

Heritage Link Update 136

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Draft Heritage Protection Bill: one part of the whole

Heritage organisations poring over the Draft Bill find, not surprisingly, that the primary legislation is only the first part of the whole package of heritage protection reform outlined in the Heritage White Paper.

Heritage Link's Planning Working Group, the Joint Committee of National Amenity Societies and The Archaeology Forum have all met in the last ten days. Although there is plenty of detail to take up, what it will mean on the ground is impossible to envisage in isolation. What matters is how and when the secondary legislation, policy documents and guidance, apparently some 96 items in all, will be brought out and at what point it is possible to comment most meaningfully.

Information on timing is scarce but to make use of the enormous experience and expertise that the voluntary sector is willing to bring into shaping the Draft Bill in this pre-legislative period, DCMS and English Heritage should be aware that heritage groups and especially the umbrella groups need an indication to expect – and plan for - over the summer and autumn. [Back](#)

Draft Heritage Protection Bill: pre-legislative scrutiny process yet to be confirmed

Adding to frustration is that confirmation is still awaited that the Cultural Media and Sport Select Committee will undertake the pre-legislative scrutiny. The Committee would then be expected to report to Government in time for an amended Bill to be introduced in the autumn parliamentary session. We are asked to keep an eye on the webpage for information and time table for news

http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/culture_media_and_sport/culture_media_and_sport_press_notices.cfm

Meanwhile the parallel channel for public comment. DCMS invites comments on the Draft Bill to DCMS at andrew.lewis@culture.gsi.gov.uk preferably by the end of May. [Back](#)

Heritage Link takes on the Minister

Radio 4's You and Yours on 17th April gave an overview of the Draft Heritage Protection Bill from the different perspectives of Minister of Culture Margaret Hodge and Ian Lush, Deputy Chairman of Heritage Link. The Minister focussed on simplification and more public access on line to increase public understanding. Ian Lush confirmed the heritage sector's strong welcome for the principles of the Draft Bill but raised the widespread concerns over the resources required not just for English Heritage and local authorities but also the National Amenity Societies. The Minister replied that 'there are always concerns about resources' but cited the 'better settlement' for English Heritage with a 'reprioritisation' and the 'administrative savings we expect all our organisations to make'. Savings would be made in the long run 'by less work'

In the same slot, Dave Chetwyn, President of the Institute of Historic Buildings Conservation illustrated what the principles of the Draft Bill mean on the ground with a recorded walkabout in Hanley drawing attention to the attendant issues such as the dearth of conservation officers, the need for training and skills, the squeeze on funding and the adverse impact of VAT in refurbishment. All needed addressing, he said, to ensure that heritage 'can deliver the best social and economic benefits'.

Further on in the interview, when invited to explain her interest in reviewing the criteria for listing more recent buildings, the Minister was at pains to retreat for her previous 'personal view' and say that the initiative came from parliamentarians from all sides of the House. This is clearly an area where any amendments to the Draft Bill and the content of the final Bill will require careful monitoring.

Her efforts to compare resourcing with the US model of private philanthropy cut no ice with Heritage Link's Deputy Chair who pointed out the very different tradition of heritage funding in the UK. [Back](#)

Heritage Link Development Plans

Expectations of Heritage Link continue to rise. Members who attended the AGM in December 2007 will recall Heritage Link's Chairman, Anthea Case, talking about Heritage Link's next strategic plan, which will run from April 2009 for three years. Initial consultation discussions have been held about this with key stakeholders including Government and funders, and over the next two months Members will also be consulted - please look out for a questionnaire which will be sent out by email in May.

The aim is to develop Heritage Link in such a way that the organisation can both serve its members more effectively and build on its existing position as an independent and powerful advocate for the heritage sector. [Back](#)

VAT: European Commission consultation to 12th May

The European Commission's online consultation reviews existing legislation on where reduced rates of VAT can be applied, based on the study commissioned from Copenhagen Economics. Your voice is needed and if you have European contacts or counterparts, please make sure they are also responding. Numbers count for this one.

The consultation asks whether the temporary provision of reduced rates of VAT should be made permanent. If so, this would continue the zero rate on renovation of social housing. The UK Government curiously chose the Isle of Man for a pilot study with inconclusive results but the option, given that social housing is not defined, is worth keeping, concludes Heritage Link's Funding Working Group in its meeting earlier this week.

The second question invites views on extending the list of good and services mostly relating to locally supplied and labour intensive services that might attract reduced rates of VAT. Examples include gardening, landscaping and maintenance of gardens and parks, renovation of places of worship and other non commercial buildings. Annex 1 lists other areas that have been requested: repair and maintenance of moveable property, and most important repair restoration and maintenance of cultural heritage and historical monuments. Lower VAT on re-used products could be more contentious but could benefit recycled building materials if obtained legitimately. Other areas can be suggested. If the framework for more discretionary rates can be established now, then the option is there for UK Government in future.

The deadline for responding to this consultation is 12th May. For further information and how to respond visit http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/common/consultations/tax/article_4850_en.htm [Back](#)

Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund in England: DEFRA consultation to 29th April

The ALSF fund is reviewed every three years. This DEFRA consultation on the future priorities for the ALSF 2008-11 ends on 29th April. Full details are at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/aggregates/future.htm>

DEFRA proposes to cut, by over half, the amount of funding directed towards historic environment projects through the Fund. Last year English Heritage distributed over £3 million to more than 100 projects; reports are available on the EH website www.english-heritage.org.uk/ALSF

If you can respond, commenting on the impacts of these cuts on your areas of research and heritage management, this will add to the justification for sustaining the present level of funding. Funding for the historic environment is already under pressure in other grant schemes, so maintaining this source of support is crucial. The English Heritage guidance note is at <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.1315> [Back](#)

Seeing the history in the view: EH consultation to 4th July

English Heritage is developing a method to help it assess the historical significance of views, systematically and consistently.

The proposed method draws on English Heritage's *Conservation Principles for the sustainable management of the historic environment*. Part 1 describes a method of assessing the historical significance of a view that would be applicable whatever historic assets may be visible in it. Part 2 describes how English Heritage would assess the likely impact of specific development proposals on particular views.

English Heritage invites organisations and individuals to contribute to the refinement of this guidance which is nationally applicable. After public consultation English Heritage intends to apply this method to its own decisions in relation to developments affecting views and, in addition, will recommend the same approach to local planning authorities and other interested parties.

The consultation will close on 4th July after which a revised document will be published in the summer of 2008. For the consultation document and how to respond follow the links from <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.18776> [Back](#)

PAC will hold Government to account over 2012 Olympic budget

The Commons Public Accounts Committee published their report on the budget for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. 'It is now clear that the estimated cost at the time of the bid, just over £4bn, was entirely unrealistic,' said Committee Chairman Edward Leigh. 'It ignored foreseeable major factors such as contingency provision, tax obligations, and policing and wider security requirements. At the same time, the estimate of the extent to which the private sector would contribute funding towards the Games has proved little more than wishful thinking.'

The decision to raid the National Lottery for a further £675m in order to fund the increased budget is severely criticised as is the lack of a detailed assessment of the legacy the games will leave. The Report goes on 'The revised public sector funding package of £9.325 billion does not include all of the activities on which delivery of the Games and its legacy depends'. So the PAC implies, the current budget is not the end of the story. The report is at <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmselect/cmpubacc/85/85.pdf> [Back](#)

Heritage Link with its counterparts in arts and sports voluntary sectors fought hard for the Government assurance that there would be no further raids on lottery money and this is confirmed by the PAC report 'The Department has confirmed that the public sector funding of £9.325 billion will not be exceeded and the Committee will hold the Department to account against this figure.'

Welcome words but heritage and the arts are footing the bill for much of this budgetary incompetence. It leaves the heritage sector struggling for funding at a time when celebrating our national heritage and creating that cultural legacy should have been part of the original Olympics budget. [Back](#)

DCMS corporate plan 2008

This document represents a radical shake up for the Department for Culture Media and Sport. The reorganisation is designed to reduce department barriers and ensure more cross cutting work.

The three divisions, first Arts, second Museums, Libraries and Cultural Property and third, our own Architecture and Historic Environment Division, merge into a single culture directorate under Mike Elliot, the new DCMS culture director who takes up his post in June. Claudia Kenyatta and Harry Reeves will become deputy directors of the new directorate. Other changes will see the creation of a programme team of around 100 people to work on defined projects that cut across sectoral silos and the setting up of a new Public Engagement and Recognition Unit (PERU) to handle all Ministerial correspondence, briefings, appointments, Parliamentary Questions and Freedom of Information requests. On p28 is an outline of the Minister's regional review the aim of which is 'to improve the Department's ability – through its NDPBs – to influence Local Authorities (LAs) and Regional Development Agencies (RDAs), and thereby improve their provision of culture and sport. At the same time, the review aims to identify ways that agencies can work together more efficiently, releasing savings which can then be redeployed back into frontline delivery.'

The report also explains DCMS role in its own four Departmental Strategic Objectives and how it will contribute to the Public Service Agreements (PSAs) where the main delivery body is another department.

The Department will deliver at least 3% annual cash-releasing Value for Money (VFM) savings in 2008-11, saving £148 million (net) by 2011. Savings, it says will be delivered largely through Non Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs), as the great majority of DCMS funding is channelled through NDPBs, an alarming statement given that English Heritage, our NDPB has already additional commitments arising from the new heritage protection regime. DCMS itself will make annual real-terms reductions of 5% in its administration spending. It sounds like a squeeze in the two key public bodies.

The Corporate Plan is at <http://www.culture.gov.uk/NR/rdonlyres/0D484DAE-C101-473C-9687-340A09259D0E/0/DCMSCorplanweb.rtf> [Back](#)

Ministry of Justice and burials

Uncertainty over the legal position with regard to the excavation of human remains in England and Wales has been clarified this week by a statement from the Ministry of Justice. Following hard work on behalf of archaeologists led by DCMS and English Heritage with support from IFA, CBA, ALGAO, BABAO and the Church of England, the Ministry of Justice has reconsidered the approach to burial licences it adopted in 2007.

Their new position, set out in a new statement, takes the issue back close to the previous modus operandi except that pro-tem there will be a requirement for reinterment after 2 years. The changes come into immediate effect.

The Ministry of Justice accepts that this is not an ideal position and during the next two years will seek reform of the legislation to allow for deposition in a suitable repository, and will be sympathetic to granting extensions to licences.

The annexe to the statement usefully lists FAQs. For the full text, see the Institute of Field Archaeologists' website at www.archaeologists.net/modules/news/article.php?storyid=262 [Back](#)

Scottish Burial Review Group recommendations

This Review of the Burial and Cremation legislation in Scotland was set up in 2005 in response to the Dr Shipman case and although some of the recommendations relate to death certificates, others attempt to deal with current problems, such as the scarcity of burial grounds and the abandonment of graves and memorials.

Worryingly, it recommends full burial grounds/cemeteries should be available for re-use for internments after a period of non-use of 75 years has elapsed. The necessary legislation should be retrospective. The 'dig and deepen' method of re-use, which will require compliance with the proposed exhumation procedures, should be adopted. Gravestones, monuments and memorials should wherever possible, be

retained at or close to their original. And, regardless of ownership, all cemeteries, burial grounds of whatever type, and crematoria should be subject to the proposed new legislation.

The recommendations are presented to the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing and the Minister for Public Health. The report encourages the government to involve the professional bodies most closely concerned with these matters in their eventual implementation but apart from Historic Scotland there is no mention of genealogy or other heritage organisations being consulted. See the report at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/03/25113621/0> [Back](#)

War Memorials Trust Small Grants Scheme in Scotland

War Memorials Trust, in collaboration with Historic Scotland, has launched a new grant scheme to support conservation projects to freestanding war memorials in Scotland.

This new grant scheme, Small Grants Scheme in Scotland (SGS-S), is primarily supported by funding provided by Historic Scotland (£30,000 annually) with additional funds from War Memorial Trust's own fundraising. This scheme can fund up to 75% of the total eligible costs of the project up to a maximum of £7,500. To be eligible, the war memorial must be a freestanding structure within Scotland, should not have any other use than as a war memorial and must not be part of another building eg. a plaque within or attached to another building.

Conservation and repair projects to non-freestanding war memorials in Scotland are eligible for assistance under War Memorial Trust's general Small Grant. The scheme awards grants of up to 50% of eligible costs, with a maximum of £2,500. Funding for this scheme is generated entirely through the charity's fundraising.

For further information of either scheme contact the Conservation Officer at War Memorials Trust on 020 7881 0862, at conservation@warmemorials.org or visit www.warmemorials.org [Back](#)

English Historic Towns Forum: Focus on Retail

The English Historic Towns Forum (EHTF) has launched its latest guidance document on 26th March. *Focus on Retail* aims to provide both theoretical and practical background and advice to promote good practice in retail planning and development that will enhance historic places.

The document, supported by English Heritage, is a result of ongoing work on a topic which is fundamental to the vitality of historic towns and cities – large and small – and provides information and guidance on a range of issues – from retail trends to design and access.

As well as specific articles, it offers a checklist with a list of key principles drawn up by EHTF, with a substantial bibliography and reference list.

EHTF Chair, Brian Human goes on to say that it represents 'an integrated approach to reconciling the sometimes competing demands that manifest themselves in our town centres and on our high streets'. *Focus on Retail* price £10 is available from the EHTF www.ehtf.org.uk or call 0117 9750459. [Back](#)

UK Association of Preservation Trust's revised Guidance Notes

A 2nd edition of the APT's excellent guidance notes is now available, revised five years after the last edition in response to the rapid change in legislation, policy and practice. It is the comprehensive source of information for new and existing building preservation trusts on how to regenerate a historic building for community use covering fundraising and accounting, appointing professionals, marketing and publicity, charity and company law, insurance, acquisition and a new section on VAT. It takes readers through all the stages from initiating a project to the wider context together with sources of informational and advice.

The APT Guidance Notes are £65 plus postage and packing for non-members and they are free to APT members. To order a copy contact Louisa Baily, APT Co-ordinator, 9th Floor Alhambra House, 27-31 Charing Cross Road, London WC2H 0AU. Telephone 0207 930 1629. Fax 0207 930 0295 email apt@ahfund.org.uk [Back](#)

EH and CABE: The Building in Context Toolkit Programme

The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) and English Heritage have been running *Building in Context*, a joint training programme that gives decision makers the tools to recognise how projects can respond well to their surroundings. Aimed at local authority Design Champions and

Historic Environment Champions, the training programme is being offered free of charge to Local Authorities in all of England's regions. See <http://www.building-in-context.org/index.htm>

The *Building in Context Toolkit Programme* aims to help local authorities plan for already developed areas in the most efficient way, while making them more attractive places in which to live and work and conserving its cultural heritage; promote sustainable new and re-used development that doesn't sacrifice what future generations will value for the sake of short-term and often illusory gains. It aims to communicate to professional and community groups a wider understanding of how new interventions (such as new buildings, structures and spaces) can take place more successfully in historic areas and to help those making decisions that affect sensitive areas to reach effective and balanced decisions and a more efficient service. Ultimately it helps local communities with the process of taking long term decisions about their built environment.

Links to over 23 regional workshops can be found at <http://www.building-in-context.org/previous.htm>
Forthcoming events will be posted at <http://www.building-in-context.org/forthcoming.htm> [Back](#)

Country Life: England's Finest Parsonage

The 2008 Country Life competition, *England's Finest Parsonage*, was launched on 16th April and online at www.countrylife.co.uk/parsonage. This award aims to celebrate the importance of historic vicarages and rectories in England. Consideration will be given both to privately owned parsonages as well as those still in use by the clergy. Nominations are encouraged on the basis of architectural merit, social history and the role of the building within the wider context of the town or village.

A panel of judges will choose regional finalists from the South, West, East and the North. Country Life and Savills will visit the selected 12 regional finalists and produce a shortlist of six national finalists. The winner will be announced in the autumn.

An entry form is included with the launch article. Nominations can also be made via a link at www.countrylife.co.uk/parsonage. Closing date 15th May. For further information contact Susannah Glynn on 020 3148 4442 or at susannah_glynn@freelance.ipcmedia.com [Back](#)

Survey of London: Clerkenwell Revealed

A major two-volume study of the buildings of Clerkenwell, one of the capital's most historic and varied districts, was published on 16th April. The volumes are the latest in the long-established *Survey of London* series, the first of which came out in 1900 and chronicles London's topography and architecture. The new books are published for the first time by Yale University Press in association with the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art.

Andrew Saint, General Editor, said 'The Clerkenwell volumes are the most ambitious so far, in breadth of coverage and in the number and quality of the illustrations – more than 500 per volume. Clerkenwell is a fascinating area with a rich heritage of buildings dating back to the 12th century, which has gone through massive change, physical and social, but somehow retained its special character.' [Back](#)

HELM training programme 2008-09

The programme of Historic Environment-Local Management (HELM) training events for 2008-2009 is now available. Each workshop is tailored to local authority officers and the capacity is limited to between 25-35 unless stated. Places can be reserved by phoning Jane Driscoll on 01179 750728 or email at HELMbookings@english-heritage.org.uk. If you do not work for a local authority and/ or your job role is not in the target audience you can still add your name to the waiting list, last minute places may become available.

Events are 21st April: *Changing Churches*, East Malling Conference Centre, Kent. Contact Lyndsay Riddell at Lyndsay.Riddell@english-heritage.org.uk. On 15th May *Finding a Future for Traditional Farm Buildings* at Lake District National Park Office, Murley Moss and on 29th May *Heritage Protection Agreements* at the University of East Anglia.

On 5th June *Finding a Future for Traditional Farm Buildings* at The Pear Tree Hotel, Worcester, on 9th June at Dillington House, Somerset and on 26th June at Kirkhale Courtyard, Newcastle.

On 10th July *Enabling Development* at the Royal Statistical Society, London, on 24th July at Town Hall, Manchester, on 4th September venue to be confirmed, on 18th September at Homerton College, Cambridge and on 25th September, School Buildings at the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle.

Cemeteries: Conservation & Management will take place on 2nd October and *Changing Churches* on 30th October in London.

Programmes for each event can be seen at www.helm.org.uk Further workshops are planned for the second half of 2008-09 and will be added to the web page. [Back](#)

New opportunities for training in conservation

The Institute of Conservation (Icon) is pleased to advertise the third year of its innovative scheme for broadening access to careers in heritage conservation and diversifying its workforce. Icon offers 10 work-based internships starting this September as part of the 4year scheme supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Many of these placements are aimed at new entrants to conservation from arts, sciences, crafts or wider heritage-related backgrounds.

Venues include private and public sector conservation workshops across the UK, offering experience in the conservation of ceramics, natural sciences, archives stone, frames, textiles and preventive conservation among others.

Information on all placements and details of eligibility can be found on the Icon website at www.icon.org.uk [Back](#)

International conference on sea coast fortification: call for papers

The new deadline for submitting the paper abstracts is 31st May 2008. For more information the program, the thematic sessions and key-speakers at the conference which will take place 27-29th November 2008 in the Algarve, Portugal, see <http://www.amigosdoscastelos.org.pt/tabid/36/language/en-US/Default.aspx> Tel +351218885381 Fax +351218885342 or email congresso@amigosdoscastelos.org.pt [Back](#)

Volunteers' Week: 1-7th June

Volunteers' Week is just a few months away and Volunteering England is keen to encourage everyone to start planning activities for this year. To get started VE has produced some inspiring posters to display either in your work place or in a public area.

All Volunteering England members will be receiving a few copies of the poster in their next postal mailing. If you would like to request some more, e-mail volunteersweek@volunteeringengland.org.

Women in heritage?

Margaret Hodge, Minister for Culture, at the centre of another controversy when she spoke at the Cultural Leadership Programme saying that women did not fill enough top arts posts. Although appearances may be counterintuitive, recent research from City University London and Demos found that although out of 121 organisations from across the cultural sector, women achieved near parity at chief executive level, overall figure masks much lower figures in some sub sectors such as the statutory agencies and at board level. *Who leads the UK Cultural Sector?* can be found at http://www.city.ac.uk/womens_cultural_leadership_research

Figures for women in heritage were not included in the survey - and have never been counted. But *Women in Heritage* (WiH) is a new initiative aiming to support women involved in, or interested in, a career in all aspects of heritage work. WiH aims to provide a platform by which women at various stages of their career can access information and get in contact with other women and peers in a variety of heritage organisations and networks. For those interested, contact Women in Heritage, 8 Pattenden Road, London SE6 4NQ, or email mail@wih.org.uk [Back](#)

PEOPLE

Churchyards Adviser sought

The Birmingham Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) for the Care of Churches seeks expressions of interest for an honorary Churchyards Adviser who can offer general guidance to the Committee on matters relating to churchyards, their appearance, maintenance, outdoor monuments, trees, walls, gardens of remembrance, impact on wild life.

The post is not remunerated but expenses will be met. It involved up to seven or eight meetings a year usually at the Diocesan offices in Harborne, Birmingham, and some site visits.

The Committee is a statutory body and advises on matters affecting places of worship relating to the grant of faculties; the architecture, archaeology, art and history of places of worship; the use, care, planning and redundancy of places of worship; the use and care of the contents of such places; and the use and care of churchyards and burial grounds.

More information at <http://www.birmingham.anglican.org/information/careofbuildings.html> or contact the Chair (designate): Dr Jim Berrow, 0121 440 5491, email brum15@globalnet.co.uk [Back](#)

EVENTS

Intercultural Cities Conference, 1-3rd May, Liverpool

The official UK event for the European Year of Intercultural Dialogue 2008, the Intercultural Cities Conference will take a fresh look at migration, diversity and urban life.

Political leaders, policy makers and practitioners from major cities including London, Madrid, Berlin, Lyon, Stuttgart, Rotterdam, Turin, Naples, Istanbul, Bremen, Marseilles, Gdansk, Leicester, Manchester and Liverpool will be sharing their experiences and provide examples of how being intercultural can bring social, cultural and economic advantages.

Speakers include globalisation guru Saskia Sassen, head of CEOs for Cities Carol Coletta, the world authority on cultural diversity and city planning Leonie Sandercock, Keith Khan who leads the campaign to make the London 2012 Olympics an unprecedented intercultural festival, world renowned economic geographer Ash Amin, leading European city politicians including Ilda Curti and Pascale Bonniel Chaliier, and many more. See <http://inter.culture.info/icc> for full details.

Delegates will have the chance to get out and about on the third day of the conference with the opportunity to explore examples of intercultural dialogue in and around Liverpool. [Back](#)

Antiquaries in Europe 16th May

An international colloquium *Antiquaries in Europe: the role of national antiquarian societies today* will be held at Burlington House to celebrate the Society of Antiquaries of London's Tercentenary. It aims to provide an overview of the intersecting interests and future challenges for independent national heritage bodies (NGOs) in Europe.

A presentation on the Society's history and current role will take place on the previous evening, 15th May, followed by a wine reception. A copy of the programme can be downloaded from www.sal.org.uk/newsandevents/ and tickets £15 (Fellows) / £25 (public), including wine and refreshments, are available from the Society at admin@sal.org.uk [Back](#)

IHBC NW Branch Buildings at Risk: Creative Partnerships, 21st May

This one-day conference held by the Institute of Historic Buildings Conservation North West branch will explore the opportunities offered by Buildings at Risk strategies and programmes, considering the issues from both national and local perspectives, whilst looking to address the practical realities of structural decay and the challenge of finding alternative uses.

The event will take place in the principal reception rooms of Manchester Town Hall, the spectacular masterpiece of Neo-Gothic civic architecture with speakers from English Heritage, Local Authorities, Building Preservation Trusts and other key figures from the world of Building At Risk.

For further information and for bookings contact Michael Scammell on M.Scammell@Macclesfield.gov.uk [Back](#)

East Midlands Heritage Forum: Make your Heritage Work for You.

Make Your Heritage Work for You is a series of sub-regional 'summits' organised by the East Midlands Heritage Forum. Each event will address a range of current developments, including the draft Heritage Protection Bill and a new regional investment framework for heritage. For further details of the events arranged so far, for Derbyshire (6th June), Lincolnshire (9th June) and Leicestershire (17th June), go to <http://www.helm.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.11473>.

Europa Nostra Congress NewcastleGateshead, 12th and 13th June

Registration is now open for a range of events taking place as part of this congress. On Friday 13th June, Sir Neil Cossons will give the keynote speech at a forum on *Securing the Future of Europe's Engineering Heritage*. Case studies will be presented on the London Roundhouse and the fight to save Tour and Taxis, Europe's largest entrepot warehouse in the centre of Brussels. Other contributors will include Eusebio Casanelles, president of TICCIH, David Morgan from FEDERAIL and Vicky Howarth of the Robert Stephenson Trust. Discussions will focus on understanding, valuing, caring for and enjoying our engineering heritage.

On Thursday 12th June an event will be held to celebrate the contribution of heritage to inter-cultural dialogue. There will be opportunities to participate in conservation skills, music making and enjoying the food of different Tyneside communities.

Full details and registration information can be downloaded from www.europanostra.org/newcastlegatesheadcongress.html further information can be obtained from Louise van Rijckevorsel meo@europanostra.org or Will Mclean Will.Mclean@whymangroup.com [Back](#)

East London Heritage Weekend, 13th and 14th September

The Heritage of London Trust, supported by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, are planning a weekend to draw attention to the wealth of interesting historic buildings in East London, many of them little known and rarely open to the public.

An illustrated trail guide *East London Heritage Trails* available later in the summer, will include information about the buildings and their neighbourhoods, with maps and directions. Guided walks will also be arranged over the weekend: details of these will be available in the trail guide with a booking form. Most of the buildings will be open on Saturday and Sunday, 10am - 5pm.

To pre order a free copy of *East London Heritage Trails*. send an SAE 8.5sx4.5ins to The Heritage of London Trust, 38 Ebury Street, London, SW1W OLU. [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

Historic Houses Association: Policy Officer, Temporary post, part time

The Historic Houses Association (HHA) represents 1,500 privately owned historic houses, gardens and estates throughout the UK, of which 500 open to the public, attracting 15 million visitors per year. The HHA is appointing a part-time Policy Officer to manage key elements of its policy work.

The Policy Officer will be responsible for a wide range of policy issues. S/he will co-ordinate the HHA's lobbying on parliamentary Bills, in particular the Heritage Protection Bill, the Marine Bill and the Planning Bill, and, liaising with members and partner organisations, manage submissions to policy consultations from Government and others. The Policy Officer will also advise HHA member houses on policy issues and communicate developments through the website and magazine.

Applicants should be educated to degree level with at least one comparable role working in a relevant field. A reasonable knowledge of heritage policy, combined with excellent communication, negotiation and influencing skills is essential.

Salary £25,000 pro rata. 1 year contract, part time (2 days per week). Further information and job description from Frances Garnham, frances.garnham@hha.org.uk To apply, send a CV with details of two referees. and covering letter (no longer than two A4 pages) to Frances Garnham by e-mail, or at HHA, 2 Chester Street London SW1X 7BB; closing date 9th May; interviews 22nd May.

The Gateway Gardens Trust: Support Officer for *Opening The Gates* – West Midlands

Gateway Gardens Trust is a groundbreaking charity helping hard-to-reach groups discover historic parks and gardens. It urgently need a Support Officer for the Community Outreach and Education Officers to help deliver *Opening The Gates* historic garden access programme in the West Midlands, supported by Heritage Lottery Fund. This will initially be a 1-year position, but with opportunities to extend the contract in future.

Applicants will be dynamic graduates possibly with a teaching qualification interested in garden heritage for this fast-paced innovative project. Excellent IT and administrative skills a must.

Salary £20,000 pa, 35 hours a week. For a job description and application form contact Sue Aaltonen at admin@gatewaygardenstrust.org or go to www.gatewaygardenstrust.org/Jobs Appropriate vetting and verification of qualifications and employment history will be carried out. Closing date: 16th May. Interviews in the West Midlands 28th May.

Heritage Lottery Fund Procurement: Lead Monitors and Mentors/Expert Advisers/Associate Monitors

The HLF is undertaking two procurements to provide framework agreements first for Lead Monitoring services for large and/or complex capital and activity heritage projects. Lead Monitors monitor the delivery of a project, including ensuring that best practice is achieved and financial reporting and management is sound and transparent.

The second relates to Mentoring, Expert Advisers and Associate Monitoring services for a wide range of heritage projects. Expert Advisers provide specialist advice on applications for funding. Mentors assist applicants in the development of an application. Associate Monitors assist in monitoring specialist aspects of the delivery of a project.

As the Heritage Lottery Fund is a Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB) governed by EU and UK law, the procurement process is necessarily a formal one. Organisations and individuals are invited to formally express their interest by replying to the OJEU notices which can be found on the Tenders Electronic Database at www.ted.europa.eu by searching all current notices using 'Heritage Lottery Fund'.

Greenwich Foundation: Education Assistant at the Old Royal Naval College

The Greenwich Foundation is a charity responsible for maintaining and interpreting the Wren designed Baroque buildings of the former Royal Naval College at Greenwich. The Foundation wishes to appoint a temporary Education Assistant to work with the Foundation's Education Officer until December 2008. The Assistant will provide a wide range of support for the Education Officer including welcoming schools onto site, organising resources for workshops and, on occasion, taking school groups and families on short tours of the site. Much of the time will be office based dealing with school bookings and enquiries for school visits.

This is an excellent opportunity for a recent graduate looking for experience in heritage and museum education and offers the opportunity for training coupled with an inspiring working environment.

This is a part time position for 3 days per week, with a salary of £16,000 pa (pro rated). For a full job description and further information call Sarah Whitnall 020 8269 4761 or visit www.oldroyalnavalcollege.org.uk A CRB check will be required for this position. Closing date for applications 30th April.

Stockport: Conservation Officer

Stockport is recognised as an 'excellent' Council and, guided by a recently adopted Conservation and Heritage Strategy, it is actively engaged in ambitious conservation and regeneration work throughout the Borough. The Council enjoys a high reputation for its work in this field and a number of schemes have received regional and national recognition.

Due to the promotion of the present postholder, there is now an opportunity for a suitably qualified person to develop their career with us. The postholder will be responsible for ensuring the Council's duties and responsibilities in respect of the conservation of the historic environment are effectively and efficiently carried out. They will also have the opportunity to help develop projects, policies and strategies to secure the preservation, regeneration and enhancement of Stockport's historic built environment.

Salary £29,727 - £34,992 p.a. (pay award pending). Flexible working arrangements and eligibility for car leasing apply to this post. Application packs are available from www.stockport.gov.uk/jobs Ref: 4224 or call 0161 474 4482 Minicom: 0161 474 3350. Closing date 23rd May 2008.

English Heritage: Landscape Architect/Planner

The EH Guildford team is looking for a Landscape Architect/Planner to join a multi disciplinary team and provide landscape advice for the South East Region. Input will be needed on projects that range from conservation and project management to strategic public realm projects and comments on planning applications that affect the historic environment.

Candidates will need to be a member of the Landscape Institute and have a good knowledge of landscape design history and conservation principles.

Salary c £33,000pa. Based in Guildford, Job share applications welcome. To find out more visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs Cvs not accepted. Closing date 20th May. Interviews 11th June.

HLF Workplace Learning Bursaries Co-ordinator (maternity leave cover)

In 2005 the Institute of Field Archaeologists was awarded a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to fund workplace learning bursaries in archaeological skills development. The bursaries support placements with a variety of host organisations. In addition, the IFA administers the English Heritage Professional Placements in Conservation (EPPIC) scheme on behalf of English Heritage. It is looking to appoint a bursaries co-ordinator to administer both these schemes.

For an informal chat about the post, contact Natasha Kingham on 0118 378 7760 or natasha.kingham@archaeologists.net

Salary £18,907 - £22,845 pro rata dependant on experience, (pay award pending), based at IFA offices, Reading. The post-holder might normally work in the office or remotely, by arrangement although some work in the Reading office may be required. For further details, contact the Institute of Field Archaeologists, SHES, University of Reading, Whiteknights, PO Box 227, Reading, RG6 6AB or by email at admin@archaeologists.net Closing date for applications: 25th April. week beginning 6 May..

English Heritage: Regional Policy Officer West Midlands

The successful candidate for this post will be at the forefront of change, preparing and supporting the implementation of Heritage Protection Reform in the West Midlands region. An entrepreneurial, can-do attitude will stand in good stead when working with the Regional Management Team to promote the contribution of heritage to regional partners and the media.

Educated to degree level or equivalent with expertise in managing and interpreting complex information, candidates will have excellent co-ordination skills, political awareness and the confidence to communicate professionally. They will also be highly organised and motivated to succeed in a demanding role. In return, English Heritage can offer a stimulating working environment and the chance to develop within c12 months to the Regional Policy Adviser role. This is subject to the candidate demonstrating the ability to achieve the special duties in the job description.

Salary £25,000 - £27,000 pa based in Central Birmingham. To apply visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs CVs not accepted. Closing date: 2nd May. Interviews 15th May.

Association of Gardens Trusts: Administrator

This is a key role in co-ordinating the work of the Association in the protection of historic designed parks and gardens, mainly co-ordinating and disseminating information and advice between the County Gardens Trusts and the Association, and between the Association and outside bodies including English Heritage and the Garden History Society.

Attendance at the London office is required 2 days a week (currently Monday and Friday) for a total of 14 hours and attendance at committee meetings, lectures, study days and conferences organised by the Association and other events as required.

Further details and Job Description from the Administrator, The Association of Gardens Trusts, 70 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ, tel 020 7251 2610, email gardenstrusts@fsmail.net Closing date 30th June.

English Heritage: Blue Plaques Historian

This temporary (maternity cover) post for 12 months lies in the Architectural Investigation Division based in central London. The postholder will be responsible for detailed and archival biographical research in

support of London's blue plaques scheme. The post holder is expected to write to a high standard, prepare reports for the Blue Plaques Panel and respond to requests for information.

Salary c£27,000 temporary for 12 months. To find out more and to apply visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs Cvs not accepted. Closing date 6th May. Interviews 13th May.

Manchester Historic Buildings Trust: The Gaskell House: project organiser

The Gaskell House is an important building, home of the nineteenth century writer Elizabeth Gaskell and her family, a Grade II* detached Regency-style Villa at 84 Plymouth Grove, Manchester. It is on the Buildings at Risk Register. The Trust is now working on the first stage of the restoration.

The Trusts seeks applicants with qualifications and practical experience of working in the conservation of the built environment to co-ordinate the work of restoring and renovating the building, oversee project finance including fundraising and have general involvement with the project. Funding is secured from English Heritage and the Architectural Heritage Fund for a one-year part-time post, with the possibility of renewal, offering flexible working

For details contact Janet Allan, 10 Dale Road, New Mills, High Peak, SK22 4NW, 01663 744233 email janet@janetbook.fsnet.co.uk Closing date 22nd May Interview 3rd June pm.

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