

Heritage Link Update 149

Heritage Link Update is sent to members and supporters of Heritage Link as a way of sharing information of relevance to the historic environment sector. Please feel free to circulate copies within your organisation and to forward copies to anyone else who might be interested.

31 October 2008

Contents

[Diary Date: Heritage Link's Heritage Day – 3 December](#)

[Heritage Link seeks first Parliamentary Officer](#)

[Government responds to pre-legislative scrutiny](#)

[Draft Heritage Protection Bill: what's in - 'list' to stay](#)

[Draft Heritage Protection Bill: what's out](#)

[Work on resources still to come](#)

[Government response of Draft Cultural Property \(Armed Conflicts\) Bill](#)

[Heritage Counts 2008: climate change and the historic environment](#)

[Heritage Counts 2008: how heritage bodies are reducing energy consumption](#)

[Heritage Counts 2008: the annual figures](#)

[Heritage Counts 2008: voluntary sector workforce](#)

[VAT on ECOFIN agenda](#)

[New third sector skills body](#)

[Natural England publishes new Environmental Stewardship handbooks](#)

[Delivering Planning Reform in Scotland](#)

[Heritage Lottery Fund support announced for natural heritage across the UK](#)

[Institute for Archaeologists: New Aims](#)

[Young People ask MPs 'Are you listening?'](#)

[Green place 'poverty' affects 1 in 4 in urban areas](#)

[English Heritage: LEADER and the historic environment publication](#)

[Protected Trees: A guide to tree preservation procedures](#)

[Important survey on the economic downturn and volunteer involving organisations](#)

[Words of Welcome – The National Year of Reading](#)

[Heritage Link seeks more office space](#)

PEOPLE

[DCMS Advisory Committee on Historic Wreck Sites \(ACHWS\): 2 Member Posts](#)

EVENTS

SITUATIONS VACANT

[Notes and subscriptions](#)

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 keynote speech 'Our Heritage, Our Future'.

The day, at Hampstead Town Hall, starts with the AGM for Heritage Link members. This is followed by the networking lunch and the afternoon Heritage Debate which can be attended by all, including those from the voluntary sector, local and regional authorities, government agencies, elected members, professionals, site managers and students. A registration form will shortly be available on our website (www.heritagelink.org.uk) so make sure you put the date in your diary now! [Back](#)

Heritage Link seeks first Parliamentary Officer

Heritage Link is to establish an exciting new Parliamentary post to support and co-ordinate voluntary heritage sector activity around the Heritage Protection Bill.

The post holder will ensure that Heritage Link members and parliamentarians are properly and swiftly informed about implications of and amendments to the Heritage Protection Bill, influencing the drafting to assist the delivery of the Bill in line with the policies of organisations across the historic environment sector.

On one level the post involves monitoring, briefing, drafting and securing support for amendments. In the wider political context, 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 in the media.

The voluntary heritage sector has expended considerable resources in shaping the Draft Bill. In the formal parliamentary stage, this specialist and dedicated support will ensure that the investment is not wasted and that all possible benefits for the heritage are secured. See Situations Vacant below. [Back](#)

Government responds to pre-legislative scrutiny

The Government confirms it will continue with its plans to introduce a Heritage Protection Bill 'subject to the availability of Parliamentary time'. With just six weeks to go before the Bill is expected to appear in the Queen's Speech, DCMS has responded to the criticisms made by the Culture Media and Sport Select Committee in its report on the Draft Bill in July

http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/publications/5551.aspx [Back](#)

The Response sets out the Government's reaction to each of the Committee's recommendations as well as issues raised through the public consultations on both the Draft Heritage Bill and the Draft Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts Bill).

Some recommendations are accepted, some not - see below. What is clear is that there is a huge amount of work yet to be done to present a convincing case. On the Bill's incompleteness, despite 8 years of preparation, the Government says it will continue to publish as much guidance as possible in draft and a full list of statutory instruments will be published when the Heritage Bill is introduced in Parliament. Despite the Committee's misgiving over the limited involvement of CLG, the Government believes it is still right that DCMS should take the lead as opposed to having a CLG co-sponsored bill 'as heritage protection is a DCMS' area of responsibility' but 'we do recognise the need for collaboration at all levels and continue to work together'. Ministers from both DCMS and CLG, it is claimed, will be working together to support the parliamentary passage of the Bill. [Back](#)

Draft Heritage Protection Bill: what's in - 'list' to stay

The pre-legislative scrutiny and consultation processes have made some welcome improvements. The term 'List' for example is now to stay. 'The Register' and tongue twisters like 'registrable structures' seem unlikely to reach the statute book. The Government recognises that the word 'listing' 'has a long life in our collective memory' and has currency among the general public. List will replace Register in the Bill.

The Bill is intended to retain current levels of protection but one category that could change applies to the five historic cities currently designated as Areas of Archaeological Interest: Canterbury, Chester, Exeter, Hereford and York. This category of protection will not be abolished altogether, but the Government is continuing to work with English Heritage to find a solution for its future.

On World Heritage Sites, which despite their international value got little mention in the Bill, the Response cites the amendment to the General Permitted Development Order (GPDO) 1995 which came into force on 1 October putting WHSs on the same footing as other protected areas, such as AONBs. But in addition, the Government agrees to amend clause 155 of the draft Bill so that the duty on local planning authorities to take registered structures and open spaces into account when determining planning applications will be extended to include WHSs. [Back](#)

Draft Heritage Protection Bill: what's out

The Government has not accepted, at this stage at least, a range of recommendations from consultees and Committee. Most importantly, the Government will not introduce a duty of care or any requirement for preventative maintenance believing that this would be burdensome and that neglect can be addressed through repairs notices and through a greater degree of information.

Although the Bill introduces a statutory basis for identifying heritage structures and open spaces of special local interest, it does not and will not impose a statutory duty on Local Planning Authorities to develop or maintain Local Lists. 'Use of local designation powers will be at the discretion of local planning authorities which are aware and responsive to their local communities'.

In reply to other recommendations, historic landscapes are to remain a designation category only in Wales but not in England; the role and remit of the National Historic Ships Unit remains the same;

'technical interest' is not accepted as an additional category of special interest nor is an additional register of trees deemed necessary. No further review of marine designation will be undertaken. [Back](#)

Work on resources still to come

Responding to Select Committee doubts, the Government is revisiting the question of financial resources. Although the Response alleges confusion between the costs of the Bill and estimates of the funding required to raise the overall standard of excellence in historic environment services, it agrees that the implementation figure of the Bill itself is much higher than the 'net' cost of £1.72m. The new Impact Assessment to be published alongside the Bill will also include costs on the sections missing from the Draft Bill in April 2008, notably those on Conservation Areas.

The Select Committee recommended that the Government should proceed with the Bill but only if it is fully aware of and willing to meet its full cost. But the Local Government Association Working Group which was due 'to investigate the robustness of the figures in the Impact Assessment' and had been expected to submit its findings last July has yet to report.

The Government continues to dispute the forecasted dearth of Conservator Officers, finding that the IHBC figures are 'an imprecise indicator'. English Heritage is commissioning updated figures for local authority conservation and archaeological staff, 'These figures will be available in the autumn'. Information on the scope of the training programme requested by the Select Committee remains unclear. Although the programme for funding is set out, what is included under training days for LPAs 'and the sector' does not answer the query.

Although close to the Queen's Speech, this Response sets out an alarming amount of work still to be done. Planning Policy Statement 15 is being drafted at top speed. A new set of pilot studies to strengthen the business case for the Heritage Partnership Agreements has been announced. The Government has also agreed to undertake a review the operation and understanding of current enforcement powers. But concerns over loose ends such as these should not outweigh the heritage sector's support for the bill at a time when Government priorities are shifting. [Back](#)

Government response of Draft Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill

This Bill, put forward alongside the Heritage Bill, contains provisions to enable the UK government to ratify the 1954 Hague Convention. The Committee's recommendations, in support of the overall aims of the Bill cover definitions of 'occupied' territory'. They also cover activities of dealers in cultural objects; using the cultural emblem to protect cultural property being transported; and good practice in protection of cultural areas when planning operations. Also, in view of local looting in Iraq, they deal with the aftermath of military operations. It recommends in addition that a list of cultural property worthy of 'general protection' under the Convention should be drawn up but not include Grade II listed buildings. The Government agrees that Grade II buildings should not be added as a category but that a comprehensive list of specific cultural property would not be an effective use of resources. [Back](#)

Heritage Counts 2008: climate change and the historic environment

Heritage organisations have called on the Government and local authorities to recognise that the historic environment is part of the solution to tackling climate change and that its share of carbon emissions can be reduced by sensitive improvements. Statistics shows that houses in England built before 1919 account for approximately 5% of all the country's carbon emissions. Overall residential end users accounted for 27% in 2006.

Speaking at the launch of Heritage Counts 2008 at the London Transport Museum on 30 October, Sir Barry Cunliffe, interim Chairman of English Heritage, said 'The nation's built heritage is a finite and precious resource and we must recognise that the re-use and recycling of older buildings is both responsible and sustainable.

'Although some older homes are currently less energy efficient than some newer ones, solutions do exist to make them more energy efficient. Rising to this challenge, however, demands care. We need to develop and share approaches that avoid unnecessary damage to the special value and qualities of the historic environment. More Government policies that work towards changing human behaviour in energy use are also necessary because that is the area that will make the crucial difference.' [Back](#)

Heritage Counts 2008: how heritage bodies are reducing energy consumption

The launch venue, London Transport Museum, is an example of a listed building having undergone sensitive and effective energy saving refurbishment. It is the first historic Grade II listed building in the UK to install a large scale solar panel system.

We can all be part of the solution: Heritage Counts 2008 emphasises the active role heritage organisations can play in pursuing a low carbon economy – from mitigating the share of carbon emissions produced by historic buildings through advocating measures to improve energy efficiency of older buildings, from championing and experimenting with new technologies on historic properties to inspiring the public to change their behaviour on energy consumption.

The National Trust for example has launched the 'Big Switch' project to change 40,000 light bulbs across its historic houses, offices, shops, restaurants and holiday cottages to low energy alternatives. English Heritage has launched Climate Change and Your Home, a website which contains guidance that help home owners protect their homes against the effects of climate change. The Heritage Lottery Fund has introduced new guidance on environmental impacts for grant applicants under its latest Strategic Plan.

Smaller bodies can also play their part. The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings has conducted a survey of its 1740 Grade II listed offices and a fan pressure test to identify points of excessive air leakage in its fabric.

A member of the Historic Houses Association, the Grade II* listed Stansted House in Sussex moved from an oil-fired system to a biofuel heating system, utilising the chestnut coppice on the Estate. The system, which had a carbon footprint of 250 tonnes a year, is moving to a balanced carbon neutral system, saving around £25,000 annually in fuel bills. [Back](#)

Heritage Counts 2008: the annual figures

Heritage Counts also charts the main developments of the year. As well as this year's focus on climate change, Heritage Counts also gives us the definitive heritage statistics. Now in its seventh year, it records, amongst many other categories, the number of heritage assets at risk, of applications for listed building consents, the numbers employed in museum and conservator services and - not least - trends in public funding for the heritage.

This year, it notes that funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund declined by 28% and English Heritage grants by 27% in real terms between 2002/03 and 2007/08. This amounts to a total reduction in real terms of £100 million. Heritage Lottery Fund funding will fall by a further 43% in real terms between 2007/08 and 2012/13.

It also covers data on participation through visiting memberships, and education. This year's report notes a significant increase in heritage participation among all adults (69.5% to 71.1%), black and ethnic minorities (50.0% to 54.6%) and people with limiting disabilities or illness (58.4% to 61.5%) between 2005 and 2007.

Heritage Counts 2008 and the nine regional publications can be found at www.heritagecounts.org.uk The South East. South West and Yorkshire & Humberside publications are accompanied by separate annexes on the impact of the changing climate on heritage in their region. [Back](#)

Heritage Counts 2008: voluntary sector workforce

For the first time, Heritage Counts records employment in the voluntary heritage sector complementing figures on volunteers, visitors and memberships. Researched through Heritage Link's members, there were 11398 employed by the national heritage organisations in England in 2007-8, working full time, part time, or in a temporary or seasonal capacity. Full time and part time permanent staff amount to nearly 8700.

The data confirms the small scale nature of the sector. Only 7 organisations employ more than 100 members of staff and nearly all are site owners or managers. This includes the National Trust, BTCV, Historic Royal Palaces, the Landmark Trust, The Woodland Trust, Wessex Archaeology and the Youth Hostels Association. The National Trust is by far the largest employer with 3242 full time and 1885 part time staff across England and Wales with 2062 seasonal staff and 407 project staff, a total of 7596. Between 92% and 93% of these are based in England reflecting the higher proportion of unmanned/landscape sites in Wales and Northern Ireland

The specialist groups fall at the other end of the scale. Over 70% of Heritage Link's membership have less than 10 paid members of staff. Twenty-one national heritage bodies operate without paid staff. The most typical, almost 35% of Heritage Link members, have between 1 and 5 paid members of staff. 10 of these 30 organisations have a single part time employee. Just under 14% employ between 6 and 10, and another 14% between 11 and 50. Five organisations employ between 50 and 100 members of staff.

The sector remains heavily dependent on volunteers at every level up to and including Board members. Heritage Link's survey shows that volunteers outnumber paid staff in the ratio 38:1. [Back](#)

VAT on ECOFIN agenda

At the next ECOFIN council meeting on 4 November, European finance ministers will be asked to decide whether to support the EC proposal to amend VAT directive 2006/112/EC so as to provide member states with the flexibility to apply reduced VAT for some labour intensive services on a permanent basis. This would allow for a possible reduction in VAT in the UK from 17.5% to 5% for services such as the renovation, repair, transformation, maintenance and cleaning of places of worship, cultural heritage and historic monuments and for the renovation, repair, transformation, maintenance and cleaning of housing.

If the amendment is passed it is then up to each member state to decide whether to take up the option. But it only takes one member state's veto to dash the whole directive. Germany, Austria, Denmark, Latvia and Finland are the most likely to object. Europa Nostra and the UK's Cut the VAT Coalition amongst others have been lobbying these governments to avert an adverse outcome. If the issue is not resolved on 4 November it will then go on the agenda for the ECOFIN Council meeting on 2 December.

[Back](#)

New third sector skills body

The Government announced plans to create a new Third Sector skills body which will identify and address skills gaps and shortages for charities, voluntary groups, social enterprises and other third sector organisations. It will pull together the work of the sector skills councils to open up learning opportunities for third sector paid and voluntary staff. It will ensure the sector's needs are properly considered in the design development of National Occupational Standards, the design Apprenticeship Frameworks and Sector Qualification Strategies.

The Office of the Third Sector (OTS) in the Cabinet Office and the Department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) will jointly fund the new skills body with £2.5 million over the next three years. It will be independent and directed by a board representing the sector's employers. To help the new body become established, Skills for Justice will act as an incubator. For more information visit http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/news/news_releases/081021_skills_body.aspx [Back](#)

Natural England publishes new Environmental Stewardship handbooks

Natural England has published new Environmental Stewardship (ES) handbooks to provide farmers with a comprehensive guide to ES and how to apply. A dedicated Environmental Stewardship phone number has also been established - 0300 060 1115; and for the first time applicants for Entry Level Stewardship schemes (ELS) can now apply online – www.naturalengland.org.uk

The new handbooks – which cover every available ES scheme - apply to all agreements starting on or after 1 October. The handbooks have been re-designed and include information on new options and changes to the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) bringing farmers up to date on how ES can help their farm business and how they can apply. Existing agreement holders must keep their old handbooks as the terms and conditions remain part of the legal basis of their agreement.

Almost £3 billion is earmarked for ES and other agri-environment schemes from 2007-2013, under the RDPE.

Printed versions of the new ES handbooks for scheme applicants and their agents can be obtained from regional Natural England offices the details of which can be found in the Environmental Stewardship section at www.naturalengland.org.uk [Back](#)

Delivering Planning Reform in Scotland

A wide-ranging package of improvements to make Scotland's planning system leaner and fitter have been announced. Key measures include: simpler and more transparent processes; government agencies to focus increasingly on matters of genuine national interest; Scottish Government and agencies to publish annual reports on performance; up to date development plans that provide investors

and communities alike with greater certainty; quicker decision making by councils on high-quality applications; a new electronic planning system to be formally launched next Spring.

The Scottish Government is streamlining over 20 separate Scottish Planning policies into one. The first two parts, on core principles and the key elements of the planning system were published on 28/10/08. The third part, a statement of policy on a number of development themes, will be published in the Spring 2009. For more information visit <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/10/27130725/0> [Back](#)

Heritage Lottery Fund support announced for natural heritage across the UK

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has announced seven earmarked awards totalling £8million made through its Landscape Partnership Scheme. These rural regeneration and landscape conservation schemes highlight the diversity of the UK's geography and its impact on our culture. The areas which will benefit include: Sefton Coast, Merseyside's 'coastal green lung'; the South Pennines, part of the backbone that runs the length of northern England; and the Five Parishes, part of the Sperrins Mountain range in south County Londonderry/Derry.

HLF's Landscape Partnerships have been running for the past four years and these new awards now bring the total invested to £48million. Twenty nine landscapes across the UK are benefiting, from the remote Orkney archipelago to the cliffs of Dorset's Jurassic Coast. The schemes help forge public and community partnerships, enabling people to tackle the heritage needs of their local landscapes in a practical and effective way.

For more information visit

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/MediaCentre/Archive/£8million+Landscape+Legacy.htm> [Back](#)

Institute for Archaeologists: New Aims

As part of a programme of reform, many ambitious resolutions were debated at the IFA's AGM on 15 October, and all were passed by an overwhelming majority. As a result the Institute is now trading under a new name, Institute for Archaeologists.

A new strapline 'a professional institute for the study and care of the historic environment' is echoed in changes to constitutional documents, which have made it a more inclusive institute and broadened the Registered Organisation scheme. The IFA has created a more professional and coherent image for its output, which will be rolled out over the coming months. The Institute for Archaeologists hope that colleagues will embrace the broader, refocused IFA, which will work to strengthen its partnerships with other professional bodies in the sector. [Back](#)

Young People ask MPs 'Are you listening?'

Young people from across the nation ascended on Westminster to tell an audience of 60 MPs and Ministers in the House of Commons what it really means to be a young British person in 2008. Young people from 17 cities united in their appeal to politicians and other opinion formers to listen to how they wish to be perceived as young British adults and what matters to them. They talked about their experiences in the Portrait of a Nation project and shared what makes the places they call home so special.

Andy Burnham, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, stood alongside youth ambassadors to address the crowd of MPs, Ministers and young people. He said 'Portrait of a Nation is capturing what it means to be young and British in 2008. These young people have come a long way by exploring their roots and identity to find out what makes them who they are. More than that, it has given them a public platform to debate and explore their similarities and differences and consider where they want to be in the future.

The 17 youth ambassadors were representing their city and more than 3000 young people who have taken part in the two-year long Portrait of a Nation project, backed by Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Liverpool Culture Company. The biggest youth project of its kind in the UK, Portrait of a Nation, has challenged young people to explore the impact their cultural roots have had on their identity and their hopes for the future as young British adults. Their journey will culminate in Liverpool, European Capital of Culture in December, where they will share their stories about their identity, their cities and fuel the debate, 'Who Do We Want to Be?' For more information visit www.portraitofanation.net [Back](#)

Green place 'poverty' affects 1 in 4 in urban areas

One in four people living in urban areas suffer from 'green place poverty', according to new research for the National Trust. The Trust says that the survey shows that whilst regular contact with the natural world is hugely important to everyone's quality of life, many people are missing it in their daily lives. Across England, Wales and Northern Ireland one in eight have suffer from green place poverty, meaning they have access to two or fewer green spaces. The top reasons given for visiting open spaces were to experience fresh air and space, for relaxation and to see wildlife.

The Trust commissioned the research following debate launched at 2007 AGM on whether we should be doing more to protect green places from development. The findings show that 94 per cent of people think it is a good idea for the National Trust to get more involved in local green places. For more information visit http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-global/w-news/w-latest_news/w-news-green_places_poverty.htm [Back](#)

English Heritage: LEADER and the historic environment publication

LEADER is a European Commission initiative to support the development of rural areas across the European Union (EU). Under the new Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) 2006-2013, LEADER will become one of the main ways of distributing funding for rural development programmes with its delivery being managed by the Regional Development Agencies (RDAs).

This new publication describes some of the important work carried out by the LEADER+ Programme to realise the potential of the historic environment. The work relies on direct community involvement and has secured other economic, social and environmental benefits. Examples of good practice are published here to encourage and inspire Local Action Groups during the delivery of the 2007-13 Rural Development Programme for England. To view this document visit <http://www.helm.org.uk/upload/pdf/Leader.pdf> [Back](#)

Protected Trees: A guide to tree preservation procedures

This leaflet is written for the benefit of tree owners, the general public and amenity groups, and answers some of the most common questions about tree preservation procedures. It is for guidance only and is not a statement of the law. Individuals are advised to consult with a solicitor if they are unsure of their legal rights or obligations.

For more information visit

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/protectedtreesguide> [Back](#)

Important survey on the economic downturn and volunteer involving organisations

A Recession Summit has been called on 24 November so that Government and national infrastructure organisations, such as Volunteering England can assess the situation and see what the next steps are.

Volunteering England would like to gather evidence about how the economic downturn will affect organisations so that they can represent the views of organisations that involve volunteers at this event and in future opportunities that they will have to influence national policy making. As members of Volunteering England, Heritage Link is encouraging heritage organisations to contribute.

The deadline for response is midday on 10 November. If however, you would prefer to email a report or comment, in addition to, or instead of the survey, send this to mike.locke@volunteeringengland.org by the deadline stated. [Back](#)

Words of Welcome – The National Year of Reading

The National Year of Reading, working with London 2012, is launching a nationwide photography project for schools and young people. This is a campaign to involve and engage young people right across the country with the Olympics and their values.

Celebrating the power of the written word in our everyday lives, The National Year of Reading is looking for classes and individuals (ages 13-19) to send pictures of the words and signs that they best feel represent their local area and what it means to be British.

The best images will feature on Get Set, the London 2012 education website, which will act as a huge 'welcome sign' to visitors ahead of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The top prize will be a school visit from an Olympic athlete. The closing date is 20 December. For more information visit www.yearofreading.org.uk/wordsofwelcome [Back](#)

Heritage Link seeks more office space

Heritage Link has regrettably outgrown its shared office with Wildlife and Countryside Link. It is looking for about 425sqft (39.5 sqm) room for about 5 or 6 people from April 2009 in central London with good transport links and access to meeting space.

Sponsorship of Heritage Link through free or discounted premises costs could perhaps be acknowledged in a way similar to sponsorship of Heritage Link Update.

If you can offer Heritage Link space or know of modestly priced office accommodation please contact Kate Pugh at kate.pugh@heritagelink.org.uk [Back](#)

PEOPLE

DCMS Advisory Committee on Historic Wreck Sites (ACHWS): 2 Member Posts

The Advisory Committee was set up to advise Ministers following the passing of the Protection of Wrecks Act 1973. Section 1 of the 1973 Act empowers the Secretary of State to designate, by order, the site of what is, or may prove to be, the wreck of a vessel which should be protected from unauthorised interference because of its historical, archaeological or artistic importance.

The Committee is currently seeking two new members. There will be at least 3 full day meetings a year. Members are also asked to attend the annual meeting with the Licensees of the Designated Wreck Sites. In addition, members may be asked to sit on sub-committees, on an ad-hoc basis, to discuss specific issues. Some additional time for studying reports will be required. All Advisory Committee members should demonstrate: a general understanding of underwater archaeology issues; an ability objectively to assess applications for the designation of wreck sites, and for licence applications and an understanding of the need to maintain the confidentiality of Committee meetings.

Committee members are appointed for a term of 4 years, which may be renewed. Advisory Committee members serve on an honorary basis but their travel expenses, incurred through attending meetings, are reimbursed. The start date for both positions is Winter 2008. The deadline for applications is 14 November. For more information contact Mark Greenwood, email: Mark.Greenwood@culture.gsi.gov.uk [Back](#)

EVENTS

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 the organisation looks forward to 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. [Back](#)

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

This autumn 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 Doggart, 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 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 [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 Loyd 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 [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 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 [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 projects 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 [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 [Back](#)

SITUATIONS VACANT

We expect all organisations whose posts are advertised below to offer equal opportunity to all and to welcome applications from all sections of the community. [Back](#)

Heritage Link: Parliamentary Officer

Heritage Link is looking to appoint a Parliamentary Officer to advance the interests of its members in shaping the Heritage Protection Bill. This is a unique post to be funded by Heritage Link members with support from English Heritage.

Through this post Heritage Link will act as a key source of information and opinion in the sector, contributing to the wider political strategy to promote the value of heritage as the Bill progresses through Parliament. The post holder will have outstanding lobbying, communication and policy skills to develop relations with parliamentarians with strong research, analytical and written skills to produce high quality briefing materials that will interest and influence parliamentarians and media.

Candidates should have a significant interest in and knowledge of political affairs, an ability to deal confidently with senior colleagues and external stakeholders with an understanding of effective and appropriate methods for achieving influence in Parliament

Salary £9000 part time over the period of the 2008-9 Parliamentary session. Candidates must have a high degree of flexibility in timing and working arrangements. The post will be confirmed subject to the Heritage Protection Bill being introduced in the Queen's Speech on 3 December.

The deadline for applications is 17 November 2008. For full details and how to apply contact The Secretary, Kate Pugh, at kate.pugh@heritagelink.org.uk or see www.heritagelink.org.uk [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 [Back](#)

English Heritage: Head of Visitor Operations

English Heritage (EH) is looking for a Head of Visitor Operations to manage their London (South) historic properties, currently comprising of five staffed sites including Eltham Palace. The post holder will have responsibility for the delivery of its property strategy, covering a wide range of management issues, from retail, catering, admissions, membership and hospitality, through to maintenance and Health and Safety. The successful candidate will manage a 40-strong Visitor Operations team.

EH is looking for an accomplished and motivational manager to oversee all day-to-day operations, manage expenditure budgets totaling c.£2.5m and deliver income targets of c.£1m per annum. This is a fast-paced, multi-disciplined role for a pro-active and enthusiastic individual with a solid track record of management and delivering tangible results in a customer focused environment.

The salary for this role is c. £37,000 pa. The closing date for applications is 16 November. For more information visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs [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 or visit www.warmemorials.org. [Back](#)

Heritage Lottery Fund: Grants Officer Post – South East Region

Based in its London Office the HLF are looking to recruit a Grants Officer on an initial six month fixed term contract. The post holder will report to a Senior Grants Officer and will form part of the regional operations team. The primary purpose of the post is to assess and process applications to the HLF and NHMF for grants in the south east region.

The closing date for applications is 3 November and interviews will be held in the London office in mid November. For more information and to apply on line please visit our website www.hlf.org.uk [Back](#)

SAVE Britain's Heritage: Volunteers

SAVE Britain's Heritage, the national charity that campaigns for historic buildings, has been collating a register of Grade II and unlisted buildings at risk in England and Wales for the last 20 years. The prime aim is to promote new uses for vacant buildings. The project requires lots of work to ensure that the databases are up to date and that over 100 new entries are researched and compiled for the annual catalogue.

SAVE is calling for volunteers who are computer literate and with good verbal and written skills to commit at least 1 day a week over the next few months. It would be ideal for a university graduate hoping to pursue a career in heritage and conservation. For further information email Catherine Townsend: catherine.townsend@savebritainsheritage.org [Back](#)

Notes and subscription [Back](#)

1. We are grateful to Chris Blandford Associates for sponsorship of Update. Chris Blandford Associates (www.cba.uk.net) is a multi-disciplinary consultancy specialising in the sustainable planning, design and management of the historic and natural environment.

2. It is estimated that Heritage Link Update reaches about 9000 mailboxes in the UK and beyond.

3. If you would like to be included in the circulation list for Heritage Link Update or if you would prefer to receive Update as an attachment which means that the internal links will work whatever your settings, please email kate.jones@heritagelink.org.uk

4. If you wish to use or quote from items in Heritage Link Update, you should always check the accuracy and current position with the source. Heritage Link cannot guarantee the accuracy of, or accept any responsibility for, the contents of Update.

5. Subscription policy:

Update is sent to anyone on request and is then forwarded extensively through email networks.

By popular request from individuals, agencies and commercial companies who cannot formally join Heritage Link as members but wish to support Heritage Link and its work, the following subscription rates are recommended:

Individual subscription: £25.00pa (cheques preferred, payable to Heritage Link; for address see 6 below).

Corporate subscription:

- For forwarding to less than 50 mailboxes £150.00pa
- For forwarding to more than 50 mailboxes £500.00pa
- For forwarding to more than 1000 mailboxes £1000pa

The subscription for formal membership for voluntary bodies concerned with the historic environment is £100.00pa. For enquiries, please contact the Secretary at Heritage Link.

6. Unsubscribing: Heritage Link uses limited details identifying subscribers for the circulation of Update only and never passes on this data to other parties. To unsubscribe, email kate.jones@heritagelink.org.uk giving details in full of all email addresses to be removed. Names of subscribers alone will not be sufficient to unsubscribe.

Heritage Link is a company limited by guarantee in England and Wales Registered Company No 4577804 and a Registered Charity. Charity No 1094793. Registered Office 89 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7TP. [Back](#)