

# Heritage Link Update 106

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## Valuing our Heritage: the sector prospectus

For the first time ever, the heritage sector has presented a joint case for funding to Government ahead of a Comprehensive Spending Review. 'England's historic environment helps define our national identity' states *Valuing our Heritage: the case for investment* before setting out the well known benefits to tourism, local pride and enjoyment. The Report, drawn up by the National Trust, Historic Houses Association, Heritage Link, English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund argues for an additional £37m public funding per annum.

Although public, private and voluntary sectors invest time and money in the historic environment, the Report looks at where additional support is most needed: the 17000 or so listed buildings at risk, the estimated £925m bill to repair all England's listed places of worship. It notes the challenges ahead not only the Heritage Protection Review but for also farm buildings and for historic parkland, as well as predicted skills shortages.

England already spends less public money on heritage per head of population than Germany, Italy, Portugal, Norway, Spain and the Netherlands. But even without international comparisons, England has seen ever-decreasing public money for the historic environment. English Heritage spending has fallen by £19.6m in real

terms over the last 5 years. HLF awards are down 15% in real terms over the last 2 years. Yet the backlog of outstanding repairs stands at over £1billion. [Back](#)

### Valuing our Future: £37m for Priorities

So what would the additional investment do? The prospectus puts at the very top the resources and skills to deliver the Heritage Protection Review, to enable English Heritage and local authority staff deliver the new regime as well as improve information at national and local level and improve dialogue with the public; secondly, more support for the places of worship at a rate of £26.5m a year over three years; thirdly, restoration of English Heritage grant in aid to 1997 levels together with fiscal remedies to complement grants that would encourage owners to carry out maintenance; and fourthly, the sector looks for support to continue broadening access and improving services to the public.

All in all, excluding the cost of local authority expenditure, these essential developments require £37m additional expenditure per annum. [Back](#)

### Valuing our Heritage: wake up call to Government

*Valuing our Heritage* presents Government with a major opportunity to halt the decline in the state of thousands of historic buildings, to ensure a simpler and faster heritage protection system, and to broaden audiences and get more people involved in the historic environment.

Anthea Case, Chairman of Heritage Link, pointed out how the evidence coming out of last summer's *History Matters* Campaign confirmed enduring support and affection for heritage, 'the enormous input of people from all walks of life, volunteers young and old, shows how passionately people care about our heritage, but,' she warned, 'maintaining these assets needs even great attention and investment'.

Sir Neil Cossons, Chairman of English Heritage said ' This time round, I appeal to Minister to wake up to the potential of the historic environment and all that it means to people and give the whole sector the funding and support it deserves'. [Back](#)

### Valuing our Heritage: use it or lose it

Hard copies of the 24pp illustrated prospectus have been distributed widely in Westminster and Whitehall, to key stakeholders, policy and decision makers, regional bodies and, by Heritage Link, to its 81 members and their networks urging all to bring it to the attention of all possible contacts between now and Easter. Ministers, Departments and their NDPBs are already working on what will be a 'very tight' spending round so it is vital that the DCMS settlement and, in turn, the heritage sector does not miss out again.

Use whatever means you have of influencing government, national, regional and local. That could be MPs, MEPs, RDAs, Regional Assemblies, your own personal and workplace contacts, through newsletters, publications, press release and media opportunities. Please use the document to articulate the case for the historic environment, in your own interest as well as the whole sector. If we don't use it, we will lose out.

Hard copies of *Valuing our Heritage* are available from Heritage Link [mail@heritagelink.org.uk](mailto:mail@heritagelink.org.uk) or it can be downloaded from the website [www.heritagelink.org.uk](http://www.heritagelink.org.uk) [Back](#)

### Westminster Hall Debate on Heritage: 25<sup>th</sup> January

But what lies behind *Valuing our Heritage* is the feeling that Government doesn't recognise the value of the historic environment, that DCMS is a small Department and doesn't promote heritage effectively across government, a view widely held and strongly reflected in the Report of the Culture Media and Sport Select Committee in July 2006 *Protection and Preserving our Heritage*.

Following the disappointing Government Response to the Report [http://www.culture.gov.uk/what\\_we\\_do/Historic\\_environment/QuickLinks/Publications/](http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/Historic_environment/QuickLinks/Publications/) the Select Committee secured a Westminster Hall debate on 25<sup>th</sup> January on the Third Report and the Government response.

The debate attracted more than average interest with MPs, all speaking knowledgeably about heritage in their constituencies and its significance to national, regional and local economies, identity and wellbeing. While some discussed the finer details of Heritage Protection Reform and Shimizu, from every side came points about declining funding, the ability of English Heritage to operate effectively, the consequences of using Lottery money to fund the Olympics overspend. Several urged DCMS to fight the case of heritage more strongly across Government.

Paul Holmes MP Lib Dem Shadow Spokesman on Arts and Culture wanted assurances from the Minister over hastening revisions to PPGs 15 and 16, over proper funding for heritage funding where he said the figures were in fact the 'small change' of other Departments. Ed Vaizey MP, Conservative Shadow Minister for the Arts quoted reactions to the Government's response from heritage organisations, Heritage Link 'complacent and carelessly drafted', the National Trust, CPRE, The Archaeology Forum, Historic Houses Association, and Joint Committee of National Amenity Societies 'light on commitments and long on flannel'. English Heritage was chronically underfunded, he said, while the whole sector viewed with trepidation the Comprehensive Spending Review and for future Lottery Funding. [Back](#)

#### Westminster Hall Debate: Minister confirms Heritage White Paper

David Lammy, Minister for Culture, responding for the Government, declared that it was absolutely clear that our history, that shared culture, sense of community and civic pride was underpinned by heritage. That was the position he and the government held. But in detail, he was not so convincing and his figures over EH funding were questioned by Sir Patrick Cormack MP. After swiftly covering work on public value, DEFRA's role in funding the historic environment, the Heritage Protection Review and the involvement of heritage bodies in the Cultural Olympiad, lottery funding, places of worship and World Heritage Sites, he was just getting on to Stonehenge when the debate ran out of time and was cut short. What he was going to say, we shall never know.

He had however assured colleagues that the Heritage White Paper would be published 'before the Easter Recess' (29<sup>th</sup> March). In connection with Local Authority resources, he said that the Department had made an assessment of the cost of implementing the (Heritage Protection) Review.

The debate, the first parliamentary debate on heritage for 12 years, will be well worth reading. By the time Update arrives in your inbox, the full debate will be in Hansard. For Westminster Hall Debates follow the link from House of Commons Daily Debates at <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmhansrd.htm> [Back](#)

#### Heritage Link's VAT grant scheme

Complementing *Valuing our Heritage* and referred to in the Debate above, Heritage Link has submitted a proposal to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for relief similar to that allowed under the Listed Places of Worship grant scheme. This would mean not just places of worship but all registered charities in the UK could claim a refund on the 17.5% VAT levied on repairs and maintenance to listed buildings in their ownership. First discussed with Treasury and HMRC officials in July 2006, Heritage Link used evidence from almshouses and building preservation trusts to argue the case, particularly for the smaller charities which are often run entirely by volunteers.

The proposal would not only benefit heritage groups. By reducing VAT, registered charities of all kinds could raise their level of activity whether social, cultural, economic or environmental. The proposal is supported by non heritage bodies including Empty Homes Agency, The Almshouses Association, Volunteering England, Voluntary Arts Network, and the National Association for Voluntary and Community Action, NCVO and New Economics Foundation. The Chancellor's reply is awaited.

Heritage Link VAT grant scheme proposal can be downloaded from [http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/HL\\_VAT\\_proposal.doc](http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/HL_VAT_proposal.doc) [Back](#)

#### Protection of Common Land in England: consultation to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2007

DEFRA published on 15<sup>th</sup> January a new consultation inviting views on proposals to reform the consents system for works and fencing on common land. It also proposes to reform the consents system for exchanging common land for equivalent land, and the possibility of charging for applications for both of these consents. The proposals are among the first steps towards implementing the Commons Act 2006 in England.

For further information see <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/commonsact2006/index.htm> [Back](#)

#### Culture Media and Sport Select Committee: Tourism consultation to 16<sup>th</sup> March

The Culture, Media and Sport Committee announced another new inquiry this time into the tourism sector in the UK. The Committee is interested in receiving evidence on: the effectiveness of DCMS and its sponsored bodies (such as VisitBritain) in supporting the industry; the structure and funding of sponsored bodies in the tourism sector, and the effectiveness of that structure in promoting the UK both as a whole and in its component parts; the

effect of the current tax regime (including VAT and Air Passenger Duty) and proposals for local government funding (including the 'bed tax') upon the industry's competitiveness.

Heritage bodies might be particularly interested in the first topic listed and last three: the challenges and opportunities for the domestic and inbound tourism industries, including cheap flights abroad, and their impact on traditional tourist resorts; what data on tourism would usefully inform Government policy on tourism; the practicality of promoting more environmentally friendly forms of tourism; and how to derive maximum benefit for the industry from the London 2012 Games.

Written submissions are invited from interested organisations or individuals by 16<sup>th</sup> March. The Committee will accept as submissions (or as part of submissions) responses to the DCMS Consultation Paper *Welcome > Legacy*. It is expected that oral evidence sessions will be held after Easter.

For further details and how to respond see

[http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary\\_committees/culture\\_media\\_and\\_sport/cms070117.cfm](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/culture_media_and_sport/cms070117.cfm)

### CMS Committee: Report on London Olympics funding and legacy

'The Treasury should share the burden of any increase in the cost of the Games' argues a new Report from the same Committee published on 24<sup>th</sup> January *London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games: funding and legacy*.

Amid rising fears of runaway costs, the Culture Media and Sport Committee calls on the Treasury to consider amending the tax regimes applicable to the Lottery so that Lottery money paid as tax can be used to fund the games. It warns against diverting more Lottery revenue from good causes and a cap on Council Tax contributions from London residents. The Committee also suggests that further funds might be contributed by the London Development Agency which stands to make substantial financial gains on resale of land once the Games have finished.

The Report strongly criticises the Government's costings including the VAT muddle. Committee Chairman John Whittingdale said 'We remain convinced that London can and will host a Games as good as any seen before. But doubts about final costs must be resolved if public confidence in the project is to be maintained.

Volume 1, the Report can be downloaded from

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmselect/cmcmcomeds/69/69i.pdf> with Volume 11 the oral and written evidence from <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200607/cmselect/cmcmcomeds/69/69ii.pdf>

### Caring for our Collections: oral evidence

The second part of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee's inquiry into the heritage sector *Caring for our Collections* took oral evidence on 23<sup>rd</sup> January from the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council and then heard from the two Ministers, David Lammy MP for the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and Baroness Ashton for the Department for Constitutional Affairs.

A transcript of uncorrected evidence will be posted on the website

[www.parliament.uk/parliamentary\\_committees/culture\\_media\\_and\\_sport.cfm](http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/culture_media_and_sport.cfm)

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmcomeds.htm#uncorr> to join those from previous sessions on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2007 and 19<sup>th</sup> December 2006 [Back](#)

### Waterways campaign

Canal users continue to campaign against the DEFRA cuts to British Waterways' budget. The protest cruise past the Houses of Parliament on 16<sup>th</sup> January, organised by Inland Waterways Association and others, was apparently 'a resounding success'. There was a good selection of boats, large and small, all with appropriate banners. Eight MPs, a selection of TV crews and media reporters, and representatives from all the user main user groups took part in the cruise aboard the passenger vessel *Kingwood*. The rain just held up for all the MPs to stand out on deck and wave their support; there were no accidents or unwanted incidents, and the media coverage exceeded expectation.

The recent stormy weather has demonstrated the fragility of the 200-year-old waterway network, with a breach on the Brecon & Abergavenny Canal, and trees blown down. 'All this unexpected damage to the canals and river navigations will require additional work and funds to put right' warned IWA, 'straining budgets and resources yet further'.

The *Save our Waterways* petition on the Prime Minister's web site has reached 5,000 signatures – see <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/SaveOurWaterways/> [Back](#)

### **Barker Review a Planning Disaster?**

A coalition of environmental charities has set up a website to co-ordinate opposition to some of the proposals contained in the Barker Report, published by HM Treasury in December.

The coalition including CPRE and the Woodland Trust is urging supporters to use the website [www.planningdisaster.co.uk](http://www.planningdisaster.co.uk) to email MPs where a petition reads 'The Treasury has decided that the planning system is a barrier to business. They want to remove what they see as obstacles – including you and your community getting involved. Our town and country planning system plays a crucial role in protecting our environment and communities. We believe that involvement from local people improves the decisions made and is the key to successful developments. We work to safeguard your rights and to protect your environment.

'The Treasury has carried out a series of reviews, including the Barker review, on land-use planning. They have recommended major changes to the planning system – cutting you out of the picture. If the recommendations from these reviews are implemented, it could mean: reducing public involvement in inquiries to speed up major projects; increased domination of supermarkets in town centres at the expense of local shops; reducing your right to have a say in plans; wildlife, habitats and green belts under threat from development. The land use planning system is the powerful and effective form of environmental and social regulation ever introduced in the UK. We need to protect our rights to be involved in local decision-making – but we need your help.'

While the pressure groups are mounting their own campaign, the Government has already invited views on Kate Barker's final report (at [http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/media/4EB/AF/barker\\_finalreport051206.pdf](http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/media/4EB/AF/barker_finalreport051206.pdf) ). Comments should be sent by email to [Barker\\_Review\\_of\\_Planning@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Barker_Review_of_Planning@communities.gsi.gov.uk) no later than 5<sup>th</sup> March. [Back](#)

### **Portable Antiquities 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Report**

Annual figures published on 17<sup>th</sup> January for the Portable Antiquities Scheme, the voluntary scheme to record archaeological objects found by members of the public in England and Wales show a significant upsurge in reporting of finds by metal-detectorists and other finders.

New statistics reveal a huge increase in the recording and reporting of both Treasure and archaeological finds over the last few years. 57,566 finds were recorded by the Portable Antiquities Scheme during 2005/6. This was an increase of almost 45 per cent on the 39,933 finds recorded in 2004/5. In 2004 a total of 506 treasure finds were reported and declared as Treasure, an increase of nearly 20 per cent on the 426 reported the previous year.

The PAS website has also seen a huge increase in traffic with 1.4 million page requests a month, an increase of 2680% from April 2003 to March 2006.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Report to Parliament on the operation of the Treasure Act 1996 can be downloaded from [http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference\\_library/Publications/archive\\_2007/tar\\_04.htm](http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Publications/archive_2007/tar_04.htm) [Back](#)

### **Metal detectorists: Responsible or not?**

However the Council for British Archaeology took issue with Minister for Culture David Lammy, who had praised metal detectorists as 'the unsung heroes of the UK's heritage'. The Minister continued 'Thanks to the responsible approach they display in reporting finds and the systems we have set up to record them, more archaeological material is available for all to see at museums or to study online'.

[http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference\\_library/Press\\_notices/archive\\_2007/dcmssp\\_n\\_07.htm](http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Press_notices/archive_2007/dcmssp_n_07.htm)

Mike Heyworth Director of CBA remonstrated that not all metal detectorists act responsibly. There are too many examples of damage to archaeological sites and looting of private and public land by detectorists, and much of this material ends up on Internet auction sites for personal profit without any accompanying information on archaeological context.

He also felt that the Minister ignored the high quality research, carried out through community archaeology groups. These are 'the real unsung heroes of our sector'. In fact, he added that one reason for the encouraging increase in the number of finds reported to the PAS last year was the rising trend for reporting material by community archaeology projects arising from fieldwalking,

He did however pay acknowledge the role of the PAS network of Finds Liaison Officers working across England and Wales supported by the *Code of Practice for Responsible Metal Detecting* published in 2006. [Back](#)

### Sevso Treasure: EDM

Tim Loughton, MP for East Worthing and Shoreham and Treasurer of the All Party Parliamentary Archaeology Group, has put down an Early Day Motion (EDM no 517) drawing attention to the proposed sale of the hoard of late Roman Empire silver, a process that has been dogged by documentation and ownership dispute:

'That this House views with concern the re-entry of the Sevso silver into the commercial domain; notes recent resolutions to this effect passed by the All-Party Group for Archaeology; in view of the outstanding importance of the silver and the desirability of it being available for research and public exhibition calls on the Trustee of the Marquess of Northampton 1987 Settlement and the government of the Republic of Hungary to refer all available evidence on the origin, provenance and recent movement of the silver to an independent expert evaluation charged with identifying on the balance of probabilities the country of origin of the silver and making recommendations; and further calls on the Trustee of the Marquess of Northampton 1987 Settlement, the government of the Republic of Hungary and the United Kingdom authorities to put a stop to any disposal of the silver (other than one occurring by consent of all parties) until the evaluation has occurred.'

If you feel strongly, persuade your MP to add their name to the list of support. To check who has already done so, see <http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=32179&SESSION=885> [Back](#)

### Licensed public spaces

Licensing Minister, Shaun Woodward, urged local authorities to sign up to a new register that will help make it easier to stage live performances and events in public spaces.

The new central register of licensed public spaces in England and Wales lists places that have been licensed by local authorities to hold events such as concerts, farmers markets, circuses and plays. It will enable performers and event organisers to identify where they can stage an event without having to applying for a new premises licence or give a temporary event notice themselves. They will, however, need to get the permission of the relevant local authority. Mr Woodward said 'This is about unlocking the potential of the public spaces on our own doorsteps'.

So far 106 local authorities have entries on the register, including whole streets and parks. It provides summary information about each licensed site and directs event organisers to the relevant local authority contact. More information can be found at

[http://www.culture.gov.uk/what\\_we\\_do/Alcohol\\_entertainment/licensed\\_public\\_spaces2.htm](http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/Alcohol_entertainment/licensed_public_spaces2.htm) [Back](#)

### Byker Estate listed Grade II\*

The Byker estate in Newcastle, the 1970s modern masterpiece by Swedish architect, Ralph Erskine and one of the UK's most important 20<sup>th</sup> century housing schemes, was formally listed Grade II\* by Culture Minister David Lammy on 22<sup>nd</sup> January.

David Lammy commented 'The Byker estate is an extraordinary and outstanding piece of architecture which has won awards and attracted attention throughout its life. Its influence, both on design and the way we involve communities in the planning process, has been profound. It is right that it should now get the extra protection that listing provides. But listing does not mean that a building should be preserved unaltered for all time. Rather, it is a marker that the estate is important and decisive in its architectural influence, deserving special consideration if development plans ever come forward.'

Carol Pyrah, Planning and Development Regional Director for English Heritage, added 'Residents of the Estate and Newcastle City Council have long recognised the architectural value of Byker. Now, with the help of funding from English Heritage, an excellent conservation management plan has been devised and the City Council is to be congratulated for its careful stewardship of this architecturally significant and socially innovative estate.' [Back](#)

### Antonine Wall: latest UK nomination for World Heritage Site Status

The Antonine Wall, connecting the Forth and the Clyde in Scotland, and built in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century as the furthest north west boundary of the Roman Empire, has been put forward by Culture Secretary Tessa Jowell as the UK's latest nomination for World Heritage Site status. UNESCO, who is responsible for the scheme, will now examine the proposal and make a final decision next year.

The proposed site is being nominated as an extension to the trans-national Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site which includes Hadrian's Wall and the Upper German Raetian Limes, which was designated in 2005. The nomination includes all the linear elements of the frontier, the rampart, ditch and outer mound, and the Military Way where its location is recorded, together with the forts, fortlets, expansions and small enclosures together with civil settlements where known and the temporary camps along the Wall used by the soldiers building the frontier.

There are currently 830 World Heritage Sites in 138 States Parties. Some 644 are cultural sites, 162 are natural and 24 are mixed. The UK currently has 22 cultural sites, 4 natural and 1 dual World Heritage Site. [Back](#)

### Getting into the Past: National Trust joins up with Prince's Trust

Eleven National Trust properties across England will take part in *Getting into the Past*. The new initiative, funded by a £1.2 million grant from the Big Lottery Fund, will see disadvantaged young people participating in experience-based training designed to boost personal confidence, develop new skills, encourage physical well-being and allow participants to get in touch with their local heritage. The aim is to see 65% of participants move into education, training or employment following their involvement in this project.

As part of their 12-week Team programme with The Prince's Trust, they will join in a week-long community project at a National Trust property, with an opportunity to return for a two-week taster/training placement in a wide variety of jobs. There will be long term placements on offer at National Trust properties for 6-9 months. Skills learned will incorporate heritage, conservation and working with the public, such as stonemasonry, nature conservation, visitor services and collections management.

National Trust properties currently selected for year one of the project are Gibside, Wallington, Clumber Park, Hardwick Hall, Belton House, Kedleston Hall, Tyntesfield, Kingston Lacy, Stourhead, Cotehele and Saltram.

*Getting into the Past* will be launched later this year and run until 2009. To register interest or to find out more, please contact the Prince's Trust on 0800 842 842. [Back](#)

### Countryside leisure statistics

Over a third of adults (37%) surveyed in Natural England's report *England Leisure Visits* hadn't made a leisure trip in the last week with 40% saying that they were too busy working or studying to go out. Poor health was cited as the second most common reason (22%). The data comes from 23,500 households in England between February 2005 and February 2006.

There were an estimated 3.6 billion leisure trips in England in 2005, down from 5.4 billion in 2002/03, although some of this reduction may have been caused by changes in survey methodology. Trip numbers were growing modestly in the early 1990s, but since 1998 there appears to be an underlying downward trend for all visits, including trips to the countryside.

Despite fewer visits overall, the value of trips is growing with people spending more money per outing. The average spend per trip is £25.09 with higher levels of spend in towns and cities and at seaside resorts. The estimated total value was £90 billion with £9.4 billion of this in the countryside where the average spend per trip was £13.38.

Although fewer people are going out, overall the ones who do are more likely to be walking than leisure shopping. 18% said this was the main reason for their trip compared to 12% in 2002/03. The other most popular activities were eating/drinking 18%, leisure shopping 13% and visiting friends/relatives 11%.

*England Leisure Visits: report of the 2005 survey* is available at <http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/leisure/recreation/dayvisits05.pdf> 2. The survey was commissioned by a consortium led by the Countryside Agency (now part of Natural England), including Defra, the Forestry Commission, the Environment Agency and 8 of the 9 National Parks in England. The New Forest National Park was not in existence when the survey was commissioned. [Back](#)

### English Heritage: downloadable audio tours for unstaffed sites

Of the 400 sites that English Heritage looks after, more than 240 are unstaffed and open to the public at all reasonable times. *Free Sites Unlocked* is a new English Heritage project to improve the interpretation of these free sites. More on line information on the history of other sites will be provided together with suggestions for further reading.

As part of *Free Sites Unlocked* EH is trialling downloadable audio tours. Three new tours are now available for Baconsthorpe Castle, Maiden Castle and Netley Abbey. The tours last 7-8 minutes and can be downloaded free of charge from <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.10612> onto any MP3 player or saved on a CD. Users are requested to respond to a questionnaire on the same site.

A new series of guidebooks, *Heritage Unlocked*, aims to encourage visitors to explore some of other the lesser-known sites. They feature the region's history, culture and character, as well as giving a concise but informative entry on each site. There are currently 7 books which can be ordered from the online bookshop. [Back](#)

#### **New Hamlyn-Feilden Fellowship to address conservation skills**

A new fellowship at the University of York will tackle the drastic shortage of skilled workers for the conservation of Britain's historic buildings. The Hamlyn-Feilden Fellowship, being created with a grant of £128,000 from the Helen Hamlyn Trust, also recognises the contribution of Sir Bernard Feilden, both to architectural conservation and the University.

The Fellowship involves a new post in the Department of Archaeology to enhance student numbers and quality of teaching on its well known MA in Conservation Studies. It will cover a range of initiatives to encourage people involved in crafts and trades to access qualifications offered by the Higher York group of education institutions. There will be a database of people involved in conservation crafts and trades in northern England, and demonstrations and longer placements for students of the York MA, and training days.

The fellowship celebrates Sir Bernard Feilden's distinguished career in architectural conservation and his significant contribution over more than 40 years to the University of York. Sir Bernard said 'This Fellowship is a great honour, and I am extremely grateful to Lady Hamlyn, and glad that her name is linked with mine'. The Helen Hamlyn Trust, established in 2001, gives grants of £2 million pounds per year.

More information on the fellowship with application details can be found at <http://www.york.ac.uk/admin/persnl/jobs/bt0711.pdf> [Back](#)

#### **Cultural Leadership South West 2007/08: applications by 15<sup>th</sup> February**

Cultural sector professionals in the South West are invited to apply for the 24 places on *Creating Cultural Leadership South West*, an innovative and nationally recognised professional development programme aimed at building leadership capacity across the arts; film, television and digital media; the historic, natural and built environment; museums, libraries and archives; sport; and tourism in the region.

CCLSW is supported by the Treasury funded Cultural Leadership Programme and a host of regional agencies (including Arts Council England South West, Sport England South West, Tourism Skills Network and South West Screen). It is co-ordinated on behalf of Culture South West by the Centre for Leadership Studies at the University of Exeter, in partnership with Dartington College of Arts. The programme runs from April 2007 to March 2008 and comprises residential workshops, facilitated learning groups and one-to-one coaching.

The delegate fee per place is £500. The Programme outline can be found at <http://www.leadership-studies.com/documents/CCLSW-programme-outline.doc> and the Application Pack (deadline noon, 15<sup>th</sup> February) at <http://www.leadership-studies.com/documents/CCLSW-application-pack.doc> [Back](#)

#### **Renaissance-funded Diversify scheme invites tenders for its evaluation**

The Museums Association is inviting tenders from consultants to undertake an evaluation of its Diversify scheme. The scheme, which receives a significant amount of funding from MLA's Renaissance programme, makes museum careers more accessible to people from black and minority-ethnic communities. For further information and details of the tender brief visit [www.museumsassociation.org/majobs](http://www.museumsassociation.org/majobs) or contact Lucy Shaw, Diversify Coordinator, at [lucyshaw@museumsassociation.org](mailto:lucyshaw@museumsassociation.org)

The closing date for applications is 19<sup>th</sup> February. All bids should be sent to [lucyshaw@museumsassociation.org](mailto:lucyshaw@museumsassociation.org) or Museums Association, 24 Calvin Street, London E1 6NW [Back](#)

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### Chairmanship of English Heritage

Following English Heritage statement in Heritage Link Update no 105 over the delay in appointing its new Chair, it has been confirmed that DCMS has now asked Sir Neil Cossons to stay on past his retirement date and he has agreed. So far there is no news of when the new advertisement will be placed.

However MPs at the Westminster Hall Debate [above](#) deplored the 'debacle' as an 'unseemly process' leading to yet more uncertainty for English Heritage. Paul Holmes Lib Dem Shadow Spokesman regretted that the post had been reduced to one day a week. [Back](#)

### The Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland: Council Members

Scottish Ministers invite applications from suitably qualified people for appointment as Council Members of the Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland. These are public appointments which are regulated by the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments in Scotland (OCPAS).

Working closely with others in the sector, the role of HEACS is to provide Scottish Ministers with sound and well informed strategic advice on issues affecting the historic environment; ensuring that the Council is an effective advocate for its promotion, understanding and protection. The appointments are for a period of 3 years from 1<sup>st</sup> September. Council members are expected to devote an average of 12 days a year to Council business and attendance at Council meetings.

Applications to be received by 9<sup>th</sup> March. Interviews 8-9<sup>th</sup> May. For the full text of the advertisement and an application pack, visit <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/public-bodies/vacancies> [Back](#)

## EVENTS

### Invitation to Chief Executives for joint Heritage Link and ACEVO initiative: 14<sup>th</sup> February

Chief Executives in the heritage world who are members of acevo (Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations) are invited to join an inaugural meeting of the acevo Arts/Culture/Heritage Group on 14<sup>th</sup> February. The two umbrella organisations are exploring a cultural 'special interest group' similar to those already acting as a focus for member CEOs on other topics.

If you would like to attend (acevo members only) or to obtain more information, please contact [jane.henderson@acevo.org.uk](mailto:jane.henderson@acevo.org.uk) Please say what you are hoping to get out of the group (networking, peer support, lobbying, funding etc). [Back](#)

### UCL Nigel Seeley Memorial Lectures: Information, communication and heritage 8<sup>th</sup> February

The Centre for Sustainable Heritage at University College, London will host a lecture by Dr Philip Campbell, Editor-in-Chief of *Nature*.

Dr Campbell will examine how the needs and opportunities of scientists and science communicators compare with those of heritage researchers, stakeholders and the public, and will identify potential for stimulation between the two sectors.

All are welcome at the Anatomy Gavin de Beer Lecture Theatre, Anatomy Building, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1 at 6.15pm on 8<sup>th</sup> February. RSVP Skye Dillon, 020 7679 5903 or email [sustainableheritage@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:sustainableheritage@ucl.ac.uk) [Back](#)

### The architects who made London 12<sup>th</sup> February to 14<sup>th</sup> May

At the Geological Society Lecture Theatre, Piccadilly, W1, the Royal Academy of Arts architecture programme looks at the architecture and lives of a selection of key figures whose buildings contribute to London today. Maxwell Hutchinson engages notable scholars in lively conversations about the architects' lives, personalities and work. The lectures are Sir Christopher Wren by biographer Adrian Tinniswood (12<sup>th</sup> February); Robert Adam by architectural historian, Alistair Rowan (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March); John Nash by David Watkin, Head of the Department of History of Art at Cambridge University (2<sup>nd</sup> April); Sir Charles Barry RA by architectural critic Jeremy Melvin (30<sup>th</sup> April), and Sir George Gilbert Scott RA by architectural historian Gavin Stamp (14<sup>th</sup> May). Cost: £10/£5 students (incl. drink) or for all 6 lectures £50/£25 (students). All at 6.30-7.30pm. To book contact 020 7300 5839. [Back](#)

### ASCHB AGM and conference 15<sup>th</sup> February

The Association for Studies in the Conservation of Historic Buildings (ASCHB) will hold its annual conference on *Lessons to be learnt from 60 years of post-war conservation* at The Art Workers Guild, 6 Queen Square, London WC1 from 10.30 to 17.00 on 15<sup>th</sup> February. This follows the Association's AGM at 9.30. Conference speakers include John Ashurst, Neil Burton, and Donald Insall.

The fee, to include a buffet lunch and refreshments, is £50.00 per person for members and students and £65 for non-members. No fee for AGM only. Contact J. Adams for further information and to request a booking form [mandjadams@btopenworld.com](mailto:mandjadams@btopenworld.com) tel 0207 7204764.

### IFA Conference 2-4<sup>th</sup> April

The 2007 Institute of Field Archaeologists' Annual Conference for Archaeologists is being held at the University of Reading from 2-4<sup>th</sup> April. The conference will have a range of informative and topical session as well as a number of exhibition stands and bookshops, a conference dinner, excursions and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party.

Further details and a copy of the provisional programme can be found on the IFA website at <http://www.archaeologists.net/modules/icontent/index.php?page=18>. Copies of the programme can also be requested from the IFA office, tel 0118 3786265. [Back](#)

### Extreme Heritage: Conference Website

The 2007 ICOMOS Conference will be held from 19-21<sup>st</sup> July in Cairns, North Queensland on the theme of extreme heritage, defined as managing heritage in the face of climactic extremes, natural disasters and military conflicts in tropical, desert, polar and off-world landscapes. A number of sessions have already been proposed: see [www.aicomos.com](http://www.aicomos.com) for details.

There will be a conference committee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January. Please send ideas or suggestions to [timothy@heritagematters.com.au](mailto:timothy@heritagematters.com.au) or [susan.mcintyretamwoy@jcu.edu.au](mailto:susan.mcintyretamwoy@jcu.edu.au) [Back](#)

### Cityscape 2007: English Historic Towns Forum Seminar 1<sup>st</sup> March

The EHTF is to hold a seminar on *Historic towns: maintaining identity and place* from 9.30 to 12.10 on 1<sup>st</sup> March at Earl's Court 2, London. The event will include presentations on tourism in context, conservation area appraisals, housing growth and managing expansion, and English case studies.

The seminar is free of charge but requires pre-registration via [www.cityscapeonline.com/book](http://www.cityscapeonline.com/book)

### 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

### Head of Culture: London 2012 Organising Committee

This is a rare opportunity to undertake the creation of one of the most ambitious, inclusive and impactful events in the London 2012 Games – the Cultural Olympiad. This high profile role will require world class creative, project management and partnership skills and carries a six figure package.

Closing date 29<sup>th</sup> January. For all details and application processes see <http://www.london2012.com/en/gettinginvolved/jobs/Head+of+Culture>

### The National Anglo-Jewish Heritage Trail: Project Manager/Outreach Officer

The NAJHT is seeking a full-time Project Manager to work with the National Director in developing 30 Anglo-Jewish Heritage Trails across the country, based on a major website for Jewish family histories. Duties will also involve running community outreach projects at selected locations, with linked training, education and tourism initiatives, as well as enhancement of local heritage interpretation.

The successful candidate will have excellent networking and community skills. They do not have to be Jewish but will demonstrate a willingness to learn about Jewish heritage. Candidates should have experience in developing public programmes, and managing mid to large scale projects. The post is based at Yarnton Manor, Oxford.

Salary £23,000 pa. For further details and application pack, please apply by email to Marcus Roberts at [najht@ochjs.ac.uk](mailto:najht@ochjs.ac.uk) Closing date 16<sup>th</sup> February; Interviews 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### Solway Heritage, Project Architect/ Built Heritage Development Officer

Solway Heritage, based in Dumfries, has a vacancy on its management team. Responsibilities include initiating, developing, implementing and sourcing funds for heritage projects relating to the historic built environment of Dumfries and Galloway.

Ideally applicants will be Registered Architects with post qualification experience, preferably with conservation accreditation or an equivalent qualification. Experience in conserving historic buildings or regeneration centred on conservation is desirable. Those with similar relevant qualifications and experience are encouraged to apply. If appropriate, part-time hours/ job sharing would be considered for this full-time post. Access to a car is essential.

Salary £27,039-£35,028. Closing date 19<sup>th</sup> February. For more details and to apply, contact Mrs Sheila Adams, Solway Heritage at Campbell House, The Crichton, Bankend Road, Dumfries, DG1 4ZB. Tel 01387 247543. Email [admin@solwayheritage.co.uk](mailto:admin@solwayheritage.co.uk)

### Historic Scotland Investment and Projects Team: Senior Development Officer, Edinburgh

Historic Scotland is looking for a person to manage the implementation of the Agency's new programme of historic environment regeneration grants; oversee the development of the city heritage trusts; and manage the support the Agency provides to the voluntary heritage sector.

Applicants should possess knowledge and experience of local government, local economic development and an understanding of the grant mechanisms and wider funding opportunities available for the regeneration of the historic environment. Other duties will include working with stakeholders in the voluntary sector and developing policy in this area. Work with city heritage trusts will include developing performance measures and monitoring arrangements. There will also be opportunities to contribute to the wider work of the Agency's Policy Group.

Salary £25,622 - £31,131 (pay award pending). Closing date 9<sup>th</sup> February. For further details and an application form e-mail [hs.recruit@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:hs.recruit@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) tel: 0131 668 8868 quoting ref. HSC/06/141. [Back](#)

### University of York: The Hamlyn/Feilden Fellowship in Conservation Studies

See the news article [above](#) for details of the fellowship. Closing date 12 noon, 2<sup>nd</sup> February. For further information and to apply see [http://www.york.ac.uk/univ/mis/cfm/vacancies/vac\\_detail.cfm?vacno=BT0711&mod](http://www.york.ac.uk/univ/mis/cfm/vacancies/vac_detail.cfm?vacno=BT0711&mod)

### Design and Heritage Pennine Lancashire: Historic Environment Advisor

CABE, working in partnership with English Heritage, Elevate East Lancashire and Renew North West, is looking for an organised and enthusiastic individual to strengthen the role of the historic environment in housing market renewal by working within Elevate (the housing market renewal pathfinder) and with local communities, local authorities and developers to raise standards in the planning, design and delivery of transformational regeneration and renewal projects.

Based in Accrington, the post will be a 2 year fixed term contract and fall within CABE's regional team which has an England-wide remit, with access to English Heritage networks. Secondments will be considered.

Salary c£33,000pa. Closing date 19<sup>th</sup> February. Interviews 9<sup>th</sup> March. See [www.cabe.org.uk](http://www.cabe.org.uk) or email [recruitment@cabe.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@cabe.org.uk) for further details and an application pack. [Back](#)

### Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty: Historic Environment Project Officer

The Project Officer's role will be to harness the enthusiasm of volunteers and community groups alongside local authorities and English Heritage to produce a conservation strategy that will lead to improved targeting of conservation programmes. The post will also develop new initiatives including historic environment information for AONB web sites, conservation advice for landowners and managers and a review of Conservation Areas in the AONB. The post is part time, 2 days per week, until March 2008.

Salary £25,437 - £26,928 pro rata (subject to single status job evaluation). Closing date 2<sup>nd</sup> February. For details see [http://www.jobsgopublic.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=Job.SearchDetail&btnSubmit=search&advertiser\\_id\\_list=577](http://www.jobsgopublic.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=Job.SearchDetail&btnSubmit=search&advertiser_id_list=577) or contact [tricia.roper@harrogate.gov.uk](mailto:tricia.roper@harrogate.gov.uk) tel: 01423 500600.

### North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty: Historic Environment Officer

The North Pennines AONB Partnership is looking to appoint a person able to develop AONB-wide historic environment conservation projects, produce conservation area appraisals and assist other team members in project delivery where there is an historic dimension.

Candidates will have a background in building conservation, planning, architecture, archaeology or a related field and should demonstrate a track record of project development and delivery in partnership with landowners and a wide range of public, private and voluntary sector organisations. Applicants should be qualified to degree level in a relevant subject or have considerable relevant experience.

Salary £23,175 - £26,928. Closing date 5<sup>th</sup> February with interviews 16<sup>th</sup> February. For further information contact Chris Woodley-Stewart on 01388 528801. To apply email [maria.littledyke@durham.gov.uk](mailto:maria.littledyke@durham.gov.uk)

### National Trust: Inventory Project Officer (Buckinghamshire)

This post is based at the National Trust's Thames & Solent Regional Office and will involve the development of existing computerised inventories to an agreed standard including the photography of objects, ready for a roll-out of the Trust's Collections Management System across the region.

Experience in working with an historic collection, knowledge of collections management systems, and personal initiative is required. Some experience of inventory photography would also be desirable.

Salary £17,000pa. To apply, see details at [www.ntjobs.org.uk](http://www.ntjobs.org.uk) or email [recruitmentenquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk](mailto:recruitmentenquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk) with reference ST0750/I. Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> January. Interviews 12<sup>th</sup> February. [Back](#)

### Applications invited for six EPPIC work placements (note change of location)

Six one-year professional work placements are available under the EPPIC scheme, provided and supervised by English Heritage and administered by the IFA and IHBC. These should enable successful candidates to develop further experience in specialist skills and competencies, and may contribute towards a vocational qualification.

Placement details: Archaeological investigation (two placements in York and Cambridge); Architectural investigation (two placements in Cambridge and Swindon (*note amendment from Update 105*); Architectural graphics (one placement in London); Aerial survey and investigation (one HLF-funded placement in York)

Ideally candidates should have a relevant degree with 6-18 months post-graduate work experience in UK historic environment practice or a postgraduate qualification or comparable practical experience in a heritage discipline. If not already a member of an appropriate professional institute, they are expected to become one.

Payment: £13,854 pa, rising to £14,270 from 6<sup>th</sup> April. For further details and an application pack follow the link from <http://www.ihbc.org.uk/news/news.html> or [www.archaeologists.net](http://www.archaeologists.net) for the York placement. Closing date 9<sup>th</sup> February. Interviews w/b 19<sup>th</sup> February with start date in March.

### Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings: Technical Advisor (part time)

A part time Technical Adviser is required one day a week for a telephone advice line to support the new courses being run by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings for volunteers who maintain historic places of worship. A qualification in architecture, building surveying, building or building conservation is essential.

Salary £5,200 pa. Closing date 9<sup>th</sup> February. Details and application form from SPAB, 37 Spital Square, London E1 6DY [info@spabfim.org.uk](mailto:info@spabfim.org.uk) Tel: 0207456 0913.

### MLA: Research and Communications Officer

MLA East of England, based in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, seeks an officer with a knowledge of research and how it can support policy, strategy and advocacy.

Follow the links on the website: [www.mlaeastofengland.org.uk](http://www.mlaeastofengland.org.uk) > About us > Vacancies and Tender opportunities for more information. Salary: up to £25,000. Closing date 5<sup>th</sup> February. Interviews 16<sup>th</sup> February.

### English Heritage: Architectural Illustrator

A skilled illustrator is sought to provide illustration work which will complement the written and photographic content of English Heritage's range of publications. The post is initially based in York and expected to relocate to

Cambridge after two years.

English Heritage invites portfolios that demonstrate an enthusiasm for historic buildings and structures. Additionally, the ability to undertake measured surveys of buildings is an advantage, as is familiarity with CAD and creative software. There will be training provided for these in post.

Salary £23,740 pa. Closing date 20<sup>th</sup> February. Interviews w/b 12<sup>th</sup> March. For an application pack email [recruitmentnorth@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:recruitmentnorth@english-heritage.org.uk) quoting ref C/002/07 or call 01904 601929. [Back](#)

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