

Heritage Link Update 127

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Join us for Heritage Day - 11th December!

Minister of Culture Margaret Hodge will be speaking at Heritage Link's Heritage Day on 11th December, and then taking questions in an open forum. We expect much of the discussion to centre on ways of working better together around regeneration, identity and place making. Members will be discussing these issues amongst others during the break out sessions in the morning's Annual General Meeting.

At lunch time members will be joined by others from all parts of the heritage sector before the Minister's addresses us all at 2.30pm. All are welcome to join us at the Ritzy Cinema, Brixton - less than 5 minutes from Brixton Tube (Victoria Line). So download the programme and secure your place now at

<http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/11DecHDayReg.doc> [Back](#)

Planning Reform Bill

Despite a torrent of responses, the Government has made few significant changes to the Planning Reform Bill published on 27th November. The Bill (at <http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2007-08/planning.html>) introduces a new system for nationally significant infrastructure planning, alongside further reforms to the town and country planning system.

The coalition of conservation, environmental and civic organisations www.planningdisaster.co.uk re-iterates its position that the proposals threaten local democracy, communities and the environment, and calls on the Government to revise the proposals. Owen Espley, coalition co-ordinator, said 'The decision to press ahead despite these concerns suggests that the Government is not interested in being fully accountable for major decisions. We hope that MPs will use the debates on the Bill to champion democracy, accountability and sustainable development, and reject proposals that sideline communities and the environment'. It is expected that between now and Christmas, the Planning Reform Bill will be given a second reading in the House of Commons, before detailed examination begins in Committee in the New Year.

The members of the coalition are AirportWatch, Campaign for Better Transport, Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), Campaign to Protect Rural Wales (CPRW), the Civic Trust, Council for National Parks, Enough's Enough, Friends of the Earth, the Grasslands Trust, The National Trust, the Ramblers, the RSPB, UKRIGS, The Wildlife Trusts and the Woodland Trust.

See CPRE's statement at <http://www.cpre.org.uk/news/view/459> and Friends of the Earth at <http://www.foe.co.uk/resource/local/planning/> [Back](#)

Planning Reform Bill: summary of responses

The Government's Summary of Responses reports that the majority of the 31000 responses reflected concerns about local democracy, public participation, and accountability. Views on how these should be addressed included ensuring that the production of national policy statements properly involve local people; preserving people's right to be heard in public inquiries; and that decisions should be made by democratically elected politicians, not an independent Infrastructure Planning Commission.

Recommendations on how the adverse impact on the environment and other planning considerations should be addressed included avoiding economic considerations being given greater weight than environmental or social objectives, either in national policy statements or in decisions on individual nationally significant infrastructure projects; ensuring the system protects natural and historic resources for future generations, through robust environmental assessment and strong biodiversity policy; imposing a duty on decision makers to promote sustainable development; and prohibiting major carbon intensive developments (such as airports, roads, incinerators and non-renewable energy projects).

A key issue for the heritage sector was the status and timing of the new National Policy Statements vis a vis Planning Policy Statements. But the Government response simply notes concerns and states 'National policy statements will... set out clearly how the government objectives for the class of infrastructure in question are to be integrated with other policy objectives'. Over a more balanced assessment of environmental, social and economic factors, 'the Bill will require ministers to draw up national policy statements with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development and require that the sustainability of each national policy statement is appropriate assessed before it is approved'. But it appears that once all national policy statements provide a single policy framework, they will be the primary consideration in the determination of applications. Detailed consultation procedures are not set out in the Bill but the Government is committed to ensuring consultation is 'thorough and effective'. This should include 'positive and proactive means of engaging the public and that local authorities should play an important part in presenting the views of the communities they represent'.

Concerns were also expressed in responses relating to the town and country planning system, in particular the proposal to remove of the needs test in relation to town centre development; and the proposal to simplify initial consultation stages on local plan-making.

The Government claims 'These general points have been taken into account in the overall Government response set out in the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government's statement and in the more detailed commentary in the remaining sections of this report'. The Summary can be found at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/governmentresponse> [Back](#)

Heritage Link sets out position over diversion of Lottery Funds

The Statutory Instrument, the technical device formally to divert Lottery Funds to the Olympics budget, will shortly be laid before both Houses of Parliament and is expected (Evening Standard below) to meet opposition in the Lords.

The three members of the voluntary sector coalition opposing the diversion of Lottery funds to the 2012 Olympics budget - Heritage Link, Voluntary Arts Network and Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR) - have now had heard from the Olympics Minister over the steps they recommended to help mitigate the impact of the diversion on their memberships. Tessa Jowell agreed to address these points in an effort to persuade them not actively to oppose the Order.

Heritage Link wants a firm public assurance that there will be no further diversion of lottery funds to the Olympics before or after 2012; that the Government would undertake to make good the whole of the second diversion to the Lottery good causes (£675m); that the Government should make public how Games-related ticket sales are affecting the main lottery distributors and in addition confirm that the revenue from these Olympics related lottery games is capped at £750m and not continued before or after 2012 to the detriment of other distributors' revenues. Now that Heritage Link is promoting the idea of a major heritage initiative in the Cultural Olympiad *Access All Areas*, the umbrella organisation representing as it does the grass roots voluntary heritage bodies, we also called on Government to ensure that the Legacy Trust UK fund is augmented through other sources and that a high proportion would be made available to arts and heritage organisations. [Back](#)

Tessa Jowell replies on Lottery funding

But the Minister's reply was ambivalent. The Olympics Minister says that the revised Olympics funding package 'will take us through to 2012'. 'Hence I can assure you that we have absolutely no plans to seek further funding from the Lottery.' Warm words but not exactly watertight!

Again on the repayment of the £675m post 2012, she writes 'The agreement we have made with the Mayor of London, so that *up to* (editor's italics) £675 million, the additional Lottery contribution announced in March, can be returned to the non Olympic good causes from a share of profits from LDA land sales after the Games should give Lottery distributors real confidence that the additional funding necessary for a successful games will be repaid'. Not only LDA (London Development Agency) and the Good Causes have their eye on this profit but the London Boroughs strongly object to the selling off of assets so neither the principle nor the sum is as convincing as this might imply.

The Minister bargains over capping Olympic-related Lottery games, saying 'I am happy to confirm that *if the Order goes through as proposed*, we will draw the line once Camelot has raised £750m'. Apart from the conditional attached to this statement, Heritage Link is extremely concerned at the impact these games are already having on the revenue of the Heritage Lottery Fund. Finally she adds nothing new to the Legacy Trust when she says that the Legacy Trust has set itself a target to double the £40m endowment and has stated its aim to spend approximately 70% of its funding on cultural programmes.

An equally disappointing reply to Voluntary Arts Network means the campaigners are gearing up for action. [Back](#)

Evening Standard reports Lords' opposition to diversion

'Ministers fear they could lose a crunch vote on Olympic funding' reported Nicholas Cecil, the Evening Standard Political correspondent on 23rd November. 'Many peers are keen supporters of heritage arts and sporting groups they fear will lose out as Lottery money is diverted to pay for the £9.3billion Games. Opposition peers have accused the Government of failing to provide details of other funding options and branded the impact assessment on how the £1billion loss to the Lottery would affect heritage, art and sport projects as 'inadequate'. Conservatives and Lib Dems are reported to be saying they will vote against the order unless the government amends it. See the full article at <http://www.thisislondon.co.uk/standard/article-23422680-details/Peers+to+block+%C2%A31bn+Olympics+raid+on+lottery+cash/article.do> [Back](#)

2012 Games related lottery tickets draining the good causes

The Olympics-related lottery games such as *Go for Gold* are, as Heritage Link suspected, taking a growing percentage of National Lottery funds according to latest figures. These show that in April to June 06 the proportion received by Olympics related distribution fund (OLDF) was 4.3% of the standard lottery games distributed by National Lottery Distribution Fund, but by the July- September 07 quarter this figure had risen to 11.7% - far greater than the 5% anticipated by the Department of Culture Media and Sport.

'The Olympics lottery games are designed to raise a total of £750m. They have already raised £200m but few observers believe that people are spending this much on top of playing regular lottery games' reported *Third Sector* (14th November). The magazine <http://thirdsector.co.uk/> goes on to report that Opposition spokesmen have accused the Government of breaking its promise to guard the sector from further losses of lottery money to the 2012 Olympics. A DCMS spokesman said it was too early to say how much of the £750m would come from the new Olympics lottery games and how much diverted from the mainstream games. [Back](#)

Legacy Trust UK launched

The new £40million Legacy Trust is the only dedicated source of funding for cultural, artistic, educational and sporting activities associated with the 2012 Games. Speaking at the launch on 20th November, Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell said 'When we bid for London to host the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, we bid on behalf of the whole country. I am absolutely determined that the benefits of hosting the Games are spread right across every nation and region of the UK. Legacy Trust UK will help make that happen, by giving out £40 million to cultural, artistic, educational and sporting activities that celebrate the 2012 Games. Some will be national projects, like the UK School Games. Others will be local, with each region and nation deciding what works best for them. But all will use 2012 as a catalyst to improve lives around the country.' For the Trust's website go to <http://www.legacytrustuk.org/> [Back](#)

Legacy Trust UK: crumbs for culture?

But in a written statement to Parliament, the details show that much of the funding is already committed. The Trust will use £40 million funding endowed by the Department for Culture, Media & Sport (£6 million), the Art Council England (£5 million), the Big Lottery Fund (£5 million), and the Millennium Commission (£24 million - already transferred to the Big Lottery Fund) to deliver a programme of cultural and sporting activities at local, regional and national level. The Trust will form partnerships with organisations that will deliver the supported programmes. It will start operating immediately distributing the bulk of the funds from 2008 onwards.

The Trust is already committed to supporting a number of national programmes, including the UK School Games, the Big Arts Week and the World Festival of Youth Culture. Only the remainder of the endowment will be distributed throughout the three home countries and nine English regions to support other cultural programmes. How exactly this is going to reach the grass roots organisations that are expected to flesh out the Cultural Olympiad has yet to be made clear. [Back](#)

LSPs and LAAs: consultation on principles of representation to 12th February

The Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) has published a guidance document on Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) and Local Area Agreements (LAAs), and have opened a consultation on the *Principles of Representation*. These documents set out the ways in which third sector organisations are able to get involved in setting and delivering local priorities. Few heritage bodies are represented on LSPs, an exception being Ironbridge Gorge Museums Trust on the Telford LSP, so how to ensure that the heritage voice is heard at or channelled through these critical fora is a real challenge.

Three main pieces of guidance have been published to explain the process. *Creating Strong & Prosperous Communities* provides an introduction to the new settlement between central government, local government and their partners, including the third sector. It specifically covers the Local Strategic Partnerships that bring together organisations from public, private, community and voluntary sector in a local authority area. *Phase 2 Operational Guidance on Local Area Agreements (LAAs)* provides further detail on how LAAs will be negotiated, agreed and performance managed. Lastly, the *Principles of Representation: A framework for effective third sector representation in Local Strategic Partnerships* sets out ways in which the third sector can organise itself to provide a representative voice on Local Strategic Partnerships and other partnerships.

Both *Creating Strong & Prosperous Communities* and *Principles of Representation* are open to consultation. Responses to the consultations should be submitted by 12th February 2008.

For links to documents and details of the consultation see

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/071121_DCLG_Consultations.aspx
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/principlesofrepresentation> [Back](#)

DEFRA: Third Sector Strategy consultation to 22nd February

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has announced its own Third Sector Strategy consultation, inviting views and suggestions on how Defra can improve the way it engages with the third sector. The results of the consultation will help Defra prepare its Third Sector Strategy to be published in spring 2008.

The document covers a range of issues. It asks about ways in which the third sector can make a bigger difference in tackling climate change, protecting the environment and supporting strong rural communities. It also asks about the way in which Defra can create a level playing field for third sector organisations in the way it does business.

Defra are looking for responses from third sector stakeholders, delivery agents, non-departmental public bodies and staff. It is also offering funding for events and forums to gather opinion.

Responses should be received by 22nd February. For details see

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_stories/071122_defra_consultation.aspx [Back](#)

Government accepts MPs' recommendations on coastal towns

The Select Committee for Communities and Local Government published its report on English Coastal Towns in March 2007 (HC 351). In it, the Committee concluded that coastal towns face significant challenges from a combination of characteristics - physical isolation, deprivation levels, the inward migration of older people, high levels of transience, the outward migration of young people, housing shortages and poorly managed housing, and the environmental challenges of coastal erosion and flooding. The Committee made a number of recommendations calling for Government action to support coastal communities.

Dismayed with the Government's initial response in May, the Committee wrote to Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Hazel Blears calling on Government to reconsider its position. The Government has now provided the Committee with a further response that accepts the Committee's recommendation for the establishment of a cross-departmental working group on coastal towns. It also accepts the Committee's recommendation to establish a coastal network to spread best practice, which will be supported by Government and involve a wide range of national and regional agencies.

The Committee's First Report of Session 2007-08 *Coastal Towns and the Government's Second Response* can be found on the Committee's website at: www.parliament.uk/clgcom [Back](#)

No 10 petition on VAT

There is another petition on the Downing Street website to remove VAT from repairs to listed buildings. The petition submitted by M A Westrop of Birmingham Local Government, closes on 31st January so add your signature and encourage friends and colleagues to do so.

'Without VAT costs in the calculation, it can cost less to repair an historic building than to rebuild it. But this becomes uneconomic when VAT is factored in, because the repair will incur VAT while demolition of the building and rebuilding it does not incur VAT. Fiscal policy is encouraging the destruction of well loved and historic buildings and encouraging their replacement with inferior and often shoddy new builds. This is not only culturally destructive but costly in both money and in other resources.' The petition reads: 'We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to remove all VAT charges on building repairs to listed buildings.'

To sign up visit <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/NoVAToldBuildngs/> To complete your signature to the petition, remember to click on the link in the confirmation email. [Back](#)

IWA Sees Red Over Waterways Funding Proposals

The Inland Waterways Association (IWA) responded angrily to rumours of further cuts to waterways budgets. In a press release on 19th November, IWA reported that ministers were to be presented with a package for £130 million of immediate cuts to the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs' budget with radical options for another £140 million of savings. British Waterways is allegedly at the top of the list for further cuts to its funding.

IWA is extremely concerned that British Waterways and the Environment Agency have not yet recovered from their share of the £200m cuts to funding imposed by the Treasury last year. DEFRA according to the Guardian on 22nd November faces a £115m overspend this year after animal health crises and an overspend on day to day administration.

Substantial budget cuts to British Waterways, says IWA, would raise the likelihood of closure of canals due to an inability to fund routine maintenance and safety requirements.

IWA recommends that all waterway supporters should contact their MP before the proposals are consolidated. Supporters can find the name of their local MP by going to <http://www.writetothem.com/> IWA's statement is at <http://www.waterways.org.uk/News/Pressreleases/MoreDefraCutsNov2007> [Back](#)

Shadow Arts Minister sets out conservative heritage policy

With the Tories' rising popularity in the polls, Ed Vaizey Conservative Minister for the Arts attracted much interest when he gave the keynote speech at the AGM of the Historic Houses Association on 13th November and set out what a Conservative Government might do 'to make a difference'.

He acknowledged the need for leadership in a sector 'that depends so much on volunteers and general good will as well as on philanthropy'. But in more concrete terms, he confirmed that the Conservative party would restore the Lottery to the original four good causes and oppose Government's proposal to take an additional £675m from the arts, sports and heritage Lottery funds to pay for the Olympic overspend. He acknowledged that currently HLF policy does not support private owners, an bone of contention for this particular audience, but said 'I will, however, happily sit down with you and the HLF to see if there is any progress that can be made on this issue'.

Inevitably he was unable to commit on the HHA fiscal proposals for Historic Property Maintenance Relief or the current initiatives on VAT. Nor he concluded would heritage be better off under Communities and Local Government but added 'there is a great deal of scope for much better working between Departments, and a permanent ministerial committee is one option that could potentially help us address this issue'. In the most important of all his statements however, he did confirm that the Conservatives will support the Heritage Bill when it appears - give or take some small technical changes. 'Streamlining and simplifying the designation system is very welcome, and there are a host of other sensible proposals'. He went on to highlight the central issue: 'The question once again is whether or not the Government will resource the heritage sector, and in particular English Heritage, to carry out the tasks it sets it'.

For the full text see http://www.hha.org.uk/metadot/index.pl?id=25497&isa=DBRow&op=show&dbview_id=23127 [Back](#)

Giant's Causeway update

Reports that the National Trust is about to assume responsibility for management of Moyle District Council's visitor facilities at the Giant's Causeway are purely speculative says the Trust in a statement at http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-global/w-localtoyou/w-northernireland/w-northernireland-news/w-northernireland-news-giants_causeway_update.htm

The National Trust's primary concern is the protection of the Giant's Causeway World Heritage Site and its setting and is accordingly opposed to development on greenfield land close to the Giant's Causeway. The Trust also believes that the development and management of visitor facilities for Northern Ireland's only World Heritage Site should remain in public ownership. [Back](#)

Churchcare website relaunched

Churchcare the website of the Council for the Care of Churches has now been re-launched after a major update and restructuring. The website, first launched in 2001, provides resources for churchwardens and other non-specialist volunteers who look after church buildings.

The new site includes more advice on caring for the church building, its churchyard and contents (including artworks, furnishings and fittings), guidance on legal and technical matters as well as a completely new section on the development and use of church buildings.

Churchcare can be accessed at www.churchcare.co.uk or contact Johanna Roethe, Research Assistant, Council for the Care of Churches, Cathedral and Church Buildings Division, Archbishops' Council, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ, 020 7898 1866, enquiries.ccb@c-of-e.org.uk [Back](#)

Latest Blue Plaques

Two blue plaques this month celebrate heritage heroes. The architectural historian and author of *Buildings of England* series Sir Nikolaus Pevsner (1902 - 1983) is commemorated with an English Heritage Blue Plaque at 2 Wildwood Terrace, Hampstead, NW3, where he lived from 1936 until his death in 1983. The Pevsner family still occupies the house.

The second blue plaque commemorates the legendary theatre architect Frank Matcham (1854 - 1920) at 10 Haslemere Road, London N8, where he lived from 1894 to 1904. Matcham was responsible for designing and building some of the most celebrated theatres in Britain, including the London Coliseum (1904) and Palladium (1910), and the lavish Grand Theatre (1894) and Tower Ballroom (1899) in Blackpool.

The Blue Plaques Scheme has been running for 140 years. English Heritage has since 1986 erected around 250 plaques, bringing the total number to over 800. English Heritage welcomes nominations - for more information on the criteria and process see www.english-heritage.org.uk/blueplaques [Back](#)

NCVO: Top Tips for Campaigners

A new report published on 21st November identifies patterns that have characterised winning charity campaigns over the past decade to come up with the ten key elements to success.

Chris Stalker, Head of Campaigning Effectiveness, said 'The important thing for the credibility of charities and campaigners is to ensure that we finish what we have started. Government commitment to change should not be the end for campaigners, but a new beginning, to ensure that changes are implemented effectively.

The 10 key elements to successful campaigns, according to the report are: selecting the issue that's right for you and your mission; compiling strong and compelling evidence; understanding targets and audiences and tracking what's going on; using a range of tactics according to the situation; involving beneficiaries; finding and working with useful allies - joint working can be the key to success; communicating well and persistently; staying with the issue through to resolution; and promote a campaigning culture in your whole organisation.

The report, *Tips for Good Practice in Campaigning*, has been published by the Campaigning Effectiveness Programme, based at the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), and is available free at www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/ce [Back](#)

MySpace launches UK charity channel

Social networking site MySpace has launched MySpace Impact, an online channel designed to act as a hub for campaigning, charity and social action in the UK. The aim of the initiative is to encourage the site's 10 million UK users to engage in charitable activities, including raising money for causes directly from their profile, starting their own campaigns and using their networks to spread viral support for existing campaigns.

To mark the launch, MySpace has promised to forgo £2m worth of advertising revenue in order to promote featured campaigns from charities including Friends of the Earth, Unicef, Amnesty International and Shelter.

MySpace has also launched a viral donation tool, developed with Justgiving, which allows users to embed a charity donation button within their profile page. The UK Impact Channel follows in the footsteps of similar online channels in the US, Australia and Canada, and has been designed in close collaboration with the Media Trust, which has also put together a guide for how not-for-profit organisations can use MySpace. To find out more go to www.myspace.com/impactuk [Back](#)

New Podcast for Glasgow

VisitScotland is taking advantage of the boom in podcasting to lure visitors to Glasgow with a new audio and video podcast themed on the Merchant City. Narrated by Monarch of the Glen star Dawn Steele, the free-to-download Merchant City podcasts are available in a 38 chapter audio version and a three-chapter video version, packaging around 80 minutes worth of information on Glasgow's main style quarter. For links see <http://www.visitscotlandupdate.co.uk/Article.aspx?id=1889&fromnewsletter=true>

The podcast will be promoted at web sites including YouTube and on the cities and culture pages of visitscotland.com, which will link to the download from Apple's iTunes. They are backed up by interactive maps available online so that visitors can take a virtual tour of the area accessing pop-up information panels on places of interest and the area's attractions. Click <http://maps.live.com/?v=2&cid=BF808D2779EB3323!103&encType=1> to view the interactive maps.

The podcast development is VisitScotland's second recent investment in the promotion of the Merchant City, following an award to the Merchant City Tourism Marketing Group. The funding supports the group's plans for a dedicated Merchant City promotional web site, leaflets and consumer research. [Back](#)

Traditional skills qualification launched in Scotland

Culture Minister Linda Fabiani MSP launched the first qualification in masonry conservation in Scotland. The National Progression Award consists of a series of modules, including: stone matching and selection, repairs, chimney repairs, re-pointing, batching mortars and making repair assessments. It is the equivalent of an SVQ level 3. Repair and maintenance work makes up almost half of Scottish construction industry activity. In 2005 that accounted for £3.01 billion, compared to £3.5 billion spent on new build work.

Ms Fabiani confirmed 'Scotland's architecture plays a vital role in our identity, culture and heritage and it is imperative that we maintain it. To do this we have to make sure that the people working on our built heritage are appropriately trained and qualified'. Graeme Ogilvy, Director for Construction Skills Scotland and Deputy Chair, Learn Direct and Build added 'I hope to see the early development of similar awards in other craft and professional areas to continue this progress in meeting the traditional skills shortages associated with the conservation, repair and maintenance of Scotland's pre 1919 building stock'.

Further details can be found at <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/news-full-article.htm?articleid=27560> [Back](#)

American Express and World Monuments Fund support sustainable tourism

American Express and the World Monuments Fund announced on 7th November a new initiative that rewards and encourages the responsible stewardship of historic sites by supporting projects that address the issue of sustainable tourism. This initiative, which is part of the American Express Partners in Preservation scheme launched in 2006, is focused on sustaining historic sites in the face of increased visitor activities and environmental impacts.

Four sites - St Paul's Cathedral, London, the Historic Centre of Mexico City, Delhi Heritage City, and Historic Route 66, USA - are to receive \$4 million over four years to support a variety of projects that integrate historic preservation, sustainable tourism management and visitor education. St Paul's Cathedral's \$500,000 grant will be distributed over two years to help towards relieving crowding and lessening the impact of tourism on the church's nave which suffers from heavy foot traffic, abrasion and fluctuations in humidity. The funds will contribute to the long-term plan to open up an additional major area inside the Cathedral and make accessible some hitherto rarely seen aspects of the building. For further details see <http://www.wmf.org.uk/press/> [Back](#)

Scotland and Ireland shine in AHI Awards

The highest distinction in the Interpret Britain and Ireland Awards, run by the Association for Heritage Interpretation (AHI), went to three heritage sites this year. Two of the winners came from the west coast of Ireland, the Cliffs of Moher Visitor Experience, County Clare, and Foynes Flying Boat Museum, County Limerick, while the third was Scotland's Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow.

Commendations were given to five heritage sites in England: Bath Postal Museum; English Heritage's Battle Abbey and Battlefield; the Peak District National Park's Paws on the Moors initiative; Chertsey Museum's Runnymede Room, and Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council's Staircase House.

The awards recognise the best examples of interpretation - the art of helping people explore and appreciate their environment. The award scheme, now in its 23rd year, is supported by English Heritage, the Countryside Council for Wales, and Scottish Natural Heritage. The 2008 nominations will open in April. For details see <http://www.heritageinterpretation.org.uk/index.html> [Back](#)

York Foundation for Conservation and Craftsmanship: 2008 Bursaries

The York Foundation for Conservation and Craftsmanship is inviting applications for bursaries to assist the training of craftspeople and conservators. There are no restrictions on who may apply though bursaries will not generally be awarded to assist the funding of undergraduate degrees and equivalent courses. Trustees are particularly interested in crafts and specialities in short supply and in helping employers to take on new trainees and apprentices, part way through an apprenticeship or requiring further skills training. Applications will be judged on merit and need. If all other things prove equal, preference will be given to residents or those training in the Yorkshire area.

The value of individual bursaries ranges from £1,000 to £3,000. In 2007 seven bursaries were awarded. For an application form see www.conservationyork.org.uk contact the Secretary of the Foundation at conservationyork@hotmail.com Applications should arrive by 29th March. [Back](#)

Call for AHRC/ EPSRC Collaborative Research Studentships in the area of Science and Heritage

These 'CASE' awards made under competition will be co-funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council. The aim is to promote partnerships and research collaboration between academia and other bodies. The awards will offer doctoral students the chance to conduct their research in collaboration with a non-academic body, and to gain experience of work outside the academic sphere. Details of the Call and information documents are at http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/apply/research/sfi/ahrcsi/scienceheritage/collab_res_studentships.asp Entries accepted until 16.00 on 6th December. [Back](#)

ACEVO Special interest Group for Arts Culture and Heritage: have you joined?

Chief Executives belonging to ACEVO (Association of Chief Executive of Voluntary Organisations) will have seen the new special interest group for Arts Culture and Heritage listed among 8 other topics groupings in the latest *Network* publication.

The group established this year following Heritage Link's recommendation is chaired by Peter Pearce, Chief Executive of the Landmark Trust (a member of Heritage Link) with Vice Chair Robin Simpson of Voluntary Arts Network. It aims to develop and represent arts culture and heritage CEOs from within the wider ACEVO membership to add value to each others' work and for external representation. It is also jointly nominating one of its members in the forthcoming ACEVO Board elections.

For further information contact Kate Pugh at Heritage Link at kate.pugh@heritagelink.org.uk or Astrid Kirchner at ACEVO Astrid Kirchner at astrid.kirchner@acevo.org.uk [Back](#)

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Architectural Heritage Fund: new northern post

The Architectural Heritage Fund announces the appointment of Gavin Richards to the new post of Projects and Development Officer North. Gavin will be based in Bury, Greater Manchester, and will concentrate mainly on projects in Scotland, Northern Ireland and the north of England, but all enquiries should continue to be directed to the AHF's offices at Alhambra House, 27-231 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0AU. Gavin is currently running a Townscape Heritage Initiative for Bolton Council, and previously worked for the Heritage Lottery Fund; he starts with the AHF on 3rd December. [Back](#)

Society of Antiquaries: New Head of Library and Collections

The Society has appointed Heather Rowland, currently Librarian of the Religious Society of Friends, to succeed Bernard Nurse as Head of Library and Collections. General Secretary, David Gaimster, said 'Heather comes to us with a great track record in the management and development of library and archive services, having previously headed the Art and Architecture Library for Westminster (known amongst art historians as the best public library for the field in London) and having worked at the Arts Council of England'. Heather will join the Society on 7th January. [Back](#)

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Building Futures Discussion: *This House Believes no Heritage should last for ever*, 6th December

Building Futures presents an evening of lively discussion that questions the role of heritage as part of a constantly evolving urban realm. The event is supported by ES Homes and Property Magazine and Macdonald and Company Recruitment.

Britain's cities have benefited hugely from the adaptation of historic buildings to form the basis of wide-ranging cultural regeneration strategies, but the Discussion sets out to explore what is heritage and who is keen to keep it standing or pull it down? How much of our resources should go into preservation in an era of promoting sustainable and efficient new building forms?

The evening features contributions from Rick Mather, founder of Rick Mather Architects and Adam Wilkinson of SAVE Britain's Heritage and is chaired by Philippa Stockley, Deputy Editor of the Evening Standard's Homes and Property Magazine. Other high profile speakers to be confirmed.

Free tickets are allocated on a first come first served basis for the event in London EC1 starting 6.30pm for 7:00 pm on 6th December. To book email with full name and address details visit buildingfutures@inst.riba.org [Back](#)

Victorian Society, Birmingham: Victorian Heritage, Looking Forward - Looking Back. 19th January

To celebrate the 40th birthday of the Birmingham Group and the 50th birthday of the national Victorian Society, the Victorian Society, Birmingham & West Midlands Group is holding a conference at the Council House in Birmingham, on 19th January, from 9.30 to 4.30pm. Many regional and national matters will be addressed by leading speakers, including the future of school buildings; suburbs and brownfield sites; the role for conservation groups in the 21st Century and Heritage Protection Reform. There will be ample opportunity for discussion.

To download a programme and booking form see <http://www.victorian-society.org.uk/regional.html> Cost £30 including lunch. [Back](#)

Symposium: Managing Material Change, 10th - 11th December

To introduce the Arts and Humanities Research Council and the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (AHRC/EPSC's) Science and Heritage Programme, a two-day symposium will be held at Jeffrey Hall, Institute of Education, Bedford Way, London. The symposium will deal with material culture as a physical phenomenon, rooted in the physical environment while acknowledging that change is driven by society as well as the environment. These ideas sit well with the current definition of conservation as the process of managing change.

Contact Debbie Williams, Science and Heritage Programme Coordinator for details
debbie.williams@heritagescience.ac.uk [Back](#)

Skills for Change: Campaigning in a challenging environment, 2nd April

The Campaigning Effectiveness Programme (see Tops Tips above) will be holding its annual campaigning conference *Skills for Change: Campaigning in a challenging environment* on 2nd April 2008 at the Barbican, London EC2. This will be an important opportunity for campaigners to improve practical skills and share learning with delegates from across the sector, on some of the most current and challenging areas of campaigning. Speakers include Patrick Butler, Editor of Society Guardian, John Gaventa, Institute of Development Studies, Baroness Helena Kennedy QC (invited), Chair of the Advisory Group on Campaigning and Nick Higham, from the BBC. For more information go to www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/ce [Back](#)

Maintaining Your Windmill: One Day Course 25th April

SPAB Mills Section is holding a one-day course on 25th April 2008 to cover topics such as Creating a work plan, Learning from the past, Spotting problems, Making materials last, Joints and fixings, Help & Advice and Health and Safety. After the popularity of the 2007 course the day is to be repeated at the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum near Chichester. To find out more see http://www.spab.org.uk/downloads/mills/ODC_2008_booking_form.pdf [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

IFA Workplace Learning Bursary in Post Excavation

Applications are invited for an HLF-funded IFA Workplace Learning Bursary at Birmingham Archaeology, University of Birmingham in Post Excavation under the supervision of Post Excavation Manager Dr Amanda Forster. The successful applicant will receive training in all aspects of post excavation management within a commercial unit. There may also be an opportunity to use the placement experience towards a vocational qualification in archaeological practice.

Applicants with some field experience and a relevant qualification (or equivalent experience) are encouraged; some experience of commercial archaeology would be useful (even if limited). Computing knowledge and some experience in using databases is essential. IFA is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community.

Full time bursary (12 months). Salary £16,621 (rising to £17,120 from April 2008). For further details and application information, visit the vacancies page at www.barch.bham.ac.uk Closing date 13th December, interviews 10th January.

Country Land and Business Association: Head of Communications

The Country Land and Business Association (CLA) is the membership organisation for owners of land, property and businesses in rural England and Wales. It seeks a high-calibre individual to direct its overall national communications strategy.

The post holder will work with regional media teams for all internal and external communications to raise the CLA's profile. A proven track record in media and PR management and a good understanding of marketing is sought to drive an agenda to secure the widest possible media coverage for CLA members.

Apply in writing with full CV and covering letter, including salary, to Samantha Horton, HR and Payroll, CLA, 16 Belgrave Square, London SW1X 8PQ, recruitment@cla.org.uk Apply by 30th November.

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust: Management Opportunities

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is an organisation dedicated to turning former coalfields into sustainable, prosperous communities. It works in creative partnerships, with community projects, to address issues of unemployment, poor health and low educational achievement. Funding is assured for 3 years and new roles exist to drive forward a new and varied project programme.

Those with an impressive track record in regeneration and leadership are encouraged to visit www.capitaras.co.uk/crt for details. Applications by 7th December.

Historic Scotland: Head of Interpretation Unit

This post will manage, devise and develop creative exhibition and display projects within Historic Scotland's heritage sites, setting and maintaining minimum standards for interpretive design. The post requires proven experience in exhibition/ interpretation development and design management and a degree in a relevant subject, or equivalent qualification. Project delivery, including management of budgets and staff, is required and knowledge of archaeology, history and current access legislation will be an advantage. Travel around Scotland is an essential part of the job.

Salary: performance related in range of: £32,428-£39,410. Ref: HSC/07/118. Email hs.recruit@scotland.gsi.gov.uk for an application pack. Closing date 7th December.

Durham World Heritage Site Coordinator

This post is designed to lead the implementation of the new Durham World Heritage Site Management Plan. The successful candidate will have experience in balancing the interests of conservation with the development of its sites and monuments, securing funding and engaging a diverse range of interest groups. The post will be managed by a partnership and be transferred during the term to locations and teams working within this partnership.

Salary: £32,796, relocation expenses available. See <https://jobs.dur.ac.uk> for the profile and application form. Closing date 4th January. Interviews 28th January.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust: Project Officer, Itchen Navigation Trail Project

The Itchen Navigation Heritage Trail is a £2.4 million partnership project with funding and support from a range of national and regional partners. The post, based in Botley, assists the Project Manager to deliver the new project. It will involve running dedicated areas such as wildlife surveys, conservation tasks, practical habitat management, community arts and acting as a central point of contact for the press and the public. There will be responsibility for volunteers, small contracts and consultants. Some evening and weekend working. Those with knowledge and experience of working with volunteers, wildlife and heritage should apply.

Salary: £21,630 (pay award pending); start date Feb 08 for 5 years. Application available at www.hwt.org.uk or email recruitment@hwt.org.uk, tel. 01489 774400. Closing date 12pm, 13th December. Interviews 11th January.

English Heritage (London): two posts

1. Regional Planning Adviser (Policy), Ref: LON/60/07

This role will work on a broad range of initiatives, including representing English Heritage at EIPs, providing timely advice on internal/external planning matters, influencing planning and policies for the historic environment and building effective relationships with key stakeholders. With a track record of engagement with local authority

planning processes and sound knowledge of land-use/spatial/transport planning, SEAs, conservation and regeneration, candidates will feel confident working on statutory and non-statutory initiatives and policies. Salary: Up to £37,000 and benefits. Closing date 7th December, interviews 18th December.

2. Landscape Architect/Landscape Planner, Ref: LON/62/07

This role will provide landscape advice for the London Region. Further responsibilities will include inputting on conservation and major strategic public realm projects, and commenting on planning applications. Candidates must be a Member of the Landscape Institute, have a good knowledge of landscape design history and a proven background of hard landscape design and construction.

Salary: Up to £37,000 and benefits. Closing date: 13th December, interviews 20th December.

For an informal discussion about either role, please contact Graham Saunders or Drew Bannellick on 020 7973 3488. For an application pack, email LON.Recruit@english-heritage.org.uk quoting the reference in the subject box or call 020 7973 3878. No CVs.

English Heritage (Manchester): two posts

1. Casework Officer, Ref: B/007/07

Managing a Casework Assistant, the candidate will assess and administer grant applications and statutory casework for historic buildings, ancient monuments and places of worship in Cumbria and Lancashire, providing advice to external bodies and the general public as necessary. With a commitment to, and background in, customer service, the candidate should be educated to A Level or equivalent and possess excellent oral, IT and written communication skills as well being numerate with the ability to organise and manage a heavy workload. Salary c£19,000 pa. Closing date 13th December, interviews 3rd January 2008.

2. Historic Environment Adviser (Part time), Ref: B/006/07

Knowledgeable and motivated, the candidate will influence and implement policy, promoting historic environment initiatives in the north west. The successful applicant will provide specialist advice to local planning authorities, developers and others on historic buildings, area regeneration projects and planning policies. Knowledge of the historic environment and related planning policies, combined with excellent communication, negotiation and influencing skills, are essential. Fixed-term post to October 2008, three days p/w part-time. This post could potentially be filled on secondment. Salary c£30,000 pro rata. Closing date 13th December, interviews 4th January 2008.

To apply email recruitmentnorth@english-heritage.org.uk quoting appropriate reference. No CVs.

The National Trust: Project Manager, Sissinghurst, Kent

Working within a project team alongside the farm tenant and other staff, the post will be responsible for ensuring that all elements of the Sissinghurst Farm Project are delivered to specification and to time and budget constraints. The project should be commercially viable and will supply Sissinghurst's Granary restaurant as well as external outlets. The post will promote visitor engagement and involvement of stakeholders, and take part in a BBC4 Documentary about the project and its impact on Sissinghurst. Assured experience, preferably within an estate management or agricultural context, is required.

Salary £27,403 (2 yr contract). Apply online at www.ntjobs.org.uk or email recruitmentenquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk quoting ref ST1069/I. Closing date 14th December.

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