

Heritage Link Update 114

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Bill Morris to speak on heritage at London networking event 19th June

Heritage Link and Heritage of London Trust (HOLT) are delighted to announce their joint networking event on 19th June at Toynbee Hall, 28 Commercial Street, Aldgate East, London E1 6LS. The event is open to all, not only London focussed organisations and individuals.

Keynote speaker will be Bill Morris, Director of Culture Ceremonies and Education for LOCOG (the London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games). He will look at how the heritage community can harness this 'once in a lifetime' opportunity for the benefit of areas in East London and across the whole of the UK. Malcolm Crowder Project Organiser for HOLT, the only Building Preservation Trust to cover the whole of the Greater London area, will consider the achievements of recent projects and the coming challenges for London's historic environment. Ian Lush, Chief Executive of the Architectural Heritage Fund and Trustee of Heritage Link will chair the day.

Programme (1.00-4.30pm) and registration forms can be found via the link on the homepage www.heritagelink.org.uk There is no charge but please register before 12th June. Come and join us! [Back](#)

New Chairman for English Heritage

Lord Bruce-Lockhart has been appointed Chair of English Heritage. Sandy Bruce-Lockhart is currently Chair of the Local Government Association. Having qualified at the Royal Agricultural College, he has farmed in Kent since 1968 and held a variety of leader and chair roles in local government, the public and voluntary sectors since 1986.

Lord Bruce-Lockhart will take up the position of English Heritage chair on 1st August 2007 and prior to that will begin to familiarise himself with the organisation. The current chair, Sir Neil Cossons, will complete his final term at the end of July 2007.

Culture Secretary Tessa Jowell paid tribute to Sir Neil Cossons for the work he has led during his term as English Heritage Chair - setting the policy framework through *Power of Place* and bringing about the transformation of English Heritage through the modernisation programme.

For the press release see

http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Press_notices/archive_2007/dcms058_07.htm [Back](#)

Lords debate on Arts and Heritage

Speakers in the House of Lords debate on 17th May called Government attention to the effect on heritage and arts of the transfer of Lottery funds to the 2012 London Olympics Games. It addressed exactly the issues raised by Heritage Link, Voluntary Arts Network, Central Council for Physical Recreation and NCVO in the joint campaign (see Update 112).

Chris Smith, former Culture Secretary, called the diversion 'a serious error of judgement'. The additionality principle, that Lottery money should not be used as a substitute for government funding, was aired by several speakers with Lord Clement Jones declaring that the Government 'treated the lottery as cash cow'. Several speakers focussed on the role of smaller voluntary and community groups in national life and many wanted assurance from Government that no further diversion of Lottery money would be made.

Lord Evans responding for the government confirmed that the contingency of £2.7bn should meet any further rises in costs, possibly the nearest he could get to an assurance that further diversions would not be made. He also repeated the Secretary of State's announcement that 70% of the Legacy Trust's £40m would go to help arts and culture contribute to the Cultural Olympiad and the legacy of the Games. He promised more information on the proposed repayment to the Lottery distributors after the Games and gave details of how the contingency fund would be financed.

The full text of the debate can be found in Hansard at

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200607/ldhansrd/text/70517-0008.htm#070517> [Back](#)

PQ on diversion of Lottery Funds

In the House of Commons on 21st May, Paul Holmes MP for Chesterfield and others also pressed the Government for assurances that no further cuts in heritage funding would be made and on a favourable funding settlement for the English Heritage in the Comprehensive Spending Review.

The Lib Dem spokesman for Arts and Culture continued 'Over the past six days, I have met a variety of organisations - Heritage Link, the Arts Council of England, the Voluntary Arts Network, the National Council for Voluntary Organisations and the Central Council of Physical Recreation - all of which, whether they are from the heritage sector or other sectors, share the same concern about the impact of the Olympics' smash-and-grab raid. How can there be a cultural Olympics and a growth in grass-roots sport if the funding is taken away?'

David Lammy Minister for Culture was unable to offer assurances but said ' We have seen a huge success in the Open Days across the heritage sector, with huge new buildings being revived and brought into contact with people who were not able to visit heritage institutions in the past. We want to build on that success and, quite rightly, that is the case that we are making to the Treasury.

The full interchange can be found in Hansard under

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmhansrd/cm070521/debtext/70521-0002.htm#column_965
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Westminster Hall debates on diversion of Lottery Funds and Museums

Paul Holmes MP Lib Dem spokesman for Arts and Culture continues to champion heritage and arts and has now secured a Westminster Hall debate on 6th June on the 'impact on arts and heritage of diversion of lottery funding to 2012 London Olympic Games'.

This follows another Westminster Hall debate at 11.00 am when Sharon Hodgson MP will lead a debate on 'Government policy on museums'. The debates will be available through in Hansard. [Back](#)

UK's Cultural Olympiad: Secretary of State speaks

The four-year period of cultural activity 2008-2012 designed to celebrate the Olympic spirit aims to 'inspire people around the country to participate in a range of cultural activities, which will reflect and celebrate the diverse communities which make up London and the UK', see

http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/2012_olympic_games/cultural_Olympiad.htm

Speaking in Liverpool on 15th May, Tessa Jowell said she expected the Cultural Olympiad to be the best there has ever been: 'The Olympic flame will light the fuse for an explosion of arts and culture in the UK.' She also announced that the majority of the money in the £40m independent Legacy Trust - around 70 per cent - will be spent on cultural projects and that the trust would increase dramatically through commercial sponsorship.

The Secretary of State continued enigmatically 'But this will be no top-down affair. We will make sure the core is strong, but the cultural magic occurs elsewhere - in cultural organisations, and in the imagination and creativity of individual artists'. For the full speech see

http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Press_notices/archive_2007/dcms057_07.htm [Back](#)

Cultural Olympiad: what can heritage offer?

History and heritage must take their place in the cultural celebrations 2008-2012. So how can heritage and heritage organisations contribute?

The Cultural Olympiad and Olympics is an opportunity to showcase the magnificent heritage of the UK to the British people, visitors and a global audience; to consolidate a sense of national pride and identity and interpret what Britishness means to us as well as to visitors and viewers. In terms of the Olympic legacy, heritage projects and initiatives could demonstrate the power of heritage led regeneration in East London and elsewhere together with related skills development and outreach work. Through taking part in the Cultural Olympiad, heritage organisations large and small can demonstrate their place in contemporary society.

Ideas on an (electronic) postcard please to illustrate how heritage and heritage organisations can contribute to the Cultural Olympiad, to mail@heritagelink.org.uk [Back](#)

Planning White Paper published

Communities Secretary Ruth Kelly finally unveiled reforms of the country's planning system - with the aim of speeding up the process alongside 'improved community consultation'. The White Paper published on 21st May sets out detailed proposals for reform of the planning system, building on Kate Barker's recommendations for improving the speed, responsiveness and efficiency in land use planning, and taking forward Kate Barker's and Rod Eddington's proposals for reform of major infrastructure planning.

Its four key pillars are claimed to be: a better, quicker system to decide major infrastructure projects with enhanced community engagement and an improved level of expertise; simplifying the local planning system for householders to make it far easier to make home improvements like extensions and conservatories, where there is little or no impact on neighbours; planning playing a bigger role in tackling climate change; and ensuring the planning system continues to support vibrant town centres. The Government also pledged a new commitment to protect the green belt.

As ever, the devil is in the detail as reactions below demonstrate. [Back](#)

Planning White Paper: the proposals

Government proposals will bring in a new system for dealing with major infrastructure decisions (transport, water, waste and energy) with community consultation 'locked into every stage of the process'. A new national policy framework sets out how Government will address the country's key infrastructure needs for the next 10-25 years, bringing it together under one legal framework. A new stronger but clearer inquiry system will be led by an independent commission consisting of leading experts - planners, lawyers, environmentalists and community experts - who will take decisions on individual projects. Developers will be legally obliged to consult with the public and key parties such as environmental groups and heritage experts. There will be a major expansion of free access to advice from planning professionals.

In its bid to 'slash planning red tape', planning permission will not be required for minor developments - such as conservatories, small scale extensions and microgeneration devices like solar panels - where it is clear they have little or no impact on neighbouring properties. At the same time local authorities will retain the right to restrict planning permission with strengthened safeguards to deal specifically with eyesore developments. A new fast-track appeals system would mean appeals have to be lodged within eight weeks rather than six months and the time to deal with these standard householder appeals is cut from 16 weeks to eight. Twenty eight million pounds from the Planning Delivery Grant (PDG) will support local authorities to provide a swifter and more efficient planning process.

The White Paper puts 'tackling climate change at the heart of building new communities for the first time'. For householders wanting to install small-scale renewable technologies, such as solar panels, planning permission would be no longer required where it is clear there is little or no impact on neighbours. Red-tape will be cut for the use of microgeneration in commercial and agricultural business.

Government will also bring forward new planning rules to enable councils to prioritise town centres over out-of-town shopping and block developments that threaten the survival of high streets and small shops. A new test will require councils to scrutinise any proposal for shopping developments outside of the town centre. Local councils will also get the power to rule whether a development will support the town centre and benefit the consumer, in deciding whether new shops should get the go-ahead.

The Planning for a Sustainable Future White Paper can be found at www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1510503, the accompanying consultation document can be found at www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1510731 [Back](#)

Reactions to Planning White Paper: more comment please!

At 220 pages, the Planning White Paper will take a while to digest, to check for heritage implications and omissions. Comment and contributions to Update are welcome at mail@heritagelink.org.uk

The Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) has welcomed the Planning White Paper as demonstrating a new commitment to planning by the Government but warns 'a fundamental test of this apparent new commitment to planning will come in this year's spending review, in which we expect a level of resourcing that matches the Government aspirations for the planning service.'

The RTPI is less satisfied about some of the detailed proposals in the Paper. 'Householders will be able to do more to their properties, although exactly what is out to consultation needs clarification; Greenbelt policy will remain the same, a real opportunity missed'. 'And the watering down of the 'needs' test is still on the cards but the thinking surrounding the idea is confused and as yet unclear'.

The RTPI has measured the key proposals in the White Paper, the Independent Planning Commission, Permitted Development, Greenbelt Policy; and Removal of the Means test in terms of sustainability, transparency and involvement. For detail here see <http://www.rtpi.org.uk/item/817/23/5/3>

Chairman of the **Local Government Association**, Sandy Bruce-Lockhart, soon to be Chair of English Heritage, said 'Local people must be able to gain direct benefits from growth in the area where they live. Ministers should make sure that all of the revenue raised from development is retained locally not swallowed up in remote and unaccountable regional bodies and government agencies. For the full comment see <http://www.lga.gov.uk/PressRelease.asp?section=344&id=SX101C-A7843971&ccat=344>

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) supports the principle of national policy statements on major infrastructure projects and welcomes the recognition of historic environment in these proposed documents. Sean O Reilly, IHBC Director said 'The Institute is heartened that the Government remains committed to looking after our historic places in 'big' planning. That said, the proposed new system must provide a genuine opportunity for local communities and amenity interests to influence policy and decisions; it is essential that the new processes do not lead to the creation of a 'democratic deficit', alienating people from the big decision-making processes that shape their lives and valued places. Think global, yes, but act local'

The Institute particularly laments the lack of detailed connection between this and the recent Heritage White Paper, which highlights missed opportunities for achieving aims common to both.

Campaign to Protect Rural England fears the White Paper will make it quicker and easier to develop Major Infrastructure Projects, large supermarkets and housing estates on green field land. Marina Pacheco, CPRE's Head of Planning said 'There are plenty of words in it about the environment, climate change and quality of life, but we question whether they are being given enough weight in what is proposed here'.

CPRE is also worried that the proposed Independent Planning Commission's membership will be strongly influenced by economics and won't have enough people with a robust environmental background. The CPRE press release is at <http://www.cpre.org.uk/news/view/395> [Back](#)

Planning White Paper consultations

The accompanying 5 public consultations have a deadline of 17th August.

Planning for a Sustainable Future

This consultation document asks questions on a number of the key proposals contained in the White Paper and other issues on which we wish to seek your views. See <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1510731>

Changes to Permitted Development

This consultation paper outlines the Government's proposals for reforming the system governing what householders can do to their own property without the need to apply for planning permission. See <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1510507>

Improving the Appeal Process in the Planning System

Some of the existing appeal processes are disproportionately complex. This consultation paper proposes some fundamental changes to how the appeals system operates, aiming to deliver a system that is proportionate, customer focused, efficient and well resourced. See <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1510509>

Planning Fees in England

This consultation paper contains proposals to amend the Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) Regulations 1989, which set the fees for applications made to local planning authorities. The paper invites views on the various fee increases proposed, and on the extension of the fees regime to include a charge for applications for the formal discharge of planning conditions, and for a Premium Service. See <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1510550>

Planning Performance Agreements

This consultation paper puts forward the idea of Planning Performance Agreements (formerly Planning Delivery Agreements) between developers and local planning authorities, designed to give applicants more certainty about the time-scale and requirements for processing large-scale major applications. See <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1510548> [Back](#)

Quirk Review published

Making Assets Work, the independent report published on 15th May by Barry Quirk Chief Executive of Lewisham Council, has concluded that transferring public assets to communities not only leads to more responsive services that meet local people's priorities but can also create more confident empowered communities with greater civic spirit.

Although powers already exist for transfers, the Report finds that many councils are not fully aware of them or are not using them to full benefit. Underpinned by safeguards to ensure good management, councils can already sell off or lease assets for as little as £1 where it is clear it is for the good of the community. Other assets that could be transferred include redundant police stations, old hospital sites, empty shopping parades and closed down

pubs on estates. The Report, commissioned as part of the Local Government White Paper, Strong and Prosperous Communities, can be downloaded from www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1510515 [Back](#)

Quirk's recommendations

The Quirk Report recommends:

The publication of comprehensive, up-to-date and authoritative guidance on all aspects of local authority asset management, including within it detailed and explicit guidance on the transfer of assets to community management and ownership;

The publication of a toolkit for local authorities and other public bodies on risk assessment and risk management in asset transfer to communities;

The provision of much greater access for local authorities and community organisations to expert advice and organisational development support relating particularly to the transfer and management by communities of land and buildings;

The smarter investment of public funds designated for community-led asset-based developments, where permissible, through the involvement of specialist financial intermediaries with expertise in the field and the ability to achieve high leverage ratios; and

A major campaign to spread the word, through seminars, roadshows, training, use of the media, online and published information, and the dissemination of good practice, as well as promotion of 'bottom up mechanisms' such as the proposed Community Call for Action and the existing Public Request to Order Disposal (PROD). [Back](#)

Quirk Report: support and reservations

Communities Secretary Ruth Kelly gave the Government's full backing to the report and said that councils must move away from simply relying on the old orthodoxy of distributing grants and look at new ways to devolve power and influence to community organisations. For her speech see <http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1510573>

However Deputy Chairman of the Local Government Association, Cllr Richard Kemp, said councils were relatively small holders of land and assets especially as they no longer control schools. The Quirk Review will only make an impact if it is carried over into the realm of central government and they too put their assets up for grabs so that people can put them to the best possible use. 'Compared to the massive holding of the NHS, housing associations, the MOD, colleges, universities and the rest of the government departments and quangos, councils have little left to offer'. Cllr Kemp added 'It is vitally important that the government guarantees that the long-term funding is in place to support any group which takes on responsibility for the running of public buildings.'

Meanwhile, a report by the Adventure Capital Fund concluded that local authority concerns about devolving ownership of publicly-owned assets to community groups are real but can be easily addressed. Community asset transfers: overcoming challenges of governance and accountability, based on research by Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR), shows that concerns that community-based organisations lack the capacity and accountability to take effective and legitimate ownership of important local assets can be overcome. While the report accepted there are risks involved in any asset transfer, it argues that lack of capacity and accountability could be dealt with by boosting the capacity of community organisations. The report can be found on ACF's website www.adventurecapitalfund.org.uk [Back](#)

Community Ownership masterclass

Adventure Capital Fund is hosting a free, half day masterclass on 2nd July at RBS, 280 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4RB to explore the issues and opportunities around new models of community ownership. Speakers include Barry Quirk, Stephen Bubb, Chair of ACF and chief executive ACEVO.

The event is for those working in the voluntary and community sector, local authorities, social enterprises, funders and government officials. Panel discussions will cover issues including investment, legal issues, enterprise development and achieving social change.

To reserve a place email Stacy Francis putting ACF Masterclass in the subject box, at stacy@adventurecapitalfund.org.uk For further information call 020 7488 3455. This event is limited and bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis. www.adventurecapitalfund.org.uk [Back](#)

Rate reform and tax allowances for empty buildings

On 11th May, Local Government Minister Phil Woolas published new legislation aimed at encouraging empty shops, offices, factory and warehouse buildings back into commercial use. The amount (by value) of empty property in the City of London has doubled since 1999, up to 16% in 2004-05. Other English towns and cities, like Manchester, Birmingham and Slough, face similar problems with up to nearly a fifth of all commercial properties empty. A list of the proportion of empty commercial property by local authority is available at www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1509781

At present, most empty commercial property receives a 100% relief from taxation for the first three months, and 50% thereafter; and empty warehouses and factories receive a permanent exemption from rates. From April 2008, empty commercial property will be liable for the full business rate after an initial rate-free period of three months, or six months for factories and warehouses. Charities and community amateur sports clubs will be granted a complete exemption from rates on their empty properties.

The Budget also included a new tax allowance available from April 2007 for the renovation of empty commercial property in most deprived communities. The Business Premises Renovation Allowance (BPRA) provides a 100% allowance for owners renovating factories, offices and shops that have stood empty for more than one year in the Assisted Areas (the most deprived wards in the country as recognised by the EU). Full details of the new legislation can be found at: www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1510380 [Back](#)

Heritage Link's Diversity Programme in the East Midlands: Leicester, 29th June

A day designed for voluntary heritage sector groups and organisations, including local history groups, Civic Societies, historic houses and buildings, small museums, archaeology groups, and many others, together with representatives of Community groups who are interested in putting forward ideas for realistic and fundable projects that reach out to and engage new and diverse groups in their heritage. Heritage Link's definition of Diversity includes youth and elders, people with disabilities, different faith groups, people from different cultural and ethnic groups, carers and those on low incomes.

We offer practical activities, networking opportunities, and inspirational guest speakers, including James Friel of The Black Environment Network, Dominique Tessier: a freelance project co-ordinator using Local History Archives to develop multicultural projects, Bettina Harden Founder and Chairman of The Gateway Gardens Trust, and Jolanta Jagiello, recently shortlisted for the 29th National Arts and Business Diversity Award.

The first *Embracing Difference* workshop events in Birmingham and Hartlepool have had fantastic success in helping people gain confidence in putting together their own project proposals. Elizabeth Perkins of the Birmingham Conservation Trust said of the first event: 'Many congratulations on an excellent workshop, I have to say it was one of the best I have attended - really inspirational!'

For further information contact Angela Dove, Heritage Link Diversity Programme Co-ordinator at angela.dove@heritagelink.org.uk For further information on the project, diversity tools and reports on the Birmingham and Hartlepool events see <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/diversity> [Back](#)

Gardens as Brownfield Sites

On 15th June Caroline Spelman's (MP for Meriden) private members Bill will get a second reading. The Bill would remove gardens from the definition of previously developed land (brownfield) dating from 2000. Although this definition does not affect urban parks, recreation grounds or allotments, it does affect gardens and these are increasingly attracting developers. And because of this definition, warns the Association of Gardens Trust, except in areas with protective designations such as conservation areas, Local Planning Authorities are often unable to prevent inappropriate development.

It is estimated that garden space equivalent to 2,755 Wembley Football Pitches will be wiped out by 2016, due to development for housing, if local authority planning cannot do more to protect gardens.

This is the third Bill calling for an amendment following Lorely Burt's Bill in 2005, Greg Clark's 2006 *Protection of Private Gardens* Bill, and an Early Day Motion signed by 179 MPs of all parties. GardenOrganic has launched a campaign *Save Our Gardens*. This has a web-based public petition which you can sign up to on www.gardenorganic.org.uk/saveourgardens

Association of Gardens Trusts urges all to write to your local MP asking them to support Caroline Spelman's Land Use (Gardens Protection etc) Bill. [Back](#)

No 10 petitions: show your support for Lottery and Archaeologists' pay

There is a long-established tradition of members of the public presenting petitions at the door of No 10 Downing Street. Since November 2006 the e-Petitions <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk> service has offered a modern parallel. Unlike paper-based petitions, this new service allows No 10 to respond to petitioners via email.

Any UK citizen can create a petition and collect signatures via the website. Over 3,381 petitions are active and available for signing.

Two of interest to the heritage sector are:

'Stop the Chancellor using Lottery money to plug the funding gap in the 2012 Olympics. If this goes ahead at least £900m will go from Big lottery, Sport England, Arts Council and Heritage Lottery much of this money would fund projects within the local voluntary and community sector. Services to disadvantaged people will be directly affected by the loss of this funding, people who will have no opportunity to benefit from the Olympics directly but rely on local services provided by the voluntary sector.' Submitted by Dawn Kenyon of Carlisle Carers Association. Deadline to sign up 16th September 2007. Signatures 17,226. Show your support at <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/lotteryolympics>

And

'Archaeology is now being seen as a profession. The Majority of Archaeologists are badly paid, on unsecure contracts and generally without hope of sick leave or holiday pay. For a profession this is an unbelievable circumstance. Progress should be made. Surely the minister in charge of culture should be actively tackling this problem.' Submitted by Andrena Crawford. Deadline to sign up 4th July 2007. Signatures 1,532. Sign up at <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Archaeology> [Back](#)

Taking Part shows historic environment engagement still top

Taking Part is a DCMS report on the extent and nature of engagement and non engagement in culture, leisure and sport. This annual report is the first time engagement in these sectors has been assessed in one comprehensive document. It fills big gaps in quality-assured data on participation, attendance, attitudes and related factors across its sectors that is necessary to inform policy and planning.

Headline results now brought together for the whole year show that 70% of adults attended a historic environment site, the top figure for participation; 69% participated in active sport; 67% attended an arts event, and 53% participated in the arts; 48% attended a library, and 42% attended a museum/gallery; and 7% volunteered in the cultural and sporting sectors.

Chapter 3 looks at engagement in the historic environment in more detail. 70% of all adults had attended a historic environment site, equivalent to 27.7million adults. Just over 53% of all adults visited a city or town of historic character and just under two fifths, 38%, visited a historic park and garden open to the public. Having more free time was the main factor that would encourage more frequent attendance. The data explores the relationship between recent attendance at historic environment sites and attendance as a child. It also looks at attitudes to local heritage: over 70% agree that 'I'm interested in the history of the place where I live' and over 90% agreed that 'when trying to improve local places, it's worth saving their historic features' with only 2% disagreeing with that statement.

For more fascinating figures see

http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Research/taking_part_survey/surveyoutputs_may07 [Back](#)

Department for Transport's Manual for Streets

Manual for Streets a new joint publication from Department for Transport and Communities and Local Government provides guidance for practitioners involved in the planning of new residential streets, and modifying existing ones. For new streets, MfS advocates a return to more traditional patterns which are easier to assimilate into existing built-up areas and which have been proven to stand the test of time in many ways.

Although aimed at professionals in local and central government, other groups with a stake in the design of streets, local communities, elected members and civic groups, in particular, are encouraged to make use of the

document which can be downloaded from

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/sustainable/manforstreets/pdfmanforstreets.pdf>

To mark the launch, the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) has named Blackett Street and the Quay Link (the series of streets linking from the South of Grey Street down to the Quayside) as leading examples of good street design, see <http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=1920> [Back](#)

External Lighting for Historic Buildings: EH guidance

Historic buildings and monuments are often amazing feats of architecture and engineering and many have been enhanced and brought to life at night-time with striking and subtle external lighting schemes. Some, however, have produced far more negative results by highlighting flaws and views of the structure never meant to be seen.

This new guidance note suggests some general consideration such as how much of the building needs to be lit, where external lights should be positioned and covers environmental matters before discussing types of lighting and light sources, control systems, and installation and maintenance issues.

The Guidance can be found at <http://www.helm.org.uk/upload/pdf/External-Lighting.pdf> [Back](#)

UCL Centre for Sustainable Heritage: MSc Sustainable Heritage Studentships

The Centre for Sustainable Heritage is offering funding packages for both full and part-time postgraduate study 2007-08 leading to the award of an MSc in Sustainable Heritage from University College London.

Ecclesiastical Insurance Studentships are available to enable heritage professionals to study on the MSc Sustainable Heritage. Up to £10,000 (to cover fees and a stipend) is available for UK applicants. Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) Studentships are open to all UK and EU applicants. They take the form of a remission of fees and a discretionary stipend of up to £8,000. Please note: EU students are eligible for remission of fees only. Closing date is 31st May 2007.

Further information and on how to apply is available at www.ucl.ac.uk/sustainableheritage/msc.htm To discuss the course or studentships, please contact the Course Director, Dr Nigel Blades tel 020 7679 8242, email n.blades@ucl.ac.uk [Back](#)

IHBC 10th Anniversary and Gus Astley Student Award 2007

Awards worth £300 + are to be made for an outstanding item of taught-course work in historic environment conservation. Applicants may cover any aspect of conservation including: investigation (eg history/research) and/or management (eg policy/finance) and/or implementation (eg design, technology).

All students need do is, with agreement from the course tutor, submit a digital version of an item of 2006-07 coursework to studentaward2007@ihbc.org.uk taking care to include full course and tutor details.

The selection will be made by an IHBC panel and the winner announced in IHBC journal Context. The award is open to students on taught courses in 2006-7. Closing date: 31st July 2007. Full details on the news page of www.ihbc.org.uk [Back](#)

New EH Guidebooks to free sites

English Heritage is encouraging visitors to explore some of its more unusual and intriguing free historic sites through a series of new regional guidebooks.

Heritage Unlocked: Guide to free sites in the Midlands completes the series of eight guidebooks. Each illustrated guide covers one region of England and includes features on the area's history, culture and character, as well as an entry on each site. The regions covered are the North West; East of England; Devon, Dorset and Somerset; Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly; Bristol, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire; Yorkshire and the North East; and London and the South East.

All books listed above can be purchased through English Heritage admission-charging sites and high street bookshops or via the mail order sales hotline, tel: 01761 452 966 or email ehsales@gillards.com, or write to English Heritage Warehouse, Gillards, Trident Works, Temple Cloud, Bristol BS39 5AZ. [Back](#)

2007 Big Draw

The Big Draw aims to demonstrate drawing's power to support learning and access. Last year, 1300 events took place at arts centres, heritage sites, national museums, hospitals, libraries, schools and universities. Anyone can run a Big Draw event - large organisations, small community groups or keen individuals. Running a Big Draw event is a great way of engaging with new audiences and of gaining publicity as part of a national campaign.

The eighth Big Draw national launch, *Drawing Things Together*, will take place across the London boroughs of Tower Hamlets and Hackney on 30th September and Big Draw events can be held any time in October.

Visit www.thebigdraw.org for more information. Send event proposals, outlining plans and target audiences, before 25th June to admin@campaignfordrawing.org [Back](#)

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The National Trust: Chair of the Learning Panel

The National Trust is seeking a Chair to establish and lead a new Panel of advisors. The Panel will help to secure a shift in culture towards a new Vision for Learning. It will advise on current trends and practice in learning to challenge aspirations, assumptions and strategies. It will act as a catalyst for deepening relationships with existing and new supporters, establishing ways of improving and sharing learning between all expert Panels.

The Chair will lead a group of up to 12 volunteer experts in fields related to formal, informal and non-formal learning, including interpretation, access and diversity and internal learning by staff and volunteers. Applicants will have significant experience in one or more of these fields and demonstrate an ability to contribute to the Trust's thinking at strategic and practical levels. Excellent chairing skills, experience of strategic leadership and working in a non-executive capacity are sought.

This appointment requires a commitment of approximately 12 days a year, and is for an initial term of three years. The position is voluntary, but expenses will be paid. Interviews will be held in London on 9th July. For full details and an information pack contact the Deputy Secretary on 01793 817416, email governance@nationaltrust.org.uk Closing date 5pm on 8th June. [Back](#)

MLA South East: Board members

MLA South East is looking for energetic new board members to help shape its strategic development work with museums, libraries and archives in the region.

MLA SE would particularly welcome expertise in, archives, information technology, fundraising, skills, campaigning, equalities, diversity and the community and voluntary sector.

For further details, including a job description, person specification and application form see the MLA South East website at www.mlasoutheast.org.uk For an informal discussion about MLA South East board membership, please contact Helen Jackson at Helen.jackson@mlasoutheast.org, telephone: 01962 858830.

Closing date for applications 15th June. Please note that interviews will be held on 26th June, with a first Board meeting on 19th July. [Back](#)

EVENTS

Architecture Week: Twentieth Century Society walks

The Twentieth Century Society has arranged the following evening walks during Architecture Week: *Heaven, Hell and Modern Housing* in Gospel Oak, 18th June; *Hayes & Coney Hall*, 19th June; *Peckham*, 20th June; *Bermondsey and Shad Thames*, 21st June.

Please contact Ellis Meade on administrator@c20society.org.uk to book a place and for details of where to meet. [Back](#)

Asmara - Africa's Secret Modernist City

For the first time, the rich, modernist heritage of the Eritrean capital Asmara is introduced in an exhibition, which explores through four thematic units: the city as it is today, its historical social context, its architecture and special culture, and the problems and challenges resulting from the city's function as a capital and the ever increasing pressure to expand. Sponsored in part by the World Monuments Fund in Britain.

From 3rd July - 8th August, Monday to Friday 10am-6pm & Saturday 10am-5pm at Gallery One, RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London, W1B 1AD. Admission free. [Back](#)

Talking Heads: 11th August

The Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust is holding a seminar *Talking Heads, Garden Statuary in the 18th century* at Hartwell House near Aylesbury on 11th August 9.30am to 5pm by kind permission of Historic House Hotels.

Cost £65 to include lunch, coffee, tea, at this luxury country house hotel with its collection of garden sculpture. Lectures from several experts in the field including Tim Knox of the Soane Museum and Richard Wheeler of the National Trust, with guided tours of the Hartwell statuary.

To book, send a cheque & SAE made payable to The Buckinghamshire Gardens Trust to: Rosemary Jury, 11 Fledglings Walk, Winslow, Buckingham, Bucks MK18 3QU, Tel 01296 715 491, email events@bucksgardenstrust.org.uk [Back](#)

SITUATIONS VACANT

All organisations whose posts are advertised below are expected to offer equal opportunity to all and to welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Victorian Society: 2 Posts

1. Conservation Advisor (Northern - Based in London)

Conservation Advisers are at the forefront of the Victorian Society's efforts to ensure that changes to historic buildings are made so as not to damage their architectural interest. The successful applicant will be educated to degree level or equivalent, have a knowledge of Victorian and Edwardian architecture and excellent communication skills. Knowledge of the planning system an advantage. Travel throughout the UK involved.

Salary £20,000 + pension. Three year contract subject to performance and funding. For details and application form visit www.victoriansociety.org.uk; telephone 020 8747 5890. Closing date 8th June, 12 noon.

2. House Notes Editor

An editor with a knowledge of the practical aspects of Victorian and Edwardian houses is sought for the *House Notes* section of the Society's magazine, *The Victorian*. This involves writing and/or commissioning articles and illustrations to fill three pages of the magazine three times a year on subjects of interest to owners of 'ordinary' houses. The role would suit an architect or journalist with conservation expertise.

An honorarium of £200 per issue is paid to the *House Notes* Editor; contributors are not paid. For a sample copy of the magazine or to discuss what is involved contact Richard on 020 8747 5890.

Lampport Hall, Northampton: Trainee Administrator (Internship for one year)

The Trustees of Lampport Hall have created an internship beginning in Autumn 2007, to provide a broad overview of the management and organisation of an historic house on a country estate as well as practical knowledge.

The Intern will be expected to enter fully into life at Lampport Hall and to work with the Executive Director and his staff at all levels. Time will be given where appropriate to attend relevant study days and seminars. Applicants must be adaptable, with computer literacy skills, and be willing to 'pitch in'. One of the tasks likely to be undertaken will be the preparation of a conservation management plan for The Hall.

The post carries rent-free accommodation in a private furnished room with other shared facilities and £500 remuneration per month. For full details and to apply send a full CV with covering letter to The Executive Director, Lampport Hall, Lampport, Northampton, NN6 9HD or email admin@lamporthall.co.uk

Understanding Slavery Initiative: Project Development Manager (Fixed term July 2007-April 2008)

The Understanding Slavery Initiative is a significant project supported by DCMS/DFES and coordinated by the National Maritime Museum with partners in Liverpool, Hull and Bristol. Over four years the partners have worked with children and educators to develop programmes which use the history of the transatlantic slave trade to support the KS3 (and from Phase 5 KS2) History and Citizenship curricula to raise awareness of identity and shared social responsibilities today.

This will be the fifth phase of the project. A proven Project Manager, preferably in the cultural sector, is sought to build, embed and sustain the use of the Understanding Slavery project. Essential attributes are: excellent

understanding of the national curriculum and planned changes for History and Citizenship; a track record in commissioning and managing extensive learning evaluation projects; political astuteness and ability to manage the sensitivities associated with contemporary legacies; significant experience of budget management; involvement in project research, development and production of learning materials.

Salary: up to £35,000 pro rata. Based in London with frequent national travel. Full description at www.nmm.ac.uk/jobs Apply by CV and covering letter to recruitment@nmm.ac.uk Closing date 8th June.

Lake District World Heritage Site Project Director

The postholder will lead and coordinate a long-term management plan and bid to secure World Heritage Site status for the Lake District's cultural landscape. Through an inspirational approach to community engagement, the plan will give a clear view as to how the area's status as a World Heritage Site can bring about social and economic regeneration. The role requires close work with a wide range of individuals and organisations and a multidisciplinary approach to balance the sometimes conflicting social, economic and environmental issues.

Salary: £45,000 pa. Three year post. Contact Sarah Boyes, WHS Steering Group on 01539 724555 for an information pack and application form, or download at www.lake-district.gov.uk Closing date 5pm on 7th June.

The Royal Collection: Web and Marketing Assistant

The Royal Collection, a department of the Royal Household, is seeking a creative individual with a background in art and history to join the Public Relations and Marketing team, based at St James' Palace, London. The ideal candidate will have a track record of writing for a high-profile organisation, design and presentation skills, understanding of audience segmentation and experience of marketing, media or journalism, preferably in the arts and heritage sector.

The successful candidate will be responsible for developing the Royal Collection's website with topical and imaginative content and scheduling and writing the Royal Collection's e-bulletins and other e-communications.

Salary £20,000 plus benefits. For further details see www.royal.gov.uk/recruitment or email recruitment@royal.gsx.gov.uk Closing date 4th June.

IFA Workplace Learning Bursary: Finds Assistant (Specialist Interest in Prehistoric Finds and Pottery)

Applications are invited from candidates with archaeological training to degree level (or equivalent experience), for an HLF-funded IFA Workplace Learning Bursary with Headland Archaeology in the field of prehistoric finds. This is an opportunity to obtain a wide range of skills in all aspects of archaeological finds work (specialising in prehistoric finds) with a highly active commercial archaeological contractor, engaged in rescue and research projects. The post is based in Edinburgh.

Candidates should have good IT skills and some archaeological fieldwork experience. Some travel around the UK and Ireland is expected, with periods of staying away to undertake related project work. The placement is designed around the National Occupational Standards in Archaeological Practice, providing the opportunity to use the experience gained towards a vocational Qualification in Archaeological Practice.

Salary £15,340 for a 12 month position starting July 2007. For further details contact Dawn Homes or Mirren Hill at office@headlandarchaeology.com, tel. 0131 467 7705. Closing date 9am, 20th June. Interviews 27th June.

The National Trust: Operations Support Manager, Swindon

Based within the central operations team, this post will take responsibility for coordinating the approval process for major projects and acquisitions, as well as providing a range of business information to inform resource allocations and support numerous organisation-wide management team decisions.

At least two years' experience in a similar role is required, with developed analytical skills. Applicants should enjoy handling large amounts of data and be able to anticipate business requirements. Experience of business management and excellent minute-taking skills should also be demonstrated.

Salary: £27,500 pa. Full details and online application procedure from www.ntjobs.org.uk or email recruitmentenquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk quoting ref. CT0720. Closing date 4th June.

The National Trust: Learning Officer, Saltram House, Plympton

The successful applicant will work with 10 house and countryside properties in Devon to develop visitor interpretation, activities and partnership projects with schools and community groups. Applicants should be creative, imaginative, experienced in working with education groups and volunteers, with a broad knowledge of education, including the National Curriculum, excellent relationship building and communication skills.

Salary £19,549 pa. Full details and online application procedure at www.njjobs.org.uk or email recruitmentenquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk quoting ref. WT0839. Closing date 26th June.

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