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Oral evidence sessions on Draft Heritage Protection Bill

The Local Government Association, the Institute of Historic Building Conservation, the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers and Carrick District Council gave joint evidence mostly on the impact of the Bill on local authority historic environment services. They were followed by Westminster City Council and the University of East Anglia commenting on their experiences of the pilot Heritage Protection Agreements, then Heritage Link and finally The Archaeology Forum.

The same issues dominated all sessions: the urgent need for a National Planning Statement on the historic environment; how the partial nature of the Bill makes it difficult to determine the cost implications of the new regime. The thorny issue of current and future resourcing was a central theme. However Paul Raynes the LGA spokesman was able to confirm that a joint DCMS, English Heritage and LGA team were working again on the figures of the Impact Assessment. Mike Brown for IHBC pointed out that the costs, whatever they were, should be seen as investment, but that the existing lack of experienced conservation staff within local authorities was a significant problem.

The Heritage Link team of Anthea Case, Chairman and Matthew Slocombe, Trustee and Deputy Secretary of the SPAB, one of the eight National Amenity Societies most closely affected by the Draft Bill, spoke of the confusion that may emerge if English Heritage is unable to update the backlog of 'old' listing descriptions and the difficulties of ensuring that funding for historic services in Local Authorities is not diverted elsewhere. Over public engagement, Anthea Case felt that expert advice should be defined in a way that brought in the expertise of the local amenity societies. Although the National Trust was quoted by the CMS Chairman over its conditional support for the Bill - dependent on adequate resources, staffing and cross government support for effective delivery – the oral evidence demonstrated that the sector is behind the Draft Bill, as far as it goes, but extremely concerned about resources.

The uncorrected transcript is available on the CMS Select Committee website at <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmcmds.htm#uncorr> [Back](#)

Minister confirms CLG support for Draft Bill and revised PPGs

The Select Committee used many of the points made above when they took evidence jointly from Culture Minister Margaret Hodge and Simon Thurley, English Heritage Chief Executive on 2 July.

Several of the recurring issues raised by the heritage sector seem to have been taken on board. The Minister agreed on the importance of having CLG engaged in the Bill in order to achieve its proper outcomes. She said she would have a CLG minister next to her when the clauses are discussed in Committee. Planning she said was absolutely vital in ensuring the proper protection of historic assets and conversely, heritage was important in the place-making agenda. She confirmed that CLG, DCMS and English Heritage were already working on a revision to Planning Policy Guidance 15 and 16 and, when pressed on the timing, that a draft was expected to be published by Christmas so that the Heritage Bill and the new policy guidance could appear together.

Over resources however, the Minister expected it to be a 'cost neutral' Bill, and was confident that 'we are going ahead with something that is affordable'. But she confirmed that ring fencing funding for Local Authority historic environment services was not an option – Local Authorities would have to use their discretion.

Further discussion covered enforcement provisions in the Draft Bill, current Local Authority capacity, a disagreement over the 'retirement time bomb' among Conservation Officers, and accreditation for archaeologists. The Committee finished with questions on the Draft Cultural Property (armed conflict) Bill.

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Draft Heritage Bill Conservation Areas Clauses: DCMS, deadline 1 August

DCMS has now published the vital clauses missing from the Draft Heritage Protection Bill with a consultation which will allow public comment. Published the night before the oral evidence session, John Whittingdale MP Chair of the CMS Select Committee invited comment when interested organisations had had proper opportunity to consider the proposals. This welcome consultation satisfies one of the recommendations in Heritage Link's evidence to the Select Committee that full information was needed before complete conclusions could be formed.

The Clauses make it a statutory duty for Local Authorities to decide which parts of its area are eligible for designation as conservation areas on the basis of special historic, archaeological, architectural or artistic interest – the last two being new categories. The consultation procedure for designation, variations or cancellations is set out. Clause 6 confirms the welcome statutory duty to have regard to the Conservation Areas in exercising planning functions – either preserving and, even more welcome, enhancing the character 'where the opportunity arises'. The best news is in Clause 9. This confirms the demolition (total and partial) without planning permission of an unregistered structure in a Conservation Area is a criminal offence. It refers expressly to part of a building thus reversing the 1997 Shimizu ruling which held that demolition of part of a building did not require Conservation Area consent.

The Local Authorities must publish management plans in respect of each Conservation Area 'as soon as practicable' and update them. Details of Local Authority preservation works and enforcement are also detailed.

Links to the Clauses and the Explanatory Notes can be found at the foot of http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/publications/5075.aspx Comments should be sent to Andy Lewis at Andrew.lewis@culture.gsi.gov.uk The Draft Bill now features on the home page of the DCMS website site to facilitate access to this page. [Back](#)

Minister announces demise of Regional Cultural Consortia

On 2 July, Margaret Hodge outlined the result of the long awaited review of the Department regional infrastructure. New measures will come into effect over the next 12 months, replacing the Department's eight Regional Cultural Consortia. The heritage voice at regional level has been weak but how the sector can make the case better has occupied Heritage Link over the past months. This new landscape is an opportunity as well as a challenge.

Instead of the RCCs, the Department's four key agencies in the regions; English Heritage Arts Council England, Sport England, and the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council - will have a duty to work together to jointly deliver a core set of shared priorities across the culture and sport agenda including Regional Strategies, Local Area Agreements, Local Government commitment to culture and sport, Place shaping; and LOCOG liaison on 2012 and the Cultural Olympiad.

They will agree top priorities with other stakeholders including the Regional Development Agencies and create joint plans of action for the culture and sport agendas for their region. The four agencies to continue with their existing and continuing sector specific responsibilities, but will also introduce a way of using contributions from all regional partners in a more targeted and effective way.

The DCMS announcement is at http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/5236.aspx [Back](#)

Commons debate Planning Bill on 25 June

Environmentalists were pleased in early June when a Commons vote on planning reforms was delayed by the government, putting off a confrontation with Labour rebels. Twenty four Labour MPs rebelled against the government by voting for an amendment to the bill to include a duty to consider climate change when planning major infrastructure projects such as roads and airports. The motion was defeated by a majority of just 15 and the Bill will now contain no legal duties to reduce climate change.

On 25 June the Bill was carried in the House of Commons. Three concessions were achieved: the Independent Planning Commission will be reviewed after two years; site-specific National Planning Statements (NPS) will be brought out for nuclear sites and for ports; and there is a widening of the call in powers of the Secretary of State. The debate is recorded in Hansard at <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmhansrd/cm080625/debtext/80625-0010.htm#08062563000001>

In an ambitious timetable, the Planning Bill now goes to the House of Lords for its second reading on 15 July. The Lords Committee will consider it after the summer recess and if all goes according to plan, it is expected to receive Royal Assent on 3 December. [Back](#)

Select Committee Report on British Waterways

British Waterways should not be expected to bear most of the financial risk for the restoration of canals, the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee has concluded in its report published on 1 July.

The Committee says that canal restoration can produce knock-on benefits such as more jobs and visitor income. But the risks have to be spread more widely among the public sector instead of just British Waterways, which often gets little immediate direct benefit from such work. The Government should develop a mechanism to score and prioritise public investment in canal restoration according to the external benefits created, and decide how the financial risks of such projects should be borne. It also found that the grant settlement from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs up to 2011 is acceptable, but that Defra and BW need to decide how to keep the canal network in good condition when BW's property income is likely to fall.

The Inland Waterways Association which campaigns for the restoration, preservation and use of the inland waterways, broadly welcomed the report. Its comment can be read in full at

<http://www.waterways.org.uk/News/Pressreleases> The Report is at
<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmselect/cmenvfru/438/43802.htm> [Back](#)

EH: Enabling development and the conservation of significant places

English Heritage has published a new edition of the Policy Statement, Enabling Development and the Conservation of Heritage Assets. The first edition was published in June 1999 and advocated a presumption against enabling development unless it met specified criteria, the most important of which was that the benefits should clearly outweigh the disbenefits. In June 2001, English Heritage republished the policy statement, supported by Practical guidance. This guide has been applied by many including owners, developers, planning authorities, and the Planning Inspectorate.

The key aims of the second edition are to update terminology, following publication of our Conservation Principles, Policies and Guidance for the sustainable management of the historic environment, as well as references to legislation (particularly the change to Local Development Frameworks), case law, and decisions on appeal or call-in.

The Guidance now concentrates on those areas of practice which are particular to enabling development (and by extension other proposals where financial viability is a key issue), rather than common to most proposals affecting significant places, on which other guidance is now available. Coverage of topics particularly associated with enabling development, including historic entities, farm buildings, levels of restoration, and taxation has been expanded.

To view the new edition visit <http://www.helm.org.uk/upload/pdf/enabling-development2.pdf> [Back](#)

DCMS response to Taskforce Review

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) has welcomed the Lifting the Burdens Taskforce Review of the Department for Culture Media and Sport. DCMS welcomed the recognition of the work the Department has done to mitigate against the development of an excessively burdensome regime such as minimizing the financial burden of local authorities or businesses who participate in surveys.

The report seeks to shape the future policy direction of the Department in relation to local government, encouraging more of a focus on outcomes and better strategic co-ordination of regional delivery partners. DCMS has welcomed its core recommendation that more co-ordination at a national and regional level would help local authorities to effectively plan and deliver local priorities as well as preventing the system from becoming excessively burdensome in the future.

A major part of this response is the production of an improvement strategy for the culture and sport sector. To view this strategy visit

www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Publications/archive_2008/passionfor_excellence.htm To view response go to
http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/Government_response_to_the_Lifting_the_Burdens_Taskforce_Review_of_DCMS.pdf [Back](#)

London 2012 Greenwich consultation

London 2012 has outlined its commitment to working with local residents to address their concerns about the use of Greenwich Park in the run-up to and during the London 2012 Games. In a letter to the Friends of Greenwich Park and other interest groups, LOCOG reiterated its plans to take into account their views as the plans for the venue develop. It will host the Equestrian events for the Olympic and Paralympic Games and the Riding and Running elements of the Modern Pentathlon in the Olympic Games.

Key considerations are preserving the unique characteristics of the Park, protecting the ecology and ensuring it is left in its original state after the Games. LOCOG is aiming to create the minimum amount of disruption to regular park users and keep large areas of the Park open as far as possible during the Games.

For more information visit <http://www.london2012.com/news/media-releases/2008-06/london-2012-commits-to-greenwich-consultation.php> [Back](#)

Conservative culture and volunteering policies

Jeremy Hunt Shadow Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport made a keynote speech on 24 June setting out Conservative thinking on the arts. He focused on philanthropy, bureaucracy and education and reiterated the party's commitment to free museums and to re-establishing the four pillars of the National Lottery. He promised a simplification of Gift Aid and relaxation of the HMRC rules around rewarding donors. There was also recognition of the role of volunteers in the arts.

The Conservatives will pass a National Lottery Independence Act that 'will guarantee that the Lottery cannot be raided by politicians for their own pet projects'. He repeated earlier declarations that the Lottery would be returned to its original four pillars so 'While charities will still receive the largest share of the cake, the arts and heritage will also see their share rise substantially. That could potentially mean that on today's figures, we would generate an additional £53m for the arts and £41m annually for heritage'. His speech can be found at <http://www.shadowdcms.co.uk/>

The speech follows the Conservative green paper Voluntary Action in the 21st Century published on 3 June which highlighted the importance of the voluntary sector and sets out ways to encourage it as a force for social progress. That can be read at http://www.conservatives.com/tile.do?def=news.story.page&obj_id=145106 [Back](#)

New funding stream in Northern Ireland

The Environment and Heritage Service (EHS) Northern Ireland has announced a new funding stream for building preservation trusts and other charities restoring historic buildings in the province.

The fund is being administered on behalf of EHS by the Architectural Heritage Fund, and is for grants towards the acquisition of buildings at risk of up to £125,000 per project, plus possible funding for repairs. Eligible buildings must be on the *Built Heritage At Risk Northern Ireland register*.

Full details are available from the AHF: ian.lush@ahfund.org.uk or 020 7925 0199. [Back](#)

SPAB publish *The Good Maintenance Guide*

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) has published *The Good Maintenance Guide*. The guide is intended to be a practical and easy to use source of advice on maintenance matters and contains a wealth of advice about the day to day care of historic places of worship. It includes chapters on understanding traditional materials, why buildings decay, maintenance tasks and working with professionals and others. It also contains a useful maintenance checklist and many references to related sources of help and guidance.

The guide has been written for volunteers who care for historic places of worship but its message that we should aim to 'stave off decay by daily care' is applicable to all historic structures

For more information visit http://www.spabfim.org.uk/pages/resources_home.html [Back](#)

EH Launch new Climate Change Website

English Heritage has launched a new website for homeowners who live in traditionally constructed houses. The website aims to help owners understand the potential impacts of climate change on their properties and how simple building maintenance can help to lessen the effects of increasingly extreme weather.

The site also provides detailed advice on how to improve the energy efficiency of traditionally constructed houses whilst preserving their special character. A section is included on micro-generation which details how technologies such as micro-wind generation and solar thermal energy can successfully be incorporated into older buildings.

The site allows users to tailor information to the date their home was built. Advice on how historic buildings can perform better under the Part L building regulations and guidance to help homeowners to better understand Energy Performance Certificates are also available. This website has been developed with the support of energy supplier E.ON who has begun a three year collaboration with English Heritage to explore initiatives that will make a contribution to reducing the impact of climate change in the communities in which they operate.

To visit the website go to www.climatechangeandyourhome.org.uk [Back](#)

The National Trust's Big Switch

The National Trust has launched a 'Big Switch' project to change 40,000 light bulbs across its historic houses, offices, shops, restaurants and holiday cottages to low energy alternatives. Once installed, the new bulbs will save 2,223 tonnes of carbon per year and will reduce energy and maintenance costs by £431,000 each year.

Changing light bulbs may sound simple, but there was a particular challenge for the Trust. The first generation of energy efficient light bulbs produced higher levels of the damaging ultraviolet light than incandescents. Katy Lithgow, Head Conservator said 'The developments that have taken place in energy saving light bulbs have enabled us to undertake our Big Switch. We have now been able to change bulbs in many locations without compromising the appearance of our collections for the visitor.'

The National Trust worked with Bristol based Lighting Services to formulate an approach to ensure that the most appropriate bulb was chosen for each individual situation. An online ordering system helped each property to order the best bulb for each fitting.

For the press release visit http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-global/w-news/w-latest_news/w-news-big_switch.htm [Back](#)

Building Faith in our Future

The ninth edition of Building Faith in our Future has just been published. Amongst other articles it sets out the progress of the Building Faith Campaign. The Building Faith Campaign has three simple messages: churches matter and deserve support, without support they are at risk, and therefore better funding is necessary for their repair. It is hoped that this campaign will strengthen the Church's capacity to develop the use of its buildings for worship and mission to the wider community.

The campaign urges people to join its network of people, at national, regional and local level, within the Church and outside, to be kept informed of developments, approached directly about new initiatives and to tell us their stories about the achievements of churches in their communities, and spread the word themselves with their local and regional contacts.

To find out more visit www.cofe.anglican.org/about/builtheritage/buildingfaith/index.html To register to receive the Building Faith in our Future e-bulletin contact Becky Payne at rebecca.payne@c-of-e.org.uk [Back](#)

Europa Nostra Conference 2008: report

This year's conference Europa Nostra, the pan-European heritage organisation was held in Tyneside between the 11-15 June. The main session was a seminar on *Securing the Future of Europe's Engineering Heritage* with speakers from a wide range of organisations including contributions from David Morgan, Fedecrail President. Keynote speaker was Sir Neil Cossons, retired Chairman of English Heritage and former Director of the National Museum of Science and Industry who outlined the historical role of Tyneside as the cradle of the railway revolution and it's perhaps less well-known birthplace of the steam turbine.

Sir Neil also chaired a session devoted to the discussion of a draft declaration that outlines the significance, challenges and opportunities faced by engineering heritage including finding new uses for historical structures. Also recognised was the need to enthuse younger people in engineering heritage, particularly for those organisations that are reliant upon volunteers.

Detailed redrafting will be carried out at a future Europa Nostra Council meeting and it is intended that the Declaration will be issued later in the year or early in 2009. Europa Nostra would like all its members to disseminate the final text as widely as possible. It is also understood that a specific working group for industrial and engineering heritage maybe set up within the Europa Nostra structure.

For more information about the event visit http://www.europanostra.org/lang_en/index.html [Back](#)

EC Culture Programme

The European Commission has announced the new Programme Guide for the Culture programme. This contains all the information needed to make an application to this programme from now until it ends in 2013. It also contains a revised set of deadlines. These have also now been fixed until 2013.

EUCLID will be running a series of Workshops to assist those drafting an application for 1 October 2008 deadline of the Culture Programme. The Workshops will be taking place in Manchester, London, Cardiff and Edinburgh and will focus on understanding the implications of the Criteria, completing the application form and constructing the budget – how to present all income and expenditure.

For more information visit www.euclid.info. To view the new programme guide go to http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/index_en.htm [Back](#)

EH Historic Environment Traineeship scheme launched

English Heritage is launching a new training scheme. Trainees will be placed within regional teams across the country and will gain experience in the application of professional conservation management skills in a planning and development context.

The Traineeships will be for a period of two years and up to ten places are available. Trainees will receive high-quality training in historic environment management, enabling them to enhance both the depth of your specialist knowledge and the breadth of your inter-disciplinary skills. Work units may include some part-release secondment or work shadowing to relevant organisations. In the second year trainees will undertake a project, on a subject of value to them and the sector as a whole.

Ideally, candidates will have a first degree in a relevant subject such as archaeology, history, conservation, planning, urban design or environmental sciences, and/or substantial practical work experience in a heritage discipline (such as archaeology, specialist planning or buildings' history).

Salaries for this role will be £18,500 p.a. with a £2,316 p.a. for Trainees based in London. The deadline for applications is 18 July. For more information and to apply please visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs [Back](#)

Construction Industry Council invites Volunteer Career Coaches

The Construction Industry Council is currently seeking Built Environment professionals to join its year-long Coaching Scheme programme, which raises awareness of the various career opportunities in the construction industry. The scheme is aimed at pupils in year 9 (13-14 years old) and from September it will be running at schools in Manchester and London.

All construction professionals who are interested in working with young people are welcome to apply particularly Landscape Architects, Structural and Building Services Engineers, Architects and Technologists and Urban Designers and Town Planners.

For more information contact Danna Walker at dwalker@cic.org.uk or telephone 0207 399 7404. [Back](#)

New course in forensic archaeology

Cranfield University is launching a new residential short course entitled 'The Environment: Archaeological and Forensic Perspectives' between 14-18 July. It is aimed at professional and amateur archaeologists with an interest in environmental and forensic archaeology. It will explore the interplay between the three disciplines of archaeology, forensic science and environmental science in a lively, stimulating environment, with plenty of opportunity for networking and debate.

Topics covered will include mass graves, sustainable archaeology, archaeology of past environmental disasters, environmental protection of cultural heritage sites, differential preservation of remains and artefacts in different environments, forensic soil profiling and much more.

For further details, see <http://www.cranfield.ac.uk/dcmt/materials/page21043.jsp> or email Dr Anna Williams at a.williams@cranfield.ac.uk. English Heritage is not responsible for the content of this external course <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.14033> [Back](#)

NCVO Working for a Charity online course

New starters in the voluntary sector can now enrol online for the 2008 NCVO Working for a Charity online course, which aims to give them an overview of working for a charity and how to boost their career. The course, Effective Voluntary Sector Management, is aimed at people who have recently joined the voluntary sector or who are looking to make a career move into it.

Volunteers and trustees can also benefit from this course, which will run from October 2008 until June 2009. For more information and to enrol online, visit the Working for a Charity website at www.workingforacharity.org.uk [Back](#)

Learning Outside the Classroom Awards

This year the first winners of the learning outside the classroom awards (LOtC) will be announced. The awards aim to recognise the commitment of schools, teachers, youth groups, early years' settings in England in providing learning outside the classroom experiences for their young people and to demonstrate examples of excellent and innovative practice.

The awards aim to showcase the variety and excellence of learning outside the classroom provision and its impact on young people. There are nine regional awards and an overall winner will be selected from the nine regional winners. They intend to show how learning outside the classroom is being used in imaginative and innovative way to excite and inspire young people, while impacting on their learning, motivation and personal development.

There are nine regions and youth groups and early years' settings of any size can be entered for the awards. Groups they must be nominated by either LOtC provider organisations or by local authority Education Visits Advisers. They cannot nominate themselves. The deadline for entries is 18th July at which stage three nominations per region will be short-listed and contacted for additional information.

For more information about the awards, including the nomination process, please email lotcawards@bbpr.com [Back](#)

Plasterers Company Annual Bursaries

Applications are now being accepted for The Plasterers Company Annual Bursaries. The value of the bursaries will be £500 but greater sums may be awarded in individual cases if merited. The beneficiaries will probably be students currently undergoing training in the sector but may also be established practitioners who wish to enhance their knowledge or experience.

Typically, applications might be for travel expenses to support a course of learning abroad; fees for existing courses where no other support is available; wage subsidy to enable a student to pursue extra curricular skills; funding to a mentor to support achievement of advanced qualifications or costs towards enhanced disabled access to training. The Industry Committee will give consideration to any application that supports and maintains the quality and diversity of plastering and drylining skills in the UK.

The deadline for applications is 31 July. For more information visit <http://www.plastererslivery.co.uk/main.php?page=education&subpage=education> [Back](#)

PEOPLE

National Trust appoints new Chairman

The Council of the National Trust has appointed Simon Jenkins to be the next chairman of the Trust. The journalist and author will take up the three-year appointment in November after the Annual General Meeting in Liverpool on 1 November, on the retirement from the post of Sir William Proby.

A former editor of The Times and the London Evening Standard, Mr Jenkins's career has been characterised by his championing of conservation causes. He founded the Railway Heritage Trust, was a founder member of SAVE Britain's Heritage and the Thirties Society, and has long supported conservation issues in London, in particular the protection of the skyline.

For press release visit http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-news-new_chairman [Back](#)

Ramblers Association announce new president

The Ramblers' Association has appointed Floella Benjamin OBE as its new President. Actress and broadcaster, Floella Benjamin is passionate about exercise and young people. As Chair of BAFTA-Television, Floella created the BAFTA Children's Film & Television Awards and in 2001 was awarded the OBE, for Services to Broadcasting.

In 2004 she received the BAFTA Special Lifetime Award and in 2005 an Honorary Doctorate at Exeter University for her influence on British society. She also received the IVCA Clarion CSR Champion Award and the GG2 Lifetime Achievement Leadership & Diversity Award. Committed to outdoor

activities Floella has completed nine consecutive London Marathons and is Cultural Ambassador for the 2012 London Olympics.

For more information visit www.ramblers.org.uk [Back](#)

New Heritage Champions Announced

A number of new Heritage Champions have recently been announced, including four new Heritage Champions in London – Cllr Dilek Dogus at Haringey, Cllr Richard Cornelius at Barnet, Cllr David Malley at Lambeth and Cllr Geraldine Reardon at Waltham Forest. It's the first time Lambeth and Waltham Forest have appointed a Heritage Champion. Christopher Lloyd Owen has been appointed by Norfolk County Council and Cllr Jackie Cheetham has become a new Heritage Champion for Uttlesford.

Historic Environment Champions act as the focus for historic environment issues within their local community. They work to put the historic environment high on their Council's agenda and help to link up historic environment policy between departments. The new Champions will be supported by English Heritage as they help to use the historic environment to bring regeneration, new businesses, jobs and educational opportunities.

Greg Luton, English Heritage Regional Director for the East of England, said: 'Champions are heritage heroes with the power to transform lives in their local communities. They are local councillors who understand what matters in their areas. Heritage Champions know how to see the historic streets and buildings around as an asset to help bring in grants, trigger renewal and boost the area's culture.'

For more information visit <http://www.helm.org.uk/server/show/nav.8299> [Back](#)

Diocesan Advisory Committee seeks new Chairman

The Diocese of Exeter seeks a skilled communicator to chair the Diocesan Advisory Committee. The DAC provides advice, primarily to Parochial Church Councils, on the church buildings and churchyards for which they are responsible. The DAC works with PCCs to ensure that proposed maintenance and appropriate change keeps the important resource of historic church buildings alive, within the limitations of secular and ecclesiastical law. Knowledge of architecture is not a pre-requisite.

This work requires a time commitment of at least one day a week and access to the internet. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed and an induction programme to the Diocese will be provided.

For further information please write to Sarah Johnson, The Bishop's PA, The Palace, Exeter, EX1 1HY or email sarah.johnson@exeter.anglican.org by 15 August. [Back](#)

EVENTS

SAVE Britain's Heritage: Conservation Book Fair, 17 July 12pm - 7pm

SAVE Britain's Heritage invites everyone to attend their Conservation Book Fair on 17 July, 12 – 7pm. It is free of charge and there will be some special, for one day only, discounts available.

Publishers including Yale University Press and Donhead Publishing alongside numerous charities and societies related to the world of building conservation will be welcomed. The AMS, SPAB, The London Society, C20 and English Heritage will be present. It will be a great opportunity to meet like minded charities and societies face to face. The event is running as part of the London Festival of Architecture.

The event will be held in The Gallery, 75 Cowcross Street, Farringdon, London EC1M 6EJ. For further information telephone 020 7253 3500 or see www.savebritainsheritage.org [Back](#)

Transforming Education for Cultural Services in the South West, 17 July

The South West Lifelong Learning Network held at the Fleet Air Arm Museum, Yeovilton is for employers, education officers, curators and staff in libraries, museums, archives, galleries and heritage sites. The event will offer opportunity to influence the development of Foundation Degrees for cultural services in the South West, tour the Fleet Air Arm Museum Reserve Collection, much of which is never open to the public and listen to topical speakers and workshops and time for networking.

The keynote speaker will be Michael Leece OBE, who was Chief Executive of the National Marine Aquarium from 1997 to 2007. Alasdair MacNaughtan, Plymouth City Librarian will also be speaking. The event will be chaired by Sue Hayward, Heritage Manager for Bournemouth Borough Council.

For more information visit <http://www.swlln.ac.uk/762-transforming-education-cultural-services-south-west-event.php> [Back](#)

Association for Heritage Interpretation conference, 17 – 19 September

This year's conference for the Association for Heritage Interpretation (AHI) takes place in Newcastle upon Tyne. The theme of the conference is collaborative working in interpretation –and how to develop complementary interpretation across collective sites, and manage different organisational agendas and visitor management processes.

The conference will look at a range of partnership projects that engage visitors and communities. Site visits include Kielder Water & Forest Park, the Anglo Saxon monastic remains at Jarrow, and Hadrian's Wall in the heart of Northumberland National Park. Keynote speakers and site hosts will be exploring the subject and leading the debate over the positives and pitfalls of joined-up interpretive planning.

For further information go to www.ahi.org.uk [Back](#)

EH Festival of History, 19 – 20 July

Over 1,000 re-enactors will march out of history and into the heart of England this summer as Festival of History returns to Kelmash Hall, Northamptonshire on 19 and 20 July.

The Festival of History will feature clashing swords, thundering hooves, roaring cannons, screaming aeroplanes. With more than 50 different shows each day Festival of History aims to bring 2,000 years of England's history spectacularly to life.

For more information visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.18930> [Back](#)

Kent Heritage Event, 26 July

Following the Kent Heritage Event held in June 2005, various Kentish and national historical amenity organisations are showcasing their activities and membership benefits on 26 July at Mere House, Mereworth.

They will be complemented by conservators and craftsmen involved in heritage work who will exhibit and demonstrate their skills, covering furniture conservation, heraldic art and conservation, period upholstery, sculpture, wood turning and woodland crafts. Exhibiting organisations include the Ancient Monuments Society, Churches Conservation Trust, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Friends of Friendless Churches, Friends of Kent Churches, Historic Houses Association, Kent Gardens Trust, NADFAS, SPAB and the Traditional Buildings Preservation Trust.

Admission is free. For further information email andrewwells@mere-house.co.uk [Back](#)

Historic Farm Buildings Group Conference, 5 - 7 September

The Historic Buildings Group will be holding its annual conference in Derbyshire. The group was founded in 1985 for those concerned with the past, present and future of historic farm buildings. It recognises their importance as evidence for past farming systems and technologies, the development of agricultural and constructional practices, and more generally for the life and work of our ancestors, peasant and monk, landowner and farmer, craftsmen and surveyor, engineer and architect.

The conference will visit the Derwent valley and its buildings. For more information about the programme and booking visit <http://www.hfbg.org.uk/events.htm> [Back](#)

Revolution 08 – National Trust Volunteering Festival, 19 – 21 September

The National Trust will be hosting its first ever youth focussed volunteering festival. It aims to attract more than 300 young people from across the South West to take part in a big conservation challenge and also to celebrate young people's contributions through volunteering.

The event is being organised by a core group of 14 young people and is taking place near Exeter. The National Trust is looking for groups or individuals to attend and it would be great to get any groups of young people who are involved in heritage projects along to take part. The festival is free.

For more information about the event, please go to the website www.revolutionfestival.org.uk or contact Hannah Mayell on 07825034252. [Back](#)

Place, Space and Conservation – The Regeneration Game, 13 – 14 November

Organised by five of the UK's heritage agencies - the Architectural Heritage Fund, the Civic Trust, IHBC, the Prince's Regeneration Trust and the UK Association of Preservation Trusts - this conference will explore the impacts of heritage-led regeneration on health, crime reduction, social and community cohesion.

Speakers include Jenny Abramsky, new Chair from October of the Heritage Lottery Fund in one of her first major addresses to the heritage community; Sir Richard Leese, Leader of Manchester City Council; Barry Quirk, Leader of Lewisham Council and of the Government's 'Quirk Review' into the transfer to communities of civic assets; Baroness Andrews of the Department of Communities and Local Government (tbc); Chris Oldershaw, Chief Executive of the UK's only heritage-led Urban Regeneration Company, Gloucester Heritage URC; Sue Clifford of Common Ground on why heritage matters to communities; and case studies from all parts of the UK, plus the presentation of new research findings.

A full programme will be published on the above organisations' websites in the next two weeks. Being held in Manchester, delegate fees start £75 for voluntary sector organisations: to register interest, email diane@ahfund.org.uk [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: Head of Visitor Operations

English Heritage is in the process of developing a £5million investment programme for Dover Castle. Reporting to the Visitor Operations Director, who will be responsible for the delivery of the project on the ground, English Heritage is looking for an accomplished manager to ensure the operational delivery of this major project and of all income and expenditure budgets. The successful candidate will be an influential project team member, representing the visitor operations team and visitors. They will also lead a team of 55 visitor operations staff to make sure commercial targets are achieved.

With a track record in managing a prestigious commercial attraction, ideally within the heritage sector, candidates will have significant expertise in managing operations, delivering commercial targets and have had considerable involvement in major projects.

The salary for this role is c. £37,000 p.a. The deadline for applications is 7 July. For more information visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs [Back](#)

English Heritage: Guidebook Editor

English Heritage is looking for an enthusiastic editor with a strong background in history or architecture to join the guidebook team. Reporting to the Guidebooks Managing Editor and working closely alongside the department's Properties Historians, the appointed will be expected to project manage a number of guidebook titles and the Red Guide series.

Candidates will have a degree in architectural history, art history, archeology or a related discipline and must have extensive publishing expertise. The salary for this role is c. £27,000 p.a. (initial nine month contract) and it will be based in London. The deadline for applications is 21 July. For more information visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs [Back](#)

East Midlands Development Agency: Arts and Culture Officer

The East Midlands Development Agency is seeking an Arts and Culture Officer to develop activities in relation to arts and culture. The successful candidate will support the development of the organisation's Olympics cultural legacy plans and the role will provide expertise, advice and leadership on relevant policy and projects.

Educated to a degree level or equivalent candidates will have already worked in the cultural industries. As well as having operated at a strategic level the appointed will have experience of partnerships working and complex project and financial management.

The salary for this position is between £30,431 - £35,439 p.a. and benefits. The closing date for applications is 17 July. For more information visit www.emda.org.uk [Back](#)

Cardiff Council: Senior Planner

Cardiff Council's Conservation team is currently seeking a replacement for its lead role within its temporary projects team.

The post offers an opportunity for an enthusiastic planner with an interest in conservation, urban design or the implementation of the public realm enhancement schemes. In view of the short term time scales some previous conservation/design/project management experience would be preferable.

The salary range for this role is £26,835 - £30,598. The closing date for applications is 18 July. For further information visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/jobs or telephone 029 2087 2087. [Back](#)

The Twentieth Century Society: Casework officer

The Twentieth Century Society, the national amenity society responsible for the study and protection of 20th century architecture and design, is seeking a casework officer to work from its office in Clerkenwell.

The position involves the assessment and presentation to the Society's casework committee of architectural proposals to alter post 1914 buildings. The caseworker will represent the Society at site visits and meetings with applicants, local authorities, English Heritage, etc to discuss such schemes and will communicate the Society's views in writing to local authorities and other relevant bodies.

The person appointed will have broad knowledge of British architecture after 1914 and have an enthusiasm for its protection. The ability to comprehend architectural drawings is vital. Knowledge of the decorative arts and crafts will be a bonus. Some knowledge of listed building and other planning legislation is highly desirable. Ability to work under pressure as part of a team and to be adaptable in the context of a small office is essential.

The salary for this role is in the region of £17,500 - £18,500. The closing date for applications is 7 July. For more information contact administrator@c20society.org.uk or visit http://www.c20society.org.uk/docs/about/casework_job_2008.html [Back](#)

National Trust: Live Interpretation Facilitator

The National Trust is seeking a Live Interpretation Facilitator to be based at Sutton Hoo. As Live Interpretation Facilitator, the appointed will work as part of the Learning & Interpretation team to research, plan and deliver third-person live interpretation.

Focusing on the discoveries and stories relating to the archaeological excavations at Sutton Hoo, they will use props and costume to interact and engage with families and school groups. The successful candidate will also be responsible for recruiting and training volunteers to assist with delivering the live interpretation programme during and beyond the two year period of the post.

The salary for this role is £11,146 p.a. pro rata. This is a part-time position and is a fixed term contract for two years. The closing date for applications is 21 July. For more information visit www.ntjobs.org.uk [Back](#)

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