

Heritage Link Update 131

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House of Lords confirms no further diversion of Lottery funds to 2012 Olympics

Following the Secretary of State's statement in the House of Commons debate on 15th January that no further raids would be made on the Lottery for the 2012 Olympics, Heritage Link, Voluntary Arts Network, CCPR and ncvo, pressed the Government for the same assurances to be given in the Lords debate to approve the transfer order on 30th January.

Speaking for the Government, Lord Davies of Oldham confirmed 'First, there will be no further diversion from lottery good causes to fund the Olympics. We will not continue to collect funding from the planned Olympic Lottery game after the target of £750 million for that is reached.' He went on to restate that 'The revised memorandum of understanding agreed with the Mayor of London includes a new profit-sharing arrangement for land sales after the Games, making provision for the non-Olympic Lottery good causes to get back all of the additional contribution of £675 million which is being taken over the next few years.' The Government will examine the case for a move to gross profits tax for the lottery which could generate an extra £45m per annum for lottery distributors.

Lord Clement-Jones, Lib Dem Spokesman on culture moved an amendment to the Motion, at end to insert 'but this House calls on Her Majesty's Government to mitigate the impact of this draft order through exploration of other funding options and to guarantee that the Arts, heritage, sport, charity and voluntary sectors adversely affected by the draft Order benefit from any increase in land value in the Olympic site following completion of the 2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games.' The motion was

withdrawn but afforded a discussion of the delays in repaying from the sales of Olympics assets and whether interest would be payable on this 'loan'.

So the campaign by the voluntary culture bodies, Heritage Link Voluntary Arts Network, Central Council for Physical Recreation and ncvo, could not stop the diversion. But it has significantly raised awareness that there is a big arts, heritage and sports voluntary sector not covered by the ring fencing agreement for Big Lottery Fund recipients. For Heritage Link it earned recognition from Secretary of State James Purnell, who in a last-minute conversation with Heritage Link's Chairman before the Commons debate said that Heritage Link should take credit for mounting a very effective campaign. [Back](#)

Conservatives launch National Lottery Independence Bill

Responding to the outcry over the diversion of Lottery funds, the Conservative Party announced proposals it says would protect National Lottery good causes in future. The National Lottery Independence Bill, launched by Conservative Party leader David Cameron and shadow culture secretary Jeremy Hunt on 7th February, pledges to reform the National Lottery by 'restoring its independence from the Government and politicians', as well as maximising returns for the original good causes of sport, the arts, heritage and the voluntary and community sectors.

It would introduce a gross profits tax regime and cap the administration costs of Lottery distributors. These measures could result in an extra £182 million being ploughed back into grassroots sports, heritage and arts projects and the voluntary sector. Mr Cameron stressed that the Lottery should be used to fund initiatives that have nothing to do with politicians, in order to 'put power into the hands of communities and allow them to transform their quality of life'.

Greg Clark, shadow charities minister, explained further details: 'The bill would protect the share of Big Lottery Fund money that goes to voluntary and community groups. The voluntary sector component will be named the Voluntary Action Fund to reflect the emphasis of its activities. It will have a guarantee of at least the current level of funding that goes from the BLF to voluntary sector organisations.

For the Conservatives' statement see

http://www.conservatives.com/tile.do?def=news.story.page&obj_id=142217 [Back](#)

Scottish heritage body to be scrapped

Following the news in Update 130 that no new heritage protection legislation is to be brought forward in Scotland, now the independent Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland (HEACS) is to be abolished. HEACS, sponsored by Historic Scotland, is one of several conservation bodies affected by plans confirmed on 30th January by First Minister Alex Salmond. Fifty two bodies will be abolished or merged reducing the number of national public organisations in Scotland to 121.

Robin Turner Head of Archaeological Services for the National Trust for Scotland commented 'HEACS is the only body to provide independent advice to Scottish ministers and offer longer term strategic thinking... It's not seen as Historic Scotland's remit to look as broadly and deeply as HEACS does at the historic infrastructure. HEACS has a reputation for being independent and constructively critical'.

The Trust welcomed the decision to reconsider the merger between the Royal Commission for Ancient and Historic Monuments with Historic Scotland and to look at rationalizing the Commission's archive work, together with the National Archives of Scotland and Scotland's People.

It also welcomed plans to place Scotland's marine environment under a single body, the Marine Management Organisation. The wide ranging Government announcement also affects nature conservation. The merger of the Deer Commission with Scottish Natural Heritage is viewed as a logical step by Richard Luxmoore, the Trust's Senior Nature Conservation adviser. Greater coordination by the creation of a single environmental and rural delivery service to land managers is another welcome move - in principle. It is hoped this may help address some of the problems in the new agri-environment system with resourcing historic environment information and advice.

For the Government press statement see

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/01/30142848> For the NTS statement see <http://www.nts.org.uk/News/> [Back](#)

CLG Select Committee Inquiry on Planning Skills: to 27th February

The Communities and Local Government Committee, which is responsible for scrutinising the work and policy responsibilities of the Department has just announced an inquiry into the skills capacity within local government to deliver sustainable communities.

The inquiry following on from Sir John Egan's *Review of Skills for Sustainable Communities* will look at recent changes to the range and detail of knowledge and skills needed by staff within planning departments; the main areas where a lack of skills is most pronounced; the skills needed by, and level of training provided to, councillors who make planning decisions, including on the proposed local member review bodies; the role and effectiveness of agencies involved in monitoring, developing and providing specialist knowledge and skills for planning officials and councillors, and their response to changes to the demands placed on planning departments; the effectiveness of Government in supporting local authorities as they respond to changes in the demands placed on them, and the long-term effectiveness of measures being taken by local authorities and others to mitigate gaps in the skills and knowledge within planning departments. See

http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/clg/clg_200708_pn18.cfm

The Committee invites individuals and organisations to submit written evidence addressing the inquiry's terms of reference by 27th February. The progress of the inquiry can be followed at:

www.parliament.uk/clgcom For queries on the submission of evidence contact James Cutting, Committee Specialist, tel: 020 7219 1342 or email cuttingj@parliament.uk [Back](#)

Draft Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill: new Inquiry to 17th March

This Bill, published on 7th January would make it illegal to damage or attack cultural property protected by the 1954 Hague Convention in the Event of Armed Conflict and complete the UK's ratification of the major pieces of international humanitarian law. In a new inquiry, the Culture Media and Sport Select Committee seeks views on its overall aims and whether the Bill is structured and drafted in a way which enables those aims to be met.

Written submissions are invited from interested parties; these should be sent to Rowena Macdonald, Committee Secretary by 17th March. The Committee would welcome copies of responses to the invitation by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport to comment on the draft Bill.

Submissions are requested in word or rich text format (not as a PDF document) and sent by email to cmscom@parliament.uk although letters will also be accepted. Submissions sent by post should be sent to Rowena Macdonald, Secretary of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, House of Commons, 7 Millbank, London SW1P 3JA.. For further information on the Inquiry and members of the Committee see http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/culture_media_and_sport/cms080131.cfm [Back](#)

Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund: DEFRA consultation to 29th April

DEFRA invites views on proposals for the Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund's aims, objectives and activities; who should deliver them and how the funding should be allocated from April 2008 to March 2011. The Fund aims to reduce the environmental impacts of the extraction of aggregates and to deliver benefits to areas subject to these impacts which include protecting the countryside and sustainable rural communities.

The funding available will be £24m per year and document covers proposals for £21m of this funding. The remaining £3m per year will be used for activities identified during the years the ALSF operates.

These proposals build on the successes of the Fund so far. For the period 2008-11 it is proposed that the Fund should reduce the environmental footprint of aggregates production and deliver benefits in areas of extraction in line with five overarching themes: quarries; marine; resource use; transport; and communities. The consultation document sets out proposed objectives for each of these themes, along with relevant ALSF activities to date, its strategic context and stock-take of current issues together with proposed activities, delivery partners, targets and funding.

Responses by 29th April should be sent to either DEFRA Rural Policy Division, Area 3A, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR or by email to alsf.consultation@defra.gsi.gov.uk For the full consultation document go to <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/alsf-08/index.htm> [Back](#)

Review of 'Call in' Directions: Consultation to 31st March

Comments are invited on proposals to reduce planning applications referred to Government by local authorities for consideration of whether they should be 'called in' for Ministers to decide. This consultation paper fulfils the commitment in the Planning White Paper published last May to consult on measures that would reduce Secretary of State's involvement in casework. These proposed changes, relating to England only, can be achieved without amending either primary or secondary legislation, as they take the form of directions contained within Departmental Circulars.

The Government proposes that all existing directions be withdrawn, and a single new call in direction be issued with the following 5 requirements for referral covering playing fields, green belt, flooding, town centres and heritage (World Heritage Sites and their settings). It would still be open to individuals or organisations to request that an application be called in, by approaching their regional Government Office in the first instance.

Respondents are asked where possible to support comments with evidence even if only anecdotal. Comments should be sent by 31st March to Review of Call-In Directions Consultation, PCC Division, Communities and Local Government, Zone 1/J1 Eland House; Bressenden Place, London, SW1E 5DU. email: PCC@communities.gsi.gov.uk The consultation document can be found at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/doc/25> [Back](#)

First Cultural Seascape - World Heritage bid launched

Portsmouth Harbour, the Isle of Wight and Spithead are in the running as the world's first cultural seascape under a new bid for World Heritage Site status themed on the Defence of the Realm. After a year of preparatory work, a consortium of organisations held a public meeting on 28th January to launch the project.

Representatives from the Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology described the unique combination of geography and history which shaped this part of the Solent and how the dockyard and its supporting establishments, gunwharf, ordnance, victualling, ship-testing, hospitals, were distinctive to the area's history. The Solent River's submerged landscape holds evidence of its pre-history in the tidal zone and under water. Concerns that WHS status might jeopardise the navy's freedom of operation will be addressed in a forthcoming study of the effect that World Heritage designation would have on the navy's operations, commissioned by Defences Estates.

Peter Goodship of the Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust concluded 'We are at the very beginning of a journey and we still have much to learn about the process. And, importantly, we do not yet know how the new DCMS guidelines which were to be published last Autumn may impact on our ideas. What we do know is that the DCMS wish to review the current waiting list, remove those who have been on it for many years and made no progress and admit new applicants who have a real chance of success. We wish to be one of those new boys.'

The Steering Group are now planning Phase 2 - to widen its membership, and to work on the medium-term gains which will reward the process, whether or not it succeeds with world recognition.

Further information on the proposed inscription can be found on the Portsmouth Society website <http://www.portsmouthsociety.org.uk/news2007/worldheritage3.htm> [Back](#)

New houses preferred to regeneration in Avebury WHS site

Plans to build five new homes within the Avebury World Heritage Site were passed by Kennet District Council on Friday, 18th January by twelve votes to one, despite objections from the National Trust, English Heritage, The Avebury Society, the International Council on Monuments and Sites UK (ICOMOS-UK), Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society and the Campaign to Protect Rural England. Kennet's own Conservation Officer is reported by the local newspaper, the Wiltshire Gazette & Herald, to have recommended rejection of the plans as not being in accordance with Kennet's own local plan policies, but the planning committee felt that the application to demolish Bond's Garage on Swindon Road and erect five new homes was 'the best solution for the future of the site'.

These organisations would prefer to have seen the buildings re-used rather than demolished, and converted to a hostel or hotel but local councillors expressed the view that to stifle development at Avebury because it was a World Heritage Site would be wrong. [Back](#)

Federation of Master Builders: cut the VAT - nine convincing reasons

A broad coalition of organisations including the Federation of Master Builders (FMB), the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), the Empty Homes Agency, the Bathroom Manufacturers Association and the National Home Improvement Council (NHIC), has been formed calling on the Government to cut VAT from 17.5 per cent to five per cent for all building repair and maintenance work.

The Cut the VAT Coalition is calling for a reduction in VAT to help the Government achieve its target of cutting carbon emissions by 60 per cent by 2050; to help eliminate cowboy builders; and to tackle fuel poverty. The coalition argues that a reduced rate of VAT can reap economic benefits in terms of employment and reduce the black economy. It could reduce the number of empty homes by encouraging repair work, reducing the number of people living in substandard housing. By making home repair and improvement work more affordable, it would encourage the use of existing structures rather than promoting urban sprawl and stop the destruction of decent existing buildings. Last but not least, 'Britain's national heritage is threatened by the VAT burden that repairs and maintenance carries. Building of significant historic interest will continue to be lost to modern developments unless the costs of their maintenance can be reduced.'

For further information, to support the campaign or sign the petition visit <http://www.fmb.org.uk/> [Back](#)

Prince of Wales and Baroness Andrews speak at Prince's Regeneration Trust

The Prince's Regeneration Trust and The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment held a joint event *New Buildings in Old Places* on 31st January. HRH The Prince of Wales gave the keynote address which has been widely reported in the press. He warned that historic cities were at risk of being wrecked by a rash of high rise office and apartment towers. He said that Bath and Edinburgh were also under threat and suggested that sky scrapers in London should be confined to Canary Wharf 'rather than overshadowing Wren's and Hawksmoor's churches.' See http://www.princeofwales.gov.uk/speechesandarticles/a_speech_by_hrh_the_prince_of_wales_at_the_new_buildings_in_604060620.html

Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in CLG Baroness Andrews also gave a strong speech in support of conserving historic buildings and thoughtful regeneration. 'We have as our particular responsibility the task of enhancing our built environment and our heritage to benefit of all. To do this successfully it is vital that we understand what makes communities work. And that can be explained, I hope by the notion of belonging: the power of memory; a will to engage all of us and an understanding of what the past can bring to the future.'

She listed three reasons to be cheerful about the future. First working in partnership with those that know - and care. 'And those partnerships, with CABI and English Heritage in particular, are serving us better now than ever before as we navigate between the difficult demands of development and the unique possibilities our built heritage offers.' Second, she noted 'the genuine passion that people have for this country, and their particular corner of it'. And third 'and most important that by enabling young people to engage with our built heritage we are unleashing energy and skills in abundance'. 'This gives me great heart for the future' she concluded 'I am not saying that it is easy, But I am saying that there has never been a time when it has seemed so important to government, and its partners. With that comes the determination for each of us to excel in our role, ensuring that today's heritage is tomorrow's future.'

For the full text <http://www.communities.gov.uk/speeches/corporate/ourbuiltheritage> [Back](#)

Margaret Hodge attends ACEVO special interest group

The Arts, Culture, Heritage Special Interest Group established by acevo members (Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations) invited Culture Minister Margaret Hodge to discuss how government engages with the sector.

Margaret Hodge told the 25 chief executives that the Department of Culture, Media and Sport was a very small department but that it was working hard to get the message across to bigger departments. In particular she said that arts and heritage were key to place making and all that agenda which the Government promotes. She did however criticise third sector bodies for not moving with the times, being still 'creatures of the public purse' when they should move closer to a social enterprise model

Several questions focused on the lack of direct engagement by the Department with the voluntary sector and the role of umbrella bodies. There was also considerable discussion of the recent McMaster report,

with its emphasis on the use of public funds to support excellence in the cultural sphere. Members were concerned how the criteria for excellence might be interpreted in a voluntary sector context. The Minister suggested that DCMS might arrange a seminar to explore how the McMaster report might apply to the voluntary arts sector. [Back](#)

Buildings in a changing climate: English Heritage Summit

The lack of reliable data about the behaviours of historic buildings and the need to focus research on energy use rather than simple performance of a building's fabric were highlighted last week at a climate change summit hosted by English Heritage.

Some 80 invited representatives from central and local government, the construction, logistics and manufacturing industries, the heritage sector, academic and research institutions and think tanks attend the two-day summit on 24th and 25th January to discuss the implications climate change has in the way we build, adapt and use buildings.

Simon Thurley, Chief Executive of English Heritage, said 'Climate change has radical implications for the buildings in which we live and work, from the way we plan, adapt and construct to how we maintain and use them. We are all well aware that we need to start managing the transition back to a low-carbon economy, and start adapting to cope with rising temperatures and less predictable changes, but this doesn't mean starting from a blank page.' The conference looked at what the historic environment can teach us about past practice as well as the current and future pressures on buildings. [Back](#)

EH Guidance: Climate change and your home

English Heritage has already published micro-renewable technology guidelines to help homeowners of traditional houses identify the issues related to the installation of energy saving equipment such as wind turbines and solar panels. The first set of guidelines encourages people to look at the basics and the very fundamental improvements (like secondary glazing or loft insulation) they can make before considering other more drastic interventions which may have negative impact on the property and its setting. The next two provide advice on two types of micro-renewable technologies (wind and solar), when they should and should not be considered and how to install them without harming the character and appearance of the property. A new one on photo-voltaics will be published later in the Spring.

The three sets of guidelines are *Energy conservation in traditional Buildings*; *Micro wind generation and traditional buildings*; and *Small scale solar thermal energy and traditional buildings*. They are available at www.english-heritage.org.uk/climatechange [Back](#)

Parallel to this guidance are also three sets of guidance notes to help homeowners and domestic energy assessors to better understand and interpret home improvement recommendations in the Energy Performance Certificates, a mandatory feature of the Home Information Packs. They highlight that the ways to achieve energy efficiency in modern housing are different from those in traditional houses. They also advise home owners to adopt recommendations generated automatically by software in the certificates with caution and urges Domestic Energy Assessors to override them if necessary. These guidance notes are available online, www.english-heritage.org.uk/climatechange

In May 2008, English Heritage will be launching a web portal *Climate Change and Your Home* that will serve as the main conduit through which much of English Heritage's knowledge and technical guidance will be disseminated.

Finally English Heritage is developing *Hearth and Home*, a project to measure energy usage in lived-in Victorian homes to work out best practices in measuring energy efficiency, to evaluate the cost effectiveness of energy saving options, and ultimately to provide guidance on measures to reduce domestic fuel usage and carbon emissions. [Back](#)

New EH Guidance: Mineral Extraction and the Historic Environment

This document, published in January, sets out the English Heritage position on mineral extraction and the high-level policies to help frame responses and views put forward by English Heritage on any matter relating to the winning, working and safeguarding of minerals but it will also be of interest to the wider historic environment sector, government, local authorities, the minerals industry and other organisations.

Before setting out English Heritage's formal policy (pp 16-18) it describes the background to that policy in three sections: the economic context and historic significance of mining and quarrying sites and landscapes; the impacts on the historic environment that can be caused by mineral extraction, together

with advice on appropriate mitigation measures and on realising the benefits to the understanding of the historic environment that may be gained through mineral working the need for and supply of natural stone and other materials required to conserve the historic environment and maintain local distinctiveness.

EH policy issues are listed under sustainability and supply; safeguarding the industry's heritage; impacts and mitigation of current and future extraction; and maintaining historic fabric and local distinctiveness.

The Guidance is posted on the HELM website (Historic Environment - Local Management) at <http://www.helm.org.uk/upload/pdf/Mineral-Extraction.pdf> [Back](#)

Natural England: Managing water naturally reduces flooding

England's National Parks and farmland landscapes could hold the key to long-term, cost effective flood prevention, said Natural England on 30th January in evidence to the Environment Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) select committee inquiry into flooding.

Thriving wetlands, restored peat bogs and free-flowing rivers are recommended by Natural England to reduce the harmful effects of flooding. By increasing the natural capacity of the countryside to absorb and hold excess water, the risk of flooding could be dramatically decreased.

'Investing more money in traditional flood defences by constructing concrete and earth embankments may no longer be adequate or sustainable in the long-term. We must look to more sustainable solutions including those involving land-use change,' said Andrew Wood, Natural England's Executive Director for Evidence and Policy.

Examples of river management schemes and peat bog restoration are included in Natural England's evidence posted at <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/press/news2008/300108.htm> [Back](#)

New £130million Grassroots Grants programme

Local third sector funders across England are invited to become local partners in delivering a £130million fund that will give grass roots third sector organisations access to grants for as little as £250. The fund running from 2008-2011 will be divided into two parts: an £80 million small grants fund for community organisations; and £50 million endowments programme to enable local funders to generate additional donations on a matched basis and invest them in endowments,

Community Development Foundation (CDF) is administering the programme nationally and the search has begun for local funders. Funding for community and voluntary groups will not open until after July 2008.

Local funders interested in applying should go to <http://www.cdf.org.uk> and download a copy of the guidance notes and application form. The closing date for applications for local funders is 30th April. http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_releases/080131_grassroots.aspx [Back](#)

Not for profit sector: Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2

Phase 2 of the Low Carbon Buildings Programme (LCBP2) supports the installation of microgeneration technologies for organisations in the UK public and not-for-profit sectors. Grants are available for the purchase and installation of: solar thermal hot water, solar photovoltaics, wind turbines, ground source heat pumps, automated wood pellet stoves and wood fuelled boiler systems. The LCBP grants are managed by Building Research Establishment Ltd (BRE) on behalf of the Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR).

The fund stands at £ 50,000,000 with a maximum grant value of £ 1,000,000. Organisations can apply for between 30% and 50% of the eligible costs for installing microgeneration technologies, over one year. For further information see

<http://www.governmentfunding.org.uk/VCSSearch.aspx?WCI=htmSchemeView&WCU=DSCODE=DSCLIVEGF,SCHEMEID=12-S119,SEARCH=DS=DSCLIVEGF> [Back](#)

Art Fund Prize for Museums and Galleries 2008: long list announced

Ten UK museums and galleries are on the long list for the £100,000 Art Fund Prize (previously the Gulbenkian Prize), awarded to museum or gallery projects that demonstrate originality, imagination and excellence.

The long-listed museum and gallery projects are: The British Empire and Commonwealth Museum, Bristol, for *Breaking the Chains* on the abolition of the slave trade; The British Library, London, for *Sacred - Discover What We Share*, bringing together Jewish, Christian and Islamic holy texts; The International Slavery Museum, Liverpool - a new museum uncovering the issues behind the transatlantic slave trade; Lightbox gallery and museum, Woking - combining an innovative presentation of local history with a dynamic display of modern art; London Transport Museum, exploring the link between transport and London society; The National Army Museum, London, for *Helmand: the soldiers' story*, an exhibition created by soldiers, exploring the British army's first campaign in the Taliban heartland of Afghanistan; The Pier Arts Centre, Stromness, Orkney, containing a collection of twentieth-century British art; Shetland Museum and Archives, Lerwick, telling the story of Britain's most northerly group of islands; Topsham Museum, Exeter, for the volunteer-run River Gallery project, housing historic local boats and displays on the history of the Exe estuary; and the Wellcome Collection, London, devoted to the connections between medicine and art.

The winner of the prize will be announced in May. For more information, see the Art Fund website at www.artfundprize.org.uk [Back](#)

Commission on the Future of Volunteering reports

The Manifesto for Change, the report from the independent Commission on the Future of Volunteering, sketches out the current state of volunteering in England and outlines recommendations for the future. The Commission maintains that the government can best support volunteering by adopting a position of 'non-interference' and by resisting the temptation to develop new initiatives. Instead, the government should do all it can to remove the barriers to volunteering and should provide additional financial support to widen participation in volunteering and address the training needs of volunteers and those who manage them.

The Government recommends the Commission should establish a working group to work out ways of removing the barriers to volunteering. A Volunteering Matched Fund of £5m per year for three years should be provided for partnerships between local infrastructure organisations and local authorities to modernise the infrastructure and support strategic development. An Access to Volunteering Fund should be piloted, with initial funding of £1 million, to enable disabled and under-represented groups to get involved in volunteering and a further £1.75 million is required to improve training

Basic training for all volunteers and volunteer managers is required. In addition, public sector staff need to be trained in their understanding of the role of volunteering. Proper support and recognition schemes must be developed for volunteers. Volunteering champions should be developed regionally, building on the successful model that encourages young people to volunteer. For the Commission's report go to <http://www.volcomm.org.uk/>

For a selection of responses to the report included one from the National Trust visit <http://www.volcomm.org.uk/news/Responses+to+final+Commission+report/>

Volunteering England has been charged by the Commission with leading the implementation of the recommendations and reporting back to Government and the sector on progress over the next year. Heritage Link will be represented at one of the series of planning days being held for VE members to develop a strategy for taking forward the recommendations. [Back](#)

The Clore Leadership Programme: 2008/ 09 Fellowships

Applications are invited for 2008/ 09 Fellowships on the Clore Leadership Programme, designed to help develop the knowledge, skills, networks and experience of potential leaders across a wide range of cultural activity. Each Fellow will have an individually tailored programme, lasting a year or longer, and starting in September 2008. This will include two intensive residential leadership courses, professional development through mentoring, tuition and group learning, time for reflection, research and debate and a period of secondment, including experience of managing a high level project.

For further information and online application forms, please visit our website www.cloreleadership.org
The closing date for applications is Monday 3rd March. [Back](#)

Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship trust was established in 1990 to celebrate the anniversary of the Royal Warrant Holders Association and the 90th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. Since 1991 QUEST has awarded more than £1,100,000 to 174 craftsmen and women aged 17-50 plus.

These range from £2000 to £15,000 to fund further study training and practical experience for craftsmen and women. Full details can be found at www.gest.org.uk Applications for Summer 2008 must be received by 6th June. [Back](#)

Heritage Link welcomes new member COTAC

COTAC, the Conference on Training in Architectural Conservation has become Heritage Link's 84th member. The organisation is a UK registered charity whose purpose is to improve the standard of education for everyone involved in building conservation including professionals, craftspeople, building owners and the general public.

It publishes lists of courses and has assisted ConstructionSkills (formerly CITB) in developing a range of vocational qualifications based on the ICOMOS Training and Education guidelines. Further information may be obtained from the COTAC website: <http://www.cotac.org.uk> [Back](#)

PEOPLE

Phil Hope to be Minister for East Midlands

The Prime Minister has appointed Phil Hope MP as the new Minister for the East Midlands. The new Regional Ministers are expected to champion their region, make sure its interests are heard at the heart of government and work to join up policy and services to deliver the best possible outcomes. Member of Parliament for Corby and East Northamptonshire, Phil Hope is also the minister responsible for the Third Sector, which includes charities, voluntary groups, social enterprises and other organisations.

To find your Regional Minister see <http://www.go-se.gov.uk/gose/ourRegion/584390/> [Back](#)

New Church Buildings Council: 4 member posts

The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport is to nominate 4 suitably qualified individuals for appointment to the Church Buildings Council (CBC) the successor body to the Council for the Care of Churches and the Advisory Board for Redundant Churches. The successful candidates will also serve as members of the Statutory Advisory Committee.

CBC members will advise the Church Commissioners on the historic, architectural, archaeological interest, and quality of churches proposed for closure for regular public worship, along with their value within the setting and landscape. They will advise on faculty applications to promote the care and conservation of churches and the greater knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of and artistic activity relating to churches, whilst promoting good practice relating to their use, care, conservation, repair, planning, design and development.

Applications are invited from people who can demonstrate knowledge or expertise in one of the following: history, architecture, archaeology or aesthetics. Deadline for applications 21st February. Application forms and full role specification from Mark Greenwood, Public Appointments, Department for Culture, Media & Sport, 2/4 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5DH, tel 020 7211 2311 or by email Mark.Greenwood@culture.gov.uk [Back](#)

EVENTS

Two Heritage Link Events: Norwich, 6th March and London, 19th March

Book now for Heritage Link's next regional networking lunch, taking place in Norwich on 6th March, and the fifth and final Diversity Seminar, designed to help and support voluntary heritage groups in London and the South East to develop diversity project proposals, taking place on 19th March.

No charge but advance booking is essential for both events. Contact Kathryn Schofield if you are interested in the East of England Event in Norwich on 0207 820 7796 or kathryn.schofield@heritagelink.org.uk and Angela Dove on 07799 898150 if you would like to discuss attendance at the Diversity Seminar. Reports and materials from Heritage Link's successful diversity events can be read at <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/diversity.asp> [Back](#)

Lecture: The Suburban Landscape: Two Hundred years of Gardens and Gardening in North London, 11th February

Elizabeth Lebas and Michael Ann Mullen will give this lecture for the London Parks and Gardens Trust at the Museum of Garden History, Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7LB from 7pm. Arrive at 6.30 for a glass of wine.

Tickets £7.00 (£6.00 LPGT members and Museum Friends), by post from LPGT, c/o The Store Yard, St James's Park, London SW1A 2JB or at the door.

Conservation Project Management: the management of conservation and heritage projects
29th February: Law Society, Dublin and 4th April: Parish Hall, Glasgow

These one day conferences will showcase best practice from various perspectives using examples from project teams and those that fund conservation and heritage projects. The conferences will benefit anyone involved in conservation and heritage projects or project management. There will also be a focus on training and development.

Organisers: The Chartered Institute of Building, with support of The Institute of Historic Building Conservation, The Institute of Conservation, Construction Skills and the National Trust. To book contact Veronica Dunn (email preferred): vdunn@ciob.org.uk, 01344 630 798. [Back](#)

IFA 2008 Annual Conference, Swansea: 18th -20th March

The Institute of Field Archaeologists' (IFA) 2008 Conference will be held at the University of Swansea from 18th-20th March. A selection of the wide variety of speakers' subjects includes: *Education and training: what 'Maritime archaeology' are we teaching; Historic landscapes in the twenty-first century; Artefacts, geomatics and landscapes and Climate change and the historic environment.*

Provisional programme now available with the booking form at <http://www.archaeologists.net/modules/icontent/index.php?page=18> Book by post or online via www.britarch.ac.uk/shop Early booking rates until 20th February. [Back](#)

Managing world heritage sites: Residential Seminar, Edinburgh, 27th April - 2nd May

This seminar is run in partnership with the UK National Commission for UNESCO and will be of interest to senior professionals in the cultural heritage sector and government officials with responsibility for the historic environment, those managing World Heritage sites and those planning to submit a bid for World Heritage status. It will explore strategies for developing, managing and protecting World Heritage sites, drawing on the expertise developed in the UK and looking at three UK World Heritage site case studies.

The fee is £1,000. For information and to obtain an application form visit www.britishcouncil.org/seminars-arts-0894.htm or email uma.bradshaw@britishcouncil.org [Back](#)

National Archaeology Week 12th-20th July: Call for event registrations

National Archaeology Week presents an excellent opportunity for all kinds of groups to promote work, engage with communities and help everyone to engage with archaeology and the historic environment. NAW 2007 offered over 430 events, held by museums, heritage sites, archaeology and history societies, universities, local councils and countryside agencies. Similar events are now sought for 2008. For ideas, guidelines and information see the fact sheets from www.britarch.ac.uk/naw

Register events by 14th March by obtaining a registration form at the website above and emailing it to naw@britarch.ac.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.

Heritage Link: Information and Events Co-ordinator

Kathryn Schofield is leaving us for pastures new in Oxford! Heritage Link urgently seeks a self starter with strong editorial and networking skills for a one year full time contract to take on a busy communications role, running the office, organising at least 4 large regional and national events, contributing to publications and supporting Working Groups, Task Groups, Project Workers, Volunteers and the Secretary and Board.

Proven office skills, budgets and accounts management, and IT/ website management experience are essential. Confidence with book keeping software, an understanding of the voluntary sector and an awareness of a broad range of heritage issues would be an advantage.

Salary in the region of £20,000. Start date to be late March or as soon as possible after. Further details and application form are on the Heritage Link website www.heritagelink.org.uk deadline 19th February,

interviews 26/27th February. Contact the Secretary Kate Pugh for more information on 0207 820 7796 or at kate.pugh@heritagelink.org.uk

Heritage Matters, Victoria, Australia: Heritage Architect Vacancy

Heritage Matters specialises in heritage architecture and planning, heritage tourism, heritage horticulture and arboriculture. This firm seeks expressions of interest from suitably qualified professionals with a minimum of three years experience in the field. Applicants must have a degree in architecture with professional membership.

The successful applicant would be expected to become a member of Australia ICOMOS, and have knowledge and experience in best practice heritage management. The role will involve the provision of heritage advice to local and state government bodies as well as contributing to other ongoing project work. Clients located throughout Australia, office location three hours west of Melbourne.

For further information contact Annabel Walton: annabel@heritagematters.com.au

ICON: Two-Year Internship in Conservation of Time-Based Media

This internship, beginning May 2008, has been designed to provide experience of working with a variety of time-based media works of art across a range of activities within a major contemporary art museum. It provides a career development opportunity to enter an emerging field. Applicants should have a recognised qualification in conservation and be at an early career stage.

Educational stipend of £14500 - £14750 pa. Based at Tate Store, London and funded by Tate and the HLF. Full information, application form and details of eligibility at www.icon.org.uk Application deadline 29th February.

Scottish Redundant Churches Trust: Communities and Education Officer

This is a new part time post (18.5 hrs/wk) delivering activities and learning opportunities associated with the repair and regeneration of Cromarty's historic East Church. It will involve working closely with the community and interested parties, providing information through talks, displays and newsletters. A key task will be running a 3-year programme of workshops, visits, training days and events in Cromarty for a wide audience, including members of the public, building professionals, and young people.

The successful candidate will be educated to a minimum of Higher level or equivalent, and have experience of delivering heritage and/or learning activities. They will communicate effectively, use word processing and email, and be well organised. They will also have the ability to work alone or as part of a team. It is expected that the post-holder will work from home.

Salary: £16-18,000 pro rata. For an application pack contact 01334 472032 or email contact@srct.org.uk Closing date 22nd February.

English Heritage: Casework Team Leader

Based in Bristol, this post leads a specialist team, ensuring all advisory, statutory, enabling and grants casework is delivered to exacting performance, quality and financial targets, using the principles of Coming of Age, Transforming Casework and Heritage Protection Reform. The post demands a commitment to current English Heritage priorities and projects, along with the ability to plan and manage delivery.

The ideal candidate will have a professional qualification and experience working across specialism boundaries within planning, the historic environment and grant giving combined with expertise in managing performance.

Salary £37,000 pa + benefits. To discover more and apply visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs Closing date 15th February. No CVs.

National Trust for Scotland: 4 Posts

1. Lead Surveyor: (£29,553, Market Premium of £3,592, car allowance)
2. Surveyor: (£24,314, Market Premium of £2,955, car allowance)
3. Assistant Surveyor: (£20,002)

The posts will provide a comprehensive professional service covering maintenance and project responsibilities for a wide range of building operations in the West of the country as part of a new national buildings team. A degree in a relevant architectural or building surveying discipline is

necessary, with commitment to continuing professional development. Some posts require chartered membership of an appropriate body (eg RICS, RIAS), ideally with accreditation in Building Conservation. Applicants should also demonstrate strong organisation with excellent project planning and IT skills (including CAD) together with interpersonal and team working and leading skills.

4. Stonemason, based at Culzean Castle and Country Park

(£20,002, Market Premium payment of £2,431)

This post requires a relevant qualification in Stonemasonry and demonstrable practical experience as a stonemason working with historic buildings. The role will provide stonemasonry work to the highest possible standards throughout the Trust; operate the Stonemason's workshop; train apprentices; and provide advice and guidance to Trust staff and external bodies. Applicants must also be highly organised with excellent interpersonal and communication skills.

For full details and an application form telephone 0131 243 9417 or email joinus@nts.org.uk Closing dates 21st March.

The National Trust: Regional donor Development Manager, Wiltshire

The post, based in Warminster, will take the lead in generating vital income for the Wiltshire region through gathering gifts and funding from a wide range of activities. The post will work to generate long term support, agree and instigate fundraising initiatives and cultivate relationships with charitable trusts.

A relevant degree or equivalent with membership of the ICFM (certificate desirable) will be matched by a demonstrable record of success in securing substantial donations and proven team-working and administrative skills in the legacies/ major donor field.

Salary £27,403 - £30,829 plus car lease scheme. See www.ntjobs.org.uk for details (ref NT08/ 01837). Closing date 13th February.

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