

# Heritage Link Update 140

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## Heritage Link Evidence to CMS select committee

Evidence on the Draft Heritage Protection Bill has been submitted by a number of heritage organisations and umbrella bodies including Heritage Link, The Archaeology Forum, The Historic Houses Association, The Joint Committee of National Amenity Societies, The Council for British Archaeology, The Country Land and Business Association, The National Trust, SAVE Britain's Heritage, The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, The Battlefields Trust and the British Institute of Organ Studies.

Heritage Link set out positive support for the objectives of the Draft Bill but reiterated concerns over resources and over Local Authority capacity to deliver historic environment services of the quality envisaged in the Bill. We also compared the aims and scope of the Draft Bill with the core principles of the Heritage White Paper, especially in terms of 'maximising opportunities for inclusion and involvement'.

Heritage Link welcomed the recognition of the expertise in the voluntary sector. The National Amenity Societies should however be resourced in line with their extended functions. Heritage Link also called for the range of consultees to include organisations as well as individuals deemed to have special

knowledge or interest. Otherwise, Heritage Link pointed out, the huge range of local civic and amenity societies, historical, archaeological and special interest groups could be excluded from registration procedures. The Select Committee will be taking evidence over the summer. The Archaeology Forum amongst others will be giving evidence on 1 July.

Comments on the Bill are also invited by DCMS. They should be submitted to Andy Lewis at [Andrew.Lewis@culture.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.Lewis@culture.gsi.gov.uk) by 27 June. See [http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference\\_library/publications/5075.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/publications/5075.aspx) [Back](#)

### Sub National Review in the Empowerment White Paper

If the Government's new proposals for regional governance go ahead, the Regional Assemblies will be phased out and their planning powers transferred to the business led Regional Development Agencies. Local councils would be required to carry out economic assessments of their areas and achieve 'a better alignment of economic and spatial planning.'

Over the last year, a coalition of environmental groups led by Friends of the Earth has lobbied against the proposals - see the briefing at [http://www.foe.co.uk/resource/briefings/power\\_shift.pdf](http://www.foe.co.uk/resource/briefings/power_shift.pdf)

Heritage Link submitted its own response to CLG's consultation *Prosperous Places* arguing for a more integrated economic, social and environmental approach to regional objectives and outlining the role of heritage in achieving sustainable development. Heritage Link pressed for ways of ensuring the views of cultural bodies were heard at regional level. Like many other organisations, Heritage Link also pointed out that the RDA's democratic accountability fell far short of that of the Regional Assemblies and that assurance of effective stakeholder engagement in the new structure lacked conviction.

The Government is expected to set out the legislative measures needed to implement the reforms in the Community Empowerment, Housing and Economic Regeneration Bill in the 2008/9 Parliamentary session. [Back](#)

### Draft Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill CMS Oral Evidence Session: report

The Culture, Media and Sport Committee held an oral evidence session to discuss the Draft Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill, published by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport in January 2008. The Bill would enable the UK to ratify the 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict and to accede to its two Protocols.

Witnesses included Professor Peter Stone, Professor of Heritage Studies, Newcastle University, Dr Roger O'Keefe, Lecturer in International Law, Cambridge University, Brigadier Gordon Messenger DSO OBE, Ministry of Defence, the British Art Market Federation, British Red Cross, UNESCO (UK National Commission) and English Heritage.

To view evidence visit: <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmselect/cmcmds/uc693-i/uc69302.htm> [Back](#)

### Find Your Talent pilot projects now under development

Two Secretaries of State, Burnham and Balls on a joint platform for DCMS and DCSF, voiced strong commitment to the new £25m Find Your Talent scheme to give young children the chance to encounter a range of high class cultural experiences for 5 hours both inside and outside school. The ten pilot projects, hoped Andy Burnham, would generate evidence for a convincing political case to extend the scheme across England.

Representatives of the successful ten out of 141 submissions met government agencies and national cultural organisations including Heritage Link at a Development Day on 18 June. Most pilots are led by Local Authorities but one is led by a third sector organisation, The Customs House, covering North and South Tyneside. This one is also unique in recognising the value of a rich heritage in developing a sense of place. Heritage Link intends to facilitate access to heritage expertise to ensure that the other pilots pay more than lip service to heritage in their interpretation of cultural provision. It has accepted Creative Partnerships' invitation to comment on the delivery plans as they emerge.

Lead partners will be working on developing local, regional and international partnerships. Heritage Link can pass on contact details for all ten projects – in Bolton, Tyneside, Leeds, Leicestershire, Liverpool, North Somerset, South Hampshire, Folkestone, Telford and Tower Hamlets. Further details of each

project should be available shortly at <http://www.creative-partnerships.com/offer> or email Kate Pugh at Heritage Link [kate.pugh@heritagelink.org.uk](mailto:kate.pugh@heritagelink.org.uk) [Back](#)

### Share your views on the Civic Trusts new website

Civic Societies can now exchange news and views, contribute to Government consultations and join online discussions on the Civic Trust's new website. Available to both Civic Societies and the public, the website highlights the issues facing citizens today - from buying locally to town centre management. The website aims to encourage and help people to take action, make their views heard, and play their part in shaping their local communities.

The Civic Trust will be promoting the website in regional media, and will encourage people to take action in their local area. A searchable map allows people to find their nearest Civic Society, and each Society has their own page on the website which they will be able to update.

Alberta Stevens, Programme Leader at the Civic Societies said 'for the first time, the website brings together the full range of Civic Trust campaigns, and shows how you can make a difference by adding your local voice to the national voice of the Trust. Civic Societies can use the website as a resource, and can download practical advice as well as sharing their successes and experiences'.

For more information visit [www.civictrust.org.uk](http://www.civictrust.org.uk) [Back](#)

### LTGF Launches Online Survey on Gentrification: deadline 23 June

London Thames Gateway Forum (LTGF) is currently researching the impact of gentrification on people living and working in East London. They will be focus on the boroughs undergoing massive change in preparation for the 2012 Olympic Games: Newham, Hackney, Waltham Forest and Tower Hamlets as development is expected to trigger another phase of gentrification.

The LTGF are keen to hear about how gentrification has had an impact on their members and contacts. If you do not live or work in the areas listed your observations about gentrification in your area are welcome. The LTGF are using gentrification to refer to a change in a neighbourhood from lower to higher-income households. This often results in the relocation of families, businesses and organisations. Gentrification can lead to the displacement of lower-income households; modifications to existing housing; new developments; influx of new businesses; higher property prices; and changes to neighbourhood services, including schools and parks; as well as profound change to the look and character of a neighbourhood.

The survey will be open for responses until 23 June. Its findings will be published in a research report on gentrification in East London. For more information visit

[http://www.ltgf.co.uk/content/en/news\\_details.aspx?guid=22CDD630-4857-4E27-8B2B-78D20E006304](http://www.ltgf.co.uk/content/en/news_details.aspx?guid=22CDD630-4857-4E27-8B2B-78D20E006304)  
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### Local Archaeological Services: report

Since their beginnings archaeological services based in local authorities have grown dramatically in importance and size. However, until recently there has been very little published information about local government archaeological services, including important aspects such as their size and structure, and how they have responded to major policy developments such as the introduction of government guidance on archaeology and planning in 1990 (PPG 16) and local government reorganisation in the 1990s.

This summary is of key results from research undertaken by the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers (ALGAO) and English Heritage into local government archaeological services: published in 2002 as Archaeological Services in Local Government and Planning and Conservation Casework Survey 1997-99. It also includes results from the ALGAO survey of staffing and casework for 2003.

It was recommended that local authorities should provide or have access to archaeological services with professional staff that are able to provide information and advice on the management of the historic environment. The ALGAO surveys have shown the vital role that Historic Environment Records (HERs) play in local authority archaeological services providing development control and agri-environment advice. In recognition of the importance of HERs for providing advice and also as a resource for local communities and schools, the government has recommended, in the 'Review of Heritage Protection: The Way Forward', that they be made a statutory function of local government. The ministerial proposes

that English Heritage should continue its successful programme of capacity building within local authority archaeological services by pump priming the creation of new posts.

The recent government proposals to provide financial contributions for the provision of historic environment advice by local authorities through the proposed Environmental Stewardship have been welcomed by the Historic Environment Local Management body (HELM). They however believe that additional resources should be found to support this advice if the number of applications and level and detail of advice required increases significantly. This is because local authorities do not have the capacity within current resources to accommodate this work-load. HELM suggests that English Heritage, in partnership with ALGAO and the Institute of Historic Buildings Conservation (IHBC), should produce guidance on the assessment and recording of historic buildings within the planning process.

For more information go to <http://www.helm.org.uk/server/show/nav.005004005005> [Back](#)

#### [Placesofworship@heritagelink](mailto:placesofworship@heritagelink)

Following the inaugural meeting in March, the Steering Group of the new places of worship group within Heritage Link has met a second time to draw up an action plan for the next year. Early actions, thanks to the National Churches Trust generously agreeing to meet the operational costs for the first year, include going ahead with recruitment of a part time development officer. This will be advertised in Update later in the summer.

The Group is also preparing dedicated webpages on the Heritage Link website to include contact information for members with brief summaries of the scope of member organisations. The webpage is intended in due course to provide a comprehensive resource of contacts and good practice.

All enquiries about the new group should go to Robert Green at [placesofworship@heritagelink.org.uk](mailto:placesofworship@heritagelink.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### [Planning Partnerships guide to speed up new large scale developments](#)

A new guide to speed up planning partnerships between councils and developers has been published. The new guide sets out a logical process for identifying what should be done, when and by whom to reduce problems and speed up new major developments through the planning system.

The voluntary Planning Performance Agreements (PPAs) between a local planning authority and an applicant provide a project management framework for handling large and complex planning applications. All PPAs that meet agreed timetables will be excluded from the standard 13 week decision threshold meaning developers no longer have to worry about rushed decisions. The new guidance also includes new good practice examples developed during the pilot study to help achieve successful planning applications. Last year pilot projects were run which showed that PPAs added value to the planning system by improving the quality and outcomes of the planning approval process.

To view guide visit [http://www.ruralcommunities.gov.uk/files/crc67\\_englands\\_rural\\_areas1.pdf](http://www.ruralcommunities.gov.uk/files/crc67_englands_rural_areas1.pdf) [Back](#)

#### [SPAB publishes new maintenance handbook](#)

SPAB's new maintenance handbook is now available. The Good Maintenance Guide has been written by the Faith in Maintenance project team and contains a wealth of advice about the day to day care of historic places of worship but is also relevant to all types of old building.

The handbook is intended to be a practical and easy to use source of advice and includes chapters on understanding traditional materials, why buildings decay, maintenance tasks and working with professionals and others. It also contains a useful maintenance checklist and many references to related sources of help and guidance. The guide is particularly aimed at volunteers who care for historic places of worship, but is applicable to all historic structures.

To purchase the guide contact 0207 456 0913 or visit [www.spab.org.uk](http://www.spab.org.uk) [Back](#)

The Faith in Maintenance website has also been updated to include additional advice and guidance. Several new case studies have been added and a new online forum has been launched. To contribute to the forum and join in the debate and let us know what you think by registering at [www.spabfim.org.uk/forum/index.php](http://www.spabfim.org.uk/forum/index.php) [Back](#)

### Olympics Legacy Action Plan launched

A new £140 million fund to boost sport and fitness through free swimming for over 60s was announced today as the centrepiece of the Government's plan to ensure a lasting sporting legacy from the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games. The initiative was part of a package of measures in the Legacy Action Plan: Before, During and After: Making the most of the London 2012 Games, which was unveiled today by Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Andy Burnham and Secretary of State for Health, Alan Johnson.

The Victorian Society has raised concern that these plans may backfire unless the government invest more money into Historic Pools. Dr Ian Dungavell, Director of the Victorian Society commented 'of course it is a good thing to offer free swimming for all. But to make this a reality, the government must ensure that there is sufficient money available for the refurbishment and maintenance of historic community pools. Pools like these have so much to offer and meet so many of the government's heritage, health, and community value criteria, yet people around the country are having to fight to save them.'

For further information visit [http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference\\_library/publications/5161.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/publications/5161.aspx) [Back](#)

### Geographical Survey in Archaeological Field Evaluation

These new guidelines are intended to help archaeologists, particularly curators, consultants and project managers, to better understand and engage with the techniques of geophysical survey. It is hoped too that practitioners of geophysical survey will find them helpful and that, altogether, the guidance can contribute to raising the consistency and quality of geophysical survey in archaeological field evaluation.

Geophysical survey now has a wider academic and professional forum than was the case several years ago. Despite the increasing familiarity with methods and techniques, and a growing number of practitioners, geophysical survey can be both a very technical subject, as well as a fertile area for continuing innovation, commercial exploitation, and integration with other prospecting disciplines. There remains a need for independent guidance which this document is intended to provide.

To view the document visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/upload/pdf/GeophysicsGuidelines.pdf> [Back](#)

### Historic Welsh sites free

Historic heritage sites in Wales are to be open free of charge to children and pensioners. Heritage Minister Rhodri Glyn Thomas has outlined plans to introduce free access for Welsh children and pensioners to all Cadw charging sites throughout Wales from 1 September. The announcement will fulfil the One Wales Commitment and follows the announcement in February that entrance to Blaenafon Ironworks would be free from last Easter.

During a plenary debate today the minister, said 'The project will contribute to the Assembly Government's agendas in regeneration, lifelong learning, social cohesion and tourism development by enabling individuals and communities to enjoy and engage with their surroundings. Free access is the final piece in the jigsaw that will help open up the historic environment to a wider audience. The historic environment is important in giving us a sense of place and purpose and can make an enormous difference to people's lives.

For more information visit <http://www.newswales.co.uk/?section=Culture&F=1&id=14326> [Back](#)

### Ramblers Association supports coastal access

The Ramblers' Association has advised the Government that a national coastal trail would bring massive economic and social benefits to rural communities whilst giving evidence to a joint committee scrutinising the coastal access provisions within the draft Marine Bill.

The Ramblers' Association's evidence was given as part of a two day process of hearings with the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (EFRA) Commons Select Committee and parliamentary joint committee responsible for looking at how effectively the proposals contained within the Draft Marine Bill will deliver improved coastal access.

Tom Franklin, CEO of the RA told the committee 'The potential social and economic benefits of a national coastal route to seaside communities are huge. The South West Coast path brings over £307 million a year to the region and is named as a major selling point by 73.3% of accommodation providers. If these economic benefits were expanded nationally, it would completely rejuvenate the social and economic life of our coastal towns.'

The Ramblers' Association has dismissed claims that coastal access will widely threaten the privacy of private gardens loss of property as 'scaremongering'. The access components of the Bill are supported by a range of organisations concerned with wildlife and conservation including the RSPB, the National Trust and the Wildlife Trusts.

For more information please contact the Rambler's Association at [press@ramblers.org.uk](mailto:press@ramblers.org.uk) [Back](#)

### National Trust supports new Severn barrage research

The power generated by a ten-mile barrage across the Severn Estuary could be produced more cheaply using other green technologies, say some of Europe's foremost economists. Frontier's analysis, commissioned by ten UK environment groups, follows a report last month by Halcrow which estimates the real cost of building the barrage would be far higher than the £15 billion first suggested. Under Treasury accounting rules regarding contingency funds, Halcrow has reported it could be nearer £23 billion pounds.

Matthew Bell, author of the Frontier report, said 'It is hard to think of reasons for the public sector to build or operate a barrage which would not be equally applicable to many other projects and assets that sit in the private sector. Not only is the private sector more than able to finance a scheme of this scale but, even using the most conservative estimates of costs, the barrage is one of the most expensive options for clean energy generation there is.'

Tony Burton the National Trust's Director of Strategy and External Affairs said 'While we support strong action to tackle climate change, we need to do this in a cost effective way and respect the importance of our natural environment. This study demonstrates that the government should consider other ways of meeting our renewable targets, which make better use of public money and at less cost to the environment.' The National Trust, RSPB, WWF-UK and the Salmon & Trout Association were amongst the groups commissioning the analysis.

To view the full report visit [http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-severn\\_barrage.pdf](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-severn_barrage.pdf) [Back](#)

### Morgan Inquiry into Young Adult Volunteering

The Morgan Inquiry has produced a report which looks at the real reasons for more young people to volunteer, and the barriers that prevent young people from doing so. It has produced a series of practical recommendations for change.

Baroness Morgan of Huyton, in conjunction with a cross-party panel, held an independent inquiry on the future of young adult volunteering between the ages of 18 and 24. Amongst those supporting the Morgan Inquiry is The Scout Association (TSA), in conjunction with the All-Party Parliamentary Scouting Group (APPSG). The Inquiry ran from early 2008 for six months concluding in June 2008.

For more information visit <http://www.morganinquiry.org.uk> [Back](#)

### CABE publishes Land in Limbo: making the best use of vacant urban spaces

Land in Limbo published by CABE looks at the value of vacant urban open space and how to transform these spaces into public assets. It outlines the obstacles faced, the actions required and the benefits to be gained from bringing vacant land back into use.

Land in limbo is a useful reference for local authorities, landowners and regeneration professionals as well as a call for a change in approach towards valuable vacant sites.

For more information [visit www.cabe.org.uk](http://www.cabe.org.uk) [Back](#)

### European Heritage Award Winners announced in UK

Laureates of the annual European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards were honoured at the annual European Heritage Awards Ceremony, which took place on 12 June in Durham Cathedral.

The awards were presented by S.A.R. la Infanta Doña Pilar de Borbón, President of Europa Nostra, and Mr Vladimir Sucha, Director for Culture, Multilingualism and Communication at the European Commission's DG Education and Culture. Dame Liz Forgan, Chair of the UK's Heritage Lottery Fund, gave the closing address: 'One Hundred Thousand Brush Strokes'. While congratulating the laureates, speakers talked of the need to engage the wider public in the protection of Europe's cultural heritage in order to effectively maintain and enhance our built and natural environment.

For a full list of the winners and more information visit [www.europanostra.org](http://www.europanostra.org) [Back](#)

### New Fundraising Resource for Volunteers

The Institute of Fundraising has launched a new website aimed specifically at volunteer fundraisers. The Institute is the professional body that represents fundraisers in the UK and aims to support fundraisers, through leadership, representation, standard-setting and education to deliver excellent fundraising.

The new website funded by the Office of the Third Sector and the Vodafone UK Foundation aims to assist both volunteer fundraisers and those fundraisers whose role it is to support and manage volunteers.

To visit the site and for more information visit [www.how2fundraise.org](http://www.how2fundraise.org) [Back](#)

### New Heritage Studies Courses at the Open University

The Open University have recently appointed two new lecturers in Heritage Studies, and are in the process of developing a number of new courses in heritage. The first, an online short course which provides an overview of the concepts, structures and practices associated with the formal heritage sector, will run from October 2008, and is now open for registration.

In addition to students of the arts and social sciences, the course may interest volunteers and others who work in the heritage sector who wish to further their knowledge of the processes and concepts involved in heritage. Other courses are currently in development and will be available in 2009.

For further information go to <http://www3.open.ac.uk/courses/bin/p12.dll?C01A180> [Back](#)

### Competition for a measured drawing of a Georgian building

In celebration of HRH The Prince of Wales's sixtieth birthday in November, The Georgian Group, in association with The Prince's Drawing School and the Traditional Architecture Group of the Royal Institute of British Architects, is organising a prize competition for a measured drawing of a Georgian building. The aim of the competition, which is open to British, Commonwealth and US citizens under 40, is to promote and reward excellence in measured architectural drawing and to encourage close study and understanding of Georgian buildings.

For the purposes of the competition, the term 'Georgian building' means any building completed in the period 1660-1840, whether in Britain or elsewhere. First prize is £1000, second prize is £750 and third prize is £500. Winning and short listed entries will be exhibited in London.

The deadline for entries is 19 September. Full details and an entry form can be downloaded from [www.georgiangroup.org.uk](http://www.georgiangroup.org.uk). For further information contact Robert Bargery, Director, The Georgian Group, 6 Fitzroy Square, London W1T 5DX or telephone 020 7529 8928. [Back](#)

### Entries for the 50<sup>th</sup> Civic Trust Awards now open

The Civic Trust gives four categories of Award: awards, commendations, mentions and special awards. Awards are given to schemes that are of benefit culturally, socially or economically whilst making an outstanding contribution to the quality and appearance of the environment. Winners of Civic Trust Awards receive a certificate and a plaque for permanent display on the award-winning site.

The closing date for entries is 2 September. All entries should be made online via [www.civictrustawards.org.uk](http://www.civictrustawards.org.uk) [Back](#)

### SPAB Office Space to Let: London

The SPAB is looking for new tenants for the three ground floor rooms that form part of the Society's early Georgian headquarters building. The Grade II listed self-contained offices have their own entrance in Spital Yard and overlook the SPAB's courtyard garden.

The offices are in a quiet historic enclave a few seconds walk from Broadgate and other major City buildings, and minutes away from Spitalfields Market, Brick Lane, and Shoreditch. The recently refurbished offices consist of three rooms, retaining some historic features, and a small basement kitchenette and lavatory.

The rent is £38.50 per sq ft per annum. For more details [info@spab.org.uk](mailto:info@spab.org.uk) or telephone 020 7377 1644. [Back](#)

### PEOPLE

#### The Queen's Birthday Honours

Fittingly in the run up to the Draft Heritage Bill, Peter Beacham, Head of Heritage Protection at English Heritage has been awarded an OBE in this year's summer Honours. This is a very well deserved honour for Peter who has been working on the Bill for the past eight years and postponed his retirement more than once to see the Bill through.

Alan Beith MP for Berwick on Tweed and Chairman of the Historic Chapels Trust is made a Knight Bachelor. Angela Heylin, formerly a Trustee of Historic Royal Palaces is awarded an LVO, one of the Queen's personal awards. CBEs go to Professor Christopher Dyer of the Centre for Local History, University of Leicester; to Peter Hewitt, formerly Head of the Arts Council England; Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle founder of the Belfast Buildings Preservation Trust for services to heritage in Northern Ireland; Richard Rogers formerly Chief Executive Environment and Heritage Services, Northern Ireland; and to architect Anthony Rossi who is also Deputy Chairman of the Ancient Monuments Society for services to heritage and to conservation.

OBEs go to Roger Bland Head of Portable Antiquities and Treasure at the British Museum; Professor Richard Fawcett, Principal Inspector, Historic Scotland. A number of MBEs are awarded for services to the voluntary and community sector.

Those with a heritage aspect include honours to James Brown for services to Scottish heritage; Penelope Calder for services to museums and the voluntary sector; Edward Cassidy formerly Chairman of the East Midlands Regional Cultural Consortium; Jillian Evans of the National Video Archive; Alfred Jenkins for services to heritage and to the community in Cleve Hill South Shropshire; Alan Johnson for services to vintage and veteran vehicle restoration and heritage; Lilian Ladle for services to archaeology in Wareham; Gordon Lawrence for services to naval heritage; Richard Matchett for service to dance and the heritage of black dance; Gerald Mee for services to heritage in Leek, Staffs; Edwin Price, formerly President of the Gloucester and District Archaeological Group; John Stafford for services to rural crafts particularly hedge-laying; Eric Walker for voluntary service to the Wey and Arun Canal; Derek Wheeler for voluntary service in heritage in Hitchin; and to John Williams; formerly Head of Heritage Conservation, Kent County Council. Congratulations to one and all! [Back](#)

#### Johnson appoints new culture advisor

Boris Johnson, Mayor of London has appointed Munira Mirza as his new Director of Policy, Arts Culture and the Creative Industries. An arts consultant for the London East Research Institute and author of several reports for the think tank Policy Exchange, she has a background as a writer and broadcaster specialising in issues relating to cultural change, multi-culturalism and urban regeneration. His Senior Planning Advisor is Sir Simon Milton, the former Leader of Westminster City Council.

Johnson, who was Shadow Minister for Culture for six months in 2004 has not yet voiced his intentions for the sector however, we will be watching with interest. For more information on the Mayor's cultural policy visit [www.london.gov.uk](http://www.london.gov.uk) [Back](#)

#### New President for the Civic Trust

Griff Rhys Jones has been made the President of the Civic Trust. Griff Rhys Jones said: 'All over Britain people who love and care about their towns and cities work to take responsibility for something that

affects us all - our urban landscape. I salute them, respect them and am delighted to be made their President and to support the work of the Civic Trust.'

Philip Kolvin, Chairman of the Civic Trust responded by saying: 'In Griff, we have a passionate, articulate advocate for our towns and cities whose architectural heritage, modern design and green space are hallmarks of our civilisation and integral to our national identity. For 50 years, the Civic Trust has celebrated and defended the public realm, and Griff is a natural figurehead for what we do and spokesperson for the quarter of a million local people we represent.'

For more information visit [www.thecivictrust.org.uk](http://www.thecivictrust.org.uk) [Back](#)

### Access All Areas Project Coordinator

Catharine Bull has been appointed as the part-time Project Coordinator for Access All Areas, one of the major projects of the UK's four-year Cultural Olympiad. The project is being developed by Heritage Link for the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG), and it aims to bring a wide constituency into contact with heritage and the built environment throughout the UK. It will work people from across the sector to deliver activities and events to engage with a broad range of social groups, including young people. The project will start on a small scale in 2009, building to major events in 2011 and 2012.

If you are interested in participating in Access All Areas, please email Catharine Bull at [C.Bull@heritagelink.org.uk](mailto:C.Bull@heritagelink.org.uk) [Back](#)

### EVENTS

#### North West Historic Environment Forum, Summer Conference: 11 July

The North West Historic Environment Forum's Summer Conference will be held in Manchester. This year's annual HEF conference, run again in conjunction with Heritage Link, is an opportunity to discuss and review the historic environment agenda in the North West.

There is no enrolment fee and no charge for the buffet lunch, although donations would be welcome. The deadline for registration is Friday 4 July. To attend please confirm in writing [john.miller@htnw.co.uk](mailto:john.miller@htnw.co.uk) or call 01282 661897. [Back](#)

#### Faith in Maintenance SPAB course: 13 July

The SPAB will be offering a free practical maintenance course for volunteers from the Jewish community who care for historically significant places of worship. This one day event historic for the North West's Jewish community will be held at the Manchester Jewish Museum.

The course will offer delegates the opportunity to explore their history, while finding out more about the care and maintenance of their places of worship. The day will include a site visit to the Art Deco Higher Crumpsall and Higher Broughton Synagogue that has recently benefited under the English Heritage and Heritage Lottery Fund Joint Listed Places of Worship Repair Grant Scheme (transport has been arranged) and a talk on synagogue architecture by Dr Kadish.

A kosher buffet lunch and afternoon refreshments will be provided and all delegates will receive a copy of the new FIM Good Maintenance Guide. For more information contact Kate Minnis on 0207 456 0913. [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.

#### The National Trust: Assistant Director, External Affairs

The National Trust is recruiting a new Assistant Director of External Affairs. The successful candidate will develop and lead the National Trust's external affairs work in relevant areas and contribute to the management and direction of the Strategy and External Affairs Directorate.

They will lead the Trust's work with policy makers, opinion formers, business and supporters in the areas of the post's responsibility as agreed with the Director of Strategy and External Affairs and in liaison with other parts of the organisation. The current focus of the role is cultural heritage, infrastructure and development, green spaces, philanthropy and social benefit.

Applicants will have a high level of external affairs experience and strategic thinking ability. They will demonstrate strong leadership and people management skills. The post has a starting salary in the range of £50,000 pa. The deadline for applications is 7 July. For more information visit [www.ntjobs.org.uk](http://www.ntjobs.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### HLF: Programme Manager

The Programme Manager will take day-to-day responsibility for overseeing the management of the Townscape Heritage Initiative Programme and Places of Worship scheme throughout the UK, operated by the Heritage Lottery Fund or by partner bodies on HLF's behalf.

The post holder will sit in the new Major Projects and Special Programmes Team within the HLF Policy & Strategic Department and reporting to the Head of Special Programmes. The prime responsibility is to supervise operational and strategic aspects of HLF's Townscape Heritage Initiative and Repair Grants for Places of Worship programmes.

The salary range for this role is £26,398 - £36,720 pa. The deadline for applications is 9 July. For more information visit [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### National Trust: Corporate Partnerships Coordinator

The National Trust is seeking a confident, highly organised individual to work closely with the Corporate Partnerships Manager, ensuring that contractual benefits are delivered. Duties will include producing promotional material, updating web pages, developing monthly action plans and producing quarterly reports.

Educated to at least A Level (and ideally a graduate) the successful candidate will have previous experience in sales, marketing or fundraising role where they have been responsible for building good client relationships and managing budgets.

The salary range for this role is £20,929 - £22,997 pa (maternity cover). The closing date for applications is 23 June. For more information visit [www.ntjobs.org.uk](http://www.ntjobs.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### English Heritage: National Heritage Science Strategy Coordinator

The aim of the National Heritage Science Strategy, as set out in a report to the House of Lords (<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200506/ldselect/ldsctech/256/256.pdf>), is to assess the sector's use of science in understanding and preserving the UK's heritage, to identify opportunities and make recommendations about priorities in responding to them.

The post holder will collect and organise appropriate information and support the steering group to enable them to formulate the strategy. They will organise steering group meetings and maintain very active links with the sector, including running a website.

The successful candidate will have good knowledge and experience in the historic environment sector and an understanding of the application of science to the sector. Skills in collecting and analysing information, and in writing, and the ability to work with multi-disciplinary groups and deliver a project on time, are also essential.

This is a one year contract and secondments are welcome. The salary range for this role is £40,000 - £45,000 pa. The closing date for applications is 7 July. For more information visit [www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs) [Back](#)

#### National Trust: Regional Conservation Manager,

The National Trust looking for a dynamic, inspirational leader who will ensure that conservation plays a central role in decision-making at all levels and who can help to communicate the importance of conservation persuasively, both within the Trust and to our supporters. The appointed will be working at a strategic level ensuring that the right conservation disciplines are involved, whether curators or rural surveyors, archaeologists or land use planners, building surveyors or nature conservation advisers.

The successful candidate will promote creative conservation in forward planning at regional and property level, in work programmes at properties and in project management. Working to a budget, they will oversee conservation staff, encouraging team-work and installing pride and confidence in all

conservation achievements. They will demonstrate in-depth knowledge of a conservation discipline in a managerial role.

The salary for this role is £50,000 pa. The post holder will be based in the National Trust's regional office in Bury St Edmunds. The deadline for applications is 14 July. For more information visit [www.ntjobs.org.uk](http://www.ntjobs.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### Historic Scotland: Casework Assistant

The South-East Casework team is looking to appoint a new Casework Assistant. The appointed will play a supportive role within the team, working directly to the Inspectors under the supervision who manages the casework within the team.

The Assistant will provide general historic environment advice to staff and stakeholders, whilst assisting with listed building consent, conservation area consent and scheduled monument consent casework. Additionally the Assistant will undertake their own casework which will involve travelling to sites and meeting owners and architects etc.

The salary range for this role is £ 19,148 - £26,278 pa. The deadline for applications is 20 June. For more information please email [hs.recruit@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hs.recruit@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) or telephone 0131 6688641. [Back](#)

#### TCPA: Personal Assistant and Researcher

The Town and Country Planning Association (TCPA) is seeking a highly organised and motivated individual to work with the Chief Executive. The appointed will demonstrate excellent communication skills. A research background and work experience in a similar role would be beneficial. Candidates should enjoy working in a small team.

The salary range for this position is £21,000 - £27,000 pa (three year contract). The deadline for applications is the 2 July. Further information can be found at [www.tcpa.org.uk](http://www.tcpa.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### The Churches Conservation Trust: Regeneration Officer

The Churches Conservation Trust is looking for an innovative individual with a track record in delivering sustainable, community-based projects to join our new regeneration taskforce. The post holder will deliver creative projects to ensure sustainable futures for these historic redundant parish churches. Successful candidates will have knowledge of public sector funding programmes and their operation and a track record in working with communities and managing volunteers.

The salary range for this role is £19,500 - £24,050 pa if regionally based or £23,500 - £28,196 pa if based in London. The closing date for applications is 9 July. For further information visit <http://www.visitchurches.org.uk/content.php?nID=148> [Back](#)

#### The Churches Conservation Trust: Volunteering Development Officer

This new post is part of a three year funded project and will an opportunity to lead the development of youth volunteering, volunteer management and associated partnerships in a national heritage charity. The post holder will create, manage and evaluate volunteering initiatives in one of our four regions and drive increased volunteering, by young people in particular. They will have appropriate experience, knowledge of best practice and a track record of successful development of youth volunteering and partnership working. Note a CRB check will be required for this role.

This post is regionally based with a salary of £24,000 pa. The closing date for applications is 9 July. For further information visit <http://www.visitchurches.org.uk/content.php?nID=158> [Back](#)

#### Welsh Religious Buildings Trust: Development Officer

The Welsh Religious Buildings Trust requires a Development Officer to help develop four of its buildings based projects across south Wales (Aberdare, Maesteg, Sennybridge and Llandeilo), assisting with the development and management of building repair projects, and working to develop close links with the local community to maximize participation and support.

This post will be fore two days a week and will be home based. The role has been initially funded until 31 March 2009. The salary for this role is £22,845 pro rata. The closing date for applications is 2 July 2008. For further details email [post@yacwrbt.plus.com](mailto:post@yacwrbt.plus.com) or call 01286 881365. [Back](#)

### Narberth Museum: Project Organiser

Narberth Museum seeks a Project Organiser to co-ordinate the restoration of an historic building, the Bonded Stores, and the re-establishment of the museum there.

The post holder will have the necessary qualifications and experience to manage the grant application process, make funding applications, assist with the appointment of consultants and contractors and manage grant expenditure. The successful candidate will work from home on a freelance basis with occasional site visits and attendance at progress meetings.

The part-time post is for one year initially. The salary for this role is negotiable. Closing date for applications is 30 June. A full job description, person specification and application details are available from Pauline Griffiths telephone 01834 861719 or email [narberthmuseum@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:narberthmuseum@yahoo.co.uk) [Back](#)

### The National Anglo-Jewish Heritage Trail: Project Manager/Outreach Officer

JTrails, the initiative of Robin Spiro, the Spiro Ark and Anglo-Jewish historian, Marcus Roberts, is part-supported by English Heritage. JTrails, is seeking a full-time Project Manager/Outreach Officer, to work with, and assist the National Director, in developing 30 Anglo-Jewish Heritage Trails across the country, based on a major web-site and out-reach work.

Based at Yarnton Manor, Oxford the Outreach Manager will be responsible for running in-depth community out-reach projects, in consultation with the Director, at selected locations, to include English Heritage target groups and to develop new audiences, as well as to meet out-reach targets.

A committed professional with excellent personal, net-working and community skills, the ability to organise and a willingness to learn about Jewish heritage. The successful candidate will have experience in developing public programmes, and managing mid to large scale projects.

There will be opportunities to work for home-working, though applicants must be within 60 miles of Oxford. The closing date for applications is 1 July. Interviews will be held on 10 July. The salary for this role is £23,690 pa. For further details and application pack email [Jtrails@spiroark.org](mailto:Jtrails@spiroark.org). [Back](#)

### Historic Scotland: New Lanark World Heritage Site Coordinator

New Lanark was inscribed in 2001 as one of four UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Scotland. This opportunity will involve the development of a Management Plan for the site, including the management of a public consultation.

The post holder will work closely with key stakeholders including the New Lanark Trust, Historic Scotland Inspectorate and South Lanarkshire Council to promote the World Heritage Site and produce and implement interpretation, communication and education strategies. They will have proven experience of working in a related field; experience of working with a range of stakeholders at senior level and excellent negotiation, communication and presentation skills.

The post sits within Historic Scotland's Policy Group but will be based at the New Lanark Trust which runs the World Heritage Site. The salary range for this role is £32,428 - £39,410 pa. This is a fixed term appointment which will be reviewed after 1 year.

The closing date for applications is 4 July. For further details email [hs.recruit@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hs.recruit@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) or telephone 0131 668 8641. [Back](#)

### Plymouth City Council: Urban Planning Co-ordinator

Plymouth's Planning and Regeneration Service is currently looking for an Urban Planning Co-ordinator to join the team on a temporary basis to cover maternity leave.

Candidates should in particular have the relevant qualifications and experience to be able to manage the unit's historic environment work programme, (which includes conservation area management, buildings at risk, archaeology, historic environment record) ideally with additional experience in urban design. They should also have experience of the Local Development Framework process and preparing historic environment policy. The post holder will have a passion for creating a quality city where heritage and regeneration are seen as complementary.

The salary range for this role is £30,598 - £35,852 pa. The closing date for applications is 27 June. For further information call (01752) 668000 or visit [www.plymouth.gov.uk/counciljobs](http://www.plymouth.gov.uk/counciljobs) [Back](#)

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