

Heritage Link Update 142

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One in Twelve Heritage Treasures at Risk

English Heritage has launched the Heritage at Risk register revealing that no fewer than 1 in 12 is at high risk of neglect or decay or inappropriate change. The new Heritage at Risk project extends the formula of the Buildings at Risk Register (which since it began in 1998 has seen 45% of entries saved), to scheduled monuments and archaeology, registered historic landscapes, parks, gardens and battlefields and even protected wreck sites off our coast. Over the next few years, conservation areas, listed places of worship and Grade II buildings will be added to make England the first country in the world to have a comprehensive picture of every bit of its protected heritage at risk and the analysis to save it.

The Heritage at Risk Report also reveals what the true enemies are. They include ploughing, scrub and tree growth, lack of funds, neglectful owners, burrowing animals, inappropriate development, vandalism and natural erosion.

Dr Simon Thurley stated 'The Heritage at Risk project is at the heart of what English Heritage can do for the nation. It gives us all, for the first time, the big picture and the tools to interrogate it. It helps our experts to prioritise action to deal with the most urgent cases. We can identify what types of heritage are vulnerable to what types of threat and our experts can recommend solutions that will work all over the country.'

The launch of Heritage at Risk is sponsored by Ecclesiastical Insurance. For press release visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.14144> [Back](#)

Battlefields at Risk

The Heritage at Risk report from English Heritage warns that Towton, along with one in five of the sites on the Register of Historic Battlefields, is regarded as at risk by experts. In most cases the threat is of development but there is also a threat through the use of metal detectors.

The new register has highlighted 43 sites. The earliest is the Battle of Maldon in Essex in 991, the most recent Sedgemoor in Somerset in 1685. Glenn Foard, case officer at the Battlefields Trust, regards metal detectors as an even more serious threat than development. The new Heritage Bill proposes licences for detecting on battlefields, but there is currently no statutory protection. 'If the landowner gives consent, there is absolutely nothing we can do,' Foard says. 'Remember that there is nothing under the ground. The only evidence is the metal in the top soil layer, which is exactly what the metal detector finds - and once that is stripped away the archaeological evidence is destroyed for ever.'

For more information visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.19078> [Back](#)

Theatres at Risk

Reviewing its own top ten theatres at risk for 2008 in England the Theatres Trust welcomed English Heritage's new initiative to protect the nation's heritage. Of the 68 theatres in England on The Theatres Trust's Theatre Buildings at Risk register (TBAR), 34 currently face an uncertain future and are at high risk. The top ten theatres in the Trust's 2008 TBAR include theatres that remain empty, are under threat of demolition, neglect or unsympathetic redevelopment, and lack of funds for repairs and restoration.

Unlike English Heritage's Heritage at Risk register, the Theatres Trust's Theatre Buildings at Risk register includes all theatre buildings at risk regardless of listed status or grading. Registers are to be held by local councils as part of the new Heritage Protection Bill.

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

First Heritage at Risk Award goes to Peak District

Work on protecting historic monuments and buildings has earned the Peak District National Park Authority (PDNPA) a major national prize. It beat off competition from over 400 local authorities and other national park authorities to win English Heritage's (EH) first ever Heritage at Risk prize.

The award presentation follows the launch of EH's Heritage at Risk report. The award to the PDNPA recognises the conservation management that has taken place in the Peak District National Park where the number of scheduled monuments at risk fell from 17 in 2001 to two in 2008. Pauline Beswick, PDNPA member and Historic Environment Champion, said the award was 'a real honour' and the result of teamwork between the authority's staff and members working with local communities, landowners and managers, owners of buildings and partner organisations including English Heritage, Natural England and the National Trust.

To view press release visit <http://www.peakdistrict.org/index/news/news-display-page.htm?id=17487> [Back](#)

Boris Turns Heritage At Risk Into Homes

London Mayor Boris Johnson has announced that he will use the new Heritage at Risk Register to help bring London's listed buildings at risk back into use as much needed housing. The Mayor has £331 million to spend in his Targeted Funding Stream for Housing and as part of that funding, £60 million has been earmarked for bringing London's empty properties back into use. Long-term dilapidated and, for the first time, listed buildings have been identified as a priority.

The Mayor wants owners of listed buildings on the English Heritage's At Risk Register to work with their local authority to bid for money to improve the condition and use of their properties for housing. There are currently 572 Buildings at Risk in London, 50% of which are empty and could be brought back into use.

There are also many non-residential listed buildings on the At Risk Register, the Mayor says, which could be successfully converted into housing with the help of English Heritage advice. These include a 19th century sailmakers and chandlers in West India Dock Road and a former workshop and engineering works in Park Street, Southwark.

Owners who are interested in bringing their empty property back into use should initially contact their local authority. They should also seek the advice of their local authority Conservation Officer at the earliest opportunity to find out how their property could be restored. Local authorities and housing associations who wish to bid to the Targeted Funding Stream should contact the London Development Agency. For press release visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.14152>
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EU VAT breakthrough

The European Commission consultation on VAT earlier this year has resulted in a landmark proposal that member states should be able to apply a reduced VAT rate for cultural heritage, historic monuments and gardens and landscapes. The Directive has yet to be approved by Members States but if adopted, the UK Government could remove what most consider is the single greatest barrier to the proper maintenance and repair of our historic assets, in January 2011.

The Commission considers there is room to grant more autonomy and certainty to the members states in setting reduced rates for certain local services including labour intensive services where these do not affect competition across the EU. The proposal extends the list of labour intensive services on which a lower rate of VAT could apply to repair, maintenance and cleaning of places of worship, cultural heritage and historical monuments. Removing the social policy aspect on housing qualifying for a lower VAT rate, member states could also apply reduced rates to the construction and significant alteration of private dwellings and finally to the construction and significant renovation and alteration of some non commercial buildings. Places of worship, cultural heritage and historical monuments are given as examples.

In the UK VAT relief is permitted in the form of grants under the Listed Places of Worship scheme. The new directive would significantly increase the scope of lower VAT rates to an extent that is unlikely to appeal to HM Treasury. However it would no longer be correct to claim that EC rules preclude any respite from the current 17.5%.

It is now up to the heritage and environment sectors to support the Directive at European level and to persuade DCMS and HM Treasury of the benefits accruing from a lower rate for maintenance and repair. The Council Directive can be found at [http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/resources/documents/taxation/vat/COM\(2008\)428_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/resources/documents/taxation/vat/COM(2008)428_en.pdf) [Back](#)

The Killian Pretty Review: deadline 5 September

The Killian Petty Review will carry out a detailed review, from start to finish, of the process for seeking planning permission. It will look at case studies for a range of different sectors including, housing, business and the renewables industry. The aim is to identify reasons for delay in deciding planning applications, and make recommendations for dealing with these and reducing unnecessary burdens for all parties involved in the process.

The review has been jointly commissioned by Communities and Local Government and Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Departments. It will be carried out by Joanna Killian, Chief Executive of Essex County Council and David Pretty, who recently retired as Group Chief Executive of Barratt Developments PLC.

A *Call for Solutions* document has been published for consultation. The deadline for responses is 5 September. For the related press notice visit <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/planningandbuilding/731018>. To view document go to http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/uploads/Planning_Reform/Call_for_Solutions_-_FINAL.pdf [Back](#)

Business and Enterprise Committee Inquiry into RDAs: deadline 19 September

The House of Commons Business and Enterprise Committee is to consider the future role and responsibilities for Regional Development Agencies arising from the Government's review of sub national economic development and regeneration.

The review of sub national economic development and regeneration makes a number of proposals to reform the role and responsibilities of regional development agencies which have the potential to significantly change the landscape of public bodies' involvement in economic development and regeneration issues, including the transfer of planning powers to RDAs and phasing out of Regional Assemblies.

The inquiry will focus on the following areas: the need for a level of economic development/ business/ regeneration policy delivery between central and local government; the effectiveness of RDAs and their role in adding value; RDA expertise; the extent of, and need for, their overseas activities; the consequences of expanding RDA remit to include new functions, as proposed by the sub national review, including the delivery of EU funding; the accountability of RDAs; and how RDA performance has been measured in the past and will be measured in future;

The closing date for submissions is 19 September. Submissions should be in electronic form in Word format and should be sent to becom@parliament.uk. For further information see http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/berr/becpn48.cfm [Back](#)

Proposed Changes to PPS 6: Planning for Town Centres Consultation: deadline 3 October

Communities Secretary Hazel Blears has announced new proposals which strengthen *Planning Policy Statement 6: Planning for town centres (PPS6)* - the Government's 'town centres first' policy - and give councils more scope to refuse out of town development proposals that threaten the survival of high streets and small shops, are published today for consultation.

The policy has already helped revive town centres. Revised planning rules keep the important 'sequential test' that requires the most central town centre sites to be developed first. A tougher 'impact test' is being introduced which will give councils a better tool to prevent big developments that put small shops and town centres at risk. The revised policy will also remove the blunt and simplistic 'need test', which has unintentionally stifled diversity and consumer choice, by only assessing whether there was enough consumer expenditure capacity to support new retail floorspace such as an out of town.

The deadline for submissions is 3 October. The consultation document *Proposed Changes to Planning Policy Statement 6: Planning for Town Centres* can be found online at www.communities.gov.uk/pps6consultation. [Back](#)

New Proposals for Stonehenge: public consultation

Proposals to revise the Stonehenge World Heritage Site Management Plan and proposals to improve the monument's landscape setting and presentation to visitors in time for the 2012 Olympics have been unveiled for public consultation by Margaret Hodge, Culture Minister, and Lord Bruce-Lockhart, Chairman of English Heritage. These proposals have been developed by English Heritage on behalf of a group of heritage and government organisations to take forward the Government's commitment to make environmental improvements at Stonehenge, following the Transport Minister's decision, in December 2007, to cancel the scheme for improvements to the A303 road at Stonehenge.

The public will be consulted on two initiatives including a revision of the Stonehenge World Heritage Site Management Plan, which will provide the policy context within which decisions will be taken on the proposed environmental improvements. The long term vision of the 2000 Management Plan remains, but because of the Government's decision on the A303 road scheme, the Plan now focuses on creating a framework for improvements that could be delivered in the immediate future. It includes a new Statement of Significance for the World Heritage Site (WHS), with greater clarity as to the Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) of Stonehenge, and it will propose to evaluate developments, inside or outside the WHS, according to their impact on the site's OUV.

The Government is expected to make a decision on the proposed A344 road closure and the location of new visitor facilities by the end of this year. A planning application for the new visitor centre will be submitted in summer 2009, when there will be further public consultation on the scheme. Construction

work is expected to take place in 2011, with the new visitor facilities scheduled to open in early 2012, in time for the London Olympics.

The public will have a chance to learn more about these proposals at a number of exhibitions. A consultation booklet with feedback questionnaires is available by calling 0845 026 4409, or online at www.stonehengeconsultation.org [Back](#)

Communities in Control: the Empowerment White Paper

The Government published its Empowerment White Paper on 9 July Community in control: real people, real power in which CLG sets out a vision for future democracy: why people and communities should have a greater say over local decisions, the importance of representative and participatory democracy and the third sector's critical role in local decision making and independent community action.

The White Paper has a number of measures designed to re-engage local people in democracy. Strengthening involvement in the planning system is a welcome aspect of this shift. £4m will be made available over the next three years to local authorities to promote community involvement in planning. The White Paper also sets up a new Asset Transfer Unit in CLG to build on the Quirk Review of community assets and to extend the Advancing Assets programme. As part of its support to citizen learning, CLG and the Department for Work and Pensions are aiming to pilot proposals to enable people to do community work whilst on benefits. The Office of the Third Sector will provide an additional £am to support people with disabilities to volunteer.

More generally, it introduces a duty on local authorities to promote democracy (inform, consult or involve local people) which will be extended to a range of other public bodies including Regional Development Agencies. Local Authorities will be encouraged to develop new approaches to consultation. Councils would be required to respond to petitions 'a recognised method of aggregating views into a single collective voice'. If a petition is signed by more than five per cent of population, there should be a debate in full counsel. Communities will also be able to call for participatory budgeting to be introduced in their area through the use of petitions giving them a direct say on how public funds are spent.

There are concerns voiced in Third Sector magazine (4 July) that the White Paper is weighted towards empowering the individual rather than representative organisations, an issue which the established non government heritage organisations and others in the third sector will need to examine. [Back](#)

Empowerment White Paper: consultations and documents

Some of the policies within the White Paper will require legislation. These will feature in the Community Empowerment, Housing and Economic Regeneration Bill, which forms part of the draft 2008/2009 legislative programme.

The main page for the white paper Communities in Control links to all the major documents, including the white paper, background material and consultation papers. It also links to a forum, a blog and a video. See <http://www.communities.gov.uk/communities/communityempowerment/communitiesincontrol/> [Back](#)

MPs say the government is failing to support UK tourism

The Commons Culture, Media and Sport committee has said that the decision to cut funding for the tourism body VisitBritain was 'simply baffling'. In a recently published report the MPs said the industry appeared to have a lack of confidence in the Department of Culture, Media and Sport. It noted that responsibility for tourism had been frequently passed between departmental ministers, suggesting it was seen as an afterthought which has to fit in with their other responsibilities.

The MPs also concluded that the high cost of a visa to visit the UK was preventing tourism, and expressed deep concern that the Home Office appeared not to have considered this effect. The report also found that the UK was perceived to offer poor levels of customer service, with the current reputation of Heathrow acting as 'a significant disincentive to many people considering visiting the UK'. The Committee criticised the quality of tourism statistics, saying there had only been limited improvements since a government review in 2004.

To view the report visit <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmcomeds.htm> [Back](#)

Managing Risks in Asset Transfer: A guide

The Department of Communities and Local Government has published a new guide *Managing Risks in Asset Transfer* to give practical advice from the experiences of both local government and the third sector in how to manage risk [in asset transfer] and shows where it has worked well in practice.

The document aims to provide statutory guidance to local authorities and their partners on creating strong, safe and prosperous communities. It covers local strategic partnerships, sustainable community strategies and local area agreements.

For more information visit <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/managingrisks>
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North West Regional HEF shows how far heritage has come

The North West Historic Environment Forum and Heritage Link held a third joint conference on 11th July to reflect on the six priorities first identified in 2003 in the HEF's publication Making It Count. Speakers looked at how the heritage sector had addressed Image, Learning and Skills, Quality of Life, both the Urban and Rural Renaissances and, not least, Tourism in the region.

Much had been achieved - the North West Cultural Consortium is unique in having appointed a Heritage Tourism Executive an innovative post funded by English Heritage and the NWDA while the Cultural Observatory is a vital and valuable information resource that can demonstrate the impact of the historic environment on people at regional, sub regional and local level. But there is much still to be done, working with key partners to reinforce the messages, spreading good practice and in particular raising the awareness and political will in local councils.

Phil Reddy from North West Development Agency provided fascinating figures on the value of 'same day' tourism. This and the other conference presentations will soon be available on Heritage Link's website at www.heritagelink.org.uk [Back](#)

New Community Foundation Network Fund

The Community Foundation Network has unveiled a new fund offering philanthropists 'all the advantages of a private charitable trust but without the administrative overheads'.

Funded by Office of the Third Sector (OTS) and delivered by the Community Development Foundation (CDF), Grassroots Grants, which will run from 2008-2011, is divided into two parts: an £80m small grants fund for community organisations; and a £50m endowments challenge programme to enable local funders to generate additional donations on a matched basis and invest them in endowments.

Details of the £50m challenge programme were first announced in April, when Hammersley said that it could potentially lead to the creation of over £1bn in endowment funds for local communities. It will be used to create a direct cash incentive for private philanthropists to give money to build up large cash funds on behalf of communities. The income from these funds is then managed by organisations, such as community foundations, to provide long-term, sustainable, financial support to a wide range of local community organisations and initiatives. For more information visit

<http://www.communityfoundations.org.uk/index.php> [Back](#)

£77k becomes £256k under Gift Aid Proposals

Higher-rate taxpayers could see their net gifts increase by up to 333 per cent as the government adds gift aid and then matches every gift-aided donation. This could mean that, for a donation of £77,000, local charities could receive £256,000.

The inspiration for the programme was a similar initiative in the early 1990s when three community foundations managed to generate endowed funds in excess of £65m by attracting over 300 individual and corporate philanthropists, using a government fund - described by the Office of the Third Sector as a "pump-priming fund" - of only £2m.

To visit article go to <http://www.charityfinance.co.uk/home/content.php?id=2081&pg=15&cat=58> [Back](#)

Hodge Review of Regional Structures

The Culture Minister's formal statement on the future structure of regional agencies reported in Update 141 can now be read in full at <http://www.theyworkforyou.com/wms/?id=2008-07-02a.51WS.4&s=speaker%3A10281#G51WS.5>

How exactly the DCMS agencies in the region are expected to cooperate in the absence of the Regional Cultural Consortia remains to be seen but they have welcomed the move in principle. English Heritage has said it 'will work with our partners in the region to ensure that the new arrangements work in practice, are tailored to regional needs, and that culture maintains a high profile on the regional agenda.'

'English Heritage greatly values working with local authorities who look after a large part of the nation's heritage and will also continue that close liaison. In considering the way forward, English Heritage will draw on existing experience of regional partnership working, one good example of which is our partnership with the Arts Council in mounting annual contemporary arts exhibitions at Belsay Hall, Northumberland.'

The MLA has reacted positively to Culture Minister Margaret Hodge's announcement of plans to strengthen cultural engagement in regional policy through a simplified and more joined up way of working. MLA is already working closely with the other cultural agencies on key agendas including the Living Places Partnership making the case for culture in regeneration, plans for the Cultural Olympiad and the 'Find Your Talent' programme, as well as jointly supporting the improvement of local government cultural services. For press release visit http://www.mla.gov.uk/news/press_releases/Hodge_review

An Arts Council spokesperson said 'Partnership working in the regions is absolutely central to Arts Council England's mission and operations. We look forward to developing this approach even further, to ensure we get great art to everyone across the country.'

A Sport England spokesman said 'Sport England welcomes the plans announced by the Culture Minister, Margaret Hodge, to strengthen DCMS engagement in regional policy. We look forward to working with the Arts Council, English Heritage and the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council to jointly deliver shared priorities across the sport and culture agenda. We are pleased that the long-term savings arising from the review will be reinvested directly into culture and sport provision. Sport England appreciates the work done by the Regional Cultural Consortia.' [Back](#)

£6.8 Million to Help Repair England's Places Of Worship

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and English Heritage (EH) have announced a package of grants worth £6.87 million for essential repairs to Grade II listed churches and chapels across England. The grants will help to repair over 70 historic places of worship which have served their ever-changing communities through the centuries.

Since 2002 more than £133m in essential repair grants has been awarded to almost 1,500 historic places of worship through the joint Heritage Lottery Fund and English Heritage Repair Grants for Places of Worship scheme, which is the largest single funding source for work of this kind.

The Church of England currently spends £120m a year on repairs but according to English Heritage research published as part of the Inspired! Campaign, which was launched in 2006, the backlog repair bill for all listed places of worship in England is an estimated £925m over the next five years, or £185m a year. Inspired! identified the need for additional investment from Government and the denominations to help congregations look after their buildings.

For more information visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.14113> [Back](#)

Pathfinders: New action plan for housing market renewal in North and Midlands

After years of controversy and community action, a new Action Plan for delivering successful places has been drawn up by CABE, English Heritage and the Sustainable Development Commission, to plan ahead and taking market downturn into account. It proposes a shift in the pathfinders' agenda away from housing, and towards a broad-based, design-led regeneration programme, with place making at its heart.

The housing market renewal (HMR) programme was established to tackle the problems of 12 neighbourhoods with acute low housing demand in the North of England and the West Midlands. So far 1,100 new homes have been built, and 40,000 homes – many of which have local historic interest – have been refurbished but swathes of terraces and their communities have been swept away. £1.2 billion of government funding has been invested and a further £1 billion will be spent over the next three years, to 2010/11. The new Action Plan looks at the successes and failures of the programme so far, highlights achievements and suggests new directions.

The market downturn means that design quality now matters more than ever. Innovation, CABA acknowledges, does not mean green gadgetry, but quality of place, and finding the best ways to preserve heritage. Progress made so far, however, may not continue if public authorities lose their nerve with the market downturn. The action plan explores what is required in terms of placemaking and design; heritage, community and environment; and funding and delivery. It includes specific pledges of support from government agencies.

For further information see <http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=2631> [Back](#)

Incentivising Gifts of Objects to Public Collections

The National Museums Directors Conference has published a briefing on life-time gifts, as part of the *Promoting Philanthropy: Private Giving for the Public Good* campaign. The paper calls for ‘an unabashed celebration of philanthropy, public recognition of the contribution made by philanthropists, and fiscal incentives to encourage a culture of giving.’

It sets out proposals for incentives to encourage lifetime gifts of pre-eminent objects to public collections by offsetting income and capital (as well as inheritance) taxes. The system would require valuation of the donated objects by an independent panel and may include an annual cap on the total revenue forgone. The paper also includes a succinct summary of international tax relief schemes to encourage private cultural giving. For more information visit www.nationalmuseums.org.uk/lifetime_gifts.html [Back](#)

Brand new area on www.ncvo-vol.org.uk

The NCVO have created a brand new homepage specifically for people within small organisations, or staff new to the voluntary sector. Information on HR, finance, trustee, legal or ICT issues can now be accessed in one handy area.

For more visit www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/smallorganisations [Back](#)

Management matters: A national survey of volunteer management capacity

The results of the first national survey looking at the capacity of organisations to involve and manage volunteers have been published.

The Institute for Volunteering Research spoke to over 1300 volunteer managers in organisations across England. As well as highlighting the dramatic under-investment in volunteer management, the survey explored the roles and positions of those who manage volunteers, it reports on the implementation of different volunteer management practices and issues that organisations face in recruiting and retaining volunteers. This is useful reading for the managers of volunteer managers and volunteer managers themselves.

To view report visit http://www.ivr.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/9460E62B-FB69-4679-B043-B21035E6ADF3/0/management_matters.pdf [Back](#)

Hedges fund wealth of wildlife and landscapes

Healthy hedgerows are the backbone of many of our most loved landscapes and critical to the survival of much of our rarest wildlife. Now an alliance of organisations have got together to promote essential hedgerow management with a new film to be launched at the Royal Show.

To help ensure that hedges are not lost through neglect or over management and to ensure there is the creative skills needed to look after hedges, Natural England has created a film that guides people through the complexities of hedgerow management. The film has been created in partnership with the National Hedgelaying Society, the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), the RSPB, the Tree Council and DEFRA.

For more information and to order a copy of the DVD email enquiries@naturalengland.org.uk [Back](#)

Jodi Awards Invite Nominations

Nominations are now being sought for the Jodi Awards 2008. The awards are for museums, libraries, archives and heritage venues that use technology to provide access to collections and learning for disabled people, e.g. websites, interactive objects, audio-guides, personal digital assistants (PDA) and virtual reality shows.

This year, for the first time, museums, libraries, archives and heritage venues in Scotland, as well as England and Wales, are eligible for the Jodi Awards, thanks to the support of Museums Galleries Scotland, the Scottish Libraries and Information Council and the Scottish Archives Network.

The deadline for nominations is 3 October, and the awards will be announced on 5 December at the British Museum. For more information visit www.jodiawards.org.uk [Back](#)

Attitudes to Heritage

Ben Cowell, Head of Museums at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, has published a book, *The Heritage Obsession: The Battle for England's Past*, tracing the rise of heritage consciousness over the last 300 years.

Ben is known to many as the architect of Heritage Counts, the annual audit of the historic environment which he established while seconded from DCMS to English Heritage. The book draws on his personal research interests which include 18th and 19th century landscape history as well as his work for the National Trust and English Heritage.

For further information and to order visit www.thehistorypress.co.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=7613&ProductID=1420 [Back](#)

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DCMS Public Appointments

DCMS is seeking to ensure that the people serving on the boards of the UK's public bodies should not only be the best people for the job, but should also be in touch with and reflect the communities they serve. The DCMS wants to see a wider range of people applying for positions on boards to make them stronger, more dynamic and more effective.

To find out more go to <http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/PA-makeAContribution-leaflet.pdf> [Back](#)

New Minister for Culture in Northern Ireland

Gregory Campbell, MP, MLA has been appointed Minister for Culture, Arts and Leisure in the Northern Ireland Executive from 9 June, replacing Edwin Poots who held the post for a year.

Representing the Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) he was elected a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in June 1998 and an MP for the East Londonderry constituency in 2001. The Minister's interests include soccer, music and reading.

For more information visit www.dcalni.gov.uk/ [Back](#)

Woodland Trust seeks new Trustees

The Woodland Trust seeks new Trustees who are passionate and committed about their cause. The appointed will help formulate and drive the next phase of an ambitious growth strategy and ensure sound governance and effective management of the Trust's business.

This post will need 12 days a year commitment. The closing date for applications is 15 August. For more information visit www.naturalleaders.co.uk or telephone Fiona Granger on 01476 581111. [Back](#)

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Archaeology and Education conference, 5 – 7 September

The Council for British Archaeology has announced its Archaeology and Education conference. The 2008 conference will include plenary sessions on National Initiatives, International education projects, and Local projects from around the UK.

The second day will be dedicated to workshops split into the following four themes: Working with children and young people; working with the public; formal education workshops and other initiatives (PAS, YAC, EH etc.) The final day will include a visit to archaeology and education centres within York and a plenary session of short papers sharing innovative practice and experience in archaeology and education.

Details of the conference and booking your place are available from the conference website www.britarch.ac.uk/conference08/ and a downloadable flyer is available from the site. If you have any questions about the conference email educationconference@britarch.ac.uk [Back](#)

European Days of Jewish Culture, 7 – 28 September

On the 7 September the European Day of Jewish Culture and Heritage will launch three weeks of activities celebrating Jewish culture and tradition, many based on this year's theme of 'Music'.

Launched in the Alsace by the B'nai B'rith Lodge in Strasbourg in 1996, the European Day of Jewish Culture and Heritage has become an established feature of the European Jewish calendar, last year attracting 200,000 visitors. Events will be taking place throughout the UK. Historic synagogues will be opened amongst other heritage sites giving an opportunity find out more about the ancient traditions of the Jewish faith. For more information visit www.bbuk.org [Back](#)

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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.

Placesofworship@heritagelink: Development Officer

Places of Worship the new forum for heritage organisations, based within the Heritage Link is looking for a dynamic individual to be the forum's first member of staff. The post holder will develop membership, communication and financial arrangement; support group meetings and respond to relevant policy issues and work with the parliamentary group on Historic Churches and Chapels.

The successful candidate will be a self-starter with initiative, excellent interpersonal skills and strong administrative and ICT skills. Candidates could be from any sector with a keen interest in historic places of worship and their contribution to wider community goals.

The appointment is for two day a week with a fixed term contract of twelve months. The salary for this position is £10,000. Based in central London this position will have flexible working arrangements including both home working and attendance at the Heritage Link office. The deadline for applications is 11 August. For a full job description and application form email placesofworship@heritagelink.org.uk [Back](#)

Wildlife & Countryside Link: Director

Wildlife and Countryside Link is the equivalent of Heritage Link in the environment sector with 40 member organisations and 28 years' experience. Link seeks a new Director who is an experienced facilitator with proven knowledge of the environment sector and conservation and animal welfare policy.

The successful candidate will be a highly organised administrator at ease with handling many tasks at the same time and delivering them to high standards including managing staff and projects, liaising with the board and members whilst implementing policy and identifying priorities for the organisation's development. Meeting members' needs and advancing environment and conservation aims also requires skills in strategic and forward planning and an ability to represent Link and its members to policy makers, funders and key contacts.

The starting salary for this role is £28,895 pa. The deadline for applications is 30 July. Interviews will be held in London during the first half of August and/or early September. For more information visit <http://www.wcl.org.uk/Vacancies.htm> [Back](#)

National Campaign for the Arts: Membership and Office Manager

Based in London this is a busy and varied role. The post holder will be responsible for the smooth running and development of the NCA's membership systems and services as well as providing administrative support to the NCA team and managing the NCA office.

The NCA offers an opportunity for the committed candidate to consolidate their skills and extend their contacts. The post holder will gain valuable experience working with both the arts and policy-making sectors while playing an important part in the NCA's future development.

The deadline for applications is 11 July. To request more information about the post and recruitment pack contact ldewinter@artscampaign.org.uk or visit the website www.artscampaign.org.uk/nca/vacancymebandofficemanagerJun08.html [Back](#)

The Landmark Trust: Marketing Coordinator (maternity cover)

Working in the Marketing and Developing Department the successful candidate will coordinate and implement marketing activities to promote Landmark holidays. In this role they will ensure all items of print and e-communications are produced to a high quality, on time and within budget.

The post holder will communicate effectively orally and in writing and demonstrate the skills to manage suppliers. Excellent project management skills together with a good eye for detail are essential. With at least three years experience of print production and ideally broader marketing work, the successful candidate will be able to start in late September. The post will be based near Maidenhead.

The closing date for applications is 30 July. The salary range for this role is £23,000 - £25,000 pa. For more information visit www.landmarktrust.org.uk [Back](#)

Bishop Grosseteste University College Lincoln, Sandford Co-ordinator (Non Academic Post)

The Bishop Grosseteste University College Lincoln is seeking to appoint a graduate (or person with an equivalent qualification) with experience of working in the field of heritage education. The post involves the management and promotion of the Sandford Awards, a recognised kite mark of quality in the heritage education sector, candidate's will therefore have convincing knowledge and experience in this field and understand the nature and composition of excellence in this context.

The job requires a strong element of public relations so excellent communication and interpersonal skills and a 'customer focus' are therefore important. The post also involves the administration of several committees so excellent organisational and writing skills are required. There will also be a requirement for the post holder to attend national events and therefore a willingness to travel is essential.

The salary for this role is £28,290 - £31,840 pa (pro-rata). This is a permanent, part-time post for 580 hours pa. The closing date for applications is 25 July. For more information visit www.bishopg.ac.uk [Back](#)

National Trust: Regional Learning & Interpretation Officer

The National Trust is seeking a Regional Learning & Interpretation Officer to be based in Hughenden Manor, Buckinghamshire. The successful candidate will help support the delivery of innovative, exciting learning experiences at properties across the region. The post holder will develop activities to attract and involve visitors, manage regional interpretation projects and disseminating Trust-wide learning programmes.

Candidates will be influential, communicative and committed they will have an excellent track record in developing learning and interpretation plans, and managing budgets. Along with strong team-working, presentation and project management skills, they will also have a sound working knowledge of external agendas.

The salary for this role is £30,000 pa. The closing date for applications is 21 July. For more details visit www.ntjobs.org.uk [Back](#)

IFA Workplace Learning Bursary Environmental Archaeology

Applications are invited for a Workplace Learning Bursary in Environmental Archaeology at the Historic Environment and Archaeology Service. The placement is supported by the Institute of Field Archaeologists with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This is an opportunity to gain skills in environmental archaeology, working in a small team of environmental archaeologists who undertake a wide range of professional archaeological projects in Worcestershire and the wider region. The training will be focused on processing and sorting environmental samples, analysing environmental remains and

enhancing comparative collections, and compiling mapped data to enhance the Historic Environment Record.

Applicants should have a relevant qualification or equivalent experience in archaeology. At least 6 months experience in professional archaeology is desirable, along with demonstrable interest in an aspect of palaeo-environmental work. IFA seek applicants with a strong interest in environmental archaeology and who intend to pursue a career in environmental archaeology. The aim is to undertake excellent analytical projects and to provide high-quality professional advice relating to environmental archaeology, and the placement holder will be trained and supported to deliver key aspects of this service.

The placement is offered for 12 months from commencement, which is intended to be in September 2008. The salary for this role is £14,197 - £14,492 pa. The closing date for applications is 1 August. For more information visit www.worcestershire.gov.uk or ring 01905 765765 [Back](#)

IFA Workplace Learning Bursary in Archive Archaeology

Applications are invited for an HLF-funded IFA Workplace Learning Bursary based at the Pitt Rivers Museum, University of Oxford. The post is designed to provide the successful candidate training in the principles and practice of archive archaeology, including both objects-based and desk-based archaeological research and museums practice. The bursary holder will enhance access to and understanding of the archaeological resource of the Pitt Rivers Museum.

Applicants should have archaeological experience at PIFA level and should be able to demonstrate a sound knowledge of British archaeological material culture, some of which was gained in a contract archaeology or museums environment. Experience of working with archaeological site archives or museums collections will be essential and it would be desirable for applicants to have some experience of contributing to specialist report writing or post excavation assessment and analysis.

This is a one year post to begin on 1 October. The salary for this role is £14,270. The closing date for applications is 25 July. For further information visit www.prm.ox.ac.uk/vacancies [Back](#)

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