

# Heritage Link Update 148

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Diary Date: Heritage Link's Heritage Day – 3 December

Heritage Link's Heritage Day is now one of the biggest events in the heritage year. This year we are delighted that Jenny Abramsky, new Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund will give the key note speech.

The day, at Hampstead Town Hall, starts with the AGM for Heritage Link members then all are welcome to the networking lunch and for the afternoon Heritage Debate. All are welcome including those from the voluntary sector, local and regional authorities, government agencies, elected members, professionals, site managers and students. Watch out for further details in Update and put the date in your diary now!

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## Heritage Link's Embracing Difference Website Launched

The new Embracing Difference website reports on Heritage Link's two year diversity programme which came to an end in August. The programme ran across five regions, bringing together smaller voluntary heritage and community groups, building confidence in working together to broaden their audiences. It encouraged creativity, informal learning, networking and mutual understanding. Five projects were developed and supported as exemplars.

Embracing Difference funded by English Heritage, has been a unique and groundbreaking achievement: hugely creative yet very practical. It has fulfilled one of Heritage Link's key objectives to increase the capacity of member organisations. This programme has challenged us all to extend our commitment to diversity and shown the many innovative and different ways in which it can be done.

The website is designed to help heritage organisations and community groups connect to each other and to provide support for heritage projects which involve, inspire and excite people. Visit the new site at [www.heritagelink.org.uk/diversity](http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/diversity) [Back](#)

### Heritage Link Parliamentary Officer

Heritage Link is expecting to host an exciting new Parliamentary Officer post to give the voluntary heritage sector additional capacity and expertise to monitor and influence the Heritage Protection Bill. Our Parliamentary Officer will ensure Heritage Link members and parliamentarians are properly and swiftly informed about implications and amendments. The post holder will also build relations with parliamentarians to promote heritage and the value of heritage through the Bill, informing their contributions to parliamentary debates, and through the media.

The post, to run part time over the period of the Bill, will be advertised shortly and an appointment will be made in early December. If you are interesting having details of the post as soon as available please let us have you email on [mail@heritagelink.org.uk](mailto:mail@heritagelink.org.uk) and we will send them direct. [Back](#)

### Heritage Link networking in the South West, 14 October

Heritage Link continued its series of popular regional events this week in Taunton. Held in partnership with the Outer South West Federation of Civic Trusts the day was divided into two sessions; a morning seminar on Skills for Fundraising with speakers including Philip White from Hestercombe Gardens Trust and Erica Adams from the Somerset Building Preservation Trust and an afternoon session in which delegates heard from Ian Lush, Heritage Link Trustee and Discovering Places (Cultural Olympiad) Project Director, Steve Wollett, Chief Executive, South West Forum and Robin Cassell who spoke on behalf of the Outer South West Federation of Civic Trusts.

A summary of the event and its presentations will be uploaded onto Heritage Link's website: [www.heritagelink.org.uk](http://www.heritagelink.org.uk) [Back](#)

### Cabinet Reshuffle: Barbara Follett new Minister for Culture, Creative Industries and Tourism

On 3 October the Cabinet reshuffle was announced by the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown As a result, Barbara Follett has been promoted from her post as Parliamentary Secretary for Equality to replace Margaret Hodge who has been given compassionate leave. For more information visit [www.culture.gov.uk](http://www.culture.gov.uk) [Back](#)

In the Department for Communities and Local Government Margaret Beckett replaces Caroline Flint as housing minister. Beckett will be responsible for seeing the Heritage Protection Bill through the Common. Sadiq Khan MP also has a new job as Cohesion Minister. From the House of Lords, Baroness Ashton, replaces Mr Mandelson in Brussels.

The reshuffle could force Conservative leader David Cameron to follow suit with his shadow cabinet. The Tory party will have to take account of the changes made to the government, including the creation of a new Department for Energy and Climate Change, led by Ed Miliband. For more information about the Cabinet reshuffle visit <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/> [Back](#)

### Charities' reserves advice

Heritage Link is asking members, heritage charities and not for profit organisations affected by the banking crisis get in touch at [mail@heritagelink.org.uk](mailto:mail@heritagelink.org.uk) NCVO, Charities Aid Foundation, Charity Finance Directors Group and ACEVO have also issued a joint statement urging all charities affected by the Icelandic banks crisis to contact them so they can correlate information about who is affected. They presumably also want to hear from non-charitable voluntary sector bodies. They will be negotiating with the Financial Services Authority, Ministry of Justice and the Treasury to try to ensure charity assets are protected in full. For more info see [www.ncvo-vol.org.uk](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk).

The Charity Commission has issued guidance on the *Financial Services Compensation Scheme and on the Icelandic situation*. The guidance applies to non-charities as well. *Financial Services Compensation Fund: What it means for charities* can be found at [www.charitycommission.gov.uk/news/fincomp.asp](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/news/fincomp.asp) Charities who have invested in Icelandic banks is at [www.charitycommission.gov.uk/news/ice.asp](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/news/ice.asp) The Charity Commission is asking all charities affected by the Icelandic crisis to contact [enquiries@charitycommission.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@charitycommission.gsi.gov.uk) so they can collate information. For up to date statements by HM Treasury see [www.hm-treasury.gov.uk](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk). For up to date info from the Financial Services Compensation Scheme see [www.fscs.org.uk/consumer/Latest\\_News/](http://www.fscs.org.uk/consumer/Latest_News/) [Back](#)

### Doon Tower sparks EH legal challenge against DCMS

English Heritage say they are 'appalled' by the decision of Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Hazel Blears to give the go-ahead for the controversial 43 storey Doon Street Tower on London's Southbank see [http://www.24hourmuseum.org.uk/nwh\\_gfx\\_en/ART60198.html](http://www.24hourmuseum.org.uk/nwh_gfx_en/ART60198.html)

Coin Street Community Builders' proposals for the site will provide a public swimming and indoor leisure centre, shopping facilities and a towering residential high-rise development right in the centre of the capital. For opponents of the scheme the whole building, and especially the skyscraper sitting at the heart of the development, will seriously alter London's historic skyline and surrounding conservation area.

English Heritage and Westminster City Council issued a joint legal challenge on 29 September to the decision to grant planning permission for the development. Simon Thurley, Chief Executive for English Heritage said 'English Heritage believes that the advice of the Planning Inspector to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Hazel Blears, was clear. This scheme would cause serious harm to London's historic environment. The Secretary of State took the view that this harm was outweighed by the proposed community benefits.

'In reaching that view the Secretary of State did not consider if the community benefits could be delivered in a less harmful scheme. The applicants have never sought to justify the need for the height of the tower on community benefit grounds alone. 'The Secretary of State is of course entitled to disagree with her Inspector's advice,' he continued 'but she must take into account all relevant factors, and it is highly relevant that the harm to London's historic environment could be avoided.' For the EH press release see <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.14729> [Back](#)

### Taking Part: England's survey of culture, leisure and sport

Data from 2007 of the Taking Part child survey produced by DCMS were released on 2 October. The Taking Part survey collects data about engagement and non-engagement in culture, leisure and sport. The survey includes a child interview for those households containing at least one child aged 11 to 15. In 2007, 2,454 interviews were conducted with children in this age group. The summary report begins by looking at what children do in their spare time, and cross-sector engagement. It then presents selected findings from each cultural and sporting sector in turn, including the overall engagement rate in and out of school lessons and the frequency of engagement. Finally it looks at variations by three population sub-groups – gender, ethnicity and disability status. Also published are a series of accompanying workbooks including one on the historic environment. The workbooks compare Taking Part child data from the 2006 and 2007 surveys, and highlight any statistically significant changes.

Amongst the key finding the report highlights that spending time with friends, watching television and listening to music were the three main activities children reported doing in their free time. Of all activities, spending time with friends, sports activities and playing computer games were given as the most enjoyable. Virtually all children had engaged in at least one form of cultural or sporting opportunity during the past 12 months. Overall, child engagement remained consistent between 2006 and 2007. There were, however, some statistically significant differences within population sub-groups: Boys were significantly less likely than girls to have attended arts events, participated in arts activities and visited libraries, but more likely to have participated in an active sport.

Children from White ethnic backgrounds were more likely than those from Black or minority ethnic backgrounds to have visited historic environment sites, but less likely to have visited libraries. For more information visit [http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference\\_library/publications/5481.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/publications/5481.aspx) [Back](#)

### Planning Reform - Historic Scotland launch pilot with local authorities

Historic Scotland has launched a pilot scheme with three of Scotland's local authorities in a bid to improve the process of dealing with category-B listed building consent (LBC) applications. The pilot will run from October to December with The City of Edinburgh, Glasgow City and Perth and Kinross Councils. The results of scheme are scheduled to be announced in March 2009 and will determine if the new way of working can be offered to all of Scotland's thirty-four planning authorities on a permanent basis. The pilot, announced by Culture Minister Linda Fabiani MSP in April this year, is part of a range of reforms aimed at improving the partnership between Historic Scotland and local authorities across Scotland.

The move will see listed building consent (LBC) applications for B-listed buildings - from an agreed list of application types - being solely managed by the planning authority where, previously, local authorities

were required to notify Historic Scotland before listed building consent could be granted. This will provide planning authorities with the opportunity to determine applications without notifying Historic Scotland, where they have the policies and expertise to do so.

The types of applications which will be covered by the pilot have been agreed with each local authority in advance. The new system does not mean that these types of application are unimportant or that LBC should be granted. However, it does recognise the planning authorities have the capacity and expertise to decide whether the proposals will retain the special interest and character of the listed buildings, and determine the applications accordingly. A list of application types which the pilot schemes will now see local authorities deal with directly are available, as are contribution quotes from the three local authorities taking part in the trial. For more information visit [http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/news/mediareleases/news\\_article.htm?articleid=20600](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/news/mediareleases/news_article.htm?articleid=20600) [Back](#)

#### **Blairs invites ideas to improve local communities**

Communities Secretary Hazel Blears has called on councils to work closely with their residents to unearth new and innovative ideas to improve their local area and make places in which people want to live, work and raise a family. As part of the Sustainable Communities Act, the Secretary of State has invited local authorities to send in proposals on what central government can do to help improve the economic, social or environmental well-being of their local areas.

The innovations put forward could provide local solutions to a variety of issues. For example, Communities could make proposals to: tackle climate change at a local level - cutting energy consumption or creating more green areas for communities to cultivate; strengthen the local economy - finding ways in which to support local businesses and producers and increase social inclusion, including an increase in involvement in local democracy. For more information visit <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/993184> [Back](#)

#### **Heritage Link welcomes findings on impact of agri environment scheme**

New research for the Land Use Planning Group LUPG shows a clear impact of this funding in maintaining and enhancing UK historic landscapes and buildings. *Reviewing the environmental benefits* supplied by agri environment schemes <http://www.lupg.org.uk/Default.aspx?page=143> aims to provide a comprehensive review of the evidence for the provision of environmental benefits by UK agri-environment schemes and to summarise and evaluate the evidence base for delivery of environmental benefits.

Under historic features, for example, the new research concludes that agreement holders had a high level of satisfaction with the scheme and a significant number of buildings would have either continued to deteriorate or have been lost in their absence. In addition to traditional farm buildings, the report looks at the impact on field patterns and field boundaries, designed landscapes and archaeological features.

Heritage Link has convened a meeting of its Funding Working Group members to discuss how this funding currently - £8m per year - can be secured after 2013 in the CAP reforms. Heritage Link is keen to work with its European partners, Europa Nostra, as well as its members' counterparts to influence thinking on CAP reform well ahead of 2013.

Natural England has published new Environmental Stewardship (ES) handbooks to provide farmers with a comprehensive guide to ES and how to apply. See <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/press/news2008/031008.htm> [Back](#)

#### **Fiercer competition for high end HLF grants**

After considering applications which sought four times the amount of money available, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has been able to support only two major projects with funding totalling £9million (first stage passes): £4million to the Vindolanda Trust will transform its presentation of the central section of Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland; and the National Maritime Museum in Greenwich, London will, with £5m, open up its world-class archive and create new state-of-the-art gallery and exhibition spaces.

HLF Chief Executive Carole Souter said 'These two exceptional projects were competing in a very tough batch and stood out for the quality of their proposals, management and the unique experiences they will provide. They won through after much debate and will open up two very different aspects of our heritage. Sadly, due to lack of funds, we were unable to support many of the other excellent projects requesting our help'.

Given the competition for funding over £1m, HLF's Board of Trustees were unable to support the following projects: Welcome to Kensington - a Palace for Everyone, Historic Royal Palaces: Royal Naval Museum Centenary Project, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard: 'Big Ideas that Changed the World: The Silk Mill', Derby Museums and Art Gallery; New Lanark Project Plan 2008-12, New Lanark Conservation Trust; 'An Academy for 21st Century', Royal West of England Academy; Black Country Living Landscape Community Involvement Project, The Wildlife Trust for Birmingham and The Black Country. For further information see: [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### English Heritage publishes lead theft guidance

English Heritage has issued specific guidance on metal theft in view of the intensification of the problem in recent months, particularly on lead roofs on churches. The guidance highlights the importance of prevention and the need to use a combination of security measures to deter thieves. If the roof or parts of it has been stolen, the guidance emphasises that like-for-like replacement is English Heritage's starting position but it also makes clear the conditions under which alternative materials can be considered and used by local authorities and owners on a case by case basis.

The guidance also points out that while stainless steel is currently about 40-50% cheaper than lead, the extra work required to make them fit into a roof with traditional detailing often outweighs the price difference between the two materials.

Ecclesiastical, the insurers of over 95% of Anglican churches have paid claims costing more than £9 million for metal theft in 2008 to date and paid £9 million for 2,300 claims in 2007. For more information visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.14772>

#### Heritage Protection Bill: The Archaeology Forum Seminar

The Archaeology Forum, the grouping of independent architect bodies held a well attended seminar on 7 October to bring its members and others up to speed on the Draft Heritage Protection bill. Harry Reeves from DCMS accepted reservations on resourcing but argued that the Bill was necessary to improve the system in terms of transparency and accountability. He appreciated the support from the sector warning 'we are not yet home and dry' and hoped that engagement with the sector would continue.

Although he assured the audience that the Government's response to the CMS Select Committee was ready, held up by the change of Minister, it has still not been published.

Paul Jeffery from English Heritage spoke on the five strands of EH's Implementation Plan: legislation and policy development, communications strategy, strategic designation, training and capacity building and infrastructure development. Afternoon speakers were Dr Stewart Bryant, Chair of ALGAO, Dr Sean O'Reilly and John Preston from IHBC, Peter Hinton of IFA, and Ian Dungavell on a view from the national amenity societies

All the presentations will shortly be available on the TAF website <http://www.britarch.ac.uk/archforum/> [Back](#)

#### CLG Place survey 2008-09 manual

The Department for Communities and Local Government has published a new manual that specifies the common standards for local authorities and their contractors to follow when conducting the new 2008-09 Place Survey.

It explains that the Place Survey is a tool available to councils and their partners to collect and understand the views of local people. It highlights the need to capture local peoples' views, experiences and perceptions, so that solutions for an area can reflect local views and preferences. It also outlines the eight common standards and how to ensure that they are met. The manual notes that the survey will supply the data by which a number of national indicators will be measured and describes them. For more information and to view the guidance visit

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/localgovernment/pdf/880021.pdf> [Back](#)

#### CABE: Local authority green space skills survey: summary of findings

CABE has published its findings from a survey of 54 local authority green space managing departments' aims to highlight the main skills issues facing the green space sector. It aims to inform the development of Skills to grow, the national urban green space skills strategy, setting priorities for actions to improve skills in the future.

The survey was developed by CABI Space, GreenSpace and Lantra and was sent to heads of parks in all local authorities in England and Wales during the spring and summer 2008. For more information visit <http://www.cabi.org.uk/default.aspx?contentid=2791> [Back](#)

### England's 20 Best Heritage-Led Developments Reveal a New Way to Rescue Heritage

English Heritage (EH) has championed the 20 best development schemes in historic places, all of which are exemplars of a new way to rescue heritage. A new English Heritage book, *Constructive Conservation in Practice* revealed Park Hill in Sheffield, Kings Cross Central in London and The Bluecoat in Liverpool as being amongst those successful schemes at the forefront of modern conservation practice.

The announcement was made in the Commonwealth Institute: one of the most important 20th-century buildings in London. English Heritage campaigned successfully to save the building from demolition and is delighted that constructive discussions are now underway, with developers Chelsfield Partners, to start its journey towards a new future. *Constructive Conservation* illustrates EH's approach to conservation that involves heritage and development professionals working together as a team and being guided by English Heritage's newly-published Conservation Principles. For more information visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.14751> [Back](#)

### Heritage Lottery Fund boost for Parks

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Big Lottery Fund (BIG) have announced that five historic parks in England are set to be transformed with the help of grants totalling £14million. This money from the joint Parks for People programme will help regenerate much-loved parks in Newcastle, West Bromwich, Plymouth, Newark and Worcester. A further nine parks are also celebrating today having been awarded £913,700 to help develop detailed proposals for grants of £17million.

Jenny Abramsky, Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund, said 'Parks are special places that enrich our lives and contribute to the well-being of communities across the country. Lottery funding has had a huge impact on hundreds of parks, creating wonderful recreation areas for millions to enjoy.'

For more information visit [www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk](http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk)

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/MediaCentre/Archive/£15million+boost+for+parks.htm> [Back](#)

### ACEVO Membership Benefits – Free Accountancy Helpline

In view of the recent economic downturn, ACEVO (Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations) is reminding its members that it offers a wide range of free help lines to Full Members including fundraising, legal and accountancy advice. The accountancy helpline, provided by Horwath Clark Whitehill LLP offers members free financial advice including general financial questions, tax matters, governance, risk management and performance management.

To take advantage of the free accountancy helpline contact Pesh Framjee at [nonprofits@horwath.co.uk](mailto:nonprofits@horwath.co.uk) or call 020 7842 7229 and have your ACEVO membership number ready. For more information about free help lines please refer to the Autumn 2008 Membership Handbook or contact Kellie McCall on 0845 130 1808 for more information. [Back](#)

### Teaching Outside the Classroom: Placements for Trainee Teachers

The *Teaching Outside the Classroom* group is looking for settings across England to develop partnerships with teacher training providers to offer diverse placements for trainee teachers.

They are looking for organisations that work with children and young people, for example outdoor education centres, galleries, theatres, museums and sports clubs. This is an opportunity for heritage organisations to broaden their offer, attract new audiences, and influence the next generation of teachers. For more information visit [www.teachingoutsidetheclassroom.com](http://www.teachingoutsidetheclassroom.com) [Back](#)

## PEOPLE

### Placesofworship@heritagelink: Development Officer

Heritage Link is very glad to welcome Deborah Jarman to her new post as the first Development Officer for the [placesofworship@heritagelink](mailto:placesofworship@heritagelink). Coming from a museums and education background Deborah joined us on 6 October in time for the seminal policy workshop held on 16 October to define and shape priorities area of policy and other work which will need to be driven forward collaboratively over the next three years. One of her first tasks is to develop the group's webpages as a resource for all concerned with historic places of worship.

Deborah can be contacted at [placesofworship@heritagelink.org.uk](mailto:placesofworship@heritagelink.org.uk) or on 07506 675679. This project is generously funded by the Trustees of the National Churches Trust, [www.nationalchurchestrust.org.uk](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org.uk) Tel: 020 7600 6090. [Back](#)

### New IHBC President

The new President of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC), the UK's professional body for historic environment conservation specialists, is Eddie Booth, Director of the specialist conservation service, The Conservation Studio. A former Chair of the IHBC, Mr Booth said 'Having set one ball rolling when I was Chair, by encouraging the appointment of a professional director, I can take some pride in the IHBC's remarkable progress since 2004.'

Dr Seán O'Reilly, IHBC Director said that he was 'looking forward to working closely with our new President in times that are both challenging and stimulating'. Dr O'Reilly went on to note that 'training, standards and resources will continue to occupy the institute and all the sector stakeholders, not least given the diverse private and public sector interests, as well as the pan-disciplinary specialisms that our members represent'. For more information visit <http://www.ihbc.org.uk/> [Back](#)

### EVENTS

#### Opening All The Gates, Various dates

The Gateway Gardens Trust is in the process of setting up a three-year programme of seminars for everyone interested in extending access to historic parks and gardens - owners, Head Gardeners, volunteers, those wishing to bring schools and community groups to these beautiful places. The Trust will be covering new audiences, ideas for garden visits, trails and events, links with schools and the curriculum, providing advice on how to go about setting this sort of outreach up, with sessions with both enablers and beneficiaries and looking at issues such as Health & Safety and sources of funding.

Funded by English Heritage and supported by Gardens Trusts from Cheshire, Surrey and Wiltshire, the first seminar/workshop is targeted on Cheshire and the North-West on 13 November at Arley Hall & Gardens, Northwich. The day's session is free of charge and includes lunch and refreshments. Places are limited so apply as soon as possible to: Mark Humphries: [mark.humphries@gatewaygardenstrust.org](mailto:mark.humphries@gatewaygardenstrust.org); Tel: 01889 576 263 or via: [www.gatewaygardenstrust.org](http://www.gatewaygardenstrust.org) [Back](#)

#### Heritage Champions National Conference, 23 October

English Heritage will be holding a National Conference for their network of Heritage Champions at Lincoln's Inn Field. The morning session will see speeches from Baroness Andrews, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Department for Communities and Local Government. The afternoon will focus on the heritage sector, in particular looking at changes proposed to the heritage protection regime.

The day will be rounded off with evening drinks in the unique surroundings of the Sir John Soane's Museum. The conference is free to Champions. If you wish to attend the conference or have any questions please email [champions@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:champions@english-heritage.org.uk) or phone Owain Lloyd-James on 0207 973 3841. [Back](#)

#### Trefadaeth 2008/2, 23 October

On the 30 April members of voluntary organisations together with professionals in the public, private and third sectors debated priorities within historic environment policy and strategy at the Millennium Centre in Cardiff. Trefadaeth 2008/2, to be held on 23 October in Llandudno, provides an opportunity for the many who could not get to Cardiff – or discovered that the event was oversubscribed – to join the debate. Organised in partnership with Cadw, the historic environment service of the Welsh Assembly Government, the conference will look at progress with a draft Historic Environment Strategic Statement and the reform of heritage protection legislation.

The Heritage Minister, Alun Ffred Jones, will talk about his priorities for the historic environment and debate the issues with participants. For more information visit <http://www.civictrustwales.org/trefadaeth/october/english%20trefadadeth2.pdf> [Back](#)

#### Third European contact weekend for industrial heritage, 24 – 26 October

E-FAITH, the European Federation of Associations of Industrial and Technical Heritage is a platform promoting contacts and co-operation between non profit volunteer associations, the place where those

can meet, exchange experiences, learn from each other and support each other's activities and campaigns.

The main themes of the meeting will be: European border crossing cooperation between industrial and technical heritage associations; twinning between associations; exchanging experiences from the field; discussing the possibilities of launching joint European projects. For more information visit [www.e-faith.org](http://www.e-faith.org) [Back](#)

#### Funding Ideas Workshop, 28 October

European funding is worth many billions of pounds, yet few organisations know how to get involved. It sometimes looks like there are deliberate obstacles created to ensure that access to EU funds remains for the select few. Andrew Wheeler will be talking about his experience of European funding drawing on his experience over the last 15 years. Andrew has been both a public sector European funding manager and, for the last seven years, an independent European funding adviser working in the tourism, culture, heritage and creative industries. The seminar will be interactive and no previous knowledge of EU funding is necessary. It should be worth giving up a morning of your time and a free lunch to find out more!

For more information and booking for the event in Cambridge contact Lisa Bellamy at Living East: [lisabellamy@livingeast.org.uk](mailto:lisabellamy@livingeast.org.uk). [Back](#)

#### Salon International Du Patrimoine Cultural, 6 November

As in previous years, Europa Nostra will be present at the 2008 Salon international du Patrimoine, the International Heritage Show. Europa Nostra will set up an information stand and organise a round table discussion. The themes of this year are Heritage and Sponsorship and Heritage and Cultural Tourism. Both topics are very close to the work of Europa Nostra, and we look forward to our presence at this event.

Over the past 13 years, the show has hosted a total of almost 250.000 visitors, more than 3000 exhibitors and 314 conferences. The Salon is open to all fields of heritage life, and combines culture and economics. It is both a showcase for fine crafts, heritage venues and sites. Since 1997, the Salon international du Patrimoine has been the advocate for major heritage causes. For more information about the Salon international du Patrimoine, visit [www.patrimoineculturel.com](http://www.patrimoineculturel.com). [Back](#)

#### Experts explore how Victorian homes can help combat climate change, 11 November

This autumn, national heritage charity the Victorian Society is holding a seminar on Greening your Victorian house to help owners of ordinary Victorian houses meet the challenge of climate change head-on. Bringing together heritage experts and eco-campaigners, the seminar at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre will examine ways to increase the energy efficiency of Victorian and Edwardian homes without compromising their historic character.

Speakers will include Caroline Gunn, Senior Building Services Engineer at English Heritage, John Duggart, Chairman of the Sustainable Energy Academy, and Sarah Harrison, who has cut the emissions from her nineteenth century Camden home by 80% whilst preserving the character of the conservation area in which it stands. For more information visit [www.victoriansociety.org.uk](http://www.victoriansociety.org.uk) or call Catherine Dorrington on 01462 896 688. [Back](#)

#### Place, Space and Conservation - The Regeneration Game, 13-14 November

Booking is now open for Place, Space and Conservation - The Regeneration Game. Organised by the Architectural Heritage Fund, UK APT, The Civic Trust, The Prince's Regeneration Trust and IHBC, the conference is at Gorton Monastery in Manchester on 13 and 14 November and features speakers from national and local government, funders and agencies, plus case studies from voluntary sector and commercial developers throughout the UK. For more information visit: [www.ahfund.org.uk](http://www.ahfund.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### The Churches Tourism Association 2008 Convention, 24 - 26 November

The Churches Tourism Association annual convention is aimed at those involved in making churches more accessible.

There will be case studies, workshops and keynote speakers all aimed at highlighting best practice, ideas and the latest research. The CTA welcomes Lloyd Grossman OBE, the Trust's chairman, as one of its keynote speakers, along with Roy Strong and the Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

This year's event will be held in the Hayes Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire. For more information, a full programme and booking visit [www.churchestourism.info](http://www.churchestourism.info) [Back](#)

#### Launch of Major Report on Conservation, 28 November

The Textile Conservation Centre's staff and its supporting Trust the TCC Foundation wanted to use the University of Southampton's decision to close the TCC to prompt debate around the challenges and opportunities that face the conservation sector. The TCC Foundation therefore commissioned Demos, one of the UK's independent think tanks, to consider how conservation and conservation education relate to wider social and political issues and how many of the changes we are seeing in the world today will affect conservation.

The pamphlet, by John Holden & Sam Jones, will be launched at an event at the Banqueting House, London, on the morning of 28 November. If you would like to attend email: [demoslau@soton.ac.uk](mailto:demoslau@soton.ac.uk) [Back](#)

#### South East/London Seasonal Networking Opportunity, 28 November

The South East and London Historic Environment Forums, together with the Association of Preservation Trusts, will be hosting an afternoon conference and seasonal networking opportunity on 28 November in London. The conference is dedicated to exploring sustainability and climate change issues and opportunities for the heritage sector and will highlight the work of the APT in the sustainable reuse of historic buildings.

The new regional publication *Our Heritage in a Changing Climate* will be launched. It will also provide the chance to look at regeneration project in detail on a site visit tour. A full programme with timings and venue specifics will be circulated in ten days, in the meantime please save the date in your diary or visit [www.helm.org.uk](http://www.helm.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### HELM training events, 25 September/30 October/4 December

HELM training is designed to meet the needs of historic environment, planning officers and other specialists in local authorities whose role impacts on the historic environment

There are still places available on the following HELM training workshops: The Future of Historic School Buildings (25 September, Newcastle), Changing Churches (30 October, London), Conservation Areas: Appraisals and Management (4 December, Derby). For further details please go to the training pages on the HELM website or contact [HELMbookings@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:HELMbookings@english-heritage.org.uk) [Back](#)

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#### English Heritage: Historic Buildings Adviser

English Heritage are seeking a knowledgeable professional to engage with local authorities and others in securing the sustainable future of historic places and maximising their contribution to local place-making, quality of life and cultural opportunity. The post holder will take an active role in establishing good practice for management of the historic environment providing pre-application and statutory advice on proposals affecting the regions most significant historic assets.

Educated to degree level (or equivalent) in an appropriate discipline, you will have a solid track record in the historic environment sector with expertise in secular and ecclesiastical architecture and building construction. Candidates will have an understanding of statutory planning procedures in relation to historic buildings to combine with visual awareness and a flair for networking and establishing effective working relationships.

The salary for this role is around £38,000 pa. Based in the East Midlands the deadline for applications for this role is 22 October. For more information visit [www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs) [Back](#)

#### Heritage Lottery Fund: Head of Public Affairs

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) is seeking a new Head of Public Affairs to lead the Fund's relations with political stakeholders, ensuring they understand our work and the value of Heritage lottery funding. The post-holder will be responsible for HLF's public affairs strategy, developing key messages and opportunities for advocacy and responding to political and policy developments.

Based in London the salary for this role is in the region of £43,062 - £58,528 pa. The closing date for applications is 27 October. Interviews will be held on 10 and 14 November. For more information visit [https://forms.hlf.org.uk/applications/HLFJobs\\_PublicPortal.ofml?0125fbe40637&jobid=111](https://forms.hlf.org.uk/applications/HLFJobs_PublicPortal.ofml?0125fbe40637&jobid=111) [Back](#)

#### Historic Scotland: Policy Officer

Applications are invited for the post of full time Policy Officer, at Longmore House, Edinburgh. The general duties of the post include: preparing policy advice, briefing and supporting the Minister, the Chief Executive and the Director of Policy on national historic environment policy and the relationship of Scottish to UK policy; originating and co-ordinating national historic environment policy and contributing to and co-ordinating agency input to wider SG policy.

This is a permanent position. The salary for this role is in the region of £19,148 - £26,278 pa. The deadline for applications is 24 October. For more information visit <http://www.careers.civil-service.gov.uk/index.asp?txtNavID=137&txtOverRideDocID=45176&635132=&vacancysearchpage=true> [Back](#)

#### Part-time Historic Environment Field Adviser (East Midlands Region)

The post holder will manage ancient monuments including listed buildings, landscapes, battlefields, parks and gardens, and assess all types of historic assets currently included on the English Heritage 'At Risk' register. They will also monitor and report on your assigned sites, providing the initial response in cases where damage has been caused and following-up on any measures taken.

With a sound background in conservation issues, candidates will have a demonstrable track record of archaeological fieldwork or surveys, or equivalent landscape survey and assessment expertise. An understanding of land management practices and their affects on the historic environment are also essential. Excellent communication skills and a full driving licence with access to a vehicle are a must. The closing date for applications is 29 October. The salary for this part-time role is £25,000 pa. To discover more visit [www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs) [Back](#)

#### Heritage Lottery Fund: Senior Grants Officer

Reporting to the Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund North West, the Senior Grants Officer will assess and process applications for grants in the region. This includes progress monitoring of projects undertaken by successful applicants. As a more experienced case worker within the team, the job holder will be responsible for handling a wide range of applications and awards, as well as assisting in the formulation of HLF regional grants strategies, developing and participating in outreach activities, and pursuing other strategic objectives.

The salary for this role is £26,401 - £36,353 pa. The closing date for applications is 31 October. For more information visit [https://forms.hlf.org.uk/applications/HLFJobs\\_PublicPortal.ofml?0125fbe40637&jobid=112](https://forms.hlf.org.uk/applications/HLFJobs_PublicPortal.ofml?0125fbe40637&jobid=112) [Back](#)

#### Rural Action Yorkshire: Rural Community Buildings and Playing Fields Adviser

Rural Action Yorkshire are looking for someone who enjoys working with people from many different backgrounds has experience of governance requirements of charities and community groups, can motivate others and has an interest in rural affairs and sustainable communities.

Based in Yorkshire the salary for this role is in the region of £21,937 - £24,331 pa. The deadline for applications is 30 October. For more information email [info@ruralyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:info@ruralyorkshire.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### Clarke Hall, Wakefield: Cultural Officer: Heritage Learning and Access

Clarke Hall Educational Museum in Wakefield is looking for someone to help shape their learning provision. Working 4 days a week, the successful candidate will be part of a small team developing and delivering dramatic role-play sessions for schools' groups. They will help to keep the programme in tune with new curricular developments and local needs and also be involved in new outreach and public access projects. This post is part of the Museums and Heritage section in Sport and Culture.

The salary for this role is £17,129 - £18,276 pa. The closing date for applications is 24 October. Interviews will be held during week commencing 17 November. For further information regarding this post, please contact David Stockdale on 01924 302703. To apply on line visit: [www.jobs.wakefield.gov.uk](http://www.jobs.wakefield.gov.uk) [Back](#)

### War Memorials Trust: Assistant Conservation Officer

The War Memorials Trust seeks an Assistant Conservation Officer with initiative and enthusiasm to support the Conservation Officer in delivering the Trust's conservation, advisory and grant-making activities. The post holder will have some knowledge of, and a strong interest in, the conservation of the historic environment, relevant legislation and the technical issues involved in the care and repair of war memorials. They should be able to provide advice and guidance to custodians and members of the public on all aspects of war memorials in line with the Trust's policies and act as an advocate for war memorials' protection and appreciation.

The post is offered as a 12 month contract. It is full-time and London based but flexible hours can be discussed. The salary is £20,000 pa. The closing date for application is noon on 17 November. The anticipated interview date is 5 December. For further details and a job description please contact the Trust Manager at 4 Lower Belgrave Street, London SW1W 0LA, 020 7259 0403, [frances@warmemorials.org](mailto:frances@warmemorials.org) or visit [www.warmemorials.org](http://www.warmemorials.org). [Back](#)

### London Mayor's Private Office: Adviser (Statutory Deputy Mayor and Culture)

An adviser is required for the London Mayor's Private Office, to provide day to day support to the Statutory Deputy Mayor and the Director of Arts and Culture Policy on the delivery of priorities and to attend meetings, deal with correspondence and manage relationships with internal and external contacts.

The post holder will provide high level senior support to the Director/Deputy Mayor on the delivery of his/her priorities and to attend meetings, deal with correspondence and manage relationships with internal and external contacts in a way that facilitates and supports the Director/Deputy Mayor fulfilling his/her functions. The successful candidate will also provide high level support and expertise to the Deputy Mayors and Directors (as allocated) on the development of policy and planning to deliver the Mayor's priorities within the GLA Group and to co-ordinate the development of policy across the GLA and GLA Group

The salary for this role is £41,031 pa. The deadline for applications is 21 October. For more information visit <http://www.london.gov.uk/gla/jobs/20081021/mo6.jsp> [Back](#)

### National Trust: Assistant Conservator

Conservation is at the heart of what the National Trust does. Based at the Trust's Head Office in Swindon, but working 2-3 days a week at other National Trust properties, the post holder's help will be invaluable to the Trust's experts, especially when it comes to checking environmental conditions for collections. It's a fantastic chance for the post holder to learn and build on their practical conservation skills, by keeping the Trust's estates and treasures well maintained.

The salary for this role is £20,929 pa. This is a fixed term contract for three years. The closing date for applications is 27 October. Interview will be held on the 13 November. To discover more about this role visit [www.ntjobs.org.uk](http://www.ntjobs.org.uk) [Back](#)

### MLA: Director of Engagement (North)

The Museums, Libraries and Archives Council are seeking a new Director of Engagement. The position sits on the MLA's Executive Board and its main purpose is to advance the role of the culture in place-making and community-building, and to guide improvement in the sector. The post will be responsible for representing the MLA Council and its interests within the North East, North West and Yorkshire. The objectives are to engage effectively with local government and regeneration partners, build strong and productive working relationships, and inspire museums, libraries and archives to achieve their full potential.

The salary for this role is £65,000 pa. The deadline for applications is 20 October. For more information visit [www.mla.gov.uk](http://www.mla.gov.uk) [Back](#)

### House of Lords: Assistant Clerk of the Records (Preservation & Access)

There is a vacancy for the position of Assistant Clerk of the Records (Preservation & Access). The Parliamentary Archives provides a records management and archives service for both Houses of Parliament, and assists the compliance of the House of Lords administration with Freedom of Information and Data Protection legislation. It supports the corporate aims of Parliament in the areas of effective information management, maintenance of heritage collections, promoting public understanding of Parliament's work, and sound corporate governance and risk management.

The Assistant Clerk of the Parliamentary Archives (Preservation & Access) will lead the Archives' work in the areas of digital and analogue preservation, cataloguing and digitisation. In addition, they will have senior management responsibilities within the Archives and will support knowledge and information management initiatives and programmes across Parliament. The salary for this role is £46,406 - £58,916 pa. The deadline for applications is 17 October. For a full job description, including person specification, email the Human Resources Office at [humanresourceshol@parliament.uk](mailto:humanresourceshol@parliament.uk) [Back](#)

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