

Heritage Link Update 121

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HODS 2007: the Minister's three questions

This issue of Update lands right in the middle of the four day long Heritage Open Days 2007. Some 3,500 historic properties across the country are opening their doors for free. As ever Heritage Open Days offers people the chance to explore fascinating buildings and places, many of which are normally closed to the public, completely free of charge.

Speaking at the HODS launch at Middleport Pottery, near Stoke on Trent, Minister of Culture Margaret Hodge gave an upbeat appraisal on the value of heritage: 'If we want strong and sustainable communities with access to a vibrant civic culture and a strong local economy, then it is vital to engage future generations with the places where they live.' She went on to commend the initiative, now England's largest voluntary cultural event: 'None of us would be here today without the collective commitment of people at the grass roots in every area of the country. Those who understand that Heritage Open Days are a way of sharing pride and knowledge of their area with others. Those who have built on this work, year by year, to create the major event which Heritage Open Days stands for today.'

She listed the three questions that have concerned her most since she took office: what more can we do to work with partners in economic regeneration, heritage tourism and the creative industries; how do we make sure that the contribution of the historic environment can make to our sense of identity and belonging is fully understood by strategists and decisions makers at all levels; and how do we continue to widen our audiences and deepen the enjoyment and understanding of those already beginning to explore our shared heritage. She later issued a challenge to sector to help her to position heritage as part of regeneration, and as a true driver of the creative industries. The full text is at

http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Minister_Speeches/margaret_hodge/MHspeech_heritageopenday07_launch.htm

Last year, Heritage Open Days attracted more than one million visitors - and with 90% of the population living within 30 minutes of a Heritage Open Days event, more and more people are taking part. This year, the four-day annual event takes place from Thursday to Sunday (6-9th September), co-ordinated by the Civic Trust with support from English Heritage and an army of 30,000 volunteers. To see what's happening near you visit <http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/> [Back](#)

Culture Minister to speak at Heritage Link's Heritage Day on 11th December

Perhaps you can help her with those questions! The new Culture Minister has accepted Heritage Link's invitation to address the heritage sector at our next National Heritage Day. The day, now one of the biggest annual gatherings of the sector, follows the usual format starting with the morning AGM for members, followed by a national networking lunch for all, the Ministerial presentation and open forum.

For a change from town halls and places of worship, this year we are heading for the Ritzy Cinema in Brixton, originally designed as the Electric Pavilion in 1910. So put the date in your diary now! [Back](#)

Heritage Link's regional heritage meeting: York 22nd October

Heritage Link kicks off its second series of regional networking events on the 22nd October at the Merchant Taylors' Hall, York. With devolution ever more topical, Gary Topp, Chief Executive of Yorkshire Culture - the regional cultural consortium charged with promoting and developing culture in the region - will speak on the role and importance of heritage in regional development.

Anthea Case, Chairman of Heritage Link, will outline Heritage Link's current concerns. Our partners from the voluntary sector illustrate different aspects: Richard Tinker Honorary Caseworker for the West Yorkshire Group of the Victorian Society will look at recent cases in Leeds and Bradford while Don Henson Head of Outreach and Education for the Council for British Archaeology will explain his role as Chairman of the Yorkshire & Humberside Regional Advisory Panel for the DCMS *Engaging Places* project, promoting the built and historic environment as a learning resource.

All are invited to the free event, 12.45 to 4.30pm on 22nd October to meet or catch up with colleagues in the public, private and voluntary sector. To register for a place see the invitation, programme and registration form on the Heritage Link website www.heritagelink.org.uk

Changes in regional governance mean Heritage Link begins this new series of regional events with an even stronger incentive to develop a co-ordinated heritage community. Chairman Anthea Case has written to Chairs of the Regional Historic Environment Fora and of the Regional Cultural Consortia to explore how best to build up advocacy, including that of the voluntary heritage sector, and to integrate cultural objectives in regional planning and policy. [Back](#)

Gift Aid review: small and local charities urged to respond

Everyone needs to make use of tax breaks but HM Treasury's *Gift Aid Review* of 16th June acknowledges that smaller charities and local voluntary organisations find it particularly difficult to benefit fully from the Gift Aid scheme. The Government is keen to hear the views of these smaller organisations in order to establish how it can work with the sector to help smaller charities to access Gift Aid.

Larger bodies are responding individually and collectively, the smaller ones need to make their voice heard too. Answers to these following questions should be emailed to by 30th September.

- What proportion, if any, of your donations is made using Gift Aid? If this proportion is small, why do you think this is the case? If this proportion is relatively large, what challenges do you face and how have you overcome them?
- Do you make Gift aid repayment claims? If not, why not?

- What kind of guidance or mechanisms do smaller charities need to support them in the Gift Aid process and what format should this take?
- If you are a charity that is eligible to claim Gift Aid on rights of admission, do you operate such a scheme? If not, why not? If so, what is your experience and what are the main challenges you have faced?

Other sections of the Review cover donors, wealthy donors and higher tax payers; Gift Aid in respect of rights of admission; and record keeping and the audit process.

The full list of questions is at http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/media/9/E/giftaid_questions_7.pdf Consultation background material can be found at http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/documents/public_spending_reporting/charity_third_sector_finance/psr_charity_thirdsector_giftaid.cfm [Back](#)

OCA GCSE criteria for history and other subjects: consultation to 14th September

Drafts of GCSE criteria are out for consultation by QCA (the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority) and its counterparts in Wales and Northern Ireland. The process aims to guarantee quality and consistency across awarding bodies, and different types of qualifications and subjects.

Subjects include citizenship, classical subjects, construction and the built environment, geography, history, leisure and tourism. The consultation is online until the 14th September via http://www.qca.org.uk/qca_11693.aspx Heritage Link members, please comment to Don Henson, leader of the Education Task Group via don.henson@britarch.ac.uk [Back](#)

PM's vision of 'new' politics with renewed local democracy

In the first major speech of the political season, the Prime Minister Gordon Brown outlined his vision for improving citizen engagement. Speaking at the Commonwealth Club on 3rd September to an audience of voluntary and community sector leaders, he spoke of his vision for a 'new' politics based on consensus that engages with people and draws on the widest range of talents and expertise not narrow circles of power. In effect he said we can't leave social challenges to Whitehall or the market, 'It is people who are engaged in changing the world as individuals, parents, neighbours and active citizens that will be the next momentum of change'.

Analysing why 'old' politics no longer works he touched on the parties and a political system that ignores new ideas leading to a weak level of participatory democracy. He announced new ways of reaching out including a radical renewal of consultation models establishing citizens' juries and cross party standing committees on long term and non-ideological issues one of which on land use in rural areas is noted below.

'I want to see vibrant reformed local democracy' the Prime Minister continued 'from neighbourhood level engagement, community calls to action, a renewed focus on the devolution of powers and responsibilities to local government'. The voluntary and community sector were he acknowledged already putting the principles of consulting, listening, engaging, involving and serving into practice every day...this is the new kind of politics I want'. In the local government proposals, he said the desire of the voluntary sector to be consulted will be fully recognised for the first time and that Hazel Blears, CLG Secretary of State, will be working on proposals for the extension of local democracy.

For the full text see www.number-10.gov.uk/output/Page13008.asp [Back](#)

Planning and land use to support sustainable rural communities

In the same speech the Prime Minister announced that Matthew Taylor Lib Dem MP for Truro and St Austell will advise and assist the Minister of State for Housing and the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, 'within the context of existing protection for the rural environment' on the application of land use planning policy 'to facilitate the provision of land for greater economic and social sustainability within rural communities, including land for enterprise and provision of affordable rural homes'.

Matthew Taylor will look at the practical issues around the identification and release of appropriate land for local economic development and affordable rural housing provision, working in conjunction with local government, parish councils and land owners. He will investigate the potential for increasing the provision of live/work space within rural communities and assess the local implementation of new planning rules on rural housing following the recommendations of the Affordable Rural Housing Commission. He will report around July 2008. For further information see <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/461710> [Back](#)

Unitary status raises concern

Nine regions have been announced as eligible for unitary status in a flagship restructuring of local government coordinated by the Department for Communities and Local Development (CLG). These are the five counties Cornwall, Durham, Northumberland, Shropshire and Wiltshire and four cities Bedford, Chester, Exeter and Ipswich. It is estimated that the scheme, which will reduce the number of councils in the respective areas from forty-six to eleven, should save local authorities over £150 million per year when fully implemented.

Under the proposals, the current two-tier system of administration will be redeveloped into a single unitary authority, which will incorporate the services formally overseen by individual councils a move which is likely to impact on the delivery of heritage services. Typically archaeological services are delivered at county level while conservation and building control sit in the district councils. 'It is also too early yet to gauge what impact the proposed restructuring will have on the museum sector', said Peter Berridge, general manager of Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service, speaking for the Museums' Association. The question of redundancy, a likely by-product of the restructuring, is also contentious.

Concern also exists that the plans will result in a 'democratic deficit', with key decision-making removed to a remote authority that has less understanding of localised needs; however, according to the CLG, the scheme includes plans to allow frontline councillors a greater role and increase their accountability to the local electorate. The transitional period is set to conclude by 2009. [Back](#)

EH Technical Advice Note: Flooding and historic buildings

All across the English countryside, historic towns and villages lie deep in water or suffer the muddy residues that result from the aftermath of the summer floods. English Heritage publishes timely technical guidance in the aftermath of floods and on flood disaster preparedness.

This Technical Advice Note is designed for those concerned with flood damaged buildings and their contents but particularly those which are of historic interest - whether statutorily listed or lying within conservation areas. Although the guidance has been specifically tailored to their needs, and with particular emphasis on older houses and small business premises, many of the measures will be applicable to the general building stock constructed before 1914.

The Note offers guidance on preventative measures, health and safety, cleaning up and drying out. It suggests sources of specialist help to inspect, conserve, repair or restore historic property with sources of further information and practical help listed at the end. The text concentrates on general principles so it points out that information on specific historic buildings and guidance on whether remedial treatments and repairs require consent should always be sought from the Conservation Officer in the local planning authority.

View or download the guidance from http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/upload/pdf/Flooding_and_Historic_Buildings_Technical_Advice_Note_2004.pdf [Back](#)

Estuaries for special conservation status

DEFRA has written to the European Commission to seek SAC (Special Areas of Conservation) status for three estuary sites, the Dee, the Humber and the Severn, to add to the UK's 611 SACs covering just over two and a half million hectares, as part of a long-running process of designation under the EU Habitats Directive.

The Severn Estuary has been selected as one of the best areas in the UK for mudflats, sand flats and Atlantic salt meadows. The Dee Estuary supports extensive areas of salt marsh and has the fifth largest extent of mudflats and sand flats of any estuary in the UK. It includes a dune system along the north-east coast of Wales. The Humber Estuary is the largest British coastal plain estuary on the North Sea coast, and drains one fifth of England.

DEFRA is at pains, however, to point out that SAC designation would not rule out tidal power development, including in the Severn Estuary, in appropriate circumstances. Biodiversity Minister Joan Ruddock said 'In submitting these sites the Government has demonstrated its commitment to the protection and restoration of the UK's richly diverse, and internationally important, wildlife habitats. We will work towards ensuring that our environmental protection agenda and our aim to develop renewable sources of power are complementary.' More detail on the EU designation is at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/latest/2007/estuaries-0831.htm> [Back](#)

Bishop stresses need for local consultation

Local people's access to the planning system should not be sacrificed simply to speed up decision making and planning legislation should tackle the proliferation of gated communities, the Church of England has warned the Department for Communities and Local Government. 'Good community relations are a vital part of planning sustainable settlements and their consideration should always be part of the planning process.'

Responding to the Planning White Paper *Planning for a Sustainable Future*, the Rt Revd Stephen Lowe, the Church of England's Bishop for Urban Life and Faith and chair of its Urban Bishops' Panel, stressed the importance of accessibility in the planning system. 'If there is to be public confidence in the planning system, accessibility is a key issue,' adding 'We do not believe, however, that accessibility should be sacrificed for speed. We hope consideration will be given to how effective full participation can be ensured at the 'open floor' stage of inquiries.'

At the heart of any large scale planning project needs to be commitment to a sustainable community life. The bishops' submission stresses the need to strengthen section 106 on planning gain and other provisions for community facilities as part of the strategic overview of the viability and potential of any new development. 'While we applaud the government's commitment to 'creating sustainable mixed communities', we believe that planning legislation should tackle the proliferation of gated communities and similar developments, which have no spatial or social relationship with local communities,' the bishops say. For the full response visit <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/news/pr8007.html> [Back](#)

Planning Aid's jargon buster

The language of planning is notoriously full of jargon so South West Planning Aid service has produced a jargon buster for a range of commonly used technical terms, see <http://www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk/SITE/UPLOAD/DOCUMENT/SW%20documents/TownPlanningBooklet-Glossary.pdf> If you find the jargon buster useful or have constructive comments to improve it let the South West team know by emailing swco@planningaid.rtpi.org.uk

Planning Aid, run in most regions by the Royal Town Planning Institute, provides free, independent and professional help, advice and support on planning issues to people and communities who cannot afford to hire a planning consultant. It aims to complement the work of local authorities but is wholly independent. To see if your group might qualify or to become a Planning Aid volunteer yourself visit <http://www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk/> [Back](#)

BBC Radio4 National Treasures

In the concluding programme in this BBC Radio4 series 'that attempts to put a price on culture', Lawrence Pollard and his guests considered whether politicians and funders should adopt a new approach to cultural treasures. Panel members were Minister of Culture Margaret Hodge, Christopher Frayling, and Dame Liz Forgan with Simon Jenkins and Janet Street Porter. A good discussion on funding criteria and measuring cultural value (assisted here by decision analyst and LSE Professor Larry Phillips) was overshadowed by Street Porter's perception of a bias towards middle class culture.

But the range of comments on the BBC website show that the series was provocative. Add your comments or listen again at http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/factual/nationaltreasures_20070905.shtml [Back](#)

What do you know about climate change?

A national survey has been launched to help determine how well professionals in the sustainable communities sector are equipped to deal with climate change issues. The Academy for Sustainable Communities (ASC) has commissioned Arup to develop an information resource about climate change for sustainable communities practitioners. The aim is to provide a first point-of-contact for practitioners who want to find out more about climate change, understand better how it relates to their work and find out what other sectors are doing in their response.

The online survey tests what sustainable communities practitioners know - and need to know - about climate change. The results will help inform the resource, which is the first part of ASC's drive to demystify climate change and develop skills programmes to support the move towards low carbon communities.

Individuals who participate in the survey will be entered into a draw by Arup to win a Fair Trade food hamper. The survey at: www.climatechangesurvey.co.uk/dccsurvey.htm is open until 14th September. [Back](#)

National figures on volunteering and giving

A Cabinet Office survey *Helping Out: A national survey of Volunteering and Charitable Giving* commissioned by the Office of the Third Sector, explores people's views and experiences of participation in voluntary activity and charitable giving. It finds that of the 2705 people interviewed, more than half (58%) had both volunteered and donated to charity in the last 12 months, and most (81%) had given to a charity within the last four weeks. The most common reasons for volunteering were 'to improve things or help people' (53%), 'because the cause was important' (41%) or 'because they had spare time' (41%). When it came to giving to charity, the importance of the charity's work topped the list of reasons for those surveyed (52%), closely followed by a belief that it is the right thing to do (41%).

Minister for the Third Sector, Phil Hope, said 'This news is encouraging to anyone who believes, as I do, in the power and value of third sector organisations to change lives and communities for the better. But there are also challenges ahead. Many still feel unable to volunteer, particularly those on the fringes of society. There's also a clear gap when it comes to opportunities for training and qualifications being offered to volunteers. That's why the Government will continue to focus our efforts on knocking down the barriers that exist to volunteering, while working with the sector and other key stakeholders to ensure there is enhanced, more widespread training available for volunteers.'

For more statistics from the 2006/7 survey see the pdf at

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/documents/research_statistics/helping_out_national_survey_2007.pdf
f For a free copy call 0845 015 0010 quoting URN 07/Z6 and the title of the publication. [Back](#)

GoldStar volunteering programme goes on the road

The Office of the Third Sector (OTS) also announces eight regional road shows between 5th September and 3rd October as part of the GoldStar volunteering and mentoring programme. The purpose of the events is to raise awareness of volunteering and mentoring opportunities for volunteers from socially excluded groups and to promote examples of good practice.

Each event hopes to attract between 100 and 150 delegates from a range of voluntary organisations, including those who coordinate work at the grass roots level for the voluntary and community sector and for GoldStar projects. They take place in Newcastle, Salford, Leeds, Nottingham, Birmingham, Peterborough, Bristol and London. The events will be attended by representatives from the Office of the Third Sector's strategic partners, such as Volunteering England and the Mentoring and Befriending Foundation. To book a free place at one of the road shows or to find out more information visit the Goldstar website at

http://www.goldstar.org.uk/goldstar_events.html

The GoldStar programme is the two-year, £5million programme, funded by the Cabinet Office, which was launched in November 2005, to spread good practice in the development of volunteering among people with no qualifications, ethnic minorities and people with disabilities or long-term illnesses. [Back](#)

Making Sense of Volunteering: literature review

Heritage Link's submission to the Future of Volunteering Commission's call for evidence is rewarded with a copy of *Making Sense of Volunteering* published originally in 2006. Any omission from Heritage Link Update definitely needs redressing as the 40 page publication gives a thought provoking analysis and summary of the challenges ahead. 'The giving of time by over 20,000,000 people in England makes a difference to the lives of individuals, communities and issues' says Baroness Neuberger, Chair of the Commission.

The author, Colin Rochester, draws on the growing research interest in volunteering both in the UK and internationally to explore the nature of the volunteering phenomenon. He contrasts 'classic' volunteerism with 'new' volunteerism. He presents key facts and figures (by ethnic origin, by age, by motivation, by activity) from the 2005 Citizenship survey. He goes on to identify key changes in our society that are likely to affect future patterns of involvement - an ageing population, changes in perspectives on retirement, communities of place, the virtual society - against developments in public and social policy. He sees a growth in episodic and employer supported volunteering, looks at virtual volunteering and gap years. The final chapter charts compares two differing perceptions of volunteering - the more traditional volunteering industry and the more inclusive concept of voluntary action.

Read it or download it from http://www.volcomm.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/6EF238B5-0425-4F99-930E-E7665CAAEEC6/0/Making_sense_of_volunteering.pdf [Back](#)

Heritage Lottery passes £4billion

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) is celebrating reaching the £4billion milestone. James Purnell, Culture Secretary, said 'The Heritage Lottery Fund has made an outstanding contribution to the cultural life of the UK. Our heritage - in all its forms - is richer and better preserved today thanks to their work. The Fund itself, and the Lottery players who make it possible, have an enormous amount to be proud of.'

HLF receives 4.66 pence per National Lottery ticket sold. This means that £85.8billion worth of lottery tickets have been sold to reach this £4billion milestone! An area the equivalent of 100,000 football pitches has been bought, conserved and restored with HLF's help; HLF projects have involved more than 120,000 volunteers - together giving over a millennium of their time to heritage; HLF has helped conserve rare species in the UK, including red-barbed ants, horseshoe bats and basking sharks; its projects have brought 100 miles of waterways - the length of 320 Olympic swimming pools - back into use; and over 130,000 school and college students have got hands-on with heritage through HLF. [Back](#)

£4million boost For Museums across England

Forty-three museums and galleries in England will benefit from grants totalling £4 million, Culture Minister Margaret Hodge announced on 30th August. Provided jointly by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and the Wolfson Foundation, the grants will help improve the quality of museum displays and the visitor experience.

This year's grants go to an imaginative array of projects aimed at improving access and understanding of cultural heritage. They include the conservation and rehang of 18th century 'mobile' Chinese wallpaper lost for 150 years at Harewood House; the refurbishment of the Tank Museum at Bovington; the creation of a major new exhibition of London's history from 1950 to the present at the Museum of London; and an innovative new signage system at the British Museum using images of iconic objects in the collection.

This is the sixth year of the current DCMS/Wolfson Foundation Museums & Galleries Improvement Fund, which has awarded a total of £20 million to institutions around the country since it was set up in 2002. For the full list of awards see http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Press_notices/archive_2007/dcms099_07.htm [Back](#)

Historic Scotland gives communities a regeneration boost

Six communities will be transformed by almost £2m by Historic Scotland funding. The Conservation Area Regeneration Schemes (CARS) in Aberdeen, Brechin, Coupar, Angus, Dalkeith, Dysart and Kilmarnock are intended to kick-start local authority-led projects to breathe new life into historic areas.

Linda Fabiani, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture, said 'I know how important it is for people to be able to take pride in their communities. These schemes are about celebrating local heritage and the first round of successful grants are already delivering results. They bring real social, economic and visual benefits to parts of our towns and cities that have been in decline'. CARS specifically target historic areas with social and economic disadvantages that affect their capacity to support sustainable regeneration. Grants are targeted towards conservation areas where amongst other criteria, strategic regeneration is being addressed through a Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI).

The Scottish funding scheme can be used for repairs and improvements to private homes and businesses as well as restoring buildings to bring them back into use. Local authorities can also use the money to appoint qualified conservation staff to guide the project or provide training in traditional skills. Owners can apply for small grants for improvements such as restoring sash and case windows or clearing gutters. CARS are partnership projects in which Historic Scotland will be just one of the funding bodies. They typically include the Heritage Lottery Fund local authorities, heritage trusts and other public or voluntary bodies. Contributions are also made by the private sector.

For further information on the projects see <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/news-full-article.htm?articleid=26848> [Back](#)

Historic Scotland awards over £800,000 in grant aid

Historic Scotland also announces its Building Repairs Grant scheme offers. Grants of more than £800,000 have been offered for projects involving listed buildings of outstanding historic and architectural importance throughout Scotland. In the last 15 years more than £150 million has been distributed to secure the future of the historic environment in Scotland.

The projects to benefit this year are: The Barracks, Lower Square, Hynish, Tiree; Knockando Woolmill, Aberlour, Moray; St Vincent Street Church, 265, St Vincent Street, Glasgow; Townlands Barn, High Street, Cromarty; Former Erskine Church, 15, Bank Street, Annan; and Riverside Cottage, Newbattle Abbey College, Newbattle Road, Dalkeith. Further details of the offers are at <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/news-full-article.htm?articleid=26844> [Back](#)

Culture Euro Seminars

This autumn's Culture Euro Seminars provide all the latest information on European cultural co-operation and funding opportunities for 2007. They will explore Culture 2007, as well as the new programmes for education, training, young people, the environment, research & development - plus the new Structural Funds, and possible new opportunities from the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) budgets.

All the afternoon seminars (at £50+VAT per person) will take place at Arts Council England regional offices in London, Cambridge, Newcastle, Birmingham, Nottingham, Dewsbury, Manchester, Brighton, London and Exeter. For dates, times, venues and to book online www.euclid.info or email info@euclid.info [Back](#)

East Midlands Funders' Forum workshops

East Midlands Funders Forum (EMFF) is expanding its programme of workshops for funders who wish to improve their grant making practice and for people who work for organisations who want to improve their chances of receiving funding - grants, loans, sponsorship. Topics include Good practice in Monitoring and Evaluation, applying to large funders, applying to Trusts and Companies, full cost recovery, risk assessments, grant making and the law and reading accounts.

Regeneration East Midlands also runs a regeneration skills programme, REM Skills, to ensure that the regeneration sector has access to high quality, targeted training, networks and best practice.

For dates and to register for courses visit

<http://www.regenerationem.co.uk/forms.asp?key=AD173|0|58C14203439988|p|1420|0&parentkey=AD173|0|58C14203439988|p|1420|0> For enquiries call 0870 240 4459 or email info@regenerationem.co.uk [Back](#)

Scotland's Heritage Paths

A three-year project launched by ScotWays with the support of grants from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) will combine heritage with outdoor activities. The *Heritage Paths* Project expects to raise awareness of the rich heritage of Scotland's paths and tracks used by (among others) drovers, coffin carriers, fishwives and smugglers. Historic military tracks were built from the time of the Roman legions to General Wade's Redcoats. Closer to settlements, and in more modern times, there are paths used by generations of schoolchildren and by miners on their way to the pits.

Routes like these will be recorded under the *Heritage Paths* Project. The project will identify and research heritage paths and record them in a national database containing information about their history and heritage value as well as path surveys and maps. Volunteers will be encouraged to become involved in researching and surveying the routes, so learning more about their local and national heritage. People will be able to find out more about the routes from the internet, leaflets and a book, and maps and signposts will encourage them to use the routes and help them to find the way on the ground. A full-time project officer will be appointed to co-ordinate the project (see under Situations Vacant below).

ScotWays is a charity founded in 1845 to protect and develop access to the Scottish countryside for all. More information from <http://www.scotways.com/> [Back](#)

International Slavery Museum opens in Liverpool

UNESCO's designated International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade, 23rd August, was marked by the opening of the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool - the first museum of its type in the UK. It shares premises with the Merseyside Maritime Museum at Liverpool's Albert Dock just yards away from the dry docks where 18th century slave trading ships were repaired and fitted out. For Ministers' comments see <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/440532>

The year has been marked by plenty of activity in the heritage world: the Heritage Lottery Fund has awarded over £13 million to more than 145 bicentenary projects, much of it has gone to small, community groups, who can focus specifically on local stories. English Heritage brought out *Sites of Memory*, see <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.17483> The magazine, *Bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act 1807* -

2007 is available to download from www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1508984 Paper copies can be ordered free of charge by phoning 0870 122 6236 and quoting product code 06 REU 04476. A programme of activities and events to mark the bicentenary can be found at www.direct.gov.uk/slavery [Back](#)

Legacy gives new direction to ASHTAV

Thanks to a considerable legacy from founder Herbert Lane who died in 2005, ASHTAV (The Association of Small Historic Towns and Villages) is now in a stronger position to move forward in its mission to be the voice of the market towns of Britain. Amongst other initiatives, the Association, a registered charity, is now seeking a part-time director to take ASHTAV forward and be its public face.

It is planned that the new director should be in post before the end of the year and interviews are expected to be held in London in October. The position is advertised in Situations Vacant below. Initial enquiries to danwild@danwild.net [Back](#)

Deadline for 2008 Waterways Renaissance Awards 21st September

The Waterways Renaissance Awards aim to celebrate and encourage best practice in sustainable waterway development and regeneration throughout the UK. Since the awards started in 2002, some 70 outstanding waterway regeneration schemes have been honoured.

Entries for the 2008 Waterways Renaissance Awards, evaluating outstanding design, construction and regeneration projects centred around or along the nation's inland waterways, must be made by 21st September.

For details of the assessment criteria and how to enter contact the awards team on 020 7539 4030, awards@bura.org.uk Further information is also available at www.bura.org.uk/awards [Back](#)

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Historic Buildings Advisory Council for Wales

The Welsh Assembly Government invites people who have the relevant skills and experience to apply to serve as members of the Historic Buildings Advisory Council for Wales (HBAC). HBAC members are all experts in aspects of the historic environment of Wales. Applicants will be expected to demonstrate a high level of professional or academic achievement in conservation architecture, Welsh history or related disciplines and a detailed knowledge of Welsh historic buildings or parks and gardens.

For further information see

http://new.wales.gov.uk/about/career_opportunities/publicapps/currentvacs/Historic?lang=en or email the Public Appointments Unit at PublicAppointments@wales.gsi.gov.uk Closing date 14th September. [Back](#)

EVENTS

Shaping Places: Taking Lyons Forward, Newcastle Upon Tyne - 13th September

This is the second in a series of seminars being offered by NCVO's Local Government Network. This half day seminar will reflect on the final report of Sir Michael Lyons *Place Shaping: a shared agenda for the future of local government*. Lyons states that the modern role of local government is 'place-shaping' or the 'creative use of powers and influence to promote the general well being of a community and its citizens'.

His description underscores that place shaping is primarily about civil society and community, not formal structures of local government. It is also an intrinsic part of the work of the voluntary and community sector (VCS): voluntary and community organisations (VCOs) have a crucial role in enhancing the social, economic and environmental well being of an area.

Members of NCVO may attend free. Fees for non-members at <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/events/latest/?id=5214> For more information contact Annie Collart, 020 7520 2559 or email anne.collart@ncvo-vol.org.uk [Back](#)

Open House Talks: The Greening of the Capital's Homes - 13th September

London Open House will feature talks on eco issues in the built environment, including, on 13th September, *Transformation - from Victorian house to sustainable home*. This takes place at the Allgood Gallery, 72-73 Warren Street, London W1T 5PE at 6.30pm. Tickets for all talks are free but must be pre-booked. To book visit the search page <http://www.londonopenhouse.org/london/find/> and enter the talk name. [Back](#)

Making History: Antiquaries in Britain 1707-2007, 15th September - 2nd December

A tercentenary exhibition in the Royal Academy will explore the work and achievement of the Society of Antiquaries of London over the past three hundred years since its foundation in the early eighteenth century. The exhibition, curated by David Starkey, will consist of 190 works, and showcase for the first time treasures from Britain's oldest Learned Society concerned with the study of the past.

The exhibition will be accompanied by a catalogue which will include an essay by David Starkey and contributions by fellows and staff at the Society of Antiquaries of London. For details see

www.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibitions/makinghistory/ [Back](#)

Urban Design Week: 16th - 22nd September

Urban Design Week 2007 engages a range of members, all representing professions involved in urban design, in looking beyond their own disciplines to better understand place-making. Tours, events, visits, talks and projects will be organised across the UK. To find out what's on, visit www.udal.org.uk [Back](#)

IHBC: An Inconvenient Roof: Renewable energy and the historic environment - 25th September

IHBC London Branch's 4th Annual Conference, offers conservation professionals, planners, architects, surveyors and engineers an opportunity to develop an understanding of the key renewable energy generation sources from leading practitioners and to examine and discuss the impact of such installations on the historic environment. The conference will be held at the Royal College of Physicians, Regent's Park, London. For booking details contact Nick Collins on 020 7973 3739, Fax: 020 7973 3792, email: nick.collins@english-heritage.org.uk [Back](#)

Pattern books: could they provide a solution to today's housing crisis? 27th September

This free seminar and debate will take place at the Gallery, Alan Baxter & Associates, 75 Cowcross Street, London at 1-3pm on 27th September. Speakers include Ian Abley on *Design codes, permitted development rights or pattern books?* Professor Colin Davies on *Why architects should get involved in pattern books*; Stephen Ibbitson on *There's only so much you can do with a house plan*; and Peter Guillery on *Georgian London's house plans: variation and standardisation*. All are invited to come and give your views on how pattern books could be relevant to new and existing housing in 2007. Contact James Stevens on 020 7394 1542, or james.stevens@english-heritage.org.uk in advance. [Back](#)

Short Course: Sustainable Communities - the skills to deliver - 10th and 11th October

The Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA) is offering an intensive short course based around four areas of skills and knowledge essential to those involved in delivering major development and new communities. A full programme examines community leadership and policy; development finance and economics; land assembly and value capture; and eco-towns and climate change. Download a booklet and booking information at <http://www.tcpa.org.uk/events.asp> [Back](#)

South East Historic Environment Forum: Networking Event and Discussion Forum - 1st November

Following a successful regional event in 2006 run by Heritage Link in partnership with voluntary sector members from the South East Historic Environment Forum (HEF), the Forum has invited all those in the South East heritage community and nearby to a networking lunch and event, to include the launch of Heritage Counts South East 2007 on 1st November. The programme allows for open discussion of issues pertinent to the sector in 2007, especially discussion of the White Paper Heritage Protection for the 21st Century. Sessions include SEEDA and the Heritage Sector, case studies for heritage skills and learning from the HLF and the HHA, and a presentation on the Shaw House Restoration Project.

The event will take place at the newly restored Shaw House, Newbury, Berkshire on Thursday 1st November 2007. To request a booking form and programme contact Lyndsay Riddell, English Heritage Regional Policy Officer, on 01483 252055, Lyndsay.Riddell@english-heritage.org.uk [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

Association of Small Historic Towns and Villages (ASHTAV): Director

The Association of Small Historic Towns and Villages (ASHTAV) is looking for a part-time Director to raise the national profile of the association which is primarily concerned with the conservation and sustainability of the country's smaller towns and villages. Membership consists of amenity societies and parish councils. For more background refer to www.ashtav.org.uk

The Director should have a sound understanding of planning legislation and processes and have the ability to assess the implications of national and local policies on the ASHTAV membership. The Director will be expected to represent ASHTAV in public. The successful candidate will work from a home office and attend regular Trustee meetings held either in Oxford or London.

The salary is negotiable, dependant on hours and experience. Initial enquiries to Dan Wild (Hon Sec) at danwild@danwild.net and applications to him at 2,Warwick Court, Abbey Road, Malvern, Worcestershire, WR14 3HU. Closing date 17th September.

ScotWays: Heritage Paths Project Officer, Edinburgh

This is a major new 3-year project, grant funded by Scottish Natural Heritage and the HLF in partnership with ScotWays. The key aims will be conservation and promotion of routes of historic and heritage interest, leading to increased participation in outdoor recreation and appreciation of the heritage value of the routes.

Applicants should be educated to degree level or equivalent, with knowledge of: geography and history of Scotland; the framework for outdoor access in Scotland and the voluntary sector. Experience should ideally include project management; working in outdoor access in Scotland; working in the voluntary sector and/or a local authority; research work; preparation of material for publication; co-ordination of volunteers and ability to link with other relevant projects; involving schools, local groups etc in project work; fundraising. Excellent all-round IT skills are essential and GIS experience is also desirable.

Salary £20,000. Full details at <http://www.scotways.com/news/detail.php?newsid=112>

The Society of Antiquaries of London: 2 posts

1. Head of Library and Collections

Bernard Nurse FSA, SAL's long-standing Librarian, will be retiring at the end of 2007, and a successor is now sought to take responsibility for the efficient management, promotion and development of the research library and museum collections, including manuscripts, paintings, prints and drawings. Candidates need an excellent track record of managing and developing a library, archive or historic collection at a senior level, a high level of knowledge of printed and electronic resources and the use of ICT, a relevant professional qualification and an advanced level of expertise in history, archaeology or subject relevant to the Society's interests. Salary scale £35,500 - £47,800. Closing date 5th October and start date 1st January 2008 or as soon as possible thereafter.

2. Assistant Librarian (Cataloguing)

The Society is seeking someone to be responsible for original cataloguing in a variety of European languages on the Voyager library system, for entry of bibliographic acquisitions data, for authority control work and for the cataloguing of the Society's special collections. Candidates need to have appropriate experience of MARC 21 cataloguing, a reading knowledge of at least one European language, an honours or postgraduate degree in librarianship/ information science, and an interest in subjects relevant to the Society's collections. Salary scale £20,566 to £26,614. Closing date 5th October; start date 1st December or as soon as possible thereafter.

Full job descriptions and how to apply can be found at www.sal.org.uk/vacancies

The Architectural Heritage Fund: Projects and Development Officer

This post is full-time, based in Scotland/ northern England covering projects in Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England working from home, involving considerable travel and some out-of-hours work, including regular visits to central London. The position's main focus is encouraging, supporting and processing applications for grants, along with some policy work.

The ideal candidate will be flexible, enthusiastic and an excellent communicator, educated to degree level or equivalent, computer literate and used to working in a team. Experience of or a strong interest in the built heritage is also essential, together with an understanding of the project development process.

Salary up to £25,000 plus benefits. Full description at www.ahfund.org.uk Apply with CV and covering letter outlining suitability for the post by 21st September to Diane Kendal, The Architectural Heritage Fund, Alhambra House, 27-31 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0AU, diane@ahfund.org.uk

Sir John Soane's Museum: Exhibitions Curator

The Exhibitions Curator will be responsible for the co-ordination of exhibitions in the Soane Gallery, furthering an understanding of the Museum and its architectural collections as well as having input into the educational activities of the museum. Applicants should have a good degree, be imaginative, enjoy dealing with the public and

able to work to tight deadlines. Practical experience of writing about architecture and mounting exhibitions will be an advantage and, within the role, an expectation to develop an expertise in cataloguing architectural drawings.

Full job description from www.soane.org Salary £23,000.

Applications in the form of a CV and supporting letter, with the names and addresses of two referees, should be sent in writing to The Secretary, Sir John Soane's Museum, 13 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3BP. Closing date 24th September. Interviews w/b 8th October.

Historic Royal Palaces: 2 Posts

1. Treatment Conservation Manager (Ref: S07-28)
2. Preventive and Science Conservation Manager (Ref: S07-29)

Both posts are part of a 33-strong team working at five internationally significant historical sites: Hampton Court Palace, Tower of London, Kensington Palace, Kew Palace and the Banqueting House. Ideally the Treatment Conservation Manager will be an advanced level textile conservator, and the Preventive and Science Conservation Manager should have an in depth understanding of the scientific base for preventive risk management.

Applicants should be specialists, combining technical expertise with a team approach, flexibility and strong interpersonal, managerial and customer service skills. They will mastermind the delivery of a complex and well-established programme of treatments or preventive risk management and scientific research to the highest standards. The roles contribute to a communication and training mandate as well as policy, project culture and ambitious palace-wide re-presentation plan. For full details email recruitment@hrp.org.uk stating relevant reference numbers. Closing date 19th September.

Donald Insall Associates in Cambridge/ Chester/ London/ Shrewsbury: 4 posts

Opportunities for talented and enthusiastic architects with a minimum of 3 years experience and an interest in conservation. Work will include a challenging range of historic and new building projects in sensitive areas. Applicants should have good design skills, job running experience on listed buildings, a strong record in the production of working drawings and specifications, and be proficient in the use of AutoCAD. Hand drawing would also be advantageous.

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

Arup: Built Heritage Consultant

Arup, the environmental and design consultancy employing over 170 environmental professionals worldwide, offers an environmental service providing imaginative, practical and cost effective solutions that meet clients' particular needs. Arup is expanding its cultural heritage services and wishes to appoint a built heritage consultant to its London based team. The position is for a graduate/post graduate with a minimum of three years experience in the built heritage industry. Applicants should be motivated and enthusiastic with good communication skills.

Contact Helen Glass, Cultural Heritage Associate for information on 0207 755 2172 or at helen.glass@arup.com

English Heritage - 2 posts (London based)

1. Heritage Protection Co-ordinator (Ref: R/37/07)

This role will help to implement the reformed heritage protection system on a day-to-day, administrative basis. This will involve sifting and identifying casework for progression and flagging contentious cases efficiently and accurately to suit agreed timetables. An interest in the historic environment, excellent communication skills and an office background are required. Ideally candidates will have knowledge of the current procedures relating to heritage protection. Candidates must be personable, able to deal with a broad range of contacts, highly organised and have good attention to detail and a sound working knowledge of databases. Salary: c. £20,800 pa (inc. London Weighting) Fixed term contract to 31st March 2008.

2. Performance and Planning Assistant (Ref: R/38/07)

This role will provide administrative and project support to the Performance and Planning Manager and the Head of Corporate Governance. The successful candidate will have a wide range of general administrative duties including handling information requests, liaising with contacts across the organisation and at the DCMS, and maintaining systems to ensure requests are dealt with effectively. The job also involves occasional special projects, e.g. producing one-off corporate publications. There is considerable written work and the post is

responsible for Corporate Planning's intranet and internet presence. Full time permanent role (or secondment, min. 2 years). Salary c£18,000 pa.

Closing date for both posts 21st September. For an application pack, email recruitHQ@english-heritage.org.uk quoting the reference in the subject box. No CVs.

City Of London: Planning Officer (Urban Design)

A vacancy has arisen for a Planning Officer with conservation and urban design experience to work in a multi-disciplinary team dealing with development and historic environment issues in the City of London. A qualification in Town Planning, Urban Design or Building Conservation is required along with substantial experience in urban design, conservation and development control.

The post is responsible for a range of work including conservation area character summaries and management strategies, listed buildings at risk, listed building management guidelines, design guidance and policy including the LDF and supplementary planning documents. The role must promote high quality design and the protection of historic environment in the Square Mile. For an informal discussion contact David March, Development Manager (Design) on 020 7332 1153.

Salary up to £36,920 pa inc. London Weighting. Application packs from www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/jobs or email cru@cityoflondon.gov.uk Ref PLN036. Closing date 21st September.

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