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Cultural Olympiad: Heritage Link's Big Idea

Following Bill Morris' challenge to the sector in June at the Heritage Link London meeting, Heritage Link has been discussing the 'Big Idea' with LOCOG (London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games).

To stand alongside the Olympics Proms, the International Shakespeare Festival and other major events that were part of London's successful bid, Heritage Link has come up with and had endorsed its big *Access All Areas* idea. This is a much enhanced, expanded and unified version of events such as Heritage Open Days and Open House. It aims to ensure that heritage is as much a part of the nation's cultural celebrations as the performing and visual arts. Opening up our heritage treasures, large and small, from buildings and landscapes to transport and sports heritage, across the UK on this scale will be the biggest event of its kind in UK history. In addition to open access, special promotions, trails, education and outreach work will take place around a number of key Olympic themes. *Access All Areas* will celebrate the whole of the UK, inspire and involve young people and generate a positive legacy.

Heritage Link, as agreed at a recent sectoral meeting 'to compare Olympics action plans', will now develop the project brief in partnership with the Civic Trust, and other agencies and organisations throughout the UK. Further details will be announced at Heritage Link's Heritage Day on 11th December (below). [Back](#)

Heritage Link responds to Gift Aid review

Heritage Link has taken a close interest in the Government's proposal to alter Gift Aid arrangements, particularly on admission charges. Responding to the Government's Gift Aid Review, Heritage Link welcomes the continuing tax concession but points out that the smaller voluntary organisations are unable to use it to advantage, especially if they can only allocate one individual to the point of admission. Heritage recommends a simplified set of procedures and a working party to consider practical solutions to enable small, voluntary bodies in the sector to benefit fully.

Heritage Link also calls on the Government to rectify the loss of Gift Aid through the reduction in the basic rate of tax, announced in the Chancellor's April budget. The Government should enable charities to recover tax at the same rate as prior to that reduction.

For the full response see <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/Gift%20Aid%20Response%20Sep07.pdf> [Back](#)

Heritage Link's regional heritage meeting: York 22nd October

Heritage Link kicks off its second series of regional networking events on the 22nd October at the Merchant Taylors' Hall, York. With devolution ever more topical, Gary Topp, Chief Executive of Yorkshire Culture - the regional cultural consortium charged with promoting and developing culture in the region - will speak on the role and importance of heritage in regional development.

Anthea Case, Chairman of Heritage Link, will outline Heritage Link's current concerns. Our partners from the voluntary sector illustrate different aspects: Richard Tinker Honorary Caseworker for the West Yorkshire Group of the Victorian Society will look at recent cases in Leeds and Bradford while Don Henson Head of Outreach and Education for the Council for British Archaeology will explain his role as Chairman of the Yorkshire & Humberside Regional Advisory Panel for the DCMS *Engaging Places* project, promoting the built and historic environment as a learning resource.

All are invited to the free event, 12.45 to 4.30pm on 22nd October to meet or catch up with colleagues in the public, private and voluntary sector. To come, register for a place by 14th October with the invitation, programme and registration form on the Heritage Link website www.heritagelink.org.uk [Back](#)

Embracing Difference: Diversity workshop event in the South West

The fourth Heritage Link *Embracing Difference* event will take place in Bath towards the end of November. The events are designed for voluntary heritage sector groups including local history groups, civic societies, historic houses and buildings, small museums, archaeology groups, together with representatives of community groups, who are interested in putting forward ideas and proposals for realistic and fundable projects that reach out to and engage new and diverse groups in their heritage.

As the growing numbers of participants from around the country will testify, these are very interactive events, with practical activities, networking opportunities, and inspirational guest speakers. Our first three *Embracing Difference* workshop events in Birmingham, Hartlepool and Leicester have had fantastic success in helping people gain confidence in putting together their own project proposals.

'The strength of this event - sharing of experiences and learning how diverse Diversity is,' commented Tim Blewett, Launde Abbey, a delegate who came to the Leicester day.

The date will be confirmed in the next few days. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Places are limited, so to express interest contact Angela Dove: Heritage Link Diversity Programme Co-ordinator at angela.dove@heritagelink.org.uk or phone 07799898150. See www.heritagelink.org.uk/diversity The Diversity Programme is supported by English Heritage. Travel bursaries may be available to encourage those organisations which would otherwise find participation difficult. [Back](#)

Culture Minister to speak at Heritage Link's Heritage Day 11th December

The new Culture Minister has accepted Heritage Link's invitation to address the heritage sector at our next National Heritage Day. The day, now one of the biggest annual gatherings of the sector, follows the usual format

starting with the morning AGM for members, followed by a national networking lunch for all, the Ministerial presentation and open forum.

For a change from town halls and places of worship, this year we are heading for the Ritzy Cinema in Brixton, originally designed as the Electric Pavilion in 1910. All are invited, individuals as well as representatives from public, private and voluntary organisations - so put the date in your diary now! [Back](#)

Heritage Lottery Fund at the Party conferences

At this year's party conferences, HLF is hosting a series of fringe meetings with think tanks to examine the idea of 'place shaping' and explore what it means, particularly for local authorities. The meetings will give HLF an opportunity to stress the importance of heritage to both physical environment and identity, and highlight the opportunities for local authorities to work with HLF to deliver their place shaping role.

At the Lib Dem conference, a session entitled *Exploring Place Shaping - what does it mean and where will it lead?* was held in association with the Social Market Foundation. At the Labour Party conference in a session called *Britishness: Identifying with Heritage*, will be held in association with the Smith Institute. Speakers will include Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport Rt Hon James Purnell MP, Chair of the Commission for Equality and Human Rights Trevor Philips, author Billy Bragg, Rushanara Ali of the Young Foundation, and Chair of HLF Liz Forgan. For the Conservative Party conference the title is *Place Shaping - just the next fad or the future for our communities?* held in association with Policy Exchange. [Back](#)

The Lottery and the Olympics

In a frank speech at the Lottery Monitor Conference on 11th September Tom Levitt Labour MP for High Peak and Chair of the All Party Group on the Community and Voluntary Sector acknowledged the country's reservations about the 2012 Olympics. However although the Olympics had yet to win recognition as a British enterprise rather than a London enterprise; its logo has baffled rather than inspired; and speculation about its ability to stay within budget continued apace, he maintained that this did not detract from its huge potential for good.'

He went on to confirm that no further raid would be made on the lottery before 2009 but failed to mention what might happen after 2009. Although the level of funding for voluntary sector projects under the Big Lottery would be maintained, he admitted that 'arts and heritage funding bodies will have to plan carefully to meet the challenge'.

For the full text, see <http://www.tomlevitt.org.uk/tomlevittspeechesandarticles?PageId=31d3d9cb-e69c-dc74-2d4a-f0c12b51dcfa> [Back](#)

EH guidance on Foot and Mouth measures

An English Heritage webpage <http://www.helm.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.11644> gives the latest information on how foot and mouth disease affects rights of way and other access arrangements. It also provides guidance on how to disinfect historic buildings affected by the disease. This document, prepared in 2001, provides guidance to farmers, contractors, officials and historic environment professionals involved in carrying out or advising on Foot and Mouth related cleansing and disinfection procedures.

The content is the current advice of English Heritage and has been agreed with the Environment Agency and the Health and Safety Executive. Endorsement of paragraph 5.7 (on recommended alkalis) is awaited from the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) which otherwise agrees on the guidance.

Gently does it: a procedural and technical guide to managing the cleansing and disinfection of historic farmsteads in the aftermath of the Foot and Mouth epizootic can be found at <http://www.helm.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.11644>

Defra is emphasising that 'the countryside remains open. There is no need for people to stop visiting the countryside'. Latest information on footpaths and access can be found at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/footandmouth/latest-situation/index.htm>. [Back](#)

New Community Assets Fund: single bidding round to 15th November

The £30m fund to help third sector organisations to refurbish local authority buildings will make grants of between £150,000 and £1m. The Community Assets programme funded by the Office of the Third Sector is intended to facilitate the transfer of community assets, community centres, town halls, car parks and swimming pools to third

sector assets or control. Local Authorities have been given the legal right to sell assets at 'less than best value' if the transfer will improve environmental or social wellbeing.

There will be a single bidding round closing on 15th November for applications. The Big Lottery Fund, acting as distributor, has said it welcome applications from partnership between local authorities and third sector organisations.

Application materials are available from Big Lottery Fund's website http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_community_assets.htm [Back](#)

Mind the Skills gap

The Arup report published on 13th September adds its weight to a growing body of evidence highlighting a major gap in the skills and labour needs to deliver the Government's sustainable communities vision. The research commissioned by the Academy for Sustainable Communities (ASC) shows a shortage of Landscape Architects, Urban Designers and Architects of 91% by 2012; a shortage of sustainability specialists of 74%; a 73% shortage of regeneration professionals and a 46% shortage in the planning workforce. In nine out of the twelve sectors studied the gap is widening. Even this is possibly underestimated since the Arup research does not take into account the Housing Green Paper, the forthcoming Comprehensive Spending Review or pressure from the 2012 Olympics. Regional analysis shows a clear north south divide with the South East and South West forecasting shortfalls of 29% and 25% respectively.

Three key issues are identified: more people are leaving than entering key areas. People do not always recognise their skills deficits and when they do cannot or do not address them; and there are major shortages in the south of England and in the public sector. The report suggests that ASC works with partners to agree a set of common, essential skills and develop a national programme to reinforce cross-professional working.

For further analysis, including skills issues by occupation see <http://www.ascskills.org.uk/pages/research/mind-the-skills-gap> [Back](#)

Non-compliant paints for historic buildings and vintage vehicles: Consultation to 12th December

This DEFRA consultation outlines proposals for a licensing scheme which implements a derogation in the Paints' Directive 2004/42/EC. This is a deregulatory measure which would enable a licence-holder to continue to obtain non-compliant paint products in limited quantities for the purposes of restoring and maintaining historic buildings and vintage vehicles. The introduction of a licensing scheme is intended to benefit the specialist companies undertaking this restoration work and help to ensure that the cultural value of historic buildings and vintage vehicles is maintained.

Questions are set on the definition of historic buildings (limited to listed buildings but excluding non listed buildings within conservation areas unless this consultation reveals a strong case in favour). There is also a proposed definition of vintage (pre 1973) but some other criteria are suggested. Comments are also invited on the licensing authorities and licensing procedures.

For further details visit <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/paint-buildings-vehicles/index.htm> Consultation responses should be received by 10am on 12th December by post to Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA), and Environment Quality, EU & International Air Quality, Area 3C, Ergon House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR or by email to EUAirQuality@defra.gsi.gov.uk See the website for addresses for other home countries. [Back](#)

RICS Valuing our Heritage: consultation to 19th October

The Accounting Standard Board (ASB) earlier this year published a draft Financial Reporting Exposure Draft (FRED40) to clarify the connection between the enormous value of heritage to the cultural and economic well being of the UK and the difficulties on accounting for heritage assets in terms of their valuation see the Heritage Link response at <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/FRED40.pdf> Since then, HM Treasury and the RICS have commissioned research to promote a professional debate on the valuation implications of accounting for heritage assets to which comments are invited by 19th October.

FRED40 suggests that entities wherever practical should report heritage assets at valuation in their annual accounts but where not practicable, the assets should not be reported in the balance sheet although 'enhanced disclosure' would be required. A Standard is expected within the next year. RICS' intention through *Valuing our*

Heritage is to present guidance for members for client discussions as well as on the valuation process. Comparable procedures internationally have already raised issues surrounding the definition of heritage assets (Chapter 4); the lack of acknowledgement by standard setters that conventional valuation processes may not be applicable to heritage assets for example ascribing value where no economic market exists; the impact of constraints on ownership of some heritage assets; and practical concerns over implementation.

Responses should be sent to Professor Sarah Sayce, School of Surveying, Kingston University, Penrhyn Road, Kingston University KT1 2EE or to s.sayce@kingston.ac.uk [Back](#)

National Trust in green energy partnership

The National Trust has established a partnership with electricity provider npower under which a contribution of £15 to a National Trust Green Energy Fund will be made for each year a consumer switching to the provider stays with npower.

Green Energy Fund investment will enable the Trust to roll out a range of micro- and small-scale renewable energy generation and other carbon saving initiatives at its sites. The initial focus will be on solar photovoltaic, solar hot water and ground source heat pumps. One of the first properties to benefit will be Morden Hall Park in south London where microgeneration will be installed in the cafe and shop and be on display for visitors to the Snuff Mill Education Centre. The National Trust hopes these will provide model examples of small-scale energy conservation measures, encouraging similar sites and individuals to follow suit.

The Trust plans to transform some of its 60 villages into a 'low carbon' network. The npower community fund will contribute £200,000 annually to support the first three to sign up, with a target to launch the first by the end of the year.

A major programme of work is underway to reduce energy use at all sites. npower will help and advise on a wide range of measures from effective metering and 'green' refurbishment of buildings to replacing fossil fuels in heating systems with renewables. A website with full details and introductory incentives to join the programme explains more: <http://www.ntgreenenergy.org.uk> [Back](#)

Images of England completed

In 13,000 rolls of film since 1999, *Images of England*, the English Heritage initiative to create one of the UK's largest on-line image libraries, concludes this Autumn.

The Project, which received a major grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, is a point-in-time visual record of the country's listed historic buildings over a seven year period. Each image appears with the listing description as at February 2001. More than 300,000 monuments, structures and buildings - over 80% of England's listed buildings - have been photographed by over 2,200 volunteers who travelled, often by bicycle, over 1.4 million miles to capture their images. Outside London, Bristol is the city with the most images featured on the website. In the North of England, Liverpool leads the way with the most number of listings on the site, with Huddersfield a close second.

More than 55,000 people have already registered to use the website www.imagesofengland.org.uk [Back](#)

Sustainable reuse of built heritage in Northern Ireland

A new book celebrating the sustainable reuse of historic buildings in Northern Ireland sets out relatively simple steps that can be taken to maintain the integrity of the historic environment whilst establishing the added value of retaining and re-using the existing building stock. The publication *Lose or Reuse: Managing Heritage Sustainably* was written by Lydia Wilson and published by the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society with generous financial support from Awards for All.

Lydia Wilson said 'We all know about the need to protect the environment by recycling our rubbish and saving on car journeys, but there's much less awareness of how historic buildings can help save the planet. Repairing and reusing existing old buildings limits our impact on the environment in so many ways - not least by saving construction waste, reducing the need for energy-intensive new building materials and preserving green spaces'. This book uses current research and local case studies from the Parliament Buildings Stormont to a Townscape Heritage Initiative in Moneymore and Draperstown, County Londonderry to illustrate the issues.

The publication can be picked up free of charge from the office of the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society. It is also available electronically at www.uahs.org.uk or on request from Andrew McClelland at andrew@uahs.org.uk
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Built Heritage of St Helena

Heritage Link Update reaches readers in Moscow, Australia, the USA, as well as Europe and now it even reaches the South Atlantic. Many know St Helena as the island where Napoleon was exiled from 1815 until his death in 1821 but apparently its built heritage should have a claim to fame equal to the Napoleonic connection.

Ian Serjeant, an Update reader, spent seven weeks as a volunteer with St Helena National Trust reviewing earlier work on the built heritage, updating the list of listed buildings, writing guidance notes on listed building maintenance, alterations, a signage policy and assessment of significance and also giving training to planning staff. There are four key elements to deal with: Jamestown, the capital, is a miniature Georgian town, then there are extensive fortifications dating back to the C17; there are also country houses, including large plantation houses and the few buildings with a Napoleonic connection. With the exception of the Napoleonic buildings which are well maintained by the French Government, much of this superb built heritage is crumbling through lack of investment and a shortage of suitable materials and skills.

There are the rudiments of a National Monuments Record but much more needs to be done. Appropriate additional professional input is desperately needed. The National Trust would welcome offers of assistance or advice so if you can help, email www.sthelenanatrust.org [Back](#)

Edinburgh World Heritage Awareness Study

Students from Napier University have carried out the first ever public survey of awareness and opinions about the Edinburgh World Heritage Site, interviewing residents and visitors at a range of city centre locations.

The findings show that there is a great need to raise awareness of the World Heritage Site, but also an overwhelming appreciation of the value and benefits of the World Heritage Site. Fifty six per cent of residents and 41% of visitors interviewed knew that the city centre is inscribed on the World Heritage list. Ninety seven per cent of residents and visitors think Edinburgh deserves World Heritage status and 94% of residents and 91% of visitors believed that being a World Heritage Site benefited the city. Ninety four per cent of residents agreed that public money should be spent on the conservation and improvement of the World Heritage Site.

For further details see <http://www.ewht.org.uk/World-Heritage-Study.aspx> [Back](#)

Vote to save Ambridge's historic pews!

The Victorian Society has managed to bring its agenda to a nationwide audience through that ultimate British institution *The Archers*. The programme opened up the debate on the removal of church furnishings, airing issues facing many churches and historic buildings around Britain today

Listeners can show their support for Ambridge's parish councillors as they oppose the local vicar's plans to strip out historic church pews in the name of flexibility. The Victorian Society is even producing badges for those who campaign for their retention, which can be done by voting on the website <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/archers/>

Archers fans and readers should visit the Archers homepage. As well as the ballot, there is a message board inviting contributors to 'invent storylines'. If this issue strikes a chord you can contact the Victorian Society at community@victoriansociety.org.uk [Back](#)

2007 Building Conservation Directory

The 15th annual edition of The Building Conservation Directory has just been released by Cathedral Communications Limited, sponsors of the Heritage Link networking event in London in June. The directory is a valuable tool of the trade for people working in the building conservation and heritage management sector, full of sources of specialist products, services and advice and a wide range of fascinating topical articles. Copies of the new directory are available at <http://www.buildingconservation.com/books/bcd.htm> [Back](#)

Shortlist for RIBA conservation award

The Royal Institute of British Architects RIBA special awards honour the best buildings with special emphasis on: sustainable and inclusive design; conservation; exemplary school design; and exceptional projects with smaller budgets.

The projects shortlisted for The Crown Estate Conservation Award, presented to the best work of conservation that demonstrates the successful restoration and/ or adaptation of an architecturally significant building, are The Roundhouse, London by John McAslan + Partners; SS Great Britain and Historic Dockyard, Bristol by Alec French Architects; Stowe House Restoration by Purcell Miller Tritton; William Kent House, The Ritz Hotel, London by Ettwein Bridges Architects; and Dresden Station Redevelopment, Germany by Foster + Partners. The winners will be announced as part of The RIBA Stirling Prize Dinner in association with *The Architects' Journal* on 6th October. [Back](#)

Archaeologists: Call for Papers

A new conference sponsored by *Current Archaeology* and the British Museum's Department of Portable Antiquities and Treasure (Portable Antiquities Scheme) is being held at the British Museum on 9th and 10th February 2008 to demonstrate the best current work being undertaken in British archaeology.

The conference will be divided into 20 minute slots. Lecturers will be expected to deliver a lively, informative and entertaining exposition of their work! Please put forward your best ideas and speakers, presenting your best work, as this is an opportunity to promote your personal work and/or that of your organisation.

Send your bids to conference@archaeology.co.uk, giving the title of the proposed talk, the speaker, and a summary (not exceeding 100 words) of the proposed presentation. Application deadline 15th October. [Back](#)

VisitBritain joins up with eBay for Toplots

In October there will be an extraordinary opportunity for anyone - individuals, families, companies and groups from the UK and across the world - to bid for special 'behind the scenes' access to unique experiences offered by the UK's vast range of museums, historic houses and heritage organisations. These heritage TopLots will be offered on eBay for 10 days each during the month of October.

On offer are a vine keeping course at Edward Jenner's Museum; a life time pass to Holkham Hall, a footplate ride on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway and plenty more.

To take part in this first-of-its-kind online auction, you need to register as an eBay customer and be ready to bid any time in October. Visit <https://scqi.ebay.co.uk/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?RegisterEnterInfo&trksid=m37>, or browse the full list of experiences on offer at www.toplots.co.uk [Back](#)

New Guide to Future of Volunteering

Future Focus 2 looks at how volunteers are changing. It explores how this might affect your organisation and how to use this information to retain, recruit and manage volunteers successfully. Written by NCVO Third Sector Foresight and published by the Performance Hub. £1 (or bulk discounts - 10 copies for £8.50). For more visit www.performancehub.org.uk/futurefocus2

This is the second in a series of guides for small and medium-sized third sector organisations, providing ready-made analyses of the future changes that are most likely to affect them. Other topics in the series include funding, new technologies (due October 2007), participation (due January 2008), and major social trends (due March 2008). Each *Future Focus* guide is available to purchase or download separately, or the complete set of five guides will be available in March 2008. [Back](#)

BAFM & AIM Robert Logan Award 2007

The British Association of Friends of Museums and the Association of Independent Museums Robert Logan Award is presented to a young person working in the heritage sector. The winner of the 2007 Award is Lucy Price who after a stint as Preventive Conservator for Historic Royal Palaces, joined the London Fire Brigade Museum in Southwark as an Assistant Curator.

Lucy wins a cash prize of £500 and an invitation to take part as one of the panel of speakers at both the BAFM and the AIM conferences, giving her the opportunity to meet a range of people who work in and support museums and the wider heritage sector.

The next Robert Logan Award will be presented in 2009. Full details are on the BAFM web site www.bafm.org.uk or contact the administrator for further information. [Back](#)

Royal Warrant Holders Association: Plowden Medal 2008 nominations

To commemorate the life and work of the late Hon. Anna Plowden CBE who died in 1997, The Royal Warrant Holders Association endowed a Gold Medal, which is awarded annually to the individual who has made the most significant recent contribution to the advancement of the conservation profession.

Nominations for the 2008 Plowden Medal are now invited. A selection board drawn from the conservation community and the Council of the Royal Warrant Holders Association will consider nominations in March 2008. Nominations must be made on a form obtained from The Secretary, The Royal Warrant Holders Association, No. 1 Buckingham Place, London SW1E 6HR. Closing date Friday 15th February 2008 [Back](#)

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The Imperial War Museum (Education) Trustee vacancy

Candidates for this post should have substantial experience at a strategic level in the fields of education and learning. They must be in touch with current trends and the needs of young people today. Experience of working within the state secondary sector, or in some aspect of remote or community learning would be relevant.

The post will require up to one day per month, four meetings a year with other sub-committee meetings as necessary. The post will generally be based in London with occasional meetings at other IWM branches. Trustees are not remunerated although reasonable expenses will be paid.

Further details and an application pack are available electronically or in hard copy from the IWM website <http://www.iwm.org.uk/server/show/nav.00100m004001> or from Gill Smith, Assistant Secretary of the Museum, gsmith@iwm.org.uk Closing date 23rd November. [Back](#)

HLF: Board vacancies

The HLF/NHMF will have vacancies for a Chair and four Trustees to join the Board; and vacancies for Chair and Members to join the East of England, East Midlands, South East England and West Midlands regional Committees; all appointments will begin during 2008.

Over the next 12 years The Heritage Lottery Fund will distribute £1.9billion of lottery investment to help conserve, sustain and share the heritage, now and for future generations. If you are enthusiastic and passionate about the UK's heritage and think you can apply your skills and experiences during this exciting and challenging time visit www.hlf.org.uk (vacancies) or email decisionmakers.recruitment@hlf.org.uk [Back](#)

Three new commissioners for CABE

Piers Gough CBE, principal of CZWG Architects LLP and former president of the Architectural Association, Nick Johnson of Urban Splash and Hanif Kara, co-founder and director of Adams Kara Taylor, the practice that designed the award winning National Trust headquarters in Swindon, have recently been appointed as commissioners for CABE, the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment. [Back](#)

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Adapting For Change, Climate Change and the Historic Environment: 25th September

The Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland (HEACS) will host a half day conference on 25th September at the Stirling Highland Hotel, Stirling, to explore the likely effects of climate change on the historic environment. Contact Trish Stewart, trish.stewart@scotland.gsi.gov.uk with registration enquiries. [Back](#)

London Parks and Gardens Trust: Winter Lectures 2007-8

A series of winter lectures by the LPGT will begin on 8th October, running through to April 2008. Speakers and themes include: Helen Brown: *The Gardens of Crystal Palace* (8th October); Gillian Darley: *Sayes Court and Other Gardens of John Evelyn* (12th November); Michael Symes: *London's Nineteenth-Century Pleasure Gardens* (10th December); Christine Lalumia: *Twentieth-Century Paintings of London Gardens* (14th January); Elisabeth Lebas: *The Suburban Landscape: Two Hundred years of Gardens and Gardening in North London* (11th February); Sarah Couch: *The Evolution of Victoria Embankment Gardens* (10th March) and Mireille Galinou: *The Making of St John's Wood: Living the Garden Dream* (7th April).

The lectures take place from 7-8pm (with a glass of wine from 6.30) at the Museum of Garden History, Lambeth. Tickets at the door or from the London Parks and Gardens Trust, 0207 839 3969. [Back](#)

SPAB Faith in Maintenance Training Days x 30

Faith in Maintenance is a unique project providing training for volunteers who help to maintain historic places of worship. In 2008, 30 courses a year will be run at locations throughout England and Wales.

Run by SPAB and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and English Heritage, the scheme provides one-day training courses including practical sessions and professional speakers. For more details see www.spabfim.org.uk or contact Kate Minnis, SPAB Faith in Maintenance, 37 Spital Square, London E1 6DY Tel: 020 7456 0913 email katem@spab.org.uk SPAB is soon to launch an email reminder mailing list to advise on monthly maintenance tasks. To sign up go to <http://www.spabfim.org.uk/> [Back](#)

Georgian Group Repair and Maintenance Seminars: Halifax, 15th-19th October

Seven practical demonstrations and talks designed to help those concerned with maintenance of Georgian buildings are to be given by experts coming to Calderdale College in the week beginning 15th October. The themes covered will be: Joinery; Sash Windows; Stonework; Decorative Plaster; Iron and Metalwork; Paintwork and Brickwork. An individual seminar costs £35 including lunch and refreshments with savings for booking multiple sessions.

For the week's programme and booking details contact Michael Bidnell on 020 7529 8928, Michael@georgiangroup.org.uk [Back](#)

English Historic Towns Forum AGM and annual conference: Newcastle, 17th-19th October

The theme of this event is *Maximising the value of industrial heritage in historic towns: restoration, regeneration & reuse*. Drawing together hard evidence and case studies from across Europe and the UK the conference, held in Newcastle upon Tyne, will demonstrate how the reuse of resources can offer opportunities and drive regeneration.

Full details and the booking form can be viewed at www.ehtf.org.uk [Back](#)

UK Association of Preservation Trusts Annual Conference: *Risky Business* Cardigan, 18th-20th October

This conference explores a wide range of topics to help minimise, manage and take risks constructively. The programme offers presentations, case studies and a choice of informative workshops. For the programme and booking form see <http://www.ukapt.org.uk/events.php> [Back](#)

E-FAITH Industrial Heritage Conference: Belgium, 16th-18th October

E-FAITH, the European Federation of Associations of Industrial and Technical Heritage is a platform promoting contacts and co-operation between non profit volunteer associations, a place for them to meet, exchange experiences, learn from each other and support each other's activities and campaigns. This will be the second European contact weekend centred on the industrial and technical heritage.

The main themes of the meeting will be: European border crossing co-operation between industrial and technical heritage associations; twinning between associations and exchanging experiences from the field.

The event is to be held in Kortrijk and Zwevegem (Belgium). Both towns are situated on the French-Belgian border, less than 30km from Lille (France).

For programme details see <http://www.e-faith.org> or email e-faith@e-faith.org [Back](#)

New London Architecture presents *The changing Face of London*: 1st November

The Changing Face of London will examine the overall vision for the future of the Capital, especially in the run up to 2012 and its period of unprecedented growth. It will provide insight into the major areas of development and investigate how large-scale regeneration projects are changing the future landscape of London. What is being done - and what more could we do - to ensure that London is able to meet the needs of an increasing (and increasingly diverse) population, a highly-competitive economy and the challenges posed by climate change; and how we can preserve London's unique character while meeting the demands of a 21st Century global city?

For full details and information on registration and fees see <http://www.newlondonarchitecture.org/conferences.php> [Back](#)

Film, Television, Tourism and Regeneration Conference: Leeds, 15th November

The tourism and regeneration sectors and the film and television industries and associated agencies have differing objectives but share common ground in their use of film and TV locations and the generation and distribution of moving images. The connections between these sectors are often subtle, informal and indirect and are not always recognised and planned by film makers, tourism agencies and operators and regeneration professionals. The Centre for Tourism and Cultural Change (CTCC), Leeds Metropolitan University, is holding a one day conference with international expert speakers and professionals from media, tourism and regeneration sectors.

For further details see www.tourism-culture.com or contact Dr Philip Long p.e.long@leedsmet.ac.uk, tel 0113 283 8545. [Back](#)

Natural Stone Institute 4th Annual Lecture: Edinburgh, 29th November

Malcolm Fraser of Malcolm Fraser Architects will be explaining the development of a new build project which combines historic John Knox House with the adjacent Netherbow Arts Centre and marks the mediaeval main port of entry into the City of Edinburgh. He will outline approaches to using and detailing stone in modern contexts. Following the talk there will also be the opportunity to view the Scottish Storytelling Centre.

The evening will begin at 7pm, with a buffet prior to the lecture. Tickets £15/ £10 to NSI members and concessions. For more information and booking contact Sarah Bailey, tel 0131 557 3336. Fax 0131 557 3696, sarahbailey@nsiuk.org [Back](#)

Townscape Heritage Initiative Conference, Manchester, 6th February 2008

This free day conference will celebrate ten years of THI (The Townscape Heritage Initiative). The conference invites all those planning, managing and monitoring THI schemes across the UK to exchange experience at a national level; develop and promote best practice amongst THI practitioners; build capacity and introduce changes in HLF funding coming into effect with the next Strategic Plan in 2008.

It will be held at St Francis Gorton Monastery, Manchester, which opened as a conference and events centre in July 2007 after an extensive restoration programme with the support of HLF funding. Details from www.hlf.org.uk/thiconference and Charlotte Dodgeon (charlotted@hlf.org.uk, 020 7591 6064) [Back](#)

SITUATIONS VACANT

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

IFA Workplace Learning Bursary: Medieval Pottery Specialist

Applications are invited for an HLF-funded IFA Workplace Learning Bursary with Southampton City Council/The Medieval Pottery Research Group. This is an opportunity to gain experience in working with a large assemblage of medieval pottery from an urban excavation. The successful candidate will develop an understanding of every stage of analysis, including methods of classification, recording, data analysis and report-writing.

Applicants should have archaeological training to degree level (or equivalent experience), a strong interest in pursuing a career in medieval pottery or a related area, good IT skills and some archaeological fieldwork experience. Southampton City Council is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sectors of the community.

Full time bursary for 12 months: £14,523. For further details and application packs visit www.southampton.gov.uk/jobs or email recruitment@southampton.gov.uk quoting ref Y080. Closing date 28th September.

Museum of Garden History: Schools and Community Officer

This small and lively London Museum is at a time of change. This new post is to create a programme inspired by gardens, by growing, and by the urban environment. Applicants will have had teaching experience in either museums, schools or the community and a good knowledge of the National Curriculum. This post will require creative and organisational skills and the ability to implement all aspects of the programme.

Post 3 days pw. Salary £21,000 pro rata. For a job description see www.museumgardenhistory.org/whoswho or email Heather Tyas, heather@museumgardenhistory.org Applications by cover letter and CV. Closing date 24th September.

Walsall: Regeneration Assistant, Urban Design & Conservation

The post will provide high level assistance to the Conservation Team responsible for heritage-led regeneration. This includes administrative support, work on reports and technical appraisals, grant applications, records and performance monitoring data. The post is the initial point of contact for the public, visitors and general inquiries. Applicants should be prepared to undertake appropriate training including University or College attendance in pursuit of a recognised, relevant qualification.

A sound education and some knowledge of urban design and conservation is sought, with abilities in handling minor projects independently, liaising with the public and other stakeholders and preparing documents for presentation. Good IT and customer care skills useful.

Salary £11,193 - £20,235 (pay award pending). For more information see www.tribalresourcing.com/walsall, Ref RS422. Closing date 8th October.

Hexham Abbey: Project Manager

An exceptional individual is sought to project manage the development of the £5.1m St Wilfrid's Centre Project, the aim being to create a visitor centre and community resources for a major northeast place of Christian worship and heritage.

For further details and an application pack contact Mrs Jane Musto, Hexham Abbey, Beaumont Street, Hexham, NE46 3NB, tel 01434 602031 or email admin@hexhamabbey.org.uk Closing date 24th September.

UCL: The Bartlett School of Graduate Studies AHRC/EPSRC programme (Two posts)

1. Science and Heritage Programme Coordinator (SHP Coord)
2. Science and Heritage Programme Researcher (SHP/ Res)

The Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) are taking forward a joint programme on Science and Heritage.

The Programme Coordinator Role is a 5-year post requiring credible management of the programme, communications including website construction, branding and development, responsibility for events and management of the budget. The post holder will be expected to analyse information and data, particularly from scientific projects, and to synthesise this information regularly into coherent reports and/or power point presentations for the Research Councils and others as appropriate.

The Programme Researcher role is a 1-year contract with a focus on developing a comprehensive map of heritage science, creating an accurate record of current and recent research activity; developing the evidence base of provision of postgraduate training and support; and comparing research council funding with other research funders.

Salaries £26,666 - £32,796 pa (plus London weighting £2572). Full details for both posts, and the application requirements, are set out at <http://www.bartlett.ucl.ac.uk/graduate/jobs.htm#anchor4>

Heritage Lottery Fund: Two Posts

1. Regional Manager, North West (based Manchester)

Applicants should be enthusiastic leaders, bringing professional skills and expertise to the role, to manage and lead the operational team responsible for providing high quality advice, grant assessment and monitoring of heritage lottery grants, across all grant programmes. For more information see www.hlf.org.uk, tel 0207 6496037. Salary: £39,204 - £54,640. Closing date 5th October.

2. Grants Officer, London Team (Maternity cover post for approx 12 months)

The primary purpose of the post is to assess and process applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund and the National Heritage Memorial Fund for grants in the region, including progress monitoring of projects undertaken by successful applicants. As part of the team the job holder will contribute to developing a regional focus, undertaking outreach activities, and pursuing other strategic objectives. For more information and to apply, visit www.hlf.org.uk Salary: £23,298 - £26,280. Closing date 28th September.

Sector Skills Council: Heritage Project Manager

This is a mobile role covering Central and Southern England and Wales, working for the Heritage Section of ConstructionSkills. This section of a national specialist team is dedicated to providing traditional building skills essential to the built heritage sector and delivering craft skills training and development. Its work is in partnership with a number of leading heritage bodies in the UK.

The post will be the central point of contact for heritage training issues and projects in a geographical team. Applicants should be practical, flexible and confident, educated to at least A-Level standard or equivalent with relevant experience in a training or construction field with a heritage bias. Training will be offered but essential attributes are sound decision making, successful project management and the ability to act on own initiative. Aptitude tests and psychometric assessments will be part of the recruitment process.

Salary: £30,000 pa plus benefits and allowances. Quote 196/07 when contacting Karen Bingham on 01485 577410, Karen.Bingham@cskills.org Closing date 26th September.

Museums, Libraries and Archives Council: Living Places Programme Manager

Living Places is a programme emerging from the joint agreement between Arts Council England, English Heritage, CABE, the MLA, Sport England, DCMS and CLG. Living Places will aim to put culture at the heart of sustainable communities.

Based at MLA, the programme leader will facilitate the development, implementation and communication of the national action plan. The post will be responsible for policy development, coordination and successful implementation across regions. Applicants will need an understanding of the Sustainable Communities agenda and the contribution that culture can make as well as a commitment to values of equality and diversity.

Salary c £37,000 (one year, secondments considered). See About Us>Jobs on www.mla.gov.uk for application pack or contact Deborah Wadlow, Deborah.wadlow@mla.gov.uk 0207 273 1455

National Maritime Museum, Cornwall: Curator

The NMMC Curator, part of the exhibitions team, will have responsibility for the Museum's collections and be a key contributor to the exhibitions programme. A curatorial qualification and a background of responsibility for collections are necessary with skills to work with paid staff and volunteers and to take ideas from conception to audience. An enthusiasm for small boats, Cornwall or maritime history would be an advantage.

Salary: £22,000-£24,500. See www.nmmc.co.uk for full details or enquire with sandiemartyn@nmmc.co.uk Closing date 30th September.

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