box, or call 01223 582700. No CVs. Text phone: 0800 0150516. Closing date: 3rd August.

The National Trust: Interpretation Project Officer

This is a fixed-term contract until 2009, based in the Bury St Edmunds regional office. Applicants should be influential, communicative and driven, with an advanced knowledge of learning and interpretation and experience of interpretation projects. Projects across the region, delivered using a variety of media, will be based on an understanding of how visitors learn and respond and designed to inspire people of all ages and abilities.

Experience of working with volunteers, good organisational skills, creativity combined with the ability to meet tight deadlines and sound IT ability will be advantageous.

Salary: £19,549-£21,767. Apply online at www.ntjobs.org.uk or request an application form from: recruitmentenquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk quoting ref ST0953. Closing date 25th July.

Museums, Libraries and Archives Council: Project Manager (Part time, 3 days pw to March 2010)

The post holder will plan, manage and facilitate the delivery of the MLA Partnership *Their Past Your Future* (phase 2) project, 2007-10. The role includes encouraging museums, libraries and archives to submit grant applications to develop learning resources for the young and for intergenerational learning projects. This post will manage an annual grants programme and develop an effective realisation plan for the project.

Experience of managing budgets and complex projects, excellent communication skills and partnership working skills are essential.

Starting Salary: £30,100 (£17,558 pro rata). Download an application pack from www.mla.gov.uk under 'Jobs' or contact Debbie Wadlow, tel 0207 273 1455, email Deborah.wadlow@mla.gov.uk Closing date 30th July.

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