

Heritage Link Update 125

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CSR: Snakes and ladders

English Heritage has got a small but very welcome uplift in its Grant in Aid but other agencies have yet to hear and in some cases grant levels need to be set for the new 2008-9 financial year. English Heritage for example has just announced its National Capacity Building Programme below but with only a month for applications.

So time spent over the summer exploring 5% or 3% cuts proved a waste of time. Last minute lobbying landed wins for some. Then an on/off PSA target for the historic environment left local and regional government in limbo over whether to take heritage seriously in structures and policy. What a chaotic process.

On the plus side however, the heritage sector came together for the first time to present a concerted approach to the CSR and we are confident that our lobbying, reported in Heritage Link Update no 124, had an effect. Not only was the outcome positive but the process has, once and for all, shown that the heritage sector is no longer fragmented. [Back](#)

CSR: Better news for English Heritage

After a week of hard lobbying, English Heritage received a grant in aid rise from £123.7 million at present to £130.7 million at the end of the three-year spending review period. The announcement means that English Heritage's funding will be £124.7 million in 08/09, £126.7 million in 09/10, and £130.7 million in 10/11. The organisation will be expected to make savings in staff and administration costs, focussing more of their funding on grants to maintain historic properties for the nation. How this will affect EH's statutory advisory roles is not yet known.

Secretary of State James Purnell said 'Maintaining our historic built environment for future generations is incredibly important, and I am grateful for the great work that English Heritage have done over the last few years. In a very tight spending round, our overall funding settlement for the DCMS was far better than many had expected. Today's allocation to English Heritage means that they will be able to continue their grants programme at present levels and press on with the Heritage Protection Review.

'I am also asking English Heritage - along with my own department and all of its grant-making bodies - to make value-for-money and administration savings. This should mean that, for English Heritage, there could be a further £1 million available for front line activities.'

See http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Press_notices/archive_2007/dcms118_07.htm [Back](#)

CSR: English Heritage welcomes settlement

English Heritage welcomed the announcement 'Although still below inflation, the settlement represents a reversal of 10 years of flat cash allocation'. It means a rise in baseline grant of £7 million by 2010/11 and a cumulative increase in funds of £11 million in total over the three-year period.

'As for many public spending bodies, the year 08/09 will be especially challenging, but in the two years thereafter, there is some room for modest increases in spending on EH's two big priorities, the Heritage Protection reforms and the repair of places of worship.'

Lord Bruce-Lockhart, Chairman of English Heritage, said 'We are pleased with James Purnell's announcement of an £11 million increase over the next three years for English Heritage. This is good news and ends a decade of cash cuts'. English Heritage will make implementing heritage protection legislation its top priority.

English Heritage's full statement is at <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.12243> [Back](#)

CSR: VisitBritain loses out

But DCMS resource funding for tourism will be reduced over the next three years - from £55.1 million this financial year (2007/08), to £53.0 million in 2008-09, £50.4 million in 2009/10 and £45.8 million in 2010/11. Secretary of State James Purnell has also asked VisitBritain to conduct a review of how best to maximise the impact of DCMS tourism funding to market Britain.

Mr Purnell said 'The tourism industry is vitally important, injecting £85 billion a year into the UK economy and employing a remarkable 1.4 million people'. But, he added 'To ensure value for money, we need better coordination of the resources and capabilities that exist in the tourism industry. He will 'review available resources for VisitBritain to work with the private sector as we get closer to the 2012 Games'.

DCMS funding includes the near cash resource grant for VisitBritain, the national tourism body as well as to Regional Development Agencies and the Greater London Authority to support tourism. For further information see http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Press_notices/archive_2007/dcms123_07.htm [Back](#)

CSR: Inland Waterways lobbies DEFRA

The Inland Waterways Association (IWA) met the Waterways Minister, Jonathan Shaw MP on 18th October to lobby on behalf of all waterway users for a better deal for the inland waterways, boaters and those promoting waterway restoration and regeneration.

A key item for discussion was the need for a sustainable funding regime for British Waterways and the Environment Agency. The Minister agreed but more internal negotiation within the Department on its priorities was required before the CSR settlement for British Waterways is announced.

IWA also briefed the Minister on the importance of the voluntary sector in initiating waterway restoration and regeneration, as well its vital role in running many smaller navigations. The Minister confirmed that he had begun the process of forming an inter-departmental group for waterways issues, as recommended in the recent Select Committee inquiry into British Waterways. For a fuller account of the meeting see <http://www.waterways.org.uk/News/DefraFundingCuts/IWAmeetMinister> [Back](#)

Secretary of State's first heritage address

'Heritage does count. It is a really important force to make lives better' declared James Purnell, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport speaking for the first time to a heritage audience at the launch of Heritage Counts 2007 on 31st October (below). 'I want to work across Government... to make clear the connections between the built environment and the wider Government agenda'.

Excellent statements of course but much that he said has been said before. Yet with the draft Heritage Bill imminent, perhaps his speech indicates a new level of political interest: more emphasis on intrinsic value 'buildings are the art in which we live and ... they should be valued as such'. Also new elements about heritage and national identity 'the built environment – past, contemporary and future – is the geography of life...It defines our identity. It's the common reference point for community'. He wants to see more heritage-led regeneration too - 'to arrive at a point where the choice is not between old and new but heritage informing the present and future'.

Definitely a good read at

http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Minister_Speeches/James_Purnell/heritage_counts.htm With a new Secretary of State, such warm words and a Heritage Bill to come, the future looks more optimistic than it has for some time. [Back](#)

Heritage Counts 2007: national and regional reports

Heritage Counts 2007 the annual audit of the historic environment published by English Heritage on behalf of the sector focuses on learning and skills this year. Speaking at the launch, Chief Executive of English Heritage Simon Thurley said that although the data showed those parts of the designated heritage that could be measured were in a better position than in 2002, it masked the true picture which included what is happening to undesignated and local important heritage and conservation areas. 'Skills were' he said 'the key to tackling the main problems currently facing the heritage'. These he listed as dealing with the most difficult buildings at risk, tackling the erosion of the character of conservation areas, then the pressure of housing growth in the South and housing market renewal in parts of the North followed by climate change.

In particular he cited the need for professional heritage skills as essential to the implementation of Heritage Protection Reform. English Heritage with heritage sector partners will, he announced, identify the needs and provide the necessary training to local authority elected members and staff. It will initiate a three year graduate heritage training programme and lastly will progress some of the actions set out in the Inspired! campaign for historic churches, extending the pilot Historic Churches Support Officers scheme. For his full speech see <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.12313>

Nine Regional reports have been launched this week in each of the English regions. These can be read and downloaded together with a summary and the full report *Heritage Counts 2007* via links from the main website www.heritagecounts.org.uk [Back](#)

Heritage Counts 2007: the voluntary sector contribution to learning and skills

Every year *Heritage Counts* identifies the principal trends and challenges facing the historic environment and as above, it focuses this year on learning and skills. But cut backs in the scale of the exercise, undertaken by English Heritage on behalf of the whole sector, mean there is less scope to demonstrate the extraordinarily high levels of activity and commitment in the voluntary heritage sector - Heritage Link's own constituency.

So, to ensure our contribution is recognised, Heritage Link has launched a webpage as an annexe to Heritage Counts 2007 to showcase the work of Heritage Link member organisations in building capacity and skills development. It also shows how member organisations contribute to education and lifelong learning.

We are grateful to Harriet Buxton, Heritage Link Volunteer and at the time an MA student at UCL, for researching and producing this annexe. *Heritage Counts 2007: how Heritage Link's members deliver learning and skills* can be found at <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/HCANNEXE07.asp>

Heritage Counts 2008: We would like to hear from voluntary sector heritage organisations able to provide case studies on Climate Change Action in the historic environment for the next report in 2008, at mail@heritagelink.org.uk [Back](#)

Heritage Link and the voluntary sector in York

Over 125 people registered for Heritage Link's latest regional event, held on 22nd October in the Merchant Taylors Hall, York in partnership with the West Yorkshire group of the Victorian Society and the Council for British Archaeology (CBA). Don Henson spoke for the CBA on opportunities and initiatives to embed heritage and the built environment into the school curriculum, especially through government-led projects such as *Engaging Places* and *Learning outside the Classroom*. Richard Tinker presented recent casework examples around Leeds and Bradford. Joining the partner organisations was Gary Topp, Chief Executive of Yorkshire Culture, who explained developments within the 'semi devolved' regional structures and some programmes and opportunities for the heritage sector to improve its presence.

As ever, participants found the networking just as interesting and constructive. The attendance list with its email contacts provides an ongoing means of communication in the region. To download the guest presentations see the Events page on Heritage Link's website: <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/events.asp> [Back](#)

Olympic Lottery Funding Order

The legislation to transfer funds from National Lottery good causes to help fund the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games was laid before Parliament on 25th October. The order - a statutory instrument - will, subject to the affirmative resolution procedure in both Houses, enable the Government to transfer £1.085 billion from National Lottery distributors to help meet the cost of the facilities and infrastructure for the 2012 Games. It follows the announcement of the full funding package in March 2007, when the Government set out plans to redirect £675 million from the National Lottery good causes, along with the earlier allocation of £410 million.

But no existing Lottery projects or new projects already offered funding should be affected by the transfer.

Members of the cultural voluntary sector alliance - Heritage Link, Voluntary Arts Network, Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR) with ncvo - are in consultation with Tessa Jowell, Minister for the Olympics over their support. For the full statement from Government see http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Press_notices/archive_2007/dcms124_07.htm [Back](#)

Heritage Lottery Fund: PAC Report

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee published its 54th report on 23rd October on the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Although the Heritage Lottery Fund has already made a number of improvements to the way it operates, including a simpler application process and an end to its annual overspend, the Report highlights some problem areas. In particular it says there is a risk that those groups best equipped to prepare good quality applications will tend to get the lion's share of the money and recommends that the Fund should monitor application rates to check that smaller voluntary and community groups in particular are not deterred from applying.

The Report also notes that funding in each region since the National Lottery was set up varies from £744 million in London to less than £200 million in the East Midlands, North East, Wales and Northern Ireland. In the run up to the London Games, the Fund's income is likely to fall by 25%, although it should return to previous levels after 2012. Other lottery distributors will also suffer reductions in their income. The PAC urges the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to examine distributors' plans for managing their organisations through the run up to the Games and beyond, to assess whether distributors' costs can be reduced in proportion to their income.

The full report can be read at <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmselect/cmpubacc/502/50202.htm> [Back](#)

London Assembly investigation into the impact of the 2012 Games on Lottery Funding in London

Heritage Link has made clear its fears over regeneration and community projects in London. Responding to the London Assembly investigation, it says 'the reduction in funds available from the HLF over the next five years will have a disproportionately negative impact on projects in London, because by their very nature these tend to be expensive and difficult to fund'. It was to be hoped that one of the positive impacts of the Olympics would be to see regeneration of some of the Victorian streetscapes in the five Olympic Boroughs and more widely in London but reduced support from the HLF for schemes such as Townscape Heritage Initiatives will make this far less

likely, and some of the vital Olympics legacy could be lost. Whilst the new funding from Legacy Trust UK is to be welcomed, at only £40million to be spread throughout the UK over culture, heritage and sport, the impact in London will be minimal.

Heritage Link is also concerned that the reduction in funding available for projects in London, from the HLF and also from the Big Lottery Fund, will also have a negative impact on the ability of voluntary sector organisations to rescue historic buildings and to find viable new uses for them.

'Heritage Link is not opposed to London having won the 2012 Games, and indeed is leading the development of the heritage sector's major project for the Cultural Olympiad *Access All Areas*. However, it is also important to see that the reduction in lottery funding will have a negative impact in the short term on projects in London, and therefore that this needs to be redressed once the Olympics have completed, so that the positive outcomes for London and for its regeneration can be maximised.' The full response can be read at <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/London%20Assembly%2030%20Oct.pdf> [Back](#)

Science and Heritage: where is DCMS leadership?

Nearly a year after the publication of its Report into Science and Heritage, the House of Lords' Science & Technology Committee has published an update. The Committee strongly recommended an organisational framework whereby the heritage sector could come together with university-based scientists and funding bodies to develop strategic priorities for heritage science and collaborative projects and research proposals - a way forward that was enthusiastically endorsed in a post report seminar in November 2006.

The Committee now reports that considerable work has been put into implementing its recommendations by the heritage sector and the research community. English Heritage and ICON have jointly organised the first meeting of the Steering Group to develop a national heritage science strategy.

But, the Committee notes 'The Government have been notable chiefly by their absence'. 'Indeed,' continues the Select Committee, 'the progress that has been made could be said to have happened despite the best efforts of the Government to prevent it. The Government response grudgingly described our recommendation for a strategy for heritage science as 'appropriate'. However, in practice DCMS appear to have devoted more effort to raising detailed or trivial objections to the development of this strategy than to attempting to support it.

'We regret the failure of DCMS to grasp the significance of our recommendations. We urge Ministers now in charge of the Department to look again at our Report, and to offer the sector the moral leadership it deserves.'

The full report can be downloaded from

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200607/ldselect/ldsctech/168/168.pdf> [Back](#)

DCMS: Taking Part - the child survey

DCMS regular survey on engagement and non-engagement in culture, leisure and sport has just brought out the findings of the *Taking Part* child survey to establish baseline levels of engagement amongst 11-15 year olds. High levels of participation during the last 12 months are recorded with 94% engaging in both a cultural and sports activity. Between the sectors, 72% had engaged in a historic environment activity and 74% in an arts event. Top of the list were arts activities (91.3%) and active sport (95%). Attendance at museums came to 54.7%.

The data shows that of the 72% who attended an historic environment sites, the most common type of site visited was a city or town with historic character (45%) followed by a monument (37%) and a historic building (33%). Although respondents were not specifically asked if these visits were out of school hours, 81% cited going with someone other than their school.

Full results can be found at

http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Publications/archive_2007/tpcs_headlinefindingschildsurvey.htm [Back](#)

DCMS: Inspiration, Identity, Learning - the value of museums

This document is a summary of the independent evaluation by the University of Leicester of the DCMS/DCSF funded national and regional museums partnership programme of education work in 2006/07. The research concludes that the programme as a whole has been highly successful with a strong emphasis on working towards social inclusion and has resulted in effective and deepening partnerships between the educational sector and the museum sector. There are powerful learning outcomes for pupils and further potential for strong partnerships

between museums and communities. For the full report visit

http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Publications/archive_2007/nrmuse_edprog0607.htm [Back](#)

Culture, Media and Sport Committee: oral evidence for Tourism Inquiry

The CMS Select Committee took oral evidence on 23rd October from the British Association of Leisure Parks, Piers and Attractions, Association of Leading Visitor Attractions, the National Trust, and English Heritage. This was followed by a second session with the British Resorts and Destinations Association, Oxford City Council, Caradon District Council, and Blackpool Council.

The uncorrected oral evidence is posted on the Committee's website at

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmcmds.htm#evid> [Back](#)

Giant's Causeway: does World Heritage Site status mean anything?

There has been a great deal of media and public interest in the Giant's Causeway since the announcement on 10th September by the Minister of the Environment, Arlene Foster, that she was 'of a mind' to grant planning permission to the north coast developer Seymour Sweeney for a visitor centre on land adjacent to the World Heritage Site, and the subsequent announcement by the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Investment that 'it would not be prudent to proceed' with the public sector proposal for a visitor centre on the existing site.

World Heritage body UNESCO rejected claims it had anything to do with the decision as had been reported. It was claimed that Ian Paisley had written a letter to the Heritage Lottery Fund in 2003 claiming UNESCO backed the developer's bid. A BBC report of the UNESCO statement is at

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/northern_ireland/7029340.stm

For the National Trust, which owns the Giant's Causeway, and Moyle District Council, owners of the visitor centre site, both working in partnership with the Northern Ireland Tourist Board and DETI since 2003, the decision comes as a shock. The Trust strongly opposes development on greenfield (previously undeveloped) land close to the Giant's Causeway. In particular, the Trust objects to the planning application for a visitor facility on land adjacent to the Causeway. Granting planning permission would be contrary to planning policies for the area. It also goes against the views of UNESCO, the international body responsible for designating and monitoring World Heritage Site status, which has specifically stated that there should be no additional development in the immediate vicinity of the Giant's Causeway. The National Trust believes that the development and management of visitor facilities for Northern Ireland's only World Heritage Site should remain in public ownership. The Director and other staff are now taking part in a range of meetings and briefing. For further information contact Diane Ruddock, the Trust's Northern Ireland Affairs Manager at diane.ruddock@nationaltrust.org.uk

With greater levels of protection for World Heritage Sites proposed in the Heritage White Paper, it looks as though this case may be a timely test of Government commitment. [Back](#)

Northern Ireland's new Archaeology Forum

Tony Robinson and The Time Team TV crew were on hand to help launch the new Northern Ireland Archaeology Forum, taking time off from excavating at Castle Hill, Dungannon, a residence of the O'Neills of Tyrone during the fourteenth century.

'The launch of this initiative shows there is now a real desire amongst the people of Northern Ireland to engage with their past in a positive way. The site we are digging is just one example of the rich archaeological heritage of the country which can now be explored in a spirit of openness.' said Tony Robinson, speaking at the event.

The NI Archaeology Forum facilitates individuals and organisations to protect, study and promote the historic environment. It is a network of individuals and organisations interested in its aims, with a very open and inclusive membership ethos, including government, academia, voluntary organisations and commercial archaeologists. The Forum's main goal is to raise the profile and awareness of the archaeological heritage in Northern Ireland and through this to encourage and facilitate its protection and promotion to the public and decision makers.

See www.niaf.co.uk for further information or contact Sue Christie at 028 90455770 or 028 92682770. [Back](#)

Wales Inquiry into funding of voluntary organisations

The Welsh Assembly Communities and Culture Committee will carry out an inquiry into the funding of voluntary sector organisations in Wales and is calling for those with an interest or expertise in this area to submit written evidence.

There are some 30,000 voluntary and other third sector organisations in Wales; with a total income in excess of £1 billion. The main source of income is government funding, contributing roughly a third of income to this sector. The inquiry will gather evidence on generic issues associated with Welsh Assembly Government funding of the voluntary sector; to identify specific problems and examples of good practice - and make appropriate recommendations to the Welsh Assembly Government.

The Committee seeks views on the ease or difficulty of obtaining funding from the Welsh Assembly Government or relevant national funding bodies; in complying with constraints or conditions placed on funding; and on issues related to the duration or timing of funding; and any other comments relevant to the inquiry.

Further information on the Committee and its Inquiry can be found at <http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-third-assem/bus-committees-third-ccc-home.htm> [Back](#)

Economic Impact Study of the Historic Environment in Scotland: tenders invited

The Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland (HEACS) is to report on the economic impact of the historic environment in Scotland. To this end, HEACS wishes to commission a formal Economic Impact Study of the Historic Environment in Scotland.

The aim of the project is to gather and analyse information in order to gauge the economic significance of the historic environment by measuring the total amount of economic activity that it supports across the Scottish economy. This will involve developing robust measures of the direct, induced and indirect impacts of the historic environment, and applying multipliers to gauge the extent to which jobs in other sectors depend on the historic environment. It is anticipated that the contract would run from 3rd January until 31st August 2008.

For further information see <http://www.heacs.org.uk/newsreleases/2007/eistudy.htm> [Back](#)

Metal thefts alert: new guidance

The recent wave of metal thefts has mainly affected churches but also a range of historic buildings including schools, commercial buildings and private houses. Ecclesiastical Insurance has already received 95 claims this year compared with 3 in 2005 and 7 reported in 2006. Driven by demand in China, the international price of copper and lead has broken all records over recent months and looks likely to continue. This has led to an increase in theft of metals in all areas of the country.

Ecclesiastical Insurance supported by English Heritage, Council for the Care of Churches and SPAB (The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings) have now produced a guidance leaflet which lists low cost protection measures as well as more high tech and costly solutions. There is also a link to a downloadable warning notice asking members of the public to call the police if they see vans or workmen around the building between 6pm and 8am, as they're probably stealing the lead roof!

The leaflet can be accessed via

http://www.ecclesiastical.com/brokersifas/brokers/news/usefularticles/useful_articles_pages/theft_of_metal_on_the_increase.aspx?referrer=%2fsearchresults%2fsearch.aspx [Back](#)

National database of listed building prosecutions

Heritage Link Update No.124 reported the prosecution by Westminster CC of architect Quinlan Terry and builders for the demolition of two listed lodges in the grounds of a Regent's Park John Nash house. Update readers might like to be aware that Institute of Historic Building Conservation has been maintaining a national database of listed building prosecution fines for more than a decade and is always keen to hear details of other cases, irrespective of whether these have successfully resulted in significant penalties or where only a small fine or conditional discharge was imposed.

The database relies on volunteered information but now contains over 130 cases. Local planning authorities often find the database helpful in building up a picture of the national level of activity; assisting them in better practice; encouraging more consistency in sentencing; and encouraging more pro-activity where appropriate. This is especially significant in the light of the good practice guidance on Listed Building Prosecutions published by DCLG in 2006.

Details of prosecution cases should be forwarded to Bob Kindred by e-mail to bob.kindred@ipswich.gov.uk from whom copies of the database can also be obtained. [Back](#)

SPAB's Faith in Maintenance looks for more venues

By the end of 2007 more than 650 people will have attended one of SPAB's (The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings) free Faith in Maintenance courses. These one-day events, held at locations throughout the country, have been specifically designed to help the volunteers who look after places of worship (people from all faiths and denominations) make the right decisions when it comes to maintaining the buildings in their care. Eight courses for early 2008 have already been booked into the FiM diary. Now SPAB is inviting any faith group or community to get in touch if they are interested in hosting a course next year.

As part of the project, FiM has produced a maintenance handbook and a calendar as a reminder of those all important gutter cleaning and drain clearing tasks. The newly launched Faith in Maintenance website www.spabfim.org.uk contains a wealth of tips and advice designed to help volunteers to look after their places of worship and will be updated as information on grants and listed building controls evolve over the next few years. New FiM team member, David John, has taken on the role of Technical Adviser and is available to answer queries related to the maintenance and repair of places of worship on Fridays between 9.30am and 4.30pm on 0207 456 0916.

See also National Maintenance Week 16-23rd November under [Events](#) below. [Back](#)

Tax incentives for Development of Brownfield Land: summary of responses

HM Treasury has published (19th October) a summary of responses to the consultation earlier this year. The consultation discussed proposals for reform in five areas: long-term derelict land; improving the development focus of land remediation relief; speed and certainty of land remediation relief; Japanese Knotweed; and the landfill tax exemption for waste from contaminated land. Fifty-two responses were received. The Government will publish its response by the end of 2007. The Summary can be found at http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/budget/budget_07/documents/bud_bud07_brownfield.cfm [Back](#)

Marine Bill: summary of responses

Proposals for better protection and better regulation of the seas around Britain have received broad public support. More than four in five responses to government consultation supported plans for a Marine Bill which would introduce new laws to improve the conservation and management of the UK's marine environment.

There were 8,519 responses to the Marine Bill White Paper *A Sea Change* with 82% support for the Bill. The responses will help to shape final government proposals. A summary of responses is online at: www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/current.htm For more Marine Bill information go to www.defra.gov.uk/environment/water/marine/uk/policy/marine-bill/index.htm [Back](#)

Edinburgh World Heritage Energy Research project

Edinburgh World Heritage is to support Changeworks, the Edinburgh-based sustainable development organisation, in a pilot project to demonstrate how historic buildings can be made more energy efficient.

David McDonald, Project Manager with Edinburgh World Heritage said 'The Energy Heritage Project is all about demonstrating that energy efficiency and building conservation are linked. This is an important issue as around 75% of the buildings in Edinburgh's UNESCO World Heritage Site are listed, and there is a real need to reduce household energy bills and to alleviate fuel poverty.'

As part of the Energy Heritage project, Changeworks and EWH are working in partnership to improve the energy efficiency of a number of Category B listed Georgian properties on Lauriston Place, owned by the Lister Housing Co-operative. The package of improvements includes the introduction of loft and floor insulation, the restoration of window shutters, and the installation of window improvements. Smart monitors will also be installed to measure individual electrical appliance use and raise householders' awareness of energy use. The latest thermal imaging technology will illustrate the impact of the works.

The outcomes will be published next spring in a best practice guide. For further information contact David Hicks at davidhicks@ewht.org.uk or tel 0131 220 7723. [Back](#)

Reducing carbon footprint from construction projects

A new online tool that will help construction companies plan carbon-wise projects and reduce their carbon footprint has been launched on 22nd October by the Environment Agency. The spreadsheet-based tool, which

from November will be mandatory to use during the planning stage on all major Environment Agency construction projects, is now being made available to other construction companies, government bodies and consultants.

Features of the new tools take into account estimating the CO₂ in the raw materials used; direct emissions from personal travel by employees and transportation of raw materials; emissions from site activities such as earthworks and excavation. The method allows comparison of waste management options. The tool provides a way to find where significant carbon savings can be made during the planning and design process and can also be used to audit the carbon footprint of a completed project.

The Carbon Footprint Calculator can be viewed and download via the link <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/444304/502508/1506471/1506565/1508048/1883907/?lang=e> [Back](#)

Archaeobotany: wood with the bark on, please!

A new archaeobotanical project to shed light on historic environments is underway. A team from the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh is looking for any historic wood with intact bark from pre-industrial buildings (pre-1800). The team has demonstrated that preserved bark often supports relict lichens. Lichens are extremely sensitive environmental indicators, and their existence on historic building materials can be used locally to reconstruct Britain's past landscapes. In addition to providing a new source of information on historic environments, findings will be used to understand the response of species to changes in their environment.

Can you help? The team is looking for building elements that have remained inside built structures, providing a glimpse of species which formerly existed in the hedgerows, woodlands and coppicewoods. The best sources so far have been timbers, especially in roofs (purlins and rafters frequently have bark) or wattles from open, damaged or broken infill panels. If you come across any wood with bark inside a pre-1800 house or barn, please drop them a line. Contact Rebecca Yahr at r.yahr@rbge.ac.uk or see <http://rbg-web2.rbge.org.uk/lichen/historical%20lichenology/historical-front-page.html> for more information and answers to some common questions. [Back](#)

EH National Capacity Building programme 2008-10

English Heritage is inviting applications to the National Capacity Building programme which will fund heritage activities or projects for up to three years starting in April 2008. The programme is open primarily to voluntary organisations but partnerships between voluntary organisations and public or heritage sector bodies will be considered.

Applications are welcomed under the following two themes: conserving the historic environment or providing access to the historic environment. The combined budget will be up to £900,000.

Normally only organisations providing national coverage (ie England-wide) will be eligible but projects piloting new activities or approaches at a regional level and establishing replicable best-practice models will be considered.

Applications must be submitted by 30th November 2007. The application form and guidance notes can be downloaded from www.english-heritage.org.uk/grants or requested from Guy Braithwaite on 020 7973 3288. [Back](#)

Attingham Trust Summer Schools 2008

The Attingham Trust runs intensive residential Summer Schools each year to study the country house, together with its collections and its landscape setting, and, separately, to study the development of the royal palace in England. Participants are chosen from a very large number of applicants from many parts of the world. Successful applicants have an architectural, historical, conservation or academic background, or a close involvement with the fine and decorative arts, and usually have careers which will benefit from their participation.

Three weeks of concentrated and intensive visual study of buildings and works of art is a unique opportunity for anyone in this field. Scholarships are available for qualified applicants, thanks to the generous support of many individuals and charitable trusts.

In 2008 applications are invited for: The Study Week *Treasure Houses of Middle England* (4th-12th June); The Attingham Summer School, an intensive course led by Lisa White (4th-22nd July); and the Royal Collection Studies course (31st August - 9th September). All applications should be submitted by early 2008: see <http://www.attinghamtrust.org/> for contact details. [Back](#)

EVENTS

Heritage Day: The Ritzy, Brixton, 11th December

All are invited to Heritage Link's Heritage Day, this year on the 11th December in the comfortable surroundings of the original cinema auditorium of the Ritzy, Brixton, which opened as the Electric Pavilion in 1911. Member organisations are invited to come to Heritage Link's AGM at 11am. Heritage Day itself, the widest gathering of the heritage sector, will follow, beginning with lunch after this meeting. Invitations are now being issued and if you have not received one after a week and would like to come, contact kathryn.schofield@heritagelink.org.uk or download a registration form from <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/> [Back](#)

Conservation Project Management Flagship Event: Derbyshire, 6th November

The Chartered Institute of Building, in conjunction with the Institute of Historic Building Conservation, Institute of Conservation, National Trust and Construction Skills is presenting a programme of conferences that will examine ways in which to deliver successful conservation projects with good project management, through the perspectives of different disciplines, professions and players within a project team, as well as a focus on education and training.

The first one day conference will take place on 6th November at Hardwick Hall, north of Ashford in Derbyshire. Two further events are planned: Dublin on 29th February and Glasgow on 4th April 2008.

To reserve a place visit <http://www.ciob.org.uk/events/view/2936> [Back](#)

The British Georgian Society: Tbilisi's Architectural and Urban Heritage, 6th November

Maia Mania, eminent Tbilisi architectural historian and author, will give an illustrated talk on Tbilisi's unique architectural heritage from medieval through Art Nouveau to Stalinesque. She will touch on the current state of heritage buildings in the Georgian capital and the threats to their integrity.

Venue: The Gallery, 77 Cowcross Street, London EC1, 6.30pm. Georgian fine wines will be served at a cash bar after the talk. E-mail britishgeorgiansociety@yahoo.com if you wish to attend. (£5 for British Georgian Society members; £7 for non-members). [Back](#)

SPAB: National Maintenance Week, 16th – 23rd November

The theme for 2007 is *Sense and Sustainability: Why Maintenance Matters!* Throughout National Maintenance Week 2007, SPAB's dedicated technical helpline will be open every morning to give callers advice and guidance on maintenance issues. To contact the helpline telephone 0207 456 0916. Those interested in holding a Maintenance Week event are welcome to contact SPAB on 020 7377 1644 or info@spab.org.uk See <http://www.maintainyourbuilding.org.uk> for more information.

In addition, on 19th November Dr Kathryn Ferry will lecture for the SPAB on Seaside Architecture, and on 21st November the Society will hold a Technical Afternoon on Energy Efficiency and Old Buildings. See www.spab.org.uk or call 0207 377 1644 for information. [Back](#)

A Place for Culture and Sport in new LAAs: Duxford, 26th November

A Place for Culture and Sport in LAAs will provide the latest information on new LAAs; tips, strategies and a toolkit for embedding culture in LAAs; a chance to share ideas and solutions and the opportunity to network. It will help develop an understanding of the tools, resources and strategies that can help to make the case for culture and sport and show how 2012 can act as a catalyst and help maximise opportunities.

There is no fee for this event but places will be limited by the size of the venue within the Imperial War Museum, Duxford. For a booking form contact sheryl@missinglinkconf.co.uk as soon as possible. [Back](#)

Environmental Planning and Charity Law: What is changing and how it affects you

The Civic Trust, in partnership with Field Fisher Waterhouse LLP, Environmental Law Foundation and LawWorks, is holding a legal training event for community and voluntary groups aimed at promoting better understanding of organisational governance and environmental and planning law. The event will be held on 15th November in London and on 29th November in Manchester. For full details see the online invitation and booking form:

<http://www.civictrust.org.uk/EPCL-CT%20Legal%20Training%20Event-LONDON-web.pdf> Fees start at £45. [Back](#)

The Impact of Climate Change on Cultural Heritage: Edinburgh, 30th November

The 10th annual Harold Plenderleith Memorial lecture will be given by Sarah Staniforth, Historic Properties Director at the National Trust on Friday 30th November at 6.30pm, at the Royal Society of Edinburgh, George Street, Edinburgh. The event is organised by The Institute of Conservation (Icon) Scotland Group.

A wine reception will follow the lecture. Tickets are £6 for Icon members, £7 non-members, £5 students and unwaged. They must be booked in advance by emailing scotland@icon.org.uk or calling 0131 240 5038. [Back](#)

Teaching with Heritage in secondary education: training course

From 24th April -1st May 2008 the European project HEREDUC is offering a Comenius in-service training course in Bilzen, Belgium. The course is aimed at teachers, teacher trainers and educational guides and officers. Starting from a theoretical introduction on what heritage and heritage education is, it goes on to explore the historic venue - the castle of Alden Biesen and the surrounding area - by means of observation and exploration exercises, active workshops and guided visits.

All costs are covered by a European grant provided by the national LLP agencies. See http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/socrates/nat-est_en.html. For more information on the course and how to apply see <http://ec.europa.eu/education/trainingdatabase/index.cfm?fuseaction=DisplayCourse&cid=6280> [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.

The Waterways Trust: Director, National Waterways Museum

Inspirational Director needed for the National Waterways Museum at Gloucester Docks, Ellesmere Port and Stoke Bruerne, to be based in Cheshire. The role involves building new partnerships, funding streams and development plans to create a thriving future for the museums. Designated collection and archive experience, in addition to line managing teams across multiple sites, will be sought. Strong curatorial experience and experience in managing teams in a museum environment a must.

Salary £35,000-40,000. See www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk for further information. Apply by CV to Brenda.adams@thewaterwaystrust.org.uk Closing date 23rd November. Interviews w/b 10th December.

Director: Cathedral and Church Buildings (Church of England, Archbishops' Council)

This is a senior and challenging policy development role with responsibility for leading the Archbishops' Council's Cathedral and Church Buildings team and acting as Secretary to the Cathedral Fabrics Commission and the Council for the Care of Churches. The post will represent interests with Government and other agencies in relation to legislation, policy and resourcing for 16,000 places of worship, acting as a champion for cathedral and church buildings as part of the national heritage and promoting good practice in the maintenance, conservation and use of church buildings.

The ability to command confidence and manage a wide network of relationships is essential, as is the need to be a persuasive negotiator. Applicants will have a personal commitment to the Christian faith. * *Please note that this post is exempt under paragraph 7(3) of the Employment Equality Regulations 2003- Religion or Belief.**

Salary: Attractive. Based Central London. Apply via www.prospect-us.co.uk/jobs or call 0870 224 1444 quoting reference C2216-92-1/W. Closing date 19th November.

CBA: Engaging with the historic environment; 2 posts

Applications are invited for two project officer posts at the Council for British Archaeology to work on *Engaging with the Historic Environment*, a project funded by English Heritage. One post, Project Officer (11-18) will work on Key Stage 3, and AS/A level Archaeology. The other, Project Officer (CE), will work on part-time adult continuing education.

The project will enable more people, from more diverse backgrounds, to gain an understanding of archaeology through formal education; demonstrate the wider social value of archaeology to educational policy makers and organisations; and secure multiple entry points for engagement with archaeology as part of lifelong learning.

The post is based in the historic city of York, and includes an excellent package of benefits, including a salary of between £19,868 to £24,214 based on experience, plus pension. Further details from Mike Heyworth, Director,

CBA, St Mary's House 66 Bootham, York YO30 7BZ (tel 01904 671417, email jobs@britarch.ac.uk Closing date 19th November.

Project Development Consultant: Stag Works

The Little Sheffield Development Trust, a social enterprise is planning to develop Stag Works, an old metal trades building in Sheffield as a managed workspace. The consultant position should lead on the overall fundraising for the project; prepare an updated business plan; develop and co-ordinate a marketing strategy and assist in the negotiation of a term lease agreement with the building owners. Experience in all these aspects is essential.

Applications to arrive by 22nd November with post start date in early December. Position for 6 months, 2.5 days p/w. More information is available at www.electroworks.org For informal enquiries contact Alan Deadman al@jujuclub.co.uk or Matthew Conduit matthew@cipartnerships.co.uk

Birmingham Conservation Trust: Project Development Officer

Birmingham Conservation Trust is a well established building preservation trust that has undertaken a number of award winning schemes, including the Back to Backs. The Trust is seeking an articulate and capable individual with experience of historic building conservation and heritage management, to assist with a range of projects. Knowledge of finance and project management would be an advantage but training will be given on the job.

Salary: c £22,000 pro rata depending on experience. Part time 2/3 days p/w with flexible working hours to suit. Based in central Birmingham but some home working considered. For further details or discussion contact the Director, Elizabeth Perkins, 0121 303 2664, elizabeth.perkins@birmingham.gov.uk Apply by 12th November.

Ancient Monuments Society and Friends of Friendless Churches

The AMS defends and studies buildings of all ages and types whilst The Friends own 39 churches in England and Wales. The organisations operate in partnership and are based in a small friendly office in the City of London. A key member of staff is sought to maintain the database of 2,000 members; keep the accounts and maintain the websites of both organisations; support the office and help in the arrangement of meetings and activities; publicise the work of each and liaise with the local groups which care for The Friends churches. The post is for 2 - 3 days but there is scope for expansion for the right candidate.

Salary £20-28,000 pro rata depending on qualifications and tasks performed. Information available on www.ancientmonumentsociety.org.uk from 5th November.

Association for Heritage Interpretation: Administrator

AHI, the professional organisation for interpretation in the UK, is looking for a well organised, dynamic and experienced Administrator with excellent communication skills. The post involves supporting the work of the committee, maintaining membership records and servicing the membership, book-keeping and managing AHI's finances, and organising publications and events.

The commitment is for around 2 days p/w and the salary is negotiable. Contact Aaron Lawton on 08700 111 510 for an informal discussion or to express initial interest in the work.

The National Trust: Strategy Analyst, based Swindon

The post will work in a Strategy team of 3, researching, analysing and modeling proposals and maintaining project plans. Applicants will have experience of qualitative and quantitative analysis, plus a working knowledge of numerical and statistical analysis techniques with fluency in MS Project and Excel, and familiarity with statistical analysis packages. This position is suited to highly analytical persons who thrive on an intellectual challenge; a qualification or background in economics would be even better.

Starting salary £27,403 - £30,829 pa. Grade extends to £41,105. Full details and online application at www.ntjobs.org.uk, email recruitmentenquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk, Ref CT0865. Closing date 16th November.

English Heritage: Casework Team Leader, based Cambridge

The post supports the Regional Director, in leading, managing and motivating a specialist regional team. A professional qualification with a background working across specialism boundaries within planning, the historic environment and grant giving, is required. The post will ensure all advisory, statutory, enabling and grants casework are delivered to exacting standards. The successful candidate will also use the principles of *Coming of Age*, *Transforming Casework* and Heritage Protection Reform in all that EH undertakes.

Salary £36,000 - £39,000 pa and benefits. For an application pack email midlands.recruit@englishheritage.org.uk quoting reference F/31/07 in the subject box. No CVs. Closing date 14th November.

Interpretation and Community Engagement Officer: Medway Gap, Kent

The Valley of Visions Scheme has secured funding over 3 years to deliver a project that takes an integrated and sustainable approach to landscape, access and heritage management. This new team with other partners will develop, coordinate and implement community engagement in the landscape and heritage of the Medway Gap. Each member will be expected to work across all programmes and projects in an integrated way.

This post will require expertise in community engagement and interpretation to manage, develop and coordinate implementation of the Interpretation and Community Engagement Plan.

Starting salary £25,521. Initially 3 years fixed term contract. Apply through www.kent.gov.uk or recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk, telephone 08458 247 904 or minicom 08458 247 905. Please quote reference number ER/07/063. Closing date 12pm, 9th November.

Donald Insall Associates, 4 posts. Cambridge/ Chester/ London/ Shrewsbury

Opportunities for talented and enthusiastic architects with a minimum of 3 years experience and an interest in conservation. Work will include a challenging range of historic and new building projects in sensitive areas. Applicants should have good design skills, 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 also be advantageous.

Contact Elaine.Taylor@insall-camb.co.uk for information on the Cambridge post; Beverly.Hinks@insall-deva.co.uk (Chester); Sharon.Bartlett@insall-london.co.uk (London) and for Shrewsbury Geoff.Broster@insall-salop.co.uk.

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