

Heritage Link Update 109

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Heritage White Paper puts heritage at the heart of the planning system

The long awaited Heritage White Paper published on 8th March sets out the legislative measures required to produce a simpler and more open heritage protection system.

'Heritage Protection in the 21st Century is the first white paper on the historic environment for a generation' says DCMS. It makes proposals to create a single system for designating historic places to replace listing, scheduling and registering, with published criteria for selection, and devolves responsibility for the designation system in

England from the DCMS to English Heritage. It aims to improve designation through greater public involvement by opening up the system to greater public consultation and scrutiny, and by creating a single new Register of Historic Buildings replacing all existing lists and schedules.

The White Paper also introduces interim protection for historic assets while they are being considered for designation, and create new appeals procedures against designation.

It will streamline regulation by merging listed building consent and scheduled monument consent, and conservation area consent with planning permission. There are also proposals to clarify and strengthen protections for World Heritage Sites, and enhance protection for archaeological remains in the marine environment and on cultivated land.

'The Government will', DCMS says, 'put the historic environment at the heart of the planning system'.

Accompanying documents include a *Revision to the Principles of Selection for listing buildings*. Also published are research reports. *Heritage Protection Review – Assessment of eight pilot project for DCMS* from Historic Environment Conservation to provide an independent assessment of the eight pilot projects undertaken by English Heritage to inform policy development. The Atkins Report *Historic Environment Local Delivery Project* presents the outcomes of detailed research (17 case studies of 32 local authorities) into the capacity of local government to deliver reforms proposed in the White Paper.

All can be accessed from

http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Consultations/2007_current_consultations/hpr_whitepaper07.htm
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Ministers back the White Paper

Speaking at the launch, David Lammy Culture Minister commented on the 'collective buzz' and the 'huge contribution the heritage sector is making'. Tessa Jowell, Secretary of State, noted the high level of expressed public involvement. The fundamental arguments she continued that underpin the Heritage White Paper give more power and control to the public. 'Informed, engaged enthusiasts can be our greatest allies' she encouraged and she didn't mention the London Olympics once. Baroness Andrews for Communities and Local Government talked about redefining our future and putting heritage at the heart of regeneration and the planning system'. All very welcome words. [Back](#)

Heritage Link welcomes Heritage White Paper as the platform for national debate

Heritage Link welcomed the Heritage White Paper as an exciting platform for public debate to explore and recognise the value of heritage in the 21st century.

'This is the moment we have been waiting for', said John Sell, Acting Chairman of Heritage Link. 'After six years, we finally have the Government's proposals to implement a new heritage protection system that is simpler, more open and more flexible. We welcome this updating of the legal framework and working practices to reflect contemporary heritage thinking but we will be scrutinising the White Paper carefully to make sure there will be no reduction in the level of protection.'

The Executive Summary states that heritage protection is an integral part of the planning system but to make this a reality is now the challenge. Heritage Link and others have concerns over resources to implement the reforms effectively. It also urges Government to put in hand reforms that do not require formal legislation.

Heritage Link's Statement can be found at www.heritagelink.org.uk. So far English Heritage has warmly welcomed the publication <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.10527>, CPRE strongly welcomes some of the measures <http://www.cpre.org.uk/news/view/373> and the National Trust gives a cautious welcome to the heritage reforms <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/webpack/bin/webpack.exe/livebase?object=LiveBase1&itemurn=2100&mode=wbFullItem>. The Institute of Historic Building Conservation <http://www.ihbc.org.uk/> called for the essential investment.
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Heritage White Paper: consultation: to 1st June

DCMS is seeking Parliamentary time for new legislation in the 2007/8 session but a three month consultation on the proposals is now announced and, in addition, feedback on three further questions.

Question 1: Should Conservation Area Consent be removed as a specific consent and merged with planning permission? The merger would be combined with amendments to the Demolition Direction to ensure planning permission would be required for the demolition of an unlisted building in a Conservation Area and amendments to the General Permitted Development Order to reinstate levels of protection pre-Shimizu.

Question 2: As a means of promoting early consideration of heritage issues in large scale developments, should there be new statutory guidance promoting pre-application assessment and discussion for all major planning applications which may affect historic assets?

Question 3: As a means of providing greater certainty to developers, should the current operation of Certificates of Immunity be expanded to enable an application to be made at any time, and for a site as well as an individual building?

Responses, and answers to the specific questions, should arrive by 1st June 2007.

For England: to heritagewhitepaper@culture.gsi.gov.uk or to Leila Brosnan, Architecture and Historic Environment Division, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, 2-4 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5DH. For Wales to matthew.coward@wales.gsi.gov.uk or to Matthew Coward, Designations Branch, Cadw, Welsh Assembly Government, Plas Carew, Units 5/7 Cefn Coed, Nantgarw Cardiff, CF15 7QQ [Back](#)

Heritage Link Update: special Heritage White Paper issue 23rd March

Reactions and comments are invited for a special issue of Heritage Link Update on 23rd March devoted to the Heritage White Paper. What does it mean to you? What are the implications for your special areas? Short summaries (150-200 words) from Heritage Link members and non members from all parts of the sector on the legislation and the 3 questions are invited. Please let us have them by Monday 19th March to the Secretary, Heritage Link at kate.pugh@heritagelink.org.uk [Back](#)

Heritage Link members' seminar and press enquiries

Heritage Link will be holding a special seminar for its 81 members in London on 16th April to debate the issues arising from the Heritage White Paper. Member organisations are expected to submit their own responses to the consultation but to communicate to Government a collective view from the heritage voluntary sector. For details contact Kathryn Schofield Information and Events Co-ordinator, at kathryn.schofield@heritagelink.org.uk

With members' interests covering almost every aspect of the Heritage White Paper from local authorities to private owners, from archaeology, churches, gardens, transport heritage to volunteering, funding bodies and inclusion issues, Heritage Link will also act as a clearing house for press enquiries during the consultation period. Their websites can be found via <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/members.asp> and phone numbers for press enquiries are available from the Heritage Link office 020 7820 7796. [Back](#)

Prime Minister's golden age for the arts

The UK's art and culture are 'more confident, assertive, creative and alive' than a decade ago, Tony Blair said. In a speech at Tate Modern on 6th March, the Prime Minister said that London was now the creative capital of the world. Clear that the country 'should be proud of its history but not live in its history' he recognised the contribution that arts and culture make to the economy, society and to the country in the 21st century.

His 'legacy' speech hailed the ten years of Labour Government 'mixed economy' funding and development of cultural infrastructure as a golden age for the arts. 'Arts and Culture was now longer an 'add on' but, he affirmed, 'a central part of the narrative of a new, different and changed Britain'. Government policy had deepened the quality and extended the reach of the arts without compromising the integrity. People, he continued, have responded showing an enormous appetite for culture and history and he quoted the History Matters campaign 'that a consortium of heritage bodies had run over the summer'.

Aware of fears that this golden era was about to end with the forthcoming Comprehensive Spending Review and the 'claim of the Olympics' he assured the audience that the Government did not intend to resume 'boom or bust' spending patterns. Furthermore he admitted that although it was difficult to prove the benefits of changes in arts policy, the sums of money were not large and that the interaction of arts and culture formed an important part of developing the nation's human capital.

For the full text follow the links from <http://www.number10.gov.uk/output/Page11166.asp> [Back](#)

Tony Blair will 'sit down' with heritage sector

While the PM may claim that cultural funding has doubled in the last ten years, there is tendency in government speeches to gloss over declining heritage expenditure within the more generous overall budget. Paul Holmes, Liberal Democrat Shadow Culture Secretary, used a parliamentary question on 5th February to ask for the figures for the last ten years comparing the grant-in-aid received by English Heritage, the Arts Council and the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council. This showed that the funding for English Heritage had risen from £105 million in 1997 to £129 million today, an increase in ten years of £24 million, or some 24 per cent. During that ten-year period however, the UK index for underlying inflation has risen from 153 to 196, or some 28 per cent, so in real terms EH funding is less today than it was ten years ago. The comparative figures are given in Hansard at <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmhansrd/cm070205/text/70205w0019.htm#070205580009>
<http://www.number10.gov.uk/output/Page11166.asp>

This misleading blurring of the edges was taken up by Nick Way, Director General of the Historic Houses Association in the first question posed to the PM at Tate Modern when he asked what comfort he could give the heritage sector 'that it would have its place in the limelight along with other parts of the cultural sector'. So the heritage heads present were delighted to hear that the Prime Minister would 'sit down with you' to see 'what more can be done to encourage support from Government and outside Government and to identify imaginative ways of finding resources, for example, for repairs'. Heritage Link has now requested that meeting. [Back](#)

DCMS Culture and Creativity in 2007

Supporting the Prime Minister's speech, DCMS published a 32 page report *Culture and Creativity in 2007* as 'a snapshot of the cultural life of the nation'. 'More people, than at any other time' it states 'enjoy a leisure time enriched by world class arts, heritage and media. They are more likely than ever before to live in a community regenerated by the arrival of new places to learn and enjoy themselves.'

Heritage takes its place alongside the more usual focus on museums and arts with the figures from DCMS *Taking Part* Survey in 2006 confirming the most popular form of cultural participation rate is attending historic environment sites. The Civic Trust's Heritage Open Days and the Birmingham Jewellery Quarter regeneration also feature as case studies with references to Ancoats in Manchester while the impact of HLF funding is recognised as well as the work of English Heritage.

After recording the Government's achievements, just one brief page outlines challenges and opportunities ahead. Raising participation levels comes first followed by a commitment to the Heritage White Paper 'We need to continue to ensure our historic environment is able to thrive. It is a tangible reminder of our past and helps to shape our present: people recognise it, value it and want to protect it. We need to deliver proposals for a new heritage protection system that will be simpler, more open and more flexible – helping us to protect and sustain this essential resource, both for us today and for future generations.'

'By 2012', DCMS continues 'we will have maintained and enhanced Britain reputation for excellence in cultural and creative innovation as well as preserving and protecting our heritage,' and concludes 'We must do this not only because these sectors have a vital role to play in promoting social inclusion, building stronger communities and supporting education and health, but because they give us all the opportunity to live our lives to the full, to understand where we come from and to shape our hopes for the future.'

To download the report visit

http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Publications/archive_2007/culture_creativity_2007.htm [Back](#)

Key Stage 3 Curriculum: consultation to 30th April

The draft new programmes of study for the Key Stage 3 curriculum in England (11-14 year-olds) have been published for consultation by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority. These can be found through the QCA website at <http://www.qca.org.uk/secondarycurriculumreview/>

There are various references to the past or to history in the curriculum programmes. For History itself, while the historic environment is introduced into the range of sources used as evidence, the subject content has been radically slimmed down. Also connected are changes in the Geography, Citizenship, Art and Design, Design and Technology and English syllabuses.

The deadline for consultation responses is 30th April. Schools will receive the final statutory programmes of study in autumn 2007 for teaching from autumn 2008. There will then be a three-year period from 2008-2010 for schools to implement the revised programmes of study.

Heritage Link's Education Task Group will be replying. Members if not already involved should contact Don Henson, the Task Group Leader on donhenson@britarch.ac.uk [Back](#)

Public Hearing into British Waterways 16th April

The House of Commons Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee's British Waterways sub-committee is extending the deadline for written submissions to its inquiry into British Waterways in order to give interested individuals the opportunity to take part in a public hearing at the National Waterways Museum, Gloucester on Monday 16th April.

The meeting will allow individuals to make a short opening statement (of no longer than five minutes), to the Sub-committee. To maximise the time available, individuals will appear before the Committee in groups of three or four. Those wishing to participate in the public hearing should apply by making a short written submission to the inquiry by the new deadline of 15th March.

For enquiries about to the Inquiry and/or the Hearing email mcculloughj@parliament.uk or see further details at http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/environment_food_and_rural_affairs/efra_pn22_070228.cfm [Back](#)

Maritime Archaeological Archives: IFA consultation to 20th April

'Currently, there is no system for the preparation, deposition and curation of maritime archaeological archives', says the IFA Maritime Affairs Group, which has produced a discussion document *Slipping through the Net: Maritime Archaeological Archives in Policy and Practice* which maps out the current situation through a range of case studies (downloadable from the IFA website at <http://www.archaeologists.net/modules/news/article.php?storyid=148>)

These demonstrate that marine archaeological archives are falling through a gap in policy and practice, are being dispersed, are deteriorating, remain un-interpreted and un-curved, are sold and sometimes simply abandoned. IFA urges action to resolve these issues. The document is open to consultation to all stakeholder organisations, groups and individuals, particularly within the archaeological, museum, archive and heritage sectors. The consultation closes on 20th April and the responses will be used to help generate a series of recommendations as part of an integrated strategy for maritime archaeological archives. [Back](#)

Gift Aid: experiences of new regime

A new national survey, led by Tourism South East, is exploring how charities have adapted to the new Gift Aid regulations implemented in April 2006. A 5 minute questionnaire is aimed at all attractions that are registered charities and the information collected will be used to assess which methods may be most valuable to charitable attractions when determining how to benefit from Gift Aid.

Anecdotal information suggests that the larger organisations with the managerial capacity have adapted well and are doing as well as before. Those without the management resource to put behind the new scheme are faring less well and it may be that some have withdrawn from Gift Aid altogether. Evidence from those not utilising Gift Aid tax concessions is just as useful as from those who do and all information is anonymous. The results will be shared with all attractions.

The questionnaire is at www.southeastservices.co.uk/surveys/giftaid07.htm Please forward it any contacts you have in charitable attractions in the UK. For further details or to discuss in depth, contact Christine Melia on 07843 349253 or cmelia@tourismse.com [Back](#)

Academy for Sustainable Communities: skill shortages study

On 8th February ASC launched a major study into the skills shortages that impair and threaten the successful delivery of sustainable communities.

The study will provide comprehensive information on current and projected labour shortages and generic skills gaps in the core sustainable community occupations, including planning, engineering, surveying, economic development, housing and community development.

All individuals and organisations involved in creating or maintaining sustainable communities are being urged to complete an online survey, with the responses helping to identify skills gaps by both sector and region.

The online survey should be filled out by individuals across all professions, ranks and organisations involved in the delivery of sustainable communities in England. The survey, which runs until 16th March, can be found at www.planningsurvey.co.uk/asc/individual.htm a separate survey for organisations involved in delivering sustainable communities can be found at: www.planningsurvey.co.uk/asc1/organisational.htm

Further details at <http://www.ascskills.org.uk/pages/news-and-events/news/article?news.news.id=7484EC0A-2069-4FC4-822A-9B6E2F62C2A9> [Back](#)

Are basements letting us down?

Bedford Park Society is running a campaign to stop basements being dug under listed houses on the estate. A major feature of Bedford Park houses is that they were built without basements, a feature that reflected the major changes to attitudes to public health that took place in the 19th century.

But today, with houses changing hands at something over £2million, the garden suburb is threatened, not by demolition or neglect, but by affluence with new owners extending and enhancing their homes to such an extent that the original character is destroyed. The Society argues that 'The need to increase densities in urban areas must be balanced against need to preserve important elements of our architectural heritage. When this is done in a way that is not detrimental to the character of the place, it is to be welcomed. However should this appeal succeed then the floodgates will open and the character of the area will be irretrievably altered and the unstable subsoil of Bedford Park will be excavated away, thus destroying a significant element of Jonathan Carr's legacy to the world.'

If you have experience that could help Hon Sec of Bedford Park Society Peter Murray in presenting his case please email him ASAP pgsmurray@mac.com the hearing is on 21st March. [Back](#)

Lottery funding: fears of further diversion to Olympics

As the Government is about to publish a revised budget for the London 2012 Olympics, rumours are that a colossal £1bn may be diverted from the National Lottery are being taken seriously. Chairmen of heritage bodies, Heritage Link, English Heritage, the National Trust and Historic Houses Association wrote to Tessa Jowell 'The Lottery is the major source of funding to repair and restore the historic environment and for its interpretation to new audiences. We know that the amount of funding available from the Heritage Lottery Fund is already planned to reduce significantly over the next few years. Further reductions in this and other Lottery funding would mean an end to the sort of inspirational projects which have transformed the nation over the past eleven years and made the historic environment accessible to many millions more people.'

But neither the Prime Minister in his legacy speech on 6th March or the Secretary of State, Tessa Jowell faced with a barrage of parliamentary questions on 5th March would be drawn. Meanwhile Third Sector bodies continue to lobby, see www.ncvo.org.uk [back](#)

Select Committee's Seaside Town Report published

The Communities and Local Government Committee's Second Report of Session 2006-07, Coastal Towns published on 7th March, examines Government policy affecting English coastal towns.

Copies of the Report may be obtained from the usual outlets, including The Parliamentary Bookshop and The Stationery Office (reference: Second Report of the Committee, Session 2006-07, HC 351). The Report is accessible via the Committee's homepage www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmcomloc.htm [Back](#)

Secretary of State backs down over Commonwealth Institute

Following the furore last year when a leaked memo suggested the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport was proposing a hybrid bill to get round the usual planning process in order to demolish the grade II* Commonwealth Institute, Tessa Jowell now confirms in a Parliamentary Question on 1st March that the usual procedure will apply. 'We have encouraged the Commonwealth Institute to work with English Heritage on a listed building consent application which we understand they hope to submit to the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea later this year. We have no plans to introduce a bill that will give powers to demolish all or part of the buildings on the Commonwealth Institute site.'

See Hansard for 1st March 2007

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmhansrd/cm070301/text/70301w0001.htm#column_1452W
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DEFRA spending on heritage

Responding to another Parliamentary Question this time on DEFRA funding to heritage since 1997, Barry Gardiner, Parliamentary under Secretary of State for DEFRA replied, 'The Department does not have a specific budget for heritage support. However, it recognises the close relationship between the natural and man-made environments and the importance heritage sites can have for rural communities and the economy. A number of funding streams make a contribution to the historic environment, particularly in rural areas where agri-environment schemes provide support for the renovation of traditional farm buildings, protection of archaeology on farmland, landscape enhancement, and the restoration of historic parks.

'The amounts my Department has spent on heritage-related schemes since its inception, through schemes funded by the Rural Development Programme for England, such as the Environmentally Sensitive Areas Scheme, the Countryside Stewardship Scheme, and the Rural Enterprise Scheme, and through the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund are as follows: 2000-01 £13.0m; 2001-02 £13.7m; 2002-03 £24.6m; 2003-04 £29.8m; 2004-05 £40.7m; 2005-06 £33.2m.

'Other Defra-related bodies, such as the National Park Authorities, the Broads Authority, English Nature and the Countryside Agency also provided support towards heritage objectives over this period. Natural England, the successor to the latter two bodies, has similar powers to fund heritage projects.'

See Hansard for 26th February 2007 c1000W

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmhansrd/cm070226/text/70226w0001.htm#column_1000W
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Culture Minister replies on Heritage Link's VAT proposal

A disappointing reply from the Culture Minister David Lammy to Heritage Link's VAT proposal (to extend the grants available under the Listed Places of Worship scheme to offset VAT on repairs and maintenance to listed buildings owned by charitable bodies see http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/HL_VAT_proposal.doc) is surprisingly at odds with the Department's previous support to organisations attempting to find positive ways to overcome the impact of VAT at 17.5% on repairs and maintenance but 0% on new build.

The Minister points out that the Listed Places of Worship Scheme is an interim measure until agreement is reached in Europe to allow a reduced rate of VAT on the repair and maintenance of church buildings but there is no definite date for this. He may note Government support to the charity sector in ways that do not involve the VAT system but to cite studies that showed that the Government could not support the entire charitable sector, he under represents the new political profile of the Third Sector. So, we await the Chancellor's reply.

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EH budget cuts

An internal EH memo alerted the outside world to funding cuts in English Heritage. The Executive Board has agreed a package of efficiency savings of £3.65 million, of which £3.35 million would come from cuts to functions and budgets, leading to a number of immediate redundancies, and a restructuring of top management, allied to a more demanding income target from the organisation's visitor services arm.

The cuts of £400,000 from IT were set out in the Management Briefing along with £650,000 from the maintenance and conservation of EH properties; £800,000 from the Historic Environment Enabling Programme (HEEP) and £1m from the Planning and Development grants programme.

Deborah Lamb, Director of Policy assured members of the Historic Environment Executive Committee (HEREC) on 28th February that the cut in the HEEP's budget (for research contributing to evidence-based policy and to national initiatives) would now amount to a lesser figure of £450,000, a 10% reduction in the current year. This means that all commissioned projects are assured and that there remains some capacity for commissioning new work. [Back](#)

Demos Report on Cultural Diplomacy

The think tank Demos, in partnership with the British Council, the British Library, the British Museum, the Natural History Museum, the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, the Royal Opera House and the Victoria and Albert Museum, has published a new report on cultural diplomacy.

The report argues that culture plays an important role in building and sustaining relationships between countries, but often these activities are under-valued, under-resourced and are not integrated into the work of the

government. The report sets out a series of policy recommendations on effective governance systems including the formation of a Cultural Diplomacy Working Group run by the Public Diplomacy Group at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office; political leadership; addressing the need to invest in maintaining the UK's global cultural standing; the Olympic offering; cultural literacy; and new technological challenges.

The report, can be downloaded free from www.demos.co.uk/publications/culturaldiplomacy or hard copies ISBN 18411801771 purchased (£10) from Central Books at mo@centralbooks.com or from Amazon. [Back](#)

Heritage a key theme in National Construction Week 2007

National Construction Week, a joint initiative between ConstructionSkills and the DTI, is the annual campaign which provides young people with the chance to experience the wide range of opportunities available in the modern construction industry.

Industry is invited to consider activities for the 2007 campaign which will be held from 8-12th October 2007 across the UK. Key themes for this year's campaign will be Diversity, Skills, Sustainability, Heritage/Regeneration, the Olympics or other regionally important themes. However events can be organised outside these themes to suit the interests and expertise of the company. For more details or to register events/ receive regular updates about plans for the 2007 campaign log onto www.ncw.org.uk [Back](#)

ALVA Visitor statistics 2006

The Association of Leading Visitor Attractions has published 2006 visitor figures for its members. Seven of the top ten venues by visitor numbers were national museums but Blackpool Pleasure Beach still tops the league even with a reduction of 4% on the previous year. The Tower of London still heads those that charge an entry fee as well as all the heritage sites, at 2084,468 visitors, followed by St Paul's Cathedral, Kew Gardens, Edinburgh Castle, Canterbury Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and the Roman Baths/Pump Room, Bath all featuring in the top 20. The full list is at www.alva.org.uk/visitor_statistics [Back](#)

Natural England to streamline Environmental Stewardship scheme

Natural England's Chief Executive Helen Phillips has announced changes to streamline the application procedure for Higher Level Stewardship. From 1st April, to save prospective Higher Level Stewardship applicants wasting unnecessary time and money in conducting Farm Environment Plans (FEPs), there will be an initial consultation to ascertain whether or not an application has a strong chance of success. Since the HLS began in summer 2006, £235,000 has been spent on unsuccessful FEPs, equating to roughly 10% of applications. With interest in the scheme continuing to grow, so will competition for places.

Since its launch in August 2005, more than 4 million hectares - over 40% of all farmland in England - is now entered into the Environmental Stewardship scheme. Land managers have received more than £50 million as a result. Dr Phillips also outlined a new approach to distributing and targeting agri-environment funding in order to maximize environmental and other public benefits. Dr Phillip's speech is at <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/press/default.htm#news> [Back](#)

HLF Disabled People and Heritage

A new fact sheet from HLF reflects the £15m that HLF has awarded to 481 projects which have made heritage sites and assets more accessible to disabled people, have involved disabled people and helped them to explore their own social history and heritage.

Hard copies can be obtained from Tony Crosby tonyc@hlf.org.uk or downloaded from Publications & Info/other publications/factsheets 2007 from www.hlf.org.uk [Back](#)

Building Faith in our Future: 5th ebulletin

In 2004, the Church Heritage Forum launched *Building Faith in our Future* a 'green paper' celebrating church buildings and the achievements of the volunteers who maintain them.

The latest ebulletin advises supporters of Westminster and Whitehall coverage of church heritage, the Pastoral (Amendment Measure), the *Shrinking The Footprint* campaign, funding opportunities including Heritage Link's new Heritage Funding Directory and the latest regional information on the contribution of places of worship to their communities.

Examples of innovative and imaginative projects where churches are enhancing the community uses of their building are welcome for possible inclusion in the Churchcare website.

To become a Building Faith Supporter, join the network of people at local, regional and national level within the Church of England and outside and to receive free copies of *Building Faith in our Future* ebulletin, contact Becky Payne at Rebecca.payne@c-of-e.org.uk Copies of the *Building Faith in our Future* report, latest key facts and other information about the campaign can be found at <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/about/builtheritage/buildingfaith/newsletter.html> [Back](#)

ACEVO/Heritage Link Special Interest Group on Arts Culture and Heritage

A successful inaugural meeting on 14th February with ACEVO (Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations) to explore a Special Interest Group for members interested in arts, culture and heritage has now agreed terms of reference. The Group 'will connect, develop and represent Arts/Culture/Heritage sector CEOs from within wider ACEVO membership to add value to each other's work and for externally facing representations'.

The Group, chaired by Peter Pearce, CEO, The Landmark Trust with Robin Simpson of Voluntary Arts Network as Vice Chair, will meet quarterly (next dates May and November). Further details from Astrid Kirchner at Astrid.kirchner@acevo.org.uk [Back](#)

Museums Association workforce study

The MA is looking for people to join a consultation forum on entry to the museum workforce. The closing date for applications is 30th March. For details and an application form, see http://www.museumsassociation.org/asset_arena/text/ec/entryforumpersonspect.doc

The forum is the first step towards a major report by the MA into entry to the museum workforce, and will take forward previous research by Maurice Davies, the MA's deputy director. His draft summary, entitled *The Tomorrow People: Entry to the Museum Workforce*, http://www.museumsassociation.org/asset_arena/text/ry/tomorrowspeoplesummary.doc highlights a lack of diversity, the lack of efficient mechanisms to tackle skills shortages, the difficulties in securing a reasonable first museum job, weak links between museums and university courses, and poor efforts by museums to nurture and develop new recruits for more responsibility. [Back](#)

Does volunteering and social activism lead to civic participation

A new booklet *Individual Pathways in Participation* published on 28th February by the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) explores whether being involved in community activities and volunteering can lead individuals to take part in decision-making in state institutions and public services. Despite growing opportunities for participation through increased 'empowerment' in both national and local government, research suggests that people feel increasingly disconnected from the public realm.

Individual Pathways in Participation follows a recent seminar, part of the *Engaging Citizens* series jointly organised by the ESRC and NCVO. It can be downloaded from http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/Images/Individual%20Pathways%20in%20Participation_tcm6-18155.pdf

Environment/Conservation Volunteer stories wanted

Volunteering England is always looking for engaging case studies to accompany its press work, and wants to hear from members whose volunteers are happy to appear in the media.

Press stories are particularly requested from volunteers working in Health/Social Care; Education/childcare; and Environment/conservation.

To be considered for a case study, Volunteering England need to know the name and age of the volunteer; the type of volunteering and how long volunteering for; why the person decided to volunteer; what they get out of it; and any other unusual detail that would add to the story (maybe they met their spouse through volunteering, or have changed career as a result). VE will follow it up if they have a story that matches the situation. Please email the information to cat.dean@volunteeringengland.org [Back](#)

Volunteers ask 'what's in it for me?'

Volunteering is increasingly centred on the benefits to the self according to a survey released on 22nd February by Volunteering England (VE), the national development agency for volunteering.

Over 60% of the 1,000 respondents believe that 'volunteering has become more about what you get, rather than what you give.' The online poll was carried out to celebrate the launch of the VE-sponsored Volunteering Village at the One Life Live exhibition, running from 2-4 March at London's Olympia, which is set to inspire people to make a change in their lives to increase their wellbeing, confidence and self-fulfilment.

In the 2005 Citizenship Survey, 18% of respondents said they would be more likely to participate if it benefited their career or job prospects. But Christopher Spence Chief Executive of Volunteering England commented, 'If people do start volunteering with 'what's in it for me' in mind, they almost always come to appreciate how their contribution has a significant and positive impact on those they are helping.'

For details about One Life Live and to book tickets, visit www.onelifelive.co.uk or call 0870 272 0001. Tickets cost £12 in advance, £15 on the door (£13 seniors). Children under 16 go free. [Back](#)

Giles Worsley Travel Fellowship

The Giles Worsley Travel Fellowship, set up as a memorial to the distinguished architectural historian Giles Worsley, architecture critic for The Daily Telegraph, who died last year aged 44, will be awarded each year to a newly graduated architect or architectural historian to allow him or her to travel to the British School in Rome to study an architectural subject of his or her choice.

The fellowship will be administered by the RIBA, and applications will be judged by a panel consisting of an RIBA and a British School representative. The aim is to raise an endowment of £200,000, which will allow the fellowship to continue indefinitely. For further information contact Giles Worsley Travel Fellowship gwtravelfellowship@hovingham.co.uk. Contributions to the endowment are very welcome. [Back](#)

PEOPLE

2008 Honours Nominations

Nominations are invited for the 2008 Honours List, with particular encouragement to consider groups that tend to be under-represented such as women and ethnic minorities. For guidance see http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/Honours/how_to_make_an_honour_nomination.htm or contact pat.le-bruin@culture.gsi.gov.uk Completed forms and supporting letters should be sent to Pat by 30th April. [Back](#)

National Trust Council

The Trust has a small Board of Trustees and a Council of 52 members which appoints the Board of Trustees and exercises a strategic overview of the Trust in the successful delivery of its statutory responsibilities.

This year there are at least eight vacancies for elected members of Council. Candidates with a passion for the Trust's work, and experience of engaging supporters, improving conservation performance or managing people or finances in a broad range of settings are invited to apply.

The posts are voluntary although expenses are paid. Members of the Council are elected for a three year term by postal ballot by the members of the Trust starting from November 2007, and will need to commit a minimum of twelve days a year on Council business.

Closing date 28th March. For a preliminary discussion, contact Jo Cooke, Deputy Secretary, on 01793 817416 or request an information pack and nomination form from governance@nationaltrust.org.uk [Back](#)

New Director of Operations for HLF and NHMF

The National Heritage Memorial Fund, which also operates the Heritage Lottery Fund, has appointed Robert Bewley as its Director of Operations to lead on implementing the HLF's forthcoming Strategic Plan for 2008-2013.

Robert will join NHMF/HLF from English Heritage (EH) where he is currently Regional Director for the South-West. Robert will be joining HLF at the end of May 2007 and replaces Dr Stephen Johnson who is retiring after 10 years with the Funds. [Back](#)

EVENTS

Heritage Link Diversity Programme comes to the North East

The next regional *Embracing Difference* event will be held on Wednesday 28th March at the Hartlepool Historic Quay, part of Hartlepool's Maritime Experience and hosted by the award winning Hartlepool Arts and Museums Service.

Participants from the voluntary heritage sector in Teesside and Tyneside are encouraged to circulate information to other interested local organisations, and community groups who may wish to develop a heritage project. Prior experience of diversity projects is not assumed but participants are encouraged to bring ideas for discussion. We especially wish to attract smaller organisations for which travel bursaries may be available.

For further information and to express interest in participating, contact Angela Dove, Heritage Link Diversity Programme Co-ordinator, at angela.dove@heritagelink.org.uk or phone with full contact details 07799 898150. [Back](#)

Heritage Link: next Regional Networking event in the East Midlands

Heritage Link joins up with East Midlands Association of Civic Societies (EASTMACS) on 19th March to host the eighth regional event offering a discussion forum for everyone interested in heritage.

Christopher Pennell, former director of National Trust East Midlands, and currently a board member of Natural England, committee member of HLF East Midlands and authority member of the Peak District National Park, will speak on *The Historic Environment: threats and opportunities*. Hilary Silvester, chair of Nottingham's Civic Society, will speak for EASTMACS on ways that voluntary societies can best work with local authorities.

The invitation, booking form and draft programme are available to download at www.heritagelink.org.uk or contact Heritage Link's Information and Events Co-ordinator kathryn.schofield@heritagelink.org.uk [Back](#)

Heritage Open Days 2007: Workshops

Heritage Open Days (HODs) celebrate England's architecture and culture by offering free access to properties that are usually closed to the public or normally charge for admission. Hugely popular, these are co-ordinated nationally by the Civic Trust in partnership with English Heritage and will take place this year from 6th-9th September.

The Civic Trust is now running a programme for new organisers considering taking part in HODs for the first time (late March dates) and for existing organisers (April dates). The HODs registration packs will be sent out to organisers this month. This year organisers will also have the opportunity to register their properties, events, and photographs through the HODs website.

For all information, programmes, booking forms and enquiries go to <http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/> [Back](#)

Exhibition: James 'Athenian' Stuart, 1713-1788 22nd March – 24th June

James 'Athenian' Stuart was widely recognised for his central role in pioneering Neo-Classicism. He developed his influential career across various fields: interior decoration, sculpture, furnishing, metalwork and architecture. The creation of the 'Greek Style' and its impact on British design in the late 18th century is largely due to Stuart's landmark publication *Antiquities of Athens*. The exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum, London SW7 is the first comprehensive retrospective of Stuart's work. Admission free. [Back](#)

EXPOSED! Climate Change in Britain's Backyard

The National Trust challenges 10 of the UK's top photographers to capture climate change through the lens. The result is a series of images taken on location at the National Trust's gardens, historic houses, countryside and coastline, coupled with stories from the people who care for these places.

A preview of the exhibition will run from 26th to 30th March at the Royal Geographical Society, South Kensington. The Society will also host a public debate, free to attend, on 28th March from 7pm.

The exhibition will tour venues in the UK, opening at Hoopers Gallery, London on 12th April and including Nottingham Castle, Penrhyn Castle, Wales, Bristol Museum and Arts Gallery, Waterfront Hall, Belfast. Details of all events at www.nationaltrust.org.uk/exposed [Back](#)

Building Knowledge for a Changing Climate: Manchester, 28th March

This free conference will report on three years of research supported by the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) and the UK Climate Impact Programme (UKCIP) investigating various aspects of the impacts of climate change on the built environment, infrastructure and utilities. The conference is an opportunity to learn about the potential impacts of climate change and what can be done through planning and design to develop adaptive capacity.

The research covers climate scenarios urban planning, historic buildings, urban drainage, electricity supply, slope stability, risk assessment and the socio-economic context.

More information and booking forms are available at www.k4cc.org To join a mailing list in order to receive email bulletins on climate change impacts and adaptation, email skcc@manchester.ac.uk [Back](#)

Heritage Works Seminar: Birmingham, 23rd April

Heritage Works was launched in 2006 as a new toolkit to reveal the necessary steps for achieving successful urban regeneration in the UK's historic environment. RICS will host a half day seminar from 9-12.30 on 23rd April on conservation issues and challenges facing those working in the built environment and property sectors. This event will draw on the combined experience of English Heritage, Drivers Jonas and RICS. For more information see <http://www.rics.org/RICSWEB/getpage.aspx?p=kOu1zXYtFEqJNTVTgWwOsw> [Back](#)

SITUATIONS VACANT

All organisations whose posts are advertised below are expected to offer equal opportunity to all and to welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Museum of Garden History: Curator

This new role will be responsible for creating four exhibitions a year at the London-based Museum of Garden History; developing acquisitions and loans; and redisplaying the permanent collection. The ideal candidate will combine at least 3 years' experience in museums with an enthusiasm for contemporary and historic gardens. Administrative self-sufficiency, responsibility for major new projects and work with a range of partners and audiences will be necessary.

Salary £27,000 pa (option of pro rata, 4 or 5 days per week). Full job description from <http://www.museumgardenhistory.org/vacancies> and more details from heather@museumgardenhistory.org

Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire: Historic Buildings Manager (Maternity Cover)

The Trust requires a temporary Historic Buildings Manager to work part time to cover maternity leave. Duties will include managing the building preservation programme, advice on historic building matters and assisting more widely in the Trust's work. A relevant qualification along with some experience of building conservation, project design and management, fundraising and financial control of projects would be expected, as well as experience of making grant applications and a sound knowledge of listed building legislation and conservation issues

The post is based near Sleaford. Salary £22,910 pa (pro rata). For further details, see www.lincsheritage.org Tel 01529 461499. Email info@lincsheritage.org

Garden History Society: Northern Conservation Officer

The Society is seeking to appoint a Conservation Officer to cover statutory planning consultations and other conservation enquiries relating to designed landscapes all over Northern England. The Officer would be employed for a minimum of 16 hours per month.

For all information contact the Conservation Manager, Mrs Linden Groves at 70 Cowcross Street, London, EC1M 6EJ, Fax 020 7490 2974, email conservation@gardenhistorysociety.org Closing date 13th April.

War Memorials Trust: Conservation Officer

The charity seeks a Conservation Officer with initiative, enthusiasm and experience to manage the work of coordinating and developing the Trust's conservation, advisory and grant-making activities.

Candidates should have knowledge of the conservation of the historic environment, relevant legislation and the technical issues involved in the care and repair of war memorials, be able to provide advice and guidance to custodians and members of the public on all aspects of war memorials and their care and act as an advocate for war memorials' protection and appreciation. The full-time London based post requires some travel.

Starting salary c £25,000 pa. For further details and a job description please contact the Trust Manager on 0207 259 0403, frances@warmemorials.org or visit www.warmemorials.org quoting ref CO07/HL. Closing date 26th March, interviews 3rd April.

The National Trust: Curator (Buildings & Landscapes), North West Regional Office (Maternity Cover)

Based in Grasmere, Cumbria, the postholder will provide wide-ranging curatorial advice, including buildings and landscapes, to local staff and managers. A driving licence is essential and regular travel will be required.

Applicants should have a relevant degree and significant experience in a similar environment. A postgraduate qualification and knowledge of building conservation methods and practice is desirable. Candidates will have a track record of working in multi-disciplinary teams.

Salary: £27,403 - 30,829 depending on skills and experience. For details and to apply online see www.ntjobs.org.uk or email recruitmentenquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk Closing date 23rd March, interviews 5th April.

Sir John Soane's Museum: Education Manager

This is a new education post to improve and extend the range of education resources, events and activities for adults, schools and families at the Education Centre of Sir John Soane's Museum. Applicants must have at least two years' experience in museum education with a relevant postgraduate qualification. They will have highly developed organisational and communication skills and experience of website management. Desktop publishing experience to produce in-house publicity is desirable. They should have a knowledge of and lively interest in architecture and culture of Sir John Soane's day.

Salary £23,000 pa. For more details and how to apply contact Julie Brock, Sir John Soane's Museum, 13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3BP, jbrock@soane.org.uk Closing date 23rd March.

Heritage Lottery Fund: Policy and Research (3 posts)

1 Project Officer - Learning and Young People (Temporary Contract until March 2008)

Description: Assisting the Senior Policy Advisor for Learning Skills and Volunteering.

Salary Range: £27,702 - £31,000. Closing date 12th March. Interviews 23rd March

2 Project Officer - Conservation, Buildings, Sites and Monuments

(Temporary Contract for up to 9 months)

Description: Assisting the Deputy Director in delivering initiatives on conservation and maintenance in relation to HLF's strategic plan. May suit someone who has a knowledge of technical conservation.

Salary Range: £27,702 - £31,000. Closing date 12th March.

3 Researcher, Maternity Cover to April 2008

Description: Assisting a Policy Advisor with the management and analysis of our research programme. This may suit someone with experience of social and economic research techniques.

Salary Range: £27,702 - £31,000. Closing date 12th March.

In all cases the posts may suit someone looking for a flexible, part time working pattern. All based in the London Office. For full details and how to apply on line see www.hlf.org.uk or telephone 020 7649 6037.

English Heritage: Archives Cataloguer

Cataloguers contribute to many projects and activities within the Cataloguing Section's work programme. This opportunity allows work with a range of archive types, such as aerial and terrestrial photography, plans, drawings, written material, or electronic formats, and is expected to include plans of English Heritage properties.

A good degree in a relevant subject or equivalent, or a relevant background of working with photographic or other archives, is sought. A good general understanding of architectural history, archaeology, geography or historical geography is required. Candidates should work effectively with archives in electronic formats and be able to support archive/information flowlines through good cooperation.

Post based in Swindon. Salary c£18,000 pa. To apply, email recruit.swindon@english-heritage.org.uk quoting reference J/10/07 in the subject box. No CVs. Closing date 22nd March.

Arts and Heritage Manager: Southampton

The successful applicant will manage a £2.5m annual budget from the Council to shape how arts and heritage make their impact on the city, building on a thriving scene and championing a long-term vision to become a centre

of national arts and culture excellence. Candidates should bring sound commercial acumen, an extensive arts or heritage background and a desire to maximise potential in a burgeoning city.

Salary: £41,571-£53,586 plus relocation package. Email recruitment@southampton.gov.uk, tel 023 8083 3111 or apply at www.southampton.gov.uk/jobs (ref Y003). Closing date 12th March. Interviews 24–25th April.

MLA North West: Head of Policy and Partnerships/ Deputy Chief Executive

The postholder will lead the Policy and Partnerships function, ensuring that the sector is integrated into local, regional and national plans and strategies, and that its contribution to the regional economic, social and learning agenda is evidenced and celebrated. Work will be at a regional and national level, forging strong partnerships with key stakeholders, government agencies, funding bodies, and decision-makers. Essential attributes are negotiation, influence and persuasion and the ability to drive change.

Salary £50,000 plus benefits. For more information contact the MLA on 01925 625050. Assessment centre 17th April. Interviews 18th April. Post based in Cheshire. All interviews will be held in Warrington. Closing date 22nd March.

The Government Art Collection - Curators: Information and Research

Vacancies are open for researching and writing about British works of art (2 pro-rata posts for modern and contemporary; 1 post historic) Part of DCMS, staff select works of art to place in major British Government buildings to reflect British history, culture and creativity.

Applicants should have a degree, preferably postgraduate, in art history or similar with a particular focus on historical or modern and contemporary British art as well as experience of working in a museum, gallery or similar environment. In addition experience of writing interpretative texts on art for a broad range of audiences and editing and presenting information for displays will be required.

Salary £24,550 (full time). More information from human.resources@culture.gsi.gov.uk Closing date 16th March.

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