

Heritage Link Update 133

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Heritage Link moves office (in the same building) w/b 25th March. Email traffic may be interrupted.

PPS4: Planning for Sustainable Economic Development: to 17th March

The new PPS on Planning for Sustainable Economic Development sets out how planning bodies should, in the wider context of delivering sustainable development, positively plan for sustainable economic growth and respond to the challenges of the global economy, in their plan policies and planning decisions.

This is the opportunity to push a form of sustainable development which sets economic opportunities alongside environmental and social considerations and is sensitive to the character and quality of the local environment.

The deadline is 17th March. For the consultation and details of how to respond visit <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/614685> [Back](#)

Guidance on the disposal of historic buildings: DCMS consultation to 17th March

Guidance on the disposal of historic buildings was last published by DCMS in 1999. Government Historic Estates Unit (GHEU) have produced an updated version of the guidance, with a widened remit to include all types of heritage asset. This is now available as a consultation draft at www.helm.org.uk/gheu Comments should be sent to Will Holborow at English Heritage by 28th March.

GHEU now presents its ebulletin on a new webpage providing updates on various developments relating to the government historic estate. It links to the latest Biennial Conservation report on the government historic estate covering the period from April 2005 to March 2007, with updates up to the end of November 2007.

The GHEU webpage is part of the HELM website, www.helm.org.uk/gheu [Back](#)

Nighthawking: call for evidence by 31st April

A partnership of leading heritage organisations is conducting *The Nighthawking Survey* a major investigation into the illegal search for and removal of antiquities from the ground using metal detectors without the permission of the landowners. The Survey covers the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, and the Crown Dependencies of The Isle of Man, Guernsey and Jersey, and is being undertaken by Oxford Archaeology.

Nighthawking damages archaeological and historical sites, and can cause great distress and disruption to farmers and landowners. It also brings into disrepute metal detectorists who have contributed much to the understanding of our past. But over three decades, attempts to stop the practice of nighthawking have been hampered by a lack of hard information on the extent of the problem. How widespread a problem is it? Where does it occur? How often does it occur? How many people are involved? What happens to the stolen material?

Oxford Archaeology is anxious to obtain as much information as possible, particularly about patterns of activity on archaeological excavations or Scheduled Monuments. The online questionnaire, launched in June 2007 is open until April 2008 but information can also be sent by email or telephone.

The questionnaire is available at www.nighthawking.thehumanjourney.net Further information and/or enquiries should be directed to nighthawking@oxfordarch.co.uk or 01865 263800. [Back](#)

CPRE: The state of our countryside in 2026

Bill Bryson, President of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), has set off a national debate on 26th February with a provocative paper and online forum on England's countryside.

Towards a vision for the countryside identifies five key countryside issues that describe future scenarios for people and places in 2026. These are divided into Lifestyle and Leisure, Life in our Cities, Towns and Villages, Climate Change and the Countryside, Food and Farming, and Planning.

CPRE wants to come up with positive solutions. 'We have set out one exciting possible vision. But we can't provide all the answers. We need a national debate that will, we hope, lead to a shared understanding of the sort of countryside we want to see and how to get it.'

Join the online debate forum at www.cpre.org.uk [Back](#)

Heathrow: Greenpeace, Plane Stupid, Joint Committee protest

Alongside more flamboyant demonstrations, the eight National Amenity Societies -The Ancient Monuments Society, The Civic Trust, The Council for British Archaeology, The Garden History Society, The Georgian Group, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, The Twentieth Century Society and The Victorian Society - made a joint submission to the consultation over the proposed expansion of Heathrow. 'We are very concerned by possible damage - both direct and indirect - to the 102 listed buildings, monuments, archaeological sites, historic settlements and landscapes identified in the consultation that could result from the proposed construction of a third runway, sixth terminal and associated taxiways, roads and ancillary structures. The lack of detailed information on the precise siting of the runway and related developments because they are "indicative" is particularly worrying as a variation could easily increase the risk to sensitive areas.

'The sheer scale of the possible damage to sound, legally protected, historic buildings and sites at Heathrow (as at Stansted) is without postwar precedent, and should be wholly unacceptable as it would be under any other commercial or private development.'

The Joint Committee urges the need for radical thinking 'In rejecting all the runway options that result in serious damage to heritage assets we are not opposing the need for economic development. Rather we urge the Government to think more radically about more imaginative ways of creating a long term, sustainable transport policy that is achievable without destroying large numbers of historic buildings and sites in the process.' See <http://www.spab.org.uk/html/media-centre/press-releases/>

Philip Venning, Secretary of SPAB added 'We are urging Andy Burnham, the new Culture Secretary, to stand up to his Cabinet colleagues who seem determined to sacrifice buildings that may be 800 years old for a short term, unsustainable and misconceived commercial proposal that would not get listed building consent under any normal circumstances.' [Back](#)

Heathrow: consultation criticised by RTPI and National Trust

The wave of protests that marked the end of the Government consultation on the possible expansion of Heathrow airport was predictable according to the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI). The growing militancy of protests against Heathrow expansion is a direct result of consultation processes which undervalue community input see <http://www.rtpi.org.uk/item/1516/23/5/3>. It warns that failure to reform the system could create a new generation of Swampy-style protestors.

The National Trust also commented on the scope of the consultation. Some of the most precious green spaces across large areas of London and the South East will be under threat if the Government's proposals to expand Heathrow Airport proceed. Ian Wilson, Area Manager for London said 'This Government's consultation has completely failed to reflect the damage that the expansion of Heathrow will have on vital green spaces across London, which are becoming increasingly important for people's quality of life'. A recent poll of Osterley Park users found that 77 per cent were opposed to further expansion. The National Trust has also expressed concerns about the potential climate change impacts of expanding Heathrow airport and the lack of a clear economic case for expansion. [Back](#)

Astonishing response from No 10 on VAT

The working of Government Departments never ceases to amaze. Update readers who signed the No 10 petition to remove VAT from repairs to listed buildings, received the Government's response on 27th February. The petition argued that 'Fiscal policy is encouraging the destruction of well loved and historic buildings and encouraging their replacement with inferior and often shoddy new builds. This is not only culturally destructive but costly in both money and in other resources.'

No 10 replied 'Government has no detailed evidence to date that demonstrates that there are widespread instances of the VAT rules as they stand encouraging new build construction work rather than refurbishment. VAT may rarely be decisive in such circumstances, as it is only one of a range of factors that influence commercial decisions for regeneration projects. However, the Government keeps the impact of VAT on different types of building work under careful review, alongside broader measures to increase the supply of housing.

No less than 4,752 people signed the petition! No 10 did not consult DCMS! Chris Catling editor of SALON was one of the outraged Update readers. He commented 'It is disingenuous of the Government to treat this as if it were a question of incentives for regeneration, rather than a serious issue of the disincentives to the repair and maintenance of historic assets'.

Heritage Link has requested information on just how the Government keeps the impact of VAT under review. For the petition and the response see <http://www.pm.gov.uk/output/Page14738.asp> [Back](#)

What will the Budget bring?

Some movement on the VAT impasse is long overdue. In the 2007 Budget Speech, an unscripted remark by the then Chancellor Gordon Brown - that he wanted to work with the Culture Secretary to 'help the churches and historic buildings that are at the heart of so many communities' - prompted much speculation. This followed the submission of proposals from Heritage Link and from the Prince's Regeneration Trust, supported by work of the New Economics Foundation (nef) and their report *Value Added; The economic, social, and environmental benefits of creating incentives for the repair, maintenance and re-use of historic buildings*. But we are still waiting to hear what Gordon Brown meant.

To enlarge on what he might have meant, a joint working party from Architectural Heritage Fund, The Prince's Regeneration Trust, Historic Houses Association, Churches Conservation Trust, from English Heritage and Heritage Lottery Fund has been looking at a revised VAT relief grant scheme, a historic properties maintenance relief scheme and a range of ideas to incentivise new private and public sector investment under the title *Heritage at the Heart of Communities*. [Back](#)

Copenhagen Economics Study: VAT rates need not be blocked by Europe

A Danish study published last summer finds that the impact of VAT on products and services not traded across borders is not big enough to affect the internal market, a long standing argument in maintaining EU wide VAT rates.

The study recognises that, although rates should be harmonised in principle, permanent reduced rates for some products and locally provided services - and here it specifically notes renovation works - are justified. It also notes that a permanent reduction of VAT on a particular product or service will lead to an equivalent reduction in price, which is stronger for services that are labour intensive and where competition is strong.

The EC Communication in response to the study also sets out a new timescale. At the end of 2008 or beginning of 2009 the EC will elaborate on new legislative proposals regarding the application of reduced VAT rates in the EU to apply after 2010.

For a summary of the study and the EC Communication go to

http://www.buildingsplatform.org/cms/fileadmin/documents/newsletter/Summary_Copenhagen_Economics_study_-_EN.pdf [Back](#)

Gift Aid in the Budget statement?

Another issue awaited in the budget statement is the result of the Gift Aid consultation last summer.

One of the solutions to the amount of bureaucracy imposed by current system is an accounts based system put forward by a group of six umbrella bodies. This calls for charities to be allowed to claim Gift Aid at a fixed annual rate based on the proportion of donations that comes to them from taxpayers. The percentage would be agreed with HM Revenue & Customs.

The so-called accounts-based system would reduce the administrative burden on charities and boost the sector's revenues by about £400m a year, according to the Charity Tax Group, the NCVO, chief executives body Acevo, the Charity Finance Directors' Group, the National Church Institutions and the Institute of Fundraising.

But according to *Third Sector* 'A Government source pointed out that the proposal was only one in a large number of responses to the consultation'. [Back](#)

The impact of the 2012 Games on Lottery funding in London: a single pot for smaller groups?

Members of the London Assembly's Economic Development, Culture, Sport and Tourism Committee conclude that diverting funding from Lottery good causes in London to shore up the budget for the 2012 Games may actually do more harm than good.

Both the Cultural Olympiad, a four-year programme aimed at increasing participation in cultural activity, and the Government's Olympic sports participation target to increase the number of physically active people by 2 million by 2012 are heavily dependent on smaller grassroots organisations. But these organisations will be hardest hit by the funding diversion.

Small London-based voluntary groups are suffering more than larger groups in the capital. The report said that although London receives 24 per cent of all lottery good cause money despite having a UK population share of only 14 per cent, many of the larger projects are based in London so that its share of lottery grants worth £10,000 or less is only 10 per cent.

The report recommends the Mayor should work with other delivery partners to create a single 'London Cultural Olympiad funding pot' by the time of the start of the Cultural Olympiad in August 2008 which will provide a source of funding for small voluntary and community projects which want to participate in the 'third tier' of the Cultural Olympiad.

Each Lottery distributor should publish information stating how much and what proportion of their funding in each of the last three years has gone to community and voluntary groups with a turnover of less than £10,000 pa and set out a plan for protecting such groups after the diversion.

For the report see <http://www.london.gov.uk/assembly/reports/econsd/lottery-funding.pdf>. For Heritage Link's consultation response see <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/London%20Assembly%2030%20Oct.pdf> [Back](#)

IWA lament British Waterways leadership

The Inland Waterways Association after a long campaign has welcomed the announcement by the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) on 21st February confirming that the settlement for British Waterways of grant-in-aid of £57.64million would be inline with expectations and not subject to any further cuts.

John Fletcher, national chairman, said 'IWA is acutely aware that this flat cash settlement is really a cut, once the level of inflation is taken into account. Whilst we are disappointed that the current financial climate and previous mismanagement of DEFRA's budget have made it impossible to reinstate the previous levels of grant-in-aid to the navigation authorities, it could have been much worse. We are, however, pleased that all of the hard work put in by our members in lobbying their MPs to protect what funding was available, in the immediate period before Christmas, has paid off. I would like to personally thank everyone for the tremendous effort that was put in to protect the allocation, during the department's budget review process'.

IWA was however, 'disappointed at British Waterways' lamentable lack of visibility in fighting for its share of grant, and thus failing to champion the waterways in this process' and blames such euphemistically phrased 'passivity' behind British Waterways having to withdraw from the Cotswold Canal partnership. 'British Waterways appears to have abdicated its leadership role in the development of the waterways and seems to be leaving the voluntary sector to take up the yoke. Notwithstanding 60 years of campaigning by IWA, some things don't appear to have changed. The need for an active waterways campaign movement today is as great as ever.'

DEFRA's Select Committee is to hold a one-off evidence session on British Waterways, to examine BW's regeneration and restoration role, with particular reference to BW's recent decision to withdraw from the Cotswold Canal Partnership. BW's decision to drop out of the Cotswold restoration project has created a £4.5 million gap in the funding package.

For IWA's newsletter see <http://www.waterways.org.uk/News> [Back](#)

Heritage Link's East of England networking connects regional and local interests

Heritage Link and the East of England Association of Civic Trust Societies (EEACTS) held a successful joint networking lunch and discussion forum in the Assembly House, Norwich on 6th March. About sixty representatives from local and regional voluntary heritage groups, local government, agencies and consultancies heard what was topmost in the minds of presenters Anthea Case, Chairman of Heritage Link, Richard Ellis, Chairman of the East of England Development Agency, John Egan, Regional Chairman of EEACTS and Michael Loveday, Chief Executive of Norwich HEART. Each confirmed the economic, environmental, social and educational value of local distinctiveness, with much of the subsequent discussion exploring how this distinctiveness could be captured to the benefit of the new growth areas in the region. Other topics covered how heritage might better appeal to youth and promoting Norwich as a tourist destination. The presentations will shortly be on the Heritage Link website at www.heritagelink.org.uk

Heritage Link holds three or four regional networking events a year with regional heritage bodies to identify shared concerns and to strengthen the voluntary heritage sector voice in regional policy making. [Back](#)

Learning Outside the Classroom: heritage settings for trainee teacher placements

Education providers are being invited to set up placements for trainee teachers in settings other than schools to help them develop their understanding of partnership working, learning outside the classroom and creativity.

The new *Teaching outside the Classroom* website is being used to find settings across England to develop partnerships with teacher training providers to offer diverse placements for trainee teachers. If you are an organisation that works with children and young people, for example outdoor education centres, galleries, theatres, museums and sports clubs, this is a real opportunity to develop your potential, attract new audiences, and influence the next generation of teachers.

Heritage sites also have the resources and expertise trainee teachers need!

Sign up now by registering on the database of ITT providers and settings other than schools, and receive bespoke support in developing a placement. To find out more go to www.teachingoutsidetheclassroom.com You can download guidance on every aspect of placements, register on a database of interested providers and settings; and access bespoke support to help you find teacher training providers and develop placements. [Back](#)

Future of Volunteering: first implementation meeting

Getting all sectors to work together will be the toughest challenge in carrying out the recommendations of the Commission on the Future of Volunteering, according to Volunteering England after its first meeting to discuss implementation plans. This follows *The Manifesto for Change* (at www.volcomm.org.uk) the report from the independent Commission on the Future of Volunteering that was launched at the end of January.

Marg Mayne, Director of Public Affairs at the Commission, said the recommendations, which include developing a recognised accreditation scheme for volunteers, posed significant challenges to third sector organisations.' Many organisations are already doing the things the commission has demanded, but these things cost money, and many of our members are already stretched to a level where it's difficult to prioritise training of volunteers,' she said. 'We welcome the funding the Government has offered, but it will never be enough.'

SPAB's Faith in Maintenance Project Director Sara Crofts who attended the meeting on behalf of Heritage Link reports that she was the only person from the heritage sector. Her report on the day is posted on Heritage Link website at www.heritagelink.org.uk [Back](#)

Innovative methods to entice young volunteers

Charities should develop more imaginative and targeted recruitment methods to encourage young people to volunteer, a new report urges. Young people, it says, are more motivated by learning new skills and improving their career prospects than their more experienced counterparts. Researchers asked 2,700 people about their volunteering habits. The resulting report *The Changing and Non-Changing Faces of Volunteering*, says most new volunteers are being recruited in their twenties and thirties.

It also reveals a higher proportion of ethnic minority volunteers among newcomers than among long-established volunteers – a trend that researchers say could partly be down to government attempts to engage less active sectors of society.

The most common areas for people who have been volunteering for less than two years are schools, health and disability, and children and young people, while long-standing volunteers are more likely to help with sports and exercise, religion and their local communities.

For further information and link to the publication see

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/News/mediacentre/2008+Press+releases/one+life.htm> [Back](#)

£15m to Grade 1 and 11* listed Places of Worship

English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund have announced £15,067,355 to support urgent conservation work in 160 Grade I and II* listed places of worship across England. The grants were awarded under the organisations' joint Repair Grants for Places of Worship scheme.

Attending the launch, Diana Evans, English Heritage's new head of Places of Worship, said 'Places of Worship in all corners of the country are being maintained by volunteers. These buildings make a vital contribution to our national heritage, local environment, and personal well-being. Today's grants will help sustain them for the benefit of the whole community'.

The majority of recipients this year are Anglican churches, but there are also buildings belonging to other denominations and faiths. These include Roman Catholic, Methodist and Orthodox churches, together with an historic synagogue. For many, these grants will be a massive boost to fundraising efforts to allow crucial and expensive repair work to take place, supporting local efforts which can be particularly difficult in small communities.

Since 2002, £118 million of grants have been awarded to more than 1,000 listed places of worship for building repairs through the partnership scheme, which is the largest single source of funds for work of this kind. Even so, the scheme remains heavily oversubscribed, with twice as many applications each year as can be funded.

A new version of the scheme which takes account of HLF's third strategic plan will be launched later in 2008. A joint budget from both organisations of £25million, covering all listed places of worship, has been agreed for 2008/09. Grants for repairs being made available to England's Grade II listed places of worship will be announced in July.

For more details of these awards see <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.13308>. [Back](#)

CADW: new grants for places of worship and for smaller voluntary groups

Responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of places of worship lies with individual denominations but Cadw can now assist in part with this task with the introduction of a new small grants scheme which offers assistance for the maintenance of listed places of worship in Wales.

A grant of a maximum of £500 per building is available for a range of minor repairs – for example, cleaning rain water gutters and downpipes or securing slipped roof slates – which are necessary to keep places of worship in good order. Applications will be accepted from 1 March 2008 for a period of six months, or when the budget is exhausted. The budget for 2008–09 is £80,000. Grant must be claimed by 31 December 2008. All listed places of worship in Wales are eligible. Grant will be paid for maintenance works to the place of worship and any buildings physically attached to it – such as schoolrooms or vestries – but not for other associated buildings, such as church halls or lychgates.

Cadw has also increased the amount of grant available under its Civic Initiatives (Heritage) Grant Scheme, which assists small local, civic and voluntary groups with projects which enhance and promote an appreciation of the built heritage in Wales, to a maximum of £5,000 per project. Projects previously assisted under this scheme include the erection of commemorative plaques and interpretative panels and the publication of leaflets promoting the local heritage.

For more information Cadw's historic buildings grants team on 01443 336000. [Back](#)

Historic Churches 2008

Cathedral Communications Limited, publisher of The Building Conservation Directory and www.buildingconservation.com and sponsor of last summer's Heritage Link London networking event, has recently released the 14th annual edition of *Historic Churches*, the illustrated glossy covering the care and conservation of historic places of worship. This edition features an interview with Dr Richard Chartres, Bishop of London on the need for greater community use of church buildings as well as the usual line-up of useful technical and historical articles including a summary of the latest legislative protection for ecclesiastical architecture.

Historic Churches is available for £5.95 including delivery from Cathedral on 01747 871717 or via the website via <http://www.buildingconservation.com/books/eccles.htm> [Back](#)

EH: Golf in historic parks and landscapes

English Heritage considers each case for golf course development on its merits and does not, in principle, object to the development of golf courses. This revised position statement on golf in historic parks and landscapes includes criteria for assessment of proposals, design and management principles, guidelines for design and management, and advice on full planning applications. The briefing is aimed at developers, property owners, local planning authorities and conservation organisations.

Heritage Counts 2005 reported that golf courses swallow up historic parkland at an alarming rate. At least 1 in 12 of the Sites on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Interest in England now includes a golf course. Although the boom in golf course construction in the late 1980s and early 1990s has slowed, a disproportionate number have impacted on historic parks and are subject to upgrading. For the leaflet go to <http://www.helm.org.uk/server/show/nav.18722>

To accompany the leaflet, websites www.english-heritage.org.uk/parksandgardens and www.helm.org.uk include further information on the history of golf courses in England, the key characteristics of parks of different historical periods, the impacts of golf course development on historic parks and design guidelines. [Back](#)

CADW: legacy of Wales at war

A new Cadw pamphlet outlines the role played by Wales in a century of conflict, the 20th century military sites of Wales. Airfields, pillboxes, coastal defences, anti-aircraft batteries, radar stations, military factories and prisoner-

of-war camps are among the huge variety of remains from the two world wars and the Cold War of the 1950s and 1960s that survive across rural Wales.

The pamphlet written by Cadw's assistant inspector of Ancient Monuments in West Wales, Jonathan Berry, and Inspector of Historic Buildings, Bill Reid, aims to raise awareness of the importance, role and significance of these vulnerable sites amongst owners and the wider general public. The sites also serve an important commemorative function in remembering the fallen and standing testament to the human cost of war. The pamphlet is available by contacting Kaye Moxon at Cadw on 01443 336072. [Back](#)

Sustainable Communities Act 2007: A Guide

Guidance is now available on the Sustainable Communities Act which received Royal Assent on 23rd October 2007. The principal aim of the Act is to promote the sustainability of local communities by encouraging the economic, social and environmental well-being of an area.

The guide describes the Act and what will happen next. To download the Guide go to www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/sustainablecommunitiesact?version=1 [Back](#)

Townscape Heritage Initiative Conference summary

The Townscape Heritage Initiative conference took place on 6th February at Gorton Monastery, Manchester. 200 delegates attended the conference to evaluate ten years of the programme and to share the lessons learned. The THI programme has so far awarded funding to 175 towns and cities across the UK and Oxford Brookes' evaluation of the scheme is one of the most extensive pieces of research exploring the relationship between historic building conservation and regeneration.

Presentations can be downloaded. These include Evaluating of the Townscape Heritage Initiative; Managing a heritage-led regeneration scheme; Developing a heritage project in a regeneration scheme; Working on heritage projects; Case Studies from Weston Super Mare THI, Bruce Grove THI, Holywell THI, Conservation standards in THIs, The joy of Streets and, finally, a Look to the Future.

Read more and view presentations from the day at www.hlf.org.uk/thi [Back](#)

Short list for CBA's community archaeology award

The Council for British Archaeology in association with the Marsh Christian Trust announce the first short list for the Marsh Archaeology Award, which recognises and promotes high quality archaeological work being carried out by the community archaeology sector.

The short-listed projects are: The Badsey Society Enclosure Map Project (www.badsey.net/enclosure) which looked at the development of the parishes of Badsey and Aldington Worcestershire since 1807, starting with the early 19th century enclosure maps; Mellor Archaeological Trust's work on the multi-period site around Mellor Church (www.mellorarchaeology.org.uk) which led them on to research, investigate and record the history of the whole parish of Mellor, which includes Ludworth and Marple Bridge, near Stockport in Greater Manchester; The North of Scotland Archaeological Society's programme of survey and excavation on the Glen Feshie Estate (www.nosas.co.uk) in the Scottish Highlands; and Royton Lives Through The Ages, a sub-group of the Royton Local History Society, for their work on the history of Royton Hall, Manchester which included excavation with extensive public interpretation and display, as well as work with local schools.

A further seven entries were highly commended, including the Westbury Society in Somerset, the Chess Valley Archaeological & Historical Society in Buckinghamshire, the Community Landscape & Archaeology Survey Project in Northamptonshire, the Ingleborough Archaeology Group in North Yorkshire, the Washingborough Archaeology Group in Lincolnshire, the Solihull Archaeological Group in Warwickshire, and finally the Unst Archaeology Group working at Sandwick in Shetland.

For further information see <http://www.britarch.ac.uk/communityarchaeology/wikka.php?wakka=CBAMarshAward2007Results> [Back](#)

Fellowships for retired museums professionals

The second round of this £150,000 scheme is open to employees who have retired or are about to retire from any UK Accredited museum. Applications should be made jointly by the individual and the museum in which they used to work.

Fellowships can last either 50 or 100 days, and fellows will receive support, guidance and monitoring from the Museum Association. They will also have access to a small budget (centrally held) for expenses such as travel, materials and hosting training sessions. In addition, they can apply for a daily payment of £100.

For more information visit <http://www.museumsassociation.org/monument> The closing date is 16th May. [Back](#)

MSc/Diploma in the Conservation of Historic Gardens and Cultural Landscapes

The University of Bath is now accepting applications for the MSc/Diploma in the Conservation of Historic Gardens and Cultural Landscapes based in the Department of Architecture & Civil Engineering for October 2008.

The course is either one year full-time or two years part-time both comprising two semesters of teaching (full or part-time day-release) followed by a dissertation. The programme provides students from a range of backgrounds with analytical and practical skills and grounding in the theory and practice of garden and cultural landscape conservation and management, covering both designed and evolving organic landscapes, complex cultural landscapes, and large landscape zones.

For further information go to <http://www.bath.ac.uk/ace/conservation/Gardens/index.htm> or contact Emma Greeley, Postgraduate Admissions Administrator, Department of Architecture and Civil Engineering, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY. Telephone and voicemail: +44(0)1225 386908/ email e.s.j.greeley@bath.ac.uk [Back](#)

Summary of EU and European information

EUCLID, the contact point for EU cultural information has launched <http://euronews.culture.info> a new online summary of key EU and European information, covering funding opportunities, deadlines, results of calls, reports, networks, policies, and events.

This webpage will be updated several times a week by EUCLID and European Forum for Arts and Heritage. Anyone anywhere can submit their own news items for this webpage – to submit an item, go to euronews.culture.info, and follow the instructions.

EUCLID will shortly be launching another webpage, worldnews.culture.info, providing key updates in information for the cultural sector from across the world. [Back](#)

Federation of British Historic Vehicles Clubs joins Heritage Link

Heritage Link is pleased to announce its 85th member, Federation of British Historic Vehicles Clubs, strengthening the transport voice within its membership.

Alongside existing members representing railways, shipping and waterways, motor transport has been integral to national development. The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs promotes retired road vehicles as an essential part of our heritage and upholds the freedom to use them. FBHVC has already demonstrated the historic vehicle movement's value to the economy. Its report can be found at <http://www.fbhvc.co.uk/assets/pdfs/fiva-uk-report-web-version.pdf> For further information see www.fbhvc.co.uk [Back](#)

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National Trust Chairman

The National Trust is seeking to appoint a successor to Sir William Proby who steps down as Chairman in November after five years. Candidates are expected to have personal authority and stature commensurate with the public nature of the role, exceptional chairing skills and to demonstrate commitment to the Trust's purposes, ethos and role.

This is an unremunerated position with a time commitment estimated at 2 days a week. Further details can be found at www.nationaltrust.org.uk A candidate brief can be downloaded from www.odgers.com/22621 Closing date 25th March. [Back](#)

Elections to the National Trust Council

There are seven vacancies this year for elected members on the National Trust Council. Members are elected for a three year term by postal ballot by the members of the Trust. The posts, from November 2008 are voluntary although expenses are paid. For further discussion, contact Jo Cooke, Deputy Secretary on 01793 817416. For

an information pack and application form visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/councilelections Closing Date 25th March. Interviews 6th, 7th, 8th May. [Back](#)

Heritage Link's IEC, Kathryn, is leaving!

Next week we sadly say goodbye to Kathryn Schofield, Heritage Link's Information and Events Co-ordinator who is moving on to the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford. Kathryn has added enormously to Heritage Link's capacity over the last 2 years, developing and improving our national and regional events as well as working on our soon-to-be-restructured website. She has written sections of Heritage Link Update, managed its ever growing readership and subscriptions - and plenty else besides. We wish her well in her new post. [Back](#)

EVENTS

Paris 1968 and the architecture of Jean Renaudie: Docomomo Lecture, 18th March

An illustrated talk by Irene Scalbert, architect and academic and author of A Right to Difference: The architecture of Jean Renaudie. Contact Dennis Sharp for further details on 01707 875253. £5.00 for guests/ £3.50 members and students. Location: The Gallery, 70 Cowcross Street, London EC1 at 7.00pm, 18th March (drinks from 6.30). [Back](#)

The Architects Who Made London: March Lectures

On 10th March Margaret Richardson, Honorary Curator of Architecture at the Royal Academy, discusses Sir Edwin Lutyens' work and projects. These range from the great barn-like churches of Hampstead Garden Suburb to commercial buildings and monuments to the fallen after World War I.

On 31st March Eitan Karol, author of the first book-length study of Charles Holden and his architecture, presents Charles Holden's Modernist compositions of large institutional buildings in the 1920s and '30s, including Senate House and a series of buildings for London Transport.

Lectures from 6.30-7.30pm at the Geological Society Lecture Theatre, Piccadilly, London W1. £10/£5 concessions (includes a drink). For information and to book call 020 7300 5839, email Architecture@royalacademy.org.uk [Back](#)

St Pancras Station - Restoration of the Barlow Train Shed. Lecture, 30th April

Ian Archer, project architect for Pascall & Watson and Graham Abrey, heritage advisor at Ingram Consultancy, will give a review of the extension, alteration, conservation and repair of this historic structure which is to fulfil a new purpose at the heart of St Pancras. This lecture and ASCHB meeting is open to members of ASCHB and their guests as well as those interested in the field and this subject. All are welcome. Time: 6.00pm, The Gallery, 77 Cowcross Street, London EC1, 30th April. [Back](#)

Council for British Archaeology Workshops 2008-2010

A programme of workshops is being planned in consultation with CBA Regional Groups in England and Wales. These are intended to encourage participation in local planning issues, to promote buildings archaeology to a wider audience, and to provide advice and guidance on publications, websites and presentations. The programme is funded by English Heritage and the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation. Attendance (including lunch and refreshments) is free and CBA can also assist with modest travel costs.

Four themes of workshops have already been scheduled. The first events will be on best practice and governance for trustees, committee members and other members of CBA Regional Groups in England and Wales (workshops in April and June 2008), and on Planning and the Historic environment (workshops in September and November). See <http://www.britarch.ac.uk/cba/workshops.html> for updates on information on the workshops. [Back](#)

Charlestown Workshops Programme 2008: The Scottish Lime Centre, Fife

The Scottish Lime Centre is offering a programme of courses suitable for building and heritage professionals and owners of historic buildings who wish to develop heritage skills and be able to determine best practice for the effective conservation and repair of traditional buildings. These cover, among other subjects, plasterwork, limewash, traditional mortars and paints, masonry building conservation and repairs and lime pointing. Masterclasses are also planned for 2008.

For a course calendar and booking details see http://www.scotlime.org/training_calendar.asp For a brochure email training@scotlime.org [Back](#)

Building Conservation Summer School - a unique insight 14 - 18 September, Cirencester

If you want to specialise in inspecting and repairing old and traditional buildings then this course will give you the key skills to unlock your career in the historic building surveying profession. The school offers an opportunity to experience conservation as it happens including a hands on day of how to use lime mortars and renders for students. Practitioners are also welcome to discover new skills and gain a greater understanding of building conservation philosophy and techniques. [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

English Heritage: Heritage Protection Operations Manager

The Heritage Protection Department is responsible for advising the Government about the application of statutory protection to historic assets. English Heritage administers the system and incremental changes will take place leading to new Heritage Protection legislation in 2010.

Applicants must have proven knowledge of English Heritage's role in heritage protection and demonstrable commitment to implementing the Heritage Protection Reform to Government and corporate agendas. Effective project management expertise will be essential, along with the ability to lead and manage teams through changing priorities, make strong links across the Heritage Protection territory teams and take on new tasks and responsibilities for the department, including developing a Priority Designation Programme.

Post based in central London. Salary £31,579. To discover more and apply see www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs Closing date 14th March. No CVs.

Council for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE): Regions officer

Based within a large central London-based multidisciplinary regional team, the postholder will play a key role in providing and coordinating information for the regional programme. Duties involve assisting with the servicing of the Regional Committee and helping with the management and monitoring of CABE's grant programme that supports architecture and built environment centres across England. Travel may be involved.

Salary c£26,000 with further reward and benefits package. Email recruitment@cabe.org.uk or phone 020 7070 6700 for further details and an application pack. Closing date 5.00pm, 10th March.

Heritage Lottery Fund: Office Manager, London Region

The HLF is currently recruiting for the above post based in the London office. The successful candidate will need to demonstrate excellent communication skills, a methodical and organised approach to their work and a proactive commitment in supporting the Regional Manager and Team as the Third Strategic Plan is launched.

Salary £23,298 - £26,280. Visit www.hlf.org.uk for more details and to apply. Closing date 18th March, interviews on 2nd April 2008 only.

Head of Natural Environment and Heritage: Kent County Council

This role will lead and deliver services to achieve positive outcomes for all parties in planning developments in Kent, fostering partnerships that enhance the county's greatest assets. Applicants will need excellent leadership skills, a good understanding of heritage, biodiversity and the countryside along with evidence of achievement in this area and a working knowledge of local authorities.

See the application criteria at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/jobs> or email recruitment.line@kent.gov.uk (ref ER/08/0003). Salary £45,400-£52,119. Closing date: 14th March with interviews 28th March.

The Turquoise Mountain Foundation: Senior Conservation Architect, Conservation Architect For project in Kabul, Afghanistan

Through the Murad Khane Regeneration Programme, The Turquoise Mountain Foundation seeks to preserve the beauty and cultural heritage embodied in an important section of the old city of Kabul whilst at the same time addressing pressing social and economic needs. This programme engages architects, engineers and craftsmen in a diverse range of activities including building restoration, infrastructure provision and environmental improvement.

Turquoise Mountain is seeking a Senior Conservation Architect to lead the Regeneration Programme and provide strategic direction in conservation activities. The successful candidate will have a strong background in all aspects of building conservation, including documentation, planning and management. A post for a Conservation Architect is also available, to manage building conservation and new building projects within the Programme. The successful candidate will be a motivated architect with sound construction knowledge and a background in design, documentation and project implementation.

For the full person specifications see

<http://www.turquoisemountain.org/index.php?actionid=!@QN5a9192x8o&pageid=67&viewtype=normal> Salary commensurate with experience. To apply send CV and covering letter to contact@turquoisemountain.org

The National Trust: Property Manager, East of England

This post will be based at the regional office in Bury St. Edmunds and is responsible for the efficient and effective operation of properties in West Suffolk and Hertfordshire, implementing the Trust's conservation and presentation objectives at a number of tenanted properties. The role will plan the strategic development of the properties, to attract a wide range of visitors and develop more varied income through entrepreneurial opportunities.

The post manages multi-skilled teams of staff and volunteers, and will need to build relationships with external agencies. Applicants should have a relevant qualification in heritage or business management (degree or equivalent) and significant management experience including project management, budgets and finances and some knowledge of the voluntary and charity sectors. Post is full-time, fixed-term for 1 year and may be available as an internal secondment.

Salary £30,000-£32,000. Full details at www.ntjobs.org.uk, Ref: NT08/02168. Closing date 21st March.

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