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Heritage Link AGM/Heritage Day, London, 2 December

Heritage Link's Heritage Day is one of the biggest events in the heritage year. In a pre-election year we are delighted that Ben Bradshaw, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Don Foster, Shadow Culture Secretary for Culture, Media and Sport and Ed Vaizey Shadow Minister for Culture will be speaking.

The day, at the German Gymnasium, King's Cross, London will begin with the AGM for Heritage Link members followed by lunch and a 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 PPS 15 Seminar: Report

On the morning of 25 September, close to 50 Heritage Link members gathered at the Tower of London Education Centre for a day of presentations and discussion on the draft Planning Policy Statement 15: Planning for the Historic Environment and accompanying guidance. Following an introduction from Heritage Link Chairman – Anthea Case, delegates heard presentations on the PPS and its wider context from DCMS Deputy Director of Culture, Harry Reeves and English Heritage Policy Director, Duncan McCallum. The ensuing question and answer session gave members the opportunity to raise their concerns, with a number of key issues quickly rising to prominence; mostly around language, public engagement and justification for harm or loss of significance, particularly in relation to climate change.

The post lunch session enabled further analysis of the issues through presentations from Matthew Slocombe of the Joint National Amenity Societies, Stewart Bryant of ALGAO and David Lovie, former President of the IHBC. Members then broke into groups to discuss specific aspects of the PPS in greater detail. The central themes for the workshops were Sustainability, Public Engagement and the Broader Context and Language of the PPS. Key outcomes included:

- Agreement on the need for a new PPS to put policy in a modern context
- Concern at the use of language taken from the Draft Heritage Protection Bill
- Recognition of the need for greater guidance and clarity around the use of significance
- A requirement for increased prominence of the role of public engagement, particularly that of the National Amenity Societies
- A need for greater guidance and clarity of language in relation to justification for harm or loss of significance versus public benefit and wider economic benefits
- Concern about the potential for wholesale justification of development on climate change grounds
- The necessity to outline the heritage sector's positive potential contribution to sustainable development
- Recognition of the need for a statement or foreword to put the PPS in context

All of the points raised during the seminar will contribute toward the Heritage Link response to the PPS15 consultation, the deadline for which is the 30 October. In the meantime, if members would like advice on the consultation or would like their own responses to be hosted on the Heritage Link website, they should contact Heritage Link's HPR Coordinator, Karen Bewick at:

karen.bewick@heritagelink.org.uk

The presentations from the PPS15 seminar will be available on the Heritage Link website shortly. Heritage Link would like to thank Historic Royal Palaces for providing such an exceptional venue for the event.

Margaret Hodge returns to DCMS

Margaret Hodge is to return to her position as architecture minister under her Department for Culture, Media and Sports brief. Downing Street made the announcement on 22 September. Hodge will take up her former post after a period of compassionate leave caring for her husband who died in June. Barbara Follett, who filled the position in Hodge's absence, has been appointed as a junior minister at the Department for Communities and Local Government. She replaces Sarah McCarthy-Fry who moved to the Treasury in June. For more information visit: www.culture.gov.uk. [Back](#)

Culture Secretary to answer creative industry questions

On 5 October at 15:00 BST, Culture Secretary Ben Bradshaw will be answering questions about the UK's creative economy. At the end of October business leaders from across the creative sector will come together at the Government's first Creativity and Business International Network (C&binet) event – a high level forum designed to foster international dialogue about the creative economy. Key topics under discussion will be: access to finance for creative industries; new business models for online content; developing talent; and securing creative rights. For more information visit: www.culture.gov.uk
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Confusion over Tory claims

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings got significant coverage in the national papers when an interview with Shadow Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport Jeremy Hunt in the current edition of their magazine Cornerstone was translated by the Observer and the Guardian as saying that a Conservative Government would boost Britain's great heritage of castles and religious buildings by up to

£40m and further more – at the expense of the arts. See <http://www.guardian.co.uk/artanddesign/2009/sep/27/tories-funding-heritage-arts>

Conservative Central Office swiftly backtracked on the claim. In fact Cornerstone summarises the main opposition parties' plans to augment the 'much depleted heritage pot'. 'Both the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats have promised millions extra for the heritage sector, with the Tories promising a cash injection of up to £40m to be paid for through changes in 'the way the National Lottery is run'. This was only news in putting a firm figure to a previous Tory pledge, but was offered alongside a useful comparison with the way the French government has included investment in heritage in their economic stimulus package.

What we need is a major speech this autumn from Jeremy Hunt, establishing the Conservative position in advance of Heritage Link's Heritage Day on 2 December when the platform is offered to all three political spokesmen on heritage. [Back](#)

Mayor issues stark warning and urges continued spending for arts and culture

The Mayor of London Boris Johnson has warned against cuts in spending on arts and culture. Both he and Kevin Spacey, Artistic Director at the Old Vic, gave keynote speeches about the impact of the economic downturn. The Mayor hosted the event - entitled 'Cultural Capital: Maintaining Investment in Culture through the Good Times and the Bad' - at the Victoria and Albert Museum bringing together figures from arts, business and the public sector. The Mayor argued that the capital is a cultural powerhouse, a huge success story, with an unrivalled range of activities and attendances continuing to rise - not just at the magnificent free museums and galleries, but also at its theatres, cinemas and concert halls.

However, fears are increasing about the impact the recession is having on funding. According to Arts & Business, rising visitor numbers are being accompanied by falls in business investment, individual giving and funding from trusts and foundations. Business investment has declined by 7% in the last year, with 42% saying their investment in the arts has decreased in the last three months. There are concerns that such funding might not pick up again until 2011 – or even later - which would have serious implications for the sector in the long term – and the economy as a whole. Tourism is worth £16bn to London's economy, the majority of visitors saying arts and culture are why they come here. Furthermore, it is widely recognised that the subsidised arts sector helps stimulate the commercial creative industries, which bring 500,000 jobs to London and adds an estimated £20 billion in value. The Mayor reaffirmed the role the Greater London Authority group has to play. As well as advocating for the arts, it will continue to support a range of cultural and creative projects in the capital. For more information visit: http://www.london.gov.uk/view_press_release.jsp?releaseid=23758 [Back](#)

Heritage Minister sets direction to better tell the story of Wales

A new survey to identify twentieth-century assets of historic importance in Wales and a register of Welsh battlefields will be among the priorities of the Heritage Minister, Alun Ffred Jones in the Strategic Direction Statement for the Historic Environment of Wales.

It is claimed that the action outlined in the statement, the first in Wales since 2003, will contribute to the work of ensuring that Wales's story is told so that the people of Wales and visitors alike gain a better understanding of its historic environment. It also provides an opportunity to further celebrate the nation's identity as a nation, pride in its heritage and the contribution countless men and women have made over the centuries to Wales and the world. For more information visit:

<http://www.cadw.wales.gov.uk/default.asp?id=21&NewsId=279> [Back](#)

Developing Best Practice Guidance for Local Heritage Assets

As part of its ongoing Heritage Protection Reform programme, English Heritage has started the process of developing non-statutory best practice guidance for local authorities and their communities for the identification and management of local heritage assets and their consolidation into a local list. The guidance is a key component in meeting Government commitments to raising the profile and influence of local heritage assets, made in the 2007 white paper Heritage Protection for the 21st Century. The aim is to give local authorities and their communities the confidence to make informed decisions on local heritage assets. The guidance, to be based on best practice, will focus on selection criteria and general guidelines. It will provide a framework against which to judge the suitability of an asset for inclusion in the local list as well as giving step-by-step guidance on such topics as: involving the general public in the preparation of local lists and improving access to information about local heritage assets via HERs. Publication of the guidance is anticipated by Spring 2010.

In developing the guidance English Heritage is keen to learn from the experiences of local authorities in managing local heritage assets, and would particularly welcome suggestions for local lists that represent best practice. As such it is a good opportunity for the heritage sector and local communities to encourage local authorities to put forward their lists. If any local heritage groups would like to put forward suggestions on the successful management of local heritage assets they should contact Gareth Wilson, Local Engagement Project Officer, English Heritage on gareth.wilson@english-heritage.org.uk. For more details on the project refer to English Heritage's leaflet available on their website at: http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/upload/pdf/local_lists_web.pdf?1251976486 [Back](#)

Better buildings and spaces improve quality of life, says the public

Nearly nine out of ten people say that better quality buildings and public spaces improve their quality of life, according to new MORI research published by CABE on its tenth anniversary. CABE is marking its first decade with an exploration of fresh ideas for the next ten years.

The new research shows that the quality of the built environment is seen as important by voters across the political spectrum. Only two per cent of people who intend to vote Conservative don't have any interest in what buildings, streets, parks and public spaces look or feel like to use. This compares with four per cent of people who said they would vote Labour and three per cent who said they would vote for other parties.

There are key regional differences. More than a quarter of East Midlands residents are not interested in how buildings or public spaces look or feel. By comparison, nearly nine out of ten people in the North West region said they were interested. Men and women agree equally that better quality buildings and public space improves their quality of life. And ethnic background seems to make little difference to people's interest in buildings and places. But older people tend to be more interested in how the built environment looks and feels to use than younger people; while those approaching retirement age are more than a fifth more engaged than people aged 16-24. For more information visit: <http://www.cabe.org.uk/news/better-buildings-and-spaces-improve-quality-of-life> [Back](#)

IHBC greets CABE poll: people know 'better places = better lives'

IHBC director Seán O'Reilly welcomed CABE's news that people know that better places make for better lives. He said: 'These findings confirm again that quality places really do make people's lives better, and we all know well managed historic areas consistently get top ratings. People realise that conservation makes people's lives better because conservation is about caring for the best and improving the rest. The new draft statement on planning for the historic environment, out now for consultation from CLG, makes the polling results especially timely. Government must make absolutely clear that managing our heritage is not just about how we document our cultural inheritance or when we can destroy it. CLG has to make sure that planning authorities deliver sustainable development by having them address the full value of the historic environment: including its economic role in a £5 billion a year construction industry; as an environmental resource in a society threatened by climate change, and for the social benefits it brings in better and healthier lives. Of course you need the right skills to get the best from traditional areas or historic fabric, conservation skills. If that expertise doesn't inform planning decisions, clearly we all lose out.'

'CABE is also absolutely right to highlight the threat to non-statutory council services in the current economic climate. Without wider legislative reform to care for historic places, it is all the more important that CLG's new policy statement gets it right. It's worth remembering that current government guidance on planning and the historic environment states that the avoidable loss of historic fabric is a waste of economic as well as environmental resources. That position dates from the last century, when we knew much less about how culture, environment and economy interacted. The IHBC is keen to make sure that any new statement on managing historic places will be as visionary for the 21st century.' For more information visit www.ihbc.org.uk [Back](#)

Liberal Democrats' environment vision raises the bar

Commenting ahead of the natural environment debate at the Liberal Democrat Party Conference, Ben Stafford, Head of Campaigns at CPRE [2], said: 'The Liberal Democrats have produced a comprehensive and ambitious strategy for protecting and enhancing the natural environment. CPRE launched its Vision for 2026 earlier this year, and we are delighted by the number of our policies reflected in this document. Two years ago, CPRE and others criticised the Liberal Democrats for having insufficiently strong policies to protect the countryside, landscapes and wildlife. We felt that their policies then were outdated, and did not reflect the scale of the challenges facing the environment, or the huge

public support, for stronger action. The new natural environment policy is a very encouraging response to that criticism. For more information visit: <http://www.cpre.org.uk/news/view/631> [Back](#)

Audit Commission says: focus on existing housing

A new paper from the Audit Commission finds that councils feel pressured into focusing on building new housing. 'Building better lives - Getting the best from strategic housing', says 94 per cent of councils have prioritised new and/or affordable housing targets through their local area agreements, but fewer than a third prioritised targets relating to their existing housing stock. This is despite the financial savings, environmental improvements and social benefits of doing so.

The report notes that if councils thought of housing more broadly, they could do more to combat poverty, ill-health, educational under-achievement and help strengthen their local communities. The recession makes a strategic view of housing all the more important. The report is supported by a range of materials including: an animated presentation to raise the profile of strategic housing in councils (coming soon); case studies, a decision making guide to help members and senior officers to consider whether they have all of the information they need to take decisions around strategic housing and tailored briefing sheets. For more information visit: <http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/nationalstudies/localgov/buildingbetterlives/Pages/buildingbetterlives.aspx> [Back](#)

CLG Survey shows public want councils to take charge

A major new national survey on what people think of their local area and council has revealed the importance of strengthening local democracy. Communities Secretary John Denham said the latest results from the Place Survey - based on more than 500,000 people's views and perceptions about where they live - demonstrated how important it was for councils to listen to local people and act on their behalf. The survey revealed that the majority of local people were satisfied with local services. Earlier results showed that overall satisfaction with where people lived was 80 per cent. In addition, councils now have greater responsibility for their area.

However, the survey also showed that people also want to see improvements in extra curricular activities for teenagers (46 per cent), street repairs (41 per cent), traffic congestion (36 per cent) and crime levels (31 per cent). In addition, over 60 per cent did not feel well informed about local services. In the past year only 3 to 4 per cent had been involved in an actual decision and less than a third (32 per cent) were aware of how to go about getting involved. This comes despite earlier findings showing that 27 per cent would like to be more involved in decisions affecting their community. The findings are supplementary questions to the first ever national Place Survey of over half a million people aged 18 or over from all across the country who were asked questions about their local community, the public services they receive, their views on their councils, and how engaged they are. For more information visit: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1342004> [Back](#)

New CLG Funding for 12 low-carb pilots

Communities and Local Government has announced funding for up to 12 pilot schemes which would involve local authorities using Planning Performance Agreements (PPAs) to facilitate renewable and low-carbon energy applications. A PPA allows both the developer and the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to agree a project plan and programme which will include the appropriate resources necessary to determine the planning application to a firm timetable. CLG has asked the Advisory Team for Large Applications (ATLAS) to manage and deliver a demonstration project, which will run until March 2011. Details of how to apply can be found on the Atlas Planning website:

<http://www.atlasplanning.com/page/pparlc.cfm>. For more information visit: <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/professionals/en/1115316729884.html> [Back](#)

LG Think-tank urges boost for allotment provision

Whitehall and local authorities have been urged to expand the number of public allotments by building on brownfield sites and encouraging landowners to donate unused holdings to their local community. That call came in a report from think-tank the New Local Government Network (NLGN) which argued that central Government and local councils could make better use of the estimated 3,500 hectares of derelict brownfield land to create new community allotments.

The report advocated tax incentives for landowners to allow allotments to be built on unused sections of their property. The think-tank also suggested that if a voluntary system proves ineffective, the Government should consider establishing a Large Private Estates Commission which could have the power to temporarily transfer unused plots of private land to the local community for agricultural use.

In addition, the NLGN report also recommended that local councils should encourage 'edible landscaping', including the creation of more roof gardens and the conversion of agricultural land owned by county and unitary authorities into allotments. For more information visit:

<http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/professionals/en/1115316729924.html> [Back](#)

English Heritage and support for cathedrals

Over the past 19 years English Heritage's Cathedral Grants Scheme, most recently run in partnership with the Wolfson Foundation, has given just over £52 million in grants for repair works to English cathedrals. English Heritage remains committed to working to support these wonderful buildings and so whilst this dedicated scheme is coming to an end, cathedrals will still remain eligible to apply to English Heritage for grants towards the costs of repair works in the future.

English Heritage remains committed to working to support these wonderful buildings and is currently undertaking a new survey of the condition of England's cathedrals, part-funding a new visitor survey and launching a publication about new work in cathedrals. Whilst this dedicated scheme is coming to an end, cathedrals will remain eligible to apply to English Heritage for grants towards the costs of repair works in the future. This money will come from regional grants allocations and so cathedrals will be considered alongside other buildings at risk in their region for funding.

The dedicated Repair Grants for Registered Places of Worship (RGRPOW) scheme, which covers churches and places of worship apart from cathedrals, will continue. This is run in conjunction with the Heritage Lottery Fund. For more information visit www.english-heritage.org.uk [Back](#)

New Works in Cathedrals

English Heritage is financing and publishing an illustrated report on high quality new works in both Anglican and Roman Catholic cathedrals. The project has been overseen by the same steering group as for the Fabric Survey and illustrates 16 projects, showing how exemplary new work has been completed since the millennium within the context of the historic fabric and setting of cathedrals. The types of work illustrated are everything from major new visitor facilities through to the provision of disabled access and fire doors. This publication will be launched, alongside the fabric survey results, in December 2009. For more information visit www.english-heritage.org.uk [Back](#)

Two steps on the path to achieving CPRE's vision for the countryside

CPRE has warmly welcomed the announcement by Hilary Benn of a new 'landscape scale' approach to countryside conservation. This is expected to entail managing larger areas of landscape, and establishing corridors between wildlife sites to ensure that wildlife has a better chance of survival.

'Taking a joined up approach to managing our countryside should both help our wildlife and improve the character of our landscapes' said Ian Woodhurst, CPRE's senior farming campaigner.

Last week the Government also launched its new soil strategy which aims to provide better protection for our valuable soil resource. Both these announcements will help to achieve CPRE's Vision for the Countryside 2026 which called for a national soil strategy and recognised that some landscape areas would need to be left to nature to become wilder in character to improve wildlife habitats. 'These announcements are two small steps on the way to achieving CPRE's vision. We need to develop new ways of linking together the parts of the whole that make our countryside the beautiful and highly treasured asset that the public loves' Ian Woodhurst concluded. For more information visit:

www.cpre.org.uk [Back](#)

MLA CPD Programme

This national Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme is providing opportunities to gain further skills, knowledge and experience to enable the cultural sector to deliver quality programmes for children and young people. A range of CPD one-day courses and other activities are on offer to museum and archive educators and other cultural sector and children and young people's sector professionals, to strengthen the role of museums, galleries and archives in the delivery of the Children's Agenda. The CPD programme is part of the MLA programme funded by the Department for Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) and the Department for Children, Schools & Families (DCSF) through Strategic Commissioning. It works alongside other Strategic Commissioning programmes, including Campaign! Make an Impact, Take One Picture, National Science Network, Learning Links and a national Initial Teacher Education (ITE) programme. For more information visit:

<http://www.mla.gov.uk/en/what/programmes/commissioning.aspx> [Back](#)

The Good Society – Join the debate and help shape NCVO's Manifesto 2010

This is a crucial time for society. With the recession still making itself felt and an election ahead, there is a growing interest, particularly amongst politicians, in how we can create the 'good' society. But what is the good society? And what do we need to achieve it? The NCVO want you to help shape their manifesto for the next election by telling them what the good society means - and what the next government must do to ensure our sector can flourish and make a real difference in the years ahead. To participate please send ideas to: policy@ncvo-vol.org.uk. For more information visit www.ncvo.org.uk
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British Council: Connections Development Grant

The British Council has announced the launch of the 7th round of the Connections Development Grant. The grant will enable one member of staff from an organisation to visit international counterparts for up to 10 days, with the aim of furthering the face-to-face discussions needed to develop projects between an organisation and their counterparts. The deadline for applications is 9 October for visits taking place before 30 June 2010. Please download the application form from the CtC website and email it along with a project budget (refer to the application form for detail) to connections.grant@britishcouncil.org.cn.
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First foundation degrees in sustainable communities from HCA

New foundation courses in sustainable communities are part of HCA's drive to train people to develop and deliver sustainable communities. Delivered part time over three years, they give the skills and knowledge to pursue a rewarding career in planning, housing or the environment. It is planned that the Foundation Degree will be offered in each of the nine English regions by 2011. For more information visit: <http://hcaacademy.co.uk/courses/foundation-degree> [Back](#)

New National Trust Monopoly set

The National Trust has launched its very own Monopoly set – becoming the first ever charity version of the game to be created. Lyme Park in Cheshire – which featured in the BBC's adaptation of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice, with Colin Firth emerging from the lake as Mr Darcy – is Mayfair. Players can also purchase National Trust countryside sites including the iconic Snowdonia (Bond Street) and the glorious gardens of Stourhead (Fleet Street). The game also features 20 Forthlin Road - the childhood home of Sir Paul McCartney as Old Kent Road, and the Birmingham Back to Backs – the atmospheric 19th century-courtyard of worker's homes, as Whitechapel.

Twenty six National Trust places from across England, Wales and Northern Ireland feature in the board game; including beaches, a light house, a mill from the Industrial Revolution and Sir Winston Churchill's family home. Where there are houses and hotels in the original game, National Trust Monopoly has players building visitor centres and holiday cottages; and the grouping of National Trust locations including countryside, beaches, grand mansions, industrial works and beautiful gardens reflect the range of sites within the Trust's care. For more information visit: www.nationaltrust.org.uk [Back](#)

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Heritage Link's unique new post to support Heritage Protection Reform

Heritage Link is very pleased to welcome Karen Bewick as its first Heritage Protection Reform Co-ordinator. This new part time post is established to provide Heritage Link with additional capacity to inform and co-ordinate voluntary sector activity around the Heritage Protection Reform Implementation programme. Karen will also help maintain the momentum for reform in parliament and the heritage sector.

First on her list of tasks was to run the very successful Planning Policy statement seminar for Heritage Link members at the Tower of London on 25 September (see above) and working closely with English Heritage, she will ensure that members and others are kept informed of developments relating to all aspects of the implementation programme. Both Update and the Heritage Link web pages will be used to improve the level of information available to the sector. Karen's email is karen.bewick@heritagelink.org.uk [Back](#)

Heritage Link Trustees

Heritage Link members have already been invited to recommend names to go forward to formal nominations for the Board in 2010. This year three Trustees step down after six years on the Board, David Sekers, Stephen Enthoven and Matthew Slocombe. Members are reminded to let the Secretariat

have suggestions by 7 October. Please contact Kate Pugh at kate.pugh@heritagelink.org.uk for further details. [Back](#)

2010 Queen's Birthday Honours

DCMS is currently asking for help in identifying potential candidates for the 2010 Queen's Birthday Honours list. Honours are a great way to recognise outstanding merit and service to the nation. Nominations from the heritage sector are sought by 18 September, particularly but not exclusively from underrepresented groups, especially women and black and ethnic minorities.

For the 2010 New Year Honours list DCMS submitted a list comprised of 37% female candidates – a slight decrease in comparison to the 40% put forward at Birthday 2009. The number of Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) candidates remained the same at 9%. For more information contact Pat Le-Bruin, Honours Secretary on 0207211 2313 or email pat.le-bruin@culture.gsi.gov.uk. For more information visit http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/honours/default.aspx [Back](#)

DCMS: English Heritage, 2 Commissioner Posts

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport is seeking to appoint individuals with expertise in the management of historic property, or accountancy/income stream management as Commissioners of English Heritage. The Commission is the governing body of English Heritage and comprises the Chair and up to 16 Commissioners.

For this post, applications are invited from people with an understanding of English Heritage's work and of the wider environment in which English Heritage operates and a commitment to its aims and objectives supported by an ability to think strategically and exercise sound judgment. The deadline for applications is 12 October. Application forms and the full role specification are available from: Mark Greenwood, Public Appointments, Department for Culture, Media & Sport, 2/4 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5DH. Telephone: 020 7211 2311 or email: Mark.Greenwood@culture.gov.uk [Back](#)

DCMS: Advisory Committee on Historic Wreck Sites Local

The Department for Culture, Media & Sport is seeking to appoint a person, with a background of working with archaeology for a local authority in the UK, as a member of the Advisory Committee on Historic Wrecks Sites (ACHWS). 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.

Applications are invited from individuals with a general understanding of underwater archaeology issues supported by the ability to work effectively with other committee members and an understanding of the need to maintain the confidentiality of Advisory Committee meetings. The deadline for applications is 12 October. Application forms and the full role specification are available from: Mark Greenwood, Public Appointments, Department for Culture, Media & Sport, 2/4 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5DH. Telephone: 020 7211 2311 or email: Mark.Greenwood@culture.gov.uk [Back](#)

The Campaign to Protect Rural England: Chair of Policy Committee

CPRE (The Campaign to Protect Rural England) is seeking a suitably qualified person to lead their well established Policy Committee and to serve as the main policy advisor on our Board of Trustees. The individual must have clear grasp of strategy, a close understanding of countryside and environmental issues and a proven record of leadership. CPRE is a leading voice on countryside campaigning and one of the longest established and most respected environmental groups; influencing policy and raising awareness ever since we were founded in 1926. For more information visit: <http://www.cpre.org.uk/jobs> [Back](#)

The Institute of Conservation: Board Members

The Institute of Conservation (ICON) is calling for applications for new Board Members from a range of heritage backgrounds. Three seats are available from November 2009 including a Northern Ireland representative. Details of roles and responsibilities and a nomination form are currently available in the front page News items on Icon's website: www.icon.org.uk. Completed nomination forms should be returned no later than midnight on 5 October. [Back](#)

New Heritage Link Members

Two new members have joined Heritage Link bringing the membership up to 76 national and major regional bodies. HEART (Historic Environment and Regeneration Trust) based in Norwich aims to

regenerate, manage and promote Norwich's heritage resources and act as a best practice case study nationally and internationally. See <http://www.heritagecity.org/>

The North West Association of Civic Societies has also joined under a new arrangement to bring in the expertise of the regional associations of civic societies while a national networking arrangement is under review. See <http://www.nwacts.org.uk/> [Back](#)

EVENTS

Facing the Energy Crunch - Energy Efficiency for Historic Buildings, 7 October

The conservation of historic buildings, areas, and landscapes has always faced many challenges. Now it must also play its part in meeting the global challenge of coping with climate change and enabling buildings to be adapted to maximise energy efficiency, without sacrificing the special character of those buildings, areas and landscapes. Conservation of historic buildings needs not be in conflict with the conservation of energy: they are both consistent with the careful environmental stewardship and sustainability. This conference will be of interest to planners, architects, building surveyors, conservation officers, property consultants, building preservation trust and amenity society members, and all those involved in the care and promotion of the sustainable historic environment. For more information visit: http://www.ihbc.org.uk/events/docs/IHBC_NW_071009.pdf [Back](#)

Keeping our region special: 10 October

Organised by East of England Civic Societies East of England RSA with the support of the King's Lynn Civic Society this event will feature a presentation from Tony Burton from the Civic Society Initiative who will explain how he is working to create a new organisation so that local societies have proper support in their work to enhance and sustain the quality of the local environment. Dr Peter Dawe will describe his proposal to construct a barrier across the Wash to help prevent flooding and to generate green electricity. Richard Powell, regional director of the RSPB, will oppose it because the Wash is the most important estuary for birds in the UK. True's Yard is a museum at the remains of King's Lynn's old fishing community, the North End, which existed for hundreds of years, and which was finally demolished in the clearances of the 1930s and the 1960s. This all-day meeting will be held in the Elizabethan Marriott's Warehouse at the Green Quay in King's Lynn. To book a place email: gladys.jones@virgin.net giving name, organisation, email and phone number. Alternatively please telephone 01638 500404. [Back](#)

The Garden Museum Winter Lectures 2009 – 2010, 12 October

Dana Arnold will lecture on The Development of the Royal Parks in London in the Early Nineteenth Century at The Garden Museum, Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7LB, 7-8 pm (6.30 for a glass of wine). For more information telephone: 0207 839 3969. [Back](#)

UCL event on Energy Efficiency and Historic Buildings, 15 October

The legal requirement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 80% of their 1990 level by 2050 will put increased pressure on historic buildings to become more energy efficient. In this presentation, Tadj Oreszczyn will discuss some of the key challenges that historic buildings, in particular dwellings, may have to face to avoid becoming environmentally obsolete. The speaker will elaborate on the options within the context of a changing climate. To attend contact: Nick Cockroft at m.cockroft@ucl.ac.uk [Back](#)

A Future for Historic School Buildings, 15 October

School buildings have long occupied an important culturally and usually very visible place in cities, towns and villages. As the pressure for change and modernisation in schools increases, so do the problems facing those responsible for their management in the light of the current investment programme. This course at Reading Town Hall will provide specialist training to local authority staff including corporate property managers, BSF and other education staff and elected members with responsibility for education. Visit www.helm.org.uk/training for further information and to download a promotional leaflet. E-mail HELMbookings@english-heritage.org.uk to reserve a place. [Back](#)

Civic Society Convention - Blackpool, 15-16 October

As well as an opportunity to enjoy the best of Blackpool's heritage and meet with civic societies from across the country, delegates at this event will be the first to hear the results of the Civic Society Initiative's work so far. Over 250 civic societies have participated in 14 Open Forums around the country and hundreds more civic society members and others are feeding their views in online through the Civic Society Survey. The results of this work will be discussed and delegates will learn what civic societies

across the country say they need to strengthen them locally and to build a stronger and more influential movement across the country. The Convention will be the first opportunity to respond to the conclusions and help shape what goes forward. Hosted by Blackpool Civic Trust and with the support of Blackpool Council and civic society insurers Bluefin, the two days costs just £9.95. This includes guided walks, a visit to Blackpool's famous Tower, a reception hosted by the Mayor and an evening meal and entertainment as well as the opportunity to participate in the Convention. It is an occasion not to be missed and a vital opportunity to have your say at this pivotal moment in the history of civic societies. To book a place visit: <http://www.blackpoolcivictrust.org.uk/convention.html>. If you have any further questions please contact the secretariat of the Convention on 0151 708 9920 or blackpool@civicsocietyinitiative.org.uk [Back](#)

ICOMOS-UK/ICOMOS Ireland Joint meeting, 16-18 October

ICOMOS-UK/ICOMOS Ireland are holding what will be the first of a series of regular meetings between the two national Committees. This year's meeting will take place in Dublin Castle and will include, as well as a seminar, site visits on Sunday 18 October to Phoenix Park historic landscape and Brú na Bóinne World Heritage site. This will be a great chance for members to network and share their views through workshops and presentations that will explore new landscape initiatives. For more information visit: <http://blog.icomos-uk.org/> [Back](#)

Finding a Future for Traditional Farm Buildings: Policy and Practice in Conversion, 29 October

The future of the great majority of traditional farm buildings is now dependent on a new role outside of agriculture. This pressure is likely to continue over the long term. Sustainable and sensitive solutions for rural development need to be sought, and strategies for farmstead reuse need to be considered. This course at Cressing Temple, Braintree, Essex will provide specialist training for local authority conservation and planning staff who are involved in making decisions about the conservation, conversion and management of traditional farm buildings. Visit www.helm.org.uk/training for further information and to download a promotional leaflet. E-mail HELMbookings@english-heritage.org.uk to reserve your place. [Back](#)

West Midlands Industrial Buildings Day School, 22 October

This regional industrial buildings day school held at the Ironbridge Institute will focus on legislation and the planning process, particularly in relation to the problems associated with the regeneration of large industrial structures. An afternoon site visit will be made by coach to Ditherington, which is probably the first iron framed building in the world and began life as a flax mill but was converted into a floor maltings. The day school, including lunch, is free of charge to CBA historic building volunteers, and CBA and AIA members who comment on listed building applications. A fee will be charged to professional delegates. For further details, or to reserve a place on this day school, contact Lynne Walker at the CBA, telephone 01904 671417 or email: lynnewalker@britarch.ac.uk by 12 October. The CBA address for bookings and cheques is St Mary's House, 66 Bootham, York, YO30 7BZ

Culture is Right conference 21-22 October

The Culture Right conference at the Unicorn Theatre (Southwark, London) will have a major input from the Conservatives and their advisors that will offer delegates an idea of where a new conservative administration would take the arts sector. Speakers will include Ed Vaizey MP, Peter Whittle and Munira Mirza. For more information on speakers and to access complete conference schedule, follow this link: <http://cultureisright2009.eventbrite.com>. For more information or details on other payment options, contact us on 020 7224 5680. [Back](#)

Historic Towns Forum Annual Conference, 21 - 23 October

Heritage protection, heritage assets, conservation areas at risk, the value of townscape, are all high on the agenda at present. This conference will bring together expert witnesses, good practice case studies and recent research to support practitioners and decision makers. Wayne Hemingway, will open the conference which will also include visits to key venues in the region which demonstrate the vital contribution of heritage to the economy and quality of life of the area. A range of cases studies will illustrate good practice in the strategic approaches which can lead to vibrant and viable places. The Programme also includes a session run by The Academy of Urbanism on its Learning from Place programme, which includes The Academy's Awards and UniverCities programmes. For more information visit: <http://www.historictownsforum.org/chichester> [Back](#)

University of Cambridge Institute of Continuing Education course, 30 October – 1 November
[This course will be made up of case studies and speakers providing answers to questions such as: how did POWs survive and why are some stories either not spoken, not listened to or have remained unknown. The course will also focus on all aspects of internment life - from escape tunnels, bedbugs and Klim tins to handicrafts and the experience of female internees. The cost is £350 (to include accommodation) or £216 without. To book call 01223 746262. [Back](#)

Sustainable Historic Buildings - balancing protection with the future, 3 November,
This event organised by the National Trust in Wales and the Royal Town Planning Institute Cymru will focus on living with a changing climate and the need to reduce carbon emissions by adapting the built environment. The seminar will discuss issues around practicalities of conserving historic buildings and adapting them sympathetically to withstand more severe weather in future. Practitioners and policy makers in the field will share their experiences and projects and there will be an opportunity to view work that the National Trust has undertaken at Craflwyn to tackle carbon reduction and energy saving around its estate. This event will be of interest to those concerned about protection, maintenance and management of historic buildings in a changing climate and although a Wales event, people across the border are very welcome as issues will be similar. For more information and a booking form, go to <http://www.rtpi.org.uk/ct/EVENT/836/11/events/836> [Back](#)

Conservation Forum 2009, 17 November

Towards the sustainable conservation of historic church buildings and their contents
The threat of climate change to the historic environment has imposed an urgent need to re-think approaches when caring for church buildings and has brought sustainability to the core of decision-making. This year's Forum will bring together leading professionals to provide a unique insight on key national projects and emerging sustainable practices. The extended Q&A sessions will allow for an open debate on current challenges and future directions. Speakers will include, amongst others: Janet Gough (Director, Cathedral and Church Buildings Division), Henry Russell (Chairman of Gloucester Diocesan Advisory Committee for Faculties and the Care of Churches), Clive Murgatroyd (Cranfield University) and Sarah Staniforth (Historic Properties Director, The National Trust)

The forum is intended for a diverse range of professionals in the heritage sector, including conservators, architects and representatives from DACs, FACs and other relevant organizations. Icon members may use their attendance at this event towards their CPD requirements. For more information and booking visit: <http://www.ihbc.org.uk/events/docs/Conservation%20Forum%20171109.pdf> [Back](#)

Crossing the Threshold, 19 November

This is the first in the national 'Crossing the Threshold' programme, a series of events aimed at helping dioceses and parishes get the best from their buildings for wider community use. The programme marks the fifth anniversary of the launch of the Church of England's national strategy document, Building Faith in Our Future, and will share experiences from around the dioceses, and from experts within and outside the Church. Speaker will include: Susan Rowe, and Diana Evans - English Heritage, and David Rayner - Department for Communities and Local Government. The conference will be held at The Point4, Royal National College for the Blind, Hereford. For more information contact: J.gibbon@hereford.anglican.org [Back](#)

Metalworking for Conservators, 23-26 November, West Sussex

Based around the strengths of the West Dean Graduate, Postgraduate and Masters courses in Metalwork Conservation, this course aims to offer professional conservators and recent graduates in conservation the opportunity to study metalworking manufacturing technologies and techniques used in the production of the types of historical metalwork objects treated in conservation departments. The course introduces soft and hard soldering techniques on ferrous and non ferrous metals. Participants will employ a range of metalworking techniques, to produce a test piece and mount which provides a working insight into the skill and ingenuity of the makers and designers of historic metalwork. For more information about this course and other courses visit: <http://www.westdean.org.uk>. [Back](#)

Conservation Areas: Appraisals & Management, 12 November/26 November. [Where?]

English Heritage in collaboration with The Conservation Studio (TCS) are delivering two specialist workshops designed for Local Authority staff working in planning departments and assistant level conservation officers. TCS will use best practice examples to demonstrate the management tools available for maintaining and enhancing conservation areas and illustrate how appraisals can be used

as a management tool in spatial planning and development control. Visit www.helm.org.uk/training for further information and to download a promotional leaflet. E-mail HELMbookings@english-heritage.org.uk to reserve your place.

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Heritage Trust for the North West: Two Roles Project Manager (Lytham Hall, Lytham, Lancashire)

Heritage Trust for the North West is looking for a Project Manager to develop a £5 million refurbishment of Lytham Hall – a Grade I Building at Risk. Experience of working with volunteers and an interest in the built environment is essential. This post which is funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Architectural Heritage Fund is based at Lytham Hall and is a one year contract with the possibility of an extension. The salary for this role is: £27,000-£30,000 pa.

Project Skills Co-ordinator (Nelson, Lancashire)

Heritage Trust for the North West is recruiting a Project Skills Co-ordinator to co-ordinate the delivery of training courses in traditional building skills across the North West region. This is a new post and is the result of the Trust becoming the first heritage project in the UK to be accepted by the National Skills Academy for Construction. The Project will last for 5 years, and is based in Nelson, Lancashire. The salary for this role is £23,000-£25,000 pa.

For an application pack for either of the two positions advertised, email graham.oates@htnw.co.uk or telephone 01282 877683. The deadline for applications for both positions is 16 October. [Back](#)

Historic Scotland: Policy Team (two roles)

Part-time Policy Officer (partnerships)

Working with line manager and others across the agency and the Scottish Government the post holder will contribute to and coordinate the work of the Historic Scotland Policy Team in improving the Agency's partnerships across the spectrum of its working relationships including particularly with the Scottish Government and the third sector; developing partnership agreements and related action plans as necessary. The salary for this role is £20,458 - £27,370 (pro-rata).

Full-time Policy Officer (international and planning)

Working with their line manager and others across the agency and the Scottish Government the post holder will contribute to and coordinate the work of the Historic Scotland Policy Team on World Heritage issues in Scotland and in relation to the Council of Europe, European Union and other international bodies. The post will also be involved in Historic Scotland's contribution to planning policy development and the Single Outcome Agreements. The pay range for this role is £20,458 - £27,370 pa.

To find out more about these roles and to apply on-line visit: www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/jobs. The closing date for applications is 2nd October 2009. [Back](#)

CABE: Public affairs officer

This is an important post within CABE's public affairs team to influence policy at the highest levels. Applicants will need demonstrable understanding of and interest in, CABE's work on the design of sustainable places, new housing, and public buildings as well as the know-how to develop compelling positions on the issue and communicate them to decision makers. This requires excellent written and oral communication skills, as well as a keen eye for detail and a sensible approach to time management. In addition, the post holder will need a good understanding of the structure and operation of central, regional and local government, as well as flexibility, resourcefulness, and an innovative approach to influencing. The salary for this role is £26,990 per year plus benefits. The closing date for applications is 16 October. Interviews will be held on 20 October. For more information visit: www.cabe.org.uk [Back](#)

National Trust: Senior External Affairs Officer

As champion of the Trust's sustainable land management work, the post holder will develop advocacy and campaigns - and make them happen. Confident, credible, influential and highly organised candidates will have significant experience of influencing policy and developing campaign and working

with decision makers at senior levels. Candidates will need to be particularly knowledgeable in sustainable land management policy and practice.

This role will be based at the Trust's Central Office (Queen Anne's Gate, London or Heelis). The salary for this role is £29,949 pa (plus London weighting). This position is fixed term and the contract will run for approximately 6-9 months. The closing date for applications is 25 October. Interviews will be held on 2 November. For more information visit: www.ntjobs.org.uk. [Back](#)

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