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National Heritage Day: hear the new Minister live!

Minister of Culture Margaret Hodge will be speaking at Heritage Link's Heritage Day on 11th December, and then taking questions in an open forum. We expect much of the discussion to centre on ways of working better together around regeneration, identity and place making. Members will be discussing these issues amongst others during the break out sessions in the morning's Annual General Meeting.

At lunch time members will be joined by others from all parts of the heritage sector before the Minister's addresses us all at 2.30pm. All are welcome to join us at the Ritzy Cinema, Brixton - less than 5 minutes from Brixton Tube (Victoria Line).

So download the programme and secure your place now at <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/11DecHDayReg.doc> [Back](#)

Saving the countryside: National Trust consultation to Spring 2008

At their AGM on 3rd November, the National Trust announced a shift in its policy away from preserving stately homes towards protecting the countryside from wholesale housing development. The move signals a return towards the founding principles of the trust, set up in 1895 to protect against the destructive effects of industrialisation.

National Trust Chairman, Sir William Proby, asked members whether the protection of open spaces in town and country should be 'top priority' for the National Trust. He warned of a growing crisis and called on the Trust's 3.5 million members and the public at large to submit their views on how to reconcile the need for development and the irreversible loss of open spaces that has so often been its consequence. While supporting the need for more housing, Sir William pointed out that there are many factors and issues at play beyond the beauty of a particular place, not least climate change, grand projects like airport expansion or building on flood plains. He suggested that local opinion should sometimes be given a higher priority in deciding where and how to build.

The Trust will analyse and publicise what emerges. Comments may range across a range of issues from how the protection of green spaces should be managed in the light of the pressures of household growth, the role of land for recreation, flood management and as a carbon store, to whether the Trust itself should acquire more green belt land rather than rely on the planning system to protect it.

Similar to the Enterprise Neptune exercise, the Trust will ask its members to contribute to individual fighting funds set up to preserve specific areas of Britain where it believes there is a realistic chance of buying the land. But inevitably the high cost of maintaining the Trust's collection of about 300 buildings will restrict the spare funds that it has from existing resources.

Until Spring 2008, members and the public are invited to email joinin@nationaltrust.org.uk with their views or write to Green Spaces, The National Trust, Heelis, Kemble Drive, Swindon SN2 2NA. [Back](#)

Housing and Planning Development Grant: consultation to 17th January 2008

The Housing and Planning Development Grant is for local authorities to improve delivery of housing and other planning outcomes as part of their strategic, place shaping role and to provide more support to communities and local councils. Communities and Local Government (CLG) is consulting on the proposed allocation mechanisms, one for housing delivery and one for planning. Additional criteria that could be developed over time for empty homes, surplus public sector land and design are discussed in Part C.

In Paragraph 13 there an opportunity to underline the value of heritage in new communities: 'we would expect local authorities to carry out their place-shaping role duties responsibly in the interests of the whole community. We would not expect them to seek outcomes that are to the long-term detriment of the community simply for the sake of short-term grant. Planning authorities are under a statutory duty to determine planning applications in accordance with the development plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.'

The full document is at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/housing/pdf/523107> Responses are invited by 17th January 2008 either online at www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/deliverygrantallocation or via Junaid Tamimu at Junaid.tamimu@communities.gsi.gov.uk or by post to Department for Communities and Local Government, Eland House 2/J9, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU. [Back](#)

198 National Indicators: consultation on definitions to 21st December

The full set of national performance indicators that will come into force for local authorities and Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) next April have been published at www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/nationalindicator

Launching the consultation on the technical definitions of the 198 national indicators, Local Government Minister John Healey said 'By redesigning the framework,' he said 'we can ensure that councils devote more time to improving their own performance, and less time to meeting burdensome reporting requirements, cutting the red tape they have faced in the past.' The reduction from around 1,200 indicators is expected to support more joined-up delivery of outcomes for citizens and communities. The indicators will be the basis for negotiating new Local Area Agreements (LAAs) with local authorities and their partners over the next six months.

Specific DCMS-sector local indicators are NI9: use of public libraries; NI10: visits to museums or galleries; NI 11; Engagement in the Arts, all relating the DCMS' Departmental Strategic Objectives (DSO). Related local indicators are NI 3: civic participation in the local area (PSA15); NI 6: Participation in regular volunteering (Cabinet Office DSO) and NI7: Environment for a thriving third sector (Cabinet Office DSO). The Government will publish final definitions in early 2008.

The consultation document can be found at www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/indicatorsdefinitions [Back](#)

Yorkshire and Humberside Regional Heritage Strategy: consultation to 25th January

The Yorkshire and Humber Regional Heritage Strategy led by the Yorkshire and Humber Historic Environment Forum is now out for consultation. Once completed, the Strategy will provide an agreed approach to heritage, giving direction and focus for all those whose work impacts on it, whether they are heritage organisations or others such as Local Authorities or Regional Bodies. The strategy will set a framework to lead heritage activity in the region and provide a basis to guide regional policy and decision-making.

The responses to the consultation will inform the preparation of the final document due to be published in the Spring of 2008. Once the strategy has been published further work will be undertaken to produce a detailed action plan which will set out how the strategy will be implemented.

The Regional HEF seeks views from as many people and organisations as possible with a deadline of 25th January 2008. Full details are on the website at www.yhhef.org.uk [Back](#)

Heritage (draft) Bill in the Queen's Speech

The Government's legislative programme, unveiled in the Queen Speech on 6th November, lists eight Bills with a heritage dimension. Most important of all, the inclusion of a Draft Heritage Bill puts heritage on the political map. The Draft Bill under construction by DCMS lawyers over the summer is now expected to be published in May but is unlikely to be debated before this time next year. [Back](#)

Planning Reform Bill

The Planning Reform Bill marches relentlessly on. What impact the responses to the consultation have had has yet to be discovered. We hear the Planning White Paper attracted 1600 written responses and an astonishing 31,000 by email, many generated by the Planning Disaster Coalition website www.planningdisaster.org.uk

The Bill which applies only to England calls for the establishment of a new separate planning system for major infrastructure projects and simplifying the planning system for minor home improvements. In many cases formal planning permission will no longer be required. [Back](#)

CPRE immediately attacked the bill as looking 'like being a developers' charter - a dismantling rather than an evolution of the planning system introduced by the 1947 TCPA'. CPRE's statement on the Queen's speech 'more brown than green' is at <http://www.cpre.org.uk/news/view/450> Friends of the Earth said the Bill's 'proposals would strip away one of the public's key democratic rights to have a say on how their area is developed, easing the way for a whole range of climate-damaging developments. 'These proposals are undemocratic, environmentally-damaging and - according to recent legal advice - likely to be unlawful.' See http://www.foe.co.uk/resource/local/planning/whats_going_on/index.html [Back](#)

Housing and Regeneration Bill

This Bill will create the Homes and Communities Agency that will support the delivery of social and affordable housing. It allows the Government to implement its pledge of three million new homes by 2020 as stated in the Housing Green Paper. The Bill also reforms social housing and social housing regulation to promote better services for tenants. It will also provide the opportunity to modernise powers to establish new settlements like eco-towns.

The pledge to create three million homes has led to concerns over the impact on the environment and local infrastructure. Further, some critics argue that increasing housing supply will not have the desired effect on affordability of housing. CPRE commented 'The agency should be a vehicle for delivering the right housing in the right place, not a sausage-machine churning out new housing regardless of need and local concerns'. [Back](#)

Planning Gain Supplement Bill disappears

The Planning Gain Supplement Bill, however, which is included in the government's draft legislative programme in July and allowed for a levy to be charged on the sale of land to reflect its increased value as a result of planning

permission, appeared to have been dropped or postponed. The funds raised would have gone towards spending on local infrastructure projects. The Prime Minister had previously said the government was open to other ways of ensuring that local communities benefit from developments in their areas. [Back](#)

Cultural Property (Armed Conflict) Bill

Also in the Queen's speech is the Cultural Property (Armed Conflict) Bill which would make it illegal to damage or attack cultural property protected by the 1954 Hague Convention in the Event of Armed Conflict and its protocols. The bill would complete the UK's ratification of the major pieces of international humanitarian law.

The obligations under the 1954 Hague Convention on the protection of cultural property and its Protocols will apply both to the UK's own cultural property and to the cultural property of other nations where the UK is in occupation. The bill would make it illegal to damage or attack cultural property protected by the 1954 Hague Convention and its Protocols; make it illegal to trade in cultural property illicitly removed from occupied territory; and ensure that the blue shield emblem of the 1954 Hague Convention has equivalent protection to the Red Cross emblem. [Back](#)

Climate Change Bill

This Bill creates the legal framework to reduce the UK's carbon dioxide emissions up to 2050 and beyond. It will propose statutory targets to reduce UK carbon dioxide emissions by at least 60% by 2050 and between 26 and 32% by 2020. It provides for pilot schemes by councils to cut household waste. Much of the bill applies to the whole UK.

Green campaigners have urged the government to go further. A report from think tank The Institute for Public Policy Research, the RSPB and World Wildlife Fund claimed the government's 60% target did not go far enough. Instead, it claimed Britain could achieve an 80% cut by 2050. [Back](#)

Marine (draft) Bill

The Marine Bill Proposes a new system of planning for marine and offshore developments in order to protect and regulate activities in the seas around Britain. The draft Bill subject to extensive consultation earlier this year will set out plans for more streamlined marine licensing arrangements. It will also set out plans to introduce new conservation measures for marine areas, species and habitats. [Back](#)

Crossrail Bill

The purpose of the Bill is to: grant powers for the construction, maintenance and operation of Crossrail: a new east-west railway linking Maidenhead and Heathrow with Shenfield and Abbey Wood through new tunnels under central London; performing a similar function to a public inquiry, a special Select Committee stage is added to the normal public bill process to consider petitions from those whose property and private rights are affected. [Back](#)

Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Bill

Finally a bill allows the government to use money held in bank and building society accounts which have not been used for 15 years to provide more youth facilities. This applies to the whole UK. Cash from accounts untouched for 15 years will be taken and reinvested in youth facilities and social investment through the Big Lottery Fund. [Back](#)

New Bills could be a political watershed

All in all, the series of Bills and in particular the Heritage, Planning Reform and Housing and Regeneration Bills give us a huge opportunity to enlighten Parliamentarians of all shades and in both houses to the beauty and potency of heritage. The real achievement would be for the heritage and environmental pressure groups to present a co-ordinated vision of sustainable development to all political parties. Now the Bills are stacking up, it is vital that MPs and Lords are briefed on how the new legislation will affect the historic environment and that the best possible outcomes are secured. But even more critical is to make sure they emerge with a positive understanding of heritage in the 21st century. It's now vital to get that message across in the constituencies and in Westminster. [Back](#)

St Pancras confounds the sceptics

Fitting then that on the same day as the Queen's speech, St Pancras opened as the Eurostar terminal in a blaze of glory. Sir Simon Jenkins writing in the Guardian claimed 'the station's rebirth is a slap in the face for the old-is-useless mob and all their claptrap about outdated structures'. Recounting the dark days, 40 years to be precise, when the Grade 1 listed Gilbert Scott hotel and station described by John Betjeman as 'too beautiful and too romantic to survive' had few supporters, he paid tribute to Lord Kennet and to the Victorian Society - the true

saviour which 'singlehandedly fought not just ministers and railwaymen but self styled aesthetes such as John Summerson'.

The saga leads Sir Simon to declare 'never give up. St Pancras should be the patron saint not just of children but of hope in adversity'. But he sticks the knife into those great and good who sat there before the Queen and applauded the rescue of a masterpiece they either sought to destroy or stood by for 20 years as it fell into ruin. 'They drink champagne at St Pancras, then go out into the night to find another building to kick in the guts'.

The article is at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/Columnists/Column/0,,2208135,00.html> [Back](#)

Diversion of Lottery Funds: Heritage Link restates the issues

Heritage Link's campaign to avert the diversion of Heritage Lottery Funds to plug the shortfall in the 2012 Olympics budget comes to a head when the procedural device, the Statutory Instrument, is debated in Parliament this month. Although Heritage Link took up the challenge set by the former Culture Minister David Lammy to 'go out and sell it' the raid has undoubtedly sapped enthusiasm for participating in the Cultural Olympiad either through Heritage Link's *Access All Areas* initiative or by any other means.

All three members of the campaign, Heritage Link, Voluntary Arts Network and Central Council for Physical Recreation (CCPR) are keen to get as good a settlement as possible. All want assurances that no further raid on the Lottery will be made before or after 2012. Heritage Link, writing to Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell, is pressing the Government to make good the whole of the second (March 2007) diversion back to the Lottery Good Causes. The Government is urged to make public the effect of Games related ticket sales on the main lottery distributors and to agree that the revenue from these Olympics-related lottery games is capped at £750m and not continued before or after 2012 to the detriment of other distributors' revenues.

Even with these assurances, more support will be needed to enable heritage groups which are by their nature predominantly grass roots organisations to take part in the Cultural Olympiad 2008-12. Heritage Link calls on the Government to ensure that the £40m Legacy Trust is augmented through other sources and that a high proportion of these funds will be made available to arts and heritage organisations. Positive support from LOCOG is also needed to direct potential sponsors towards Cultural Olympiad activities in the the voluntary heritage sector. [Back](#)

CSR: Outcry over VisitBritain cuts

The Tourism Alliance has responded angrily to the Government's 18% reduction in VisitBritain Funding. 'Today's announcement of a 18% cut in funding for VisitBritain over three years highlights the Government's lamentable understanding of tourism and a lack joined-up thinking'. Tourism Alliance Chairman Ros Prichard stated 'This cut in funding means that, in real terms, the Government will have reduced VisitBritain's funding by around 50% between 1997 and 2011.

'To do this to a successful organisation that has generated around £10bn for the UK economy and £2bn for the Exchequer over the past 10 years and supports over 23,000 jobs across the country makes no sense whatsoever. To do it in the lead-up to the Olympics when the Government's own research shows that there is the potential to generate an additional £2.1bn in tourism expenditure for the UK economy borders on sheer madness. The problems caused by cutting VisitBritain's budget at such a crucial time for tourism development will be compounded by the lack of joined-up thinking across Government in the Comprehensive Spending Review whereby tourism spending at the local and regional levels also stand to be reduced over the next three years.'

The full statement can be read at

http://www.hha.org.uk/metadot/index.pl?id=25492&isa=DBRow&op=show&dbview_id=23127 [Back](#)

Culture Media and Sport Committee lets Secretary of State off the hook

The Secretary of State James Purnell appeared on 25th October in front of the Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee to answer questions on his Department's annual report. Much of the session was spent on the BBC and sport but the Committee grilled him hardest on tourism and in particular the £5m cut in funding to VisitBritain (Qs 4-21). He replied briefly about funding for the Cultural Olympiad and defended the Treasury's record on the implementations of the recommendations of the Goodison Review.

On the Heritage Protection Review, although Paul Farrelly MP asked how the government was addressing funding and expertise in local authorities, the Minister just quoted the cash increase to English Heritage and English Heritage's proposed support to local authorities. In the medium term 'when this is implemented it will make the management of place by local authorities much more effective and therefore there is a lot for local authorities to get from it' but just what 'a lot' might be was never examined. He insisted that DCMS could not fund

Local Authorities yet when asked what argument he was making elsewhere in Government on EH's behalf, he answered that he would not prejudge the discussion with English Heritage.' This seems another example of Departmental evasion on funding for the Heritage Protection Review.

The transcript of uncorrected oral evidence is at <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmcomeds.htm#evid> [Back](#)

Smith Institute: round-table discussion on heritage

The *New Statesman* has now published the transcript of the round table discussion on Britain's heritage convened by think tank The Smith Institute. The forum on 11th September considered how cultural value is and should be allocated, how to engage the public, and how to increase funding from both the public and private sectors, including encouraging personal donations.

Chairing the discussion, John Newbigin set the scene followed by Culture Minister Margaret Hodge with a dozen or so heritage leaders including Lord Sandy Bruce Lockhart, Chairman of English Heritage, Liz Forgan HLF Chair and Anthea Case Chairman of Heritage Link. The conversation gives a good summary of current issues but concentrated on the positives until Nick Way, Director General of the Historic Houses Association, spelt out the risks more bluntly. While the well visited historic houses may survive, the smaller and more remote ones can not expect a return from the market to maintain the fabric which in turn provides other benefits. He raised concerns about whether the heritage protection review would be implemented adequately and thoroughly.

Tristram Hunt historian suggested DCMS should make its weight felt more effectively 'I think the DCMS needs to have a few more rows if it wants to preserve the historic environment, particularly with the Treasury'. Harry Reeves, summing up on behalf of the Minister, agreed that DCMS needs 'to punch heavier as a Department'. 'But at the heart of the matter' he continued 'is the issue ...about where heritage sits in the government's perception of what it is for'. 'I think the wider appreciation of what culture can do for the various things government wants to achieve is just not there at the moment.' The pdf can be downloaded from <http://www.newstatesman.com/pdf/heritage2007.htm> [Back](#)

CABE joins the anti VAT league

In a major briefing *Sustainable design, climate change and the built environment*, the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) says that no building space or place can be considered well designed if it does not contribute to environmental, social and economic sustainability.

The paper sets out what CABE will do to address the issues of sustainable design and climate change, and the actions needed from the public and private sectors, a list that includes much stronger leadership from the public sector and in its procurement policies; recognition of the central role of urban design and urban management in climate change strategies; and a far greater scale and sufficiency of action for building and refurbishment programmes. CABE points out that of the 21.8 million or so homes in England, new building makes up less than 1% of the total stock in any year. Carbon emissions from existing homes are of greater significance than those from all the new homes that will be built by 2050.

Most notable therefore among CABE's eight objectives for 2007-9 is the one to 'seek to make sustainable refurbishment of the built environment social desirable and economically viable through lobbying for the removal of VAT on work on existing buildings, influencing those responsible for regeneration and renewal projects and providing guidance on best practice.

For CABE's statement and for the document visit <http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=2124> [Back](#)

CABE: crisis for British cemeteries?

Urban burial grounds in the 19th century were originally envisaged as public open spaces, and were professionally designed to be attractive places to visit in their own right. They were regarded as much as public landscapes as they were functional burial places but this close relationship between the cemetery and the park has largely disappeared. CABE, in a rare historical moment, recognises their contemporary value, argues that cemeteries may still deliver as many amenity and ecological benefits as parks, and suggests that they should be brought back into the mainstream of parks and green space provision.

'The heritage conservation movement has also identified historic cemeteries as places of specific local heritage interest, as well as being very much a part of the historic townscape. The placemaking or local identity properties of churchyards and cemeteries are especially valued.' CABE's Briefing also cites the Living Churchyards project which shows how churchyards and cemeteries are increasingly valued for their bio-diversity value.

There are about 3,500 historic (pre-1914) cemeteries in the UK. CABE recommends national and local cemetery strategies. *Urban Burial Grounds* also explains their legal status, health and safety. It lists relevant reports and documents, sources of funding as well as Green Flag and other related incentives. A pdf can be downloaded from <http://www.cabe.org.uk/AssetLibrary/10701.pdf> [Back](#)

Textile Conservation Centre to close!

The conservation community around the world has reacted with shock and anger to the news that the Textile Conservation Centre at Southampton University is to close in 2009. Despite its enviable track record, Southampton University has announced the closure of the centre in 2009 for financial reasons. The Winchester School of Art, of which the Textile Conservation Centre is a part, is in deficit and the policy of the University requires every School to be self-funding and to make a significant contribution to the central running costs of the University.

The Centre enjoys an excellent international reputation, attracting many students from outside the UK and sending 97% of its graduates into conservation employment. Icon, the Institute of Conservation, has been supporting the efforts of the Textile Conservation Centre both to find a solution within Southampton University and to try and identify a potential new home. Since it is now clear that no possibility remains of the Centre staying as part of Southampton University, Icon will continue to support the work of the Centre's staff in seeking an alternative home before 2009.

For Icon's full statement see

http://www.icon.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=632&Itemid=15

To sign the No 10 petition to prevent the closure, visit

<http://search.petitions.pm.gov.uk/kbroker/number10/petitions/search.lsim?ha=1157&sc=number10&qt=textile+centre> and remember once you've signed it to confirm your email. [Back](#)

National Maintenance Week promotes wool to young urbanites

That venerable organisation, the Society for the Protector of Ancient Buildings founded by William Morris, connected with a whole new audience when its advice on insulation was featured in *Metro* the free newspaper targeted at 'information hungry morning commuters'. Installing new insulation in old walls is one of the worst things you can do. SPAB instead suggests measures such as roof insulation using natural sheep's wool. Wool is breathable, and makes buildings cool in summer and warm in winter when it can help increase temperature by 4 degrees.

Excellent advice to the 2.2million readers of *Metro*, mostly young urbanites commuting to key city centres. 66% of readers are in ABC income groups, 70% are aged 18-44. Let's hope the demand for wool insulation catches on to reinvigorate upland rural economies.

For details of National Maintenance Week starting today see <http://www.maintainyourbuilding.org.uk/index.php> [Back](#)

Museums Association responds over Gift Aid

In its response to the consultation led by the Treasury over the future of Gift Aid, the Museums Association has requested reassurance of the long-term continuity of the scheme and no reduction in the current level of availability or amounts. In particular it notes that the scheme is an important and regular source of donated income for many museums, and especially valuable to organisations with a low annual turnover and those that find themselves in competition with the subsidised national museums to obtain free admission.

The Museums Association would also like to see changes to the scheme to increase accessibility and ease the administrative burden for participating organisations, especially small and independent museums.

A spokeswoman for the HMRC said 'The Treasury is still considering responses and outcomes from the Gift Aid consultation. A summary of responses to the consultation will be published on the HM Treasury website later in the autumn. Ahead of next year's budget the Government will explore, with charitable sector representatives, a number of areas raised during the consultation.

'Meanwhile the existing Gift Aid system remains in place and HMRC will continue to help the sector make it work. If you have any issues, then please get in touch with the specialist HMRC Charities office in Bootle on 0845 302 0203.' [Back](#)

Building Faith in our Future: 7th bulletin

This is the seventh e-bulletin since the publication of *Building Faith in our Future* the Church of England's campaign celebrating church buildings and the achievements of the volunteers who maintain them. The campaign also aims to awaken greater understanding of how church buildings contribute to community and social cohesion and to seek partnership to support and enhance those achievements for the benefit of future generations.

This latest newsletter sets out developments on a variety of issues from the relaunched Churchcare website, from the Council for the Care of Churches, to advice on flooding threats.

Building Faith Supporters belong to a growing network of people, at national, regional and local level, within the Church and outside who wish to be kept informed of developments and want to make sure their stories about the achievements of churches in their communities are heard. To register as a Building Faith Supporter contact: Becky Payne at rebecca.payne@c-of-e.org.uk To download copies of the Building Faith in our Future report, latest Key Facts and other information about the Building Faith Campaign visit www.cofe.anglican.org/about/builtheritage/buildingfaith/index.html [Back](#)

Culture in Local Area Agreements in London

A new London-based guide explains how the cultural sector is uniquely placed to help deliver Local Area Agreement (LAA) outcomes for local communities. This briefing note on why and how culture contributes to LAAs has been produced jointly by Arts Council England (London), the Association of London Government (ALG), the Big Lottery Fund (London region), English Heritage (London), Government Office for London, Museums Libraries and Archives (MLA) London and Sport England (London).

The document suggests ways in which local authorities can increase the contribution of culture in LAAs, including some case studies; suggests the sorts of cultural activities that might be included under each of the four LAA blocks and ways in which they might be measured; and signposts sources of further help and information.

Download the pdf from <http://www.helm.org.uk/upload/pdf/CultureInLAAs.pdf> [Back](#)

East Midlands: A new deal for local heritage?

'New opportunities are opening up to get the historic environment on the local agenda - and amenity societies need to seize them', said Anthony Streeten, Director of English Heritage East Midlands. That was the message from the East Midlands Heritage Forum at the regional launch of Heritage Counts, the annual snapshot of the state of the region's historic environment.

Representatives of the sector, including civic societies and local authorities, met at Leicester's medieval Guildhall for the event on 1st November. Speakers from the regional cultural consortium, local government, Planning Aid and English Heritage sized up the three government initiatives which will transform the protection of historic assets at local level: the Planning, Local Government and Heritage Protection White Papers. Together these give local authorities a strengthened role to shape local character, with stronger emphasis on engaging people in what gets protected and how.

'There was no mistaking the opportunities for the historic environment, provided that amenity groups use astutely the new levers which the White Papers offer. New terms of dialogue will be available for councils and civic societies. Whether local policies work for heritage, rather than against it, will largely depend on whether both sides have the commitment to get that strategic dialogue off the ground.

'The East Midlands Heritage Forum recognises that the voluntary sector must be equipped with knowledge of these reforms and the skills of advocacy and influence to shape local agendas. The seminar in Leicester marked the first step in what will be a continuing process of learning and development.' Further details from Paul Bodenham, EH Regional Policy Officer at paul.bodenham@english-heritage.org.uk [Back](#)

Working with the media: lessons for volunteer-involving organisations

The Institute for Volunteering Research and the Voluntary Action Media Unit (VAMU) have published a new report based on case studies of small and medium sized charities seeking media coverage without resources such as a marketing team or a budget for communications. In response to this report VAMU has also created a free online resource for charities interested in using the media to recruit volunteers *VolunteerGenie*.

The site www.VolunteerGenie.org.uk was launched in October. To read VAMU's reports, download them from <http://vamu.org.uk/> [Back](#)

Collaborative Research studentships in Science and Heritage

The Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) has announced the first call to be made under the cross-Council Science and Heritage Programme, for proposals for collaboration between universities, museums, galleries and other partners on research in science and heritage. The awards offer doctoral students the chance to conduct research with a non-academic body and are co-funded by AHRC and the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council. The deadline for applications is 6th December.

www.ahrc.ac.uk/apply/research/sfi/ahrcsi/scienceheritage/collab_res_studentships.asp [Back](#)

Heritage Railway Association Annual Awards 2007

This year's Heritage Railway Association (HRA) Annual Awards brought to light some of the developments, wide ranging ideas and high quality workmanship that emerged from the UK's heritage railways and museums. The presentations will be made at the HRA's Annual General Meeting on 2nd February 2008.

The HRA Annual Award (large groups) for 2007 is made to Railway Vehicle Preservations Ltd for work of extraordinary quality evident in the restoration of the priceless historic Gresley Beavertail observation coach to its BR rebuilt condition in time for the 70th anniversary of its construction. The HRA annual 'John Coiley Award' is made to the Flour Mill Ltd for the restoration of GWR 2-6-2t no. 5521, allowing it, and its support team, to successfully act as an ambassador for British heritage engineering on its momentous journey across Europe.

A fuller description of the winning projects, short listed projects and contacts can be found at

<http://ukhrail.uel.ac.uk/hra/pr070206.rtf> [Back](#)

Young Achievers Awards: nominations open

The Young Achievers Trust has launched a national search to recognise and celebrate inspirational young volunteers, activists and social entrepreneurs aged between 16 and 25. Eight Young Achievers will each receive a £1,000 cash prize for personal and project development, a trip on the British Airways London Eye for themselves and a friend, and a full year's project support and tailor-made 'money can't buy' opportunities.

There are four categories: sport, arts, community and environment, with awards for those aged 16-19 and 20-25, open to anyone living in England. Nominations close on 20th December. Individuals can be self nominated or be nominated by logging on to the website www.youngachievers.co.uk filling in the form online or downloading it and emailing it back to fiona.jamieson@youthnet.org or posting it to 1st Floor, 50 Featherstone Street, London, EC1Y 8RT.

For an awards launch pack including more detailed information about the awards, a nomination form and a pledge card then e-mail fiona.jamieson@youthnet.org with your name and address. [Back](#)

QEST Crafts Awards 2008

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust makes awards worth between £2,000 and £15,000 to fund study, training and practical experience for craftsmen and women who wish to improve their craft or trade skills. Applicants must demonstrate that they have already developed a high level of skill and are firmly committed to their craft or trade. There is no age limit but applicants must live and work in the UK.

Closing date for spring 2008 applications is 11th January 2008. Application forms and further details can be found at www.qest.org.uk or by contacting The Secretary, Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust, 1 Buckingham Place, London SW1E 6HR (include A4 SAE and 50p stamp). [Back](#)

The National Needlework Archive needs a home

Does your community or organisation have a suitable building that needs a new tenant or owner? If so, perhaps it could rehouse the National Needlework Archive www.nationalneedleworkarchive.org.uk which is having to leave its premises at Boldre House, Southampton. The NNA maintains a documentary and photographic record of textiles located in the community throughout the United Kingdom and a library of textile related books, magazines, instruction leaflets, dress and knitting patterns, and items relating to other textile related crafts. If you can help contact nna@boldre.freereserve.co.uk [Back](#)

Planting places: champions sought for urban green spaces

Sustainability South West and initial partners Natural England, Defra and English Heritage are seeking champions who will help cultivate genuinely sustainable communities through a project for the south west, Planting Places.

These people will bring a stronger voice to debates about the development of the region, working with partners to produce recommendations for those leading and delivering the growth and regeneration agendas (including web pages and a booklet) and celebrate the top examples of urban greenspaces contributing to quality of life.

Contact info@sustainabilitysouthwest.org.uk to register your interest, with a little information about yourself and how you would like to be involved. More at www.sustainabilitysouthwest.org.uk/projects/planting_places [Back](#)

PEOPLE

New Director for ASHTAV

The Association of Small Historic Towns and Villages (ASHTAV) has appointed Ela Palmer as its first Director. Many will know her from SAVE Britain's Heritage, Ove Arup and as a volunteer for Heritage Link. Ela is an architectural conservationist and full member of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation.

To help to expand and diversify the membership, ASHTAV invites societies and individuals with an interest in historic towns and villages to get in touch and share information such as case studies, needs and success stories. If you can help contact Ela Palmer on director@ashtav.org.uk, tel 0208 690 7527. [Back](#)

EVENTS

Sacred Tourism Symposium: Birmingham, 24th November

The Churches Tourism Association (CTA), England's leading body for faith heritage tourism, invites representatives of places of worship to find out more about how they can encourage and welcome visitors in a symposium on Saturday 24th November.

It will include presentations on: CTA's new ASPIRE Pathfinder projects - showcasing and developing good practice in visitor-welcoming in sacred places across the country (www.aspireproject.info) ; St Martin's in the Bullring: a church's key role in the regeneration of Birmingham city centre; a new faith guiding course offering specialist training and qualifications for those wanting to work as faith guides in places of worship; and a successful interfaith event, the Birmingham Peace Walk. The day will conclude with a short guided walking tour of local faith sites including the Ramgarhia Sikh Temple and St Philips Cathedral.

CTA members £15, others £20. To book contact Joanne Terry, churchestourism@yahoo.co.uk or 07799 424078, or via www.churchestourismassociation.org.uk

Conservation and Repair of Architectural Metalwork, West Dean College: 28th-31st January

This course deals with both structural metalwork and purely decorative features and statuary. It covers non-ferrous as well as ferrous metals and will include corrosion science, the latest developments in cathodic protection, the science of electrotype forming, surface preparation and painting and a 'hands-on' opportunity in the Forge. Opportunities planned to try 'needle-gunning', arc welding and flame-cutting.

Fully inclusive residential fee from £550. Contact Liz Campbell, West Dean College bcm@westdean.org.uk or tel: 01243 818219 or see www.westdean.org.uk

SITUATIONS VACANT

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

Heritage Trust for the North West: External Funding Manager

Heritage Trust for the North West is a registered charity and Building Preservation Trust engaged in regenerating historic buildings at risk across the North West. Responsibility for fundraising has been coordinated by the Chief Executive with significant input from consultants. The Trust now seeks to appoint an External Funding Manager to increase its income through new opportunities and maximizing income streams.

Salary £28,000 - £33,000. A company car may be relevant to this post. Assistance provided with relocation costs. See www.htnw.co.uk for information. For an informal discussion, contact John Miller, Chief Executive on 01282 661704. Closing date 3rd December. Interviews 10th December.

IFA Workplace Learning Bursary in Historical Archaeology (Fixed term)

Applications are invited for an HLF funded Institute of Field Archaeologists (IFA) Workplace Learning Bursary in Historical Archaeology within ARCUS. This training post has been created under the Workplace Learning Bursaries Scheme, and is an opportunity to receive training in archaeological fieldwork and post-excavation activities within a commercial archaeological consultancy. There may also be an opportunity to use the

experience gained in this placement towards a vocational Qualification in Archaeological Practice. The post is fixed term for 12 months with a start date of January 2008, based in Sheffield with work at archaeological sites in the region (transportation provided).

Some archaeological experience is desirable; candidates should possess a qualification or equivalent experience in archaeology, history, heritage management or a related subject. The University of Sheffield is committed to equality through diversity.

Salary £14,436. See www.sheffield.ac.uk/jobs for details and application information (Ref: R05749) or email jobs@sheffield.ac.uk Closing date 26th November. Interviews 13th December.

The Prince's Foundation and Regeneration Trust: Northern Ireland

The Prince's Foundation and The Prince's Regeneration Trust are seeking a committed individual to represent its projects, education and public affairs activities throughout Northern Ireland. Working with the emerging devolved government, local authorities and the private sector, the Northern Ireland Representative will work with the Projects Department to identify and deliver potential exemplar projects, and will work with the both organisations to offer Continuing Professional Development and master classes to professionals in built environment, heritage and regeneration disciplines throughout Northern Ireland on the principles and techniques developed by The Trusts. Based in Belfast, the representative will travel throughout Northern Ireland and will work closely with other Trust staff and our colleagues at the other Prince's Charities.

For further details email amal.muhamna@princes-foundation.org). Apply by 30th November by sending a c.v. and covering letter explaining why you are interested in the post by email or by post to Amal Muhanna, The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment, 19–22 Charlotte Road, London EC2A 3SG. Tel 020 7613 8500 or fax 020 7613 8599.

Registration Survey of the Isle of Man's Historic Buildings

The Department of Local Government and the Environment of the Isle of Man is planning to undertake an assessment of the Isle of Man's historic building stock. The Planning and Building Control Directorate is seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and experienced consultancy to undertake the project over three years. There are some 350 buildings identified on the Provisional List of buildings to be considered for registration.

The successful consultancy will work in tandem with local researchers. Parties expressing an interest will be required to demonstrate their suitability and short-listed contractors will be invited to submit a tender.

For further information contact the Building Conservation Officer as soon as possible: Stephen Moore, Planning and Building Control Directorate, Department of Local Government and Environment, Murray House Mount Havelock Douglas, Isle of Man, IM1 2SF, email stephen.moore@dlge.gov.im

Conservation Officer: East Hampshire District Council

The Council wishes to appoint an ambitious well motivated person who will be committed to the conservation and enhancement of the district's built heritage. The district has over 1650 listed buildings and 43 conservation areas with a significant proportion lying within the designated South Downs National Park. Ideally applicants will be members of IHBC and either the RTP1 or RIBA, with a minimum of 3 years' post qualification experience in architectural conservation. Computer literacy and current driving licence necessary.

Salary £34,795. Application form at <http://www.easthants.gov.uk/ehdc/jobsweb.nsf/CurrentVacancies2> or contact Stephen D'Este Hoare at stephen.d'estehoare@easthants.gov.uk tel 01730 234215. Closing date noon, 23rd November.

The National Trust: Campaign Managers

These key roles will manage the implementation of the Trust's designated supporter campaigns. Based in Swindon and working across the organisation the campaign managers will help engage supporters and deliver the Trust's core purpose. Applicants will be adept project managers, literate in marketing with first-class communications skills and experience. Successful delivery of complex communications and/ or campaigns is essential.

Salary £27,403 - £30,829 pa. Two year fixed-term contracts. Full details online at www.ntjobs.org.uk or email recruitmentenquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk quoting ref CT0888. Closing date 19th November.

The National Trust: Assistant Curator, North Territory

This is a maternity cover post based in York, with regular travel, supporting the Territory Curator who manages the northern team of curators and provides curatorial advice to the Trust's historic houses in Yorkshire. This is a training and development post. Applicants should have a relevant degree. Curatorial experience coupled with knowledge of architectural history and the fine and decorative arts is desirable. A driving licence is essential.

Salary £19,549 - £21,767 depending on skills and experience. For full details and to apply online see www.ntjobs.org.uk Closing date 30th November, interviews 17th December.

The National Trust: Regional Communications and Production Officer, East Midlands

The successful applicant will assist in planning, producing and delivering National Trust materials, both printed and electronic in the East Midlands region. As well as writing and editing, the role handles PR issues and has involvement with commissioning media, managing the photo library and designing and producing adverts.

Proven experience in a high pressure media environment will be sought, including purchasing design and print, project coordination and copywriting.

Salary £23,520 - £26,190. Ref: NT0868/l. Based Clumber Park, Nottingham. Full details at www.ntjobs.org.uk Closing date 26th November.

English Heritage: Guidebook Editor, London

English Heritage seeks an enthusiastic editor with a strong background in history or architecture to join the guidebook team. This role will project manage a number of guidebook titles and take forward the Red Guide series launched in 2005.

Applicants are likely to have a degree or equivalent in architectural history, art history, archaeology or a related discipline and must have extensive publishing expertise. An acute aesthetic sense and an eye for quality of design, photography and print will be essential.

Salary: c£27,000 pro rata, 4 days pw. Contact recruitHQ@english-heritage.org.uk quoting Ref R/52/07 in the subject box or telephone 0207 9733861. Closing date 28th November. No CVs.

English Heritage: Three Posts

1. Outreach Manager, West Midlands, 4.5 days pw. Ref R/48/07
2. Outreach Manager – Heritage Open Days, South East: 2 days pw. Ref R/49/07
3. Outreach Manager, Humber and Teesside: Full time. Ref R/50/07

These positions are for 10 months fixed-term (maternity cover contracts) with salaries of £23,740 (pro rata where part time). Work hours to be flexible, including some weekends.

The roles focus on diverse projects in the respective regions to engage new audiences in heritage appreciation including Heritage Open Days, which are developing to become more culturally diverse. These posts will suit highly-motivated self starters with experience in outreach, project management and developing public programmes for new audiences.

Full details in application pack: email recruitHQ@english-heritage.org.uk with relevant reference in the subject box or telephone 0207 9733861. Closing dates 28th November. No CVs.

English Heritage: Historic Environment Field Adviser, South West

A person with a sound background in conservation issues, a track record of archaeological fieldwork or surveys or equivalent landscape survey and assessment expertise, is sought to manage a portfolio of designated sites which may broaden in future to include landscapes, battlefields, parks and gardens. The post will provide pre-application advice on applications for consent and specific casework and represent the point of contact between key stakeholders. The Adviser will monitor and report against a prioritised list of sites, provide initial responses and follow up on any measures taken to correct damage.

A broad knowledge of the pre-history/history of England and an understanding of land management practices and their effects on the historic environment will be essential. A full driving licence is required.

Salary: £24,652 pro rata, 90 hours pcm, 12 month fixed term contract. Email recruitmentswrecruitsw@english-heritage.org.uk Ref: H/41/07. Closing date: 7th December. Start date January 2008.

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