

# Heritage Link Update 144

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## Reactions to Select Committee Report on Heritage Protection Bill

A number of Heritage Link members have now made statements on the Select Committee's report (see summary and next steps in Update 143).

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) reaffirms its wholehearted support for the government's aim to make heritage protection simple, clear and streamlined and was 'particularly heartened' that the Committee had recognised the need for enhanced resources in its statement that 'Conservation officers, in sufficient numbers and with adequate training, will be critical to the successful implementation of the Bill'.

IHBC President David Lovie said 'we are especially encouraged that the committee has, like us, found it 'astonishing' that the government didn't think that we will need more conservation officers to deliver the proposed reforms. Research both by IHBC and Atkins, co-sponsored by English Heritage, demonstrates that skilled in-house staffing is essential if we are to serve our heritage properly, and to reap the benefits that this irreplaceable resource can bring to everyone.' IHBC's full statement can be found at [http://www.ihbc.org.uk/press\\_releases/docs/press\\_release0708cms\\_committee.pdf](http://www.ihbc.org.uk/press_releases/docs/press_release0708cms_committee.pdf)

The Historic Houses Association welcomed the Committee's support for calls for the legislation to be properly resourced. However, it was disappointed that the Report did not fully support the extensive introduction of Heritage Partnership Agreements, which the HHA believes would enable sensitive, coherent and sustainable development of the use of listed buildings and encourage their use in regeneration projects. This statement can be found at

[http://www.hha.org.uk/metadot/index.pl?id=25740&isa=DBRow&op=show&dbview\\_id=23127](http://www.hha.org.uk/metadot/index.pl?id=25740&isa=DBRow&op=show&dbview_id=23127)

The Archaeology Forum (TAF) wrote to Culture Minister Margaret Hodge to support further work on archaeological issues: the proper investment in the Historic Environment Records; consideration of how to improve protection of urban areas of archaeological significance; and how to ensure that adequately skilled practitioners and advisers can be called upon to deal with sensitive heritage assets.

Commenting on one particular issue, The British Institute of Organ Studies was pleased that the Select Committee recognised the need for greater clarification of statutory definitions, especially of fixtures and fittings, in the draft Bill, which is of crucial importance for organs. It shares the reservations of other parts of the heritage sector over the shortcomings of the Bill in relation to resources. [Back](#)

### VAT rates – down or up?

The EC proposal to allow member states to apply lower rates of VAT on certain local activities including labour intensive services (see Update 142) has prompted a variety of reactions, not all of them welcome.

Research commissioned by the Federation of Master Builders from Oxford University Environmental Change Institute was published on 9 July. One of the main recommendations in *Building a Greener Britain - Transforming the UK's Existing Housing Stock* was for the Government to work with the institutions of the European Union to establish a VAT framework which allows permanent reduced rates on domestic property renovation and repair.

Former leader of the Liberal Democrat Party, Charles Kennedy MP became the latest MP to support Early Day Motion (EDM) 669 which calls on the Government to cut VAT for all building repair and maintenance work from 17.5 per cent to 5 per cent. This brings the total number of MPs supporting the EDM to 103. For the full text of the EDM and supporters see

<http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=34822&SESSION=891>

The Country Land and Business Association (CLA) has become the latest member of the Cut the VAT Coalition co-ordinated by the Federation of Master Builders. Founder members of the Coalition include the Civic Trust and Empty Homes Agency. Heritage Link along with The Construction Centre, the European Builders Confederation and Historic Houses Association are among the growing list of formal coalition supporters. The website sets out the benefits of reducing VAT for both society and business and lists at least nine convincing reasons to get VAT reduced. For the Coalition website go to [http://www.fmb.org.uk/cutthevat/\(pvyyq1j55u5uuz155r4vpmabt\)/default.aspx](http://www.fmb.org.uk/cutthevat/(pvyyq1j55u5uuz155r4vpmabt)/default.aspx)

Alarming however, the Institute for Fiscal Studies calls for single flat rate of 17.5% of VAT for all goods and services, including building repair and maintenance work. They argue that this would make things simpler for government and business and would generate an extra £23 billion in revenue for HM Treasury. Richard Hyslop for the Cut the VAT Coalition responds that 'Reports from across Europe and, most recently, the Isle of Man, suggest it is the lower rate of VAT that generates the most revenue'.

Heritage Link plans to meet both DCMS and the Treasury to discuss the EC move in more detail. [Back](#)

### Simplifying VAT: HMRC consultation to 30 September

This consultation, relating to the current VAT regime, invites comments and suggestions on ideas to simplify the Partial Exemption Regime to reduce compliance costs for business. Third Sector magazine on 20 August reports that accounting experts are urging charities with business interests to respond to the consultation that could win them a better deal on VAT.

Changes could include the possible abolition of the difference between non-business and exempt activities. The new rules could allow charities to use one set of calculations over a whole year and make an adjustment at the end rather than making quarterly calculations.

The deadline is 30 September. The consultation can be found via the HMRC website at [http://customs.hmrc.gov.uk/channelsPortalWebApp/channelsPortalWebApp.portal?\\_nfpb=true&\\_pageLabel=pageLibrary\\_ConsultationDocuments&columns=1&id=CURRENTCONSULTATIONS](http://customs.hmrc.gov.uk/channelsPortalWebApp/channelsPortalWebApp.portal?_nfpb=true&_pageLabel=pageLibrary_ConsultationDocuments&columns=1&id=CURRENTCONSULTATIONS) [Back](#)

#### Andy Burnham supports investment in heritage in evidence to Select Committee

Culture Secretary, Andy Burnham MP and Jonathan Stephens, Permanent Secretary at DCMS gave oral evidence to the Culture Media and Sport Committee on 17 July, on issues arising from the Department's annual report.

Following the Committee's report on tourism, the Chair, John Whittingdale MP, asked Andy Burnham about the twenty per cent budget cut for VisitBritain. Burnham said that James Purnell had taken 'the decision that the right thing for DCMS was to concentrate the resource it had on the cultural life of this country, that is, the quality of our museums and galleries and the quality of our sporting offer. 'In a tighter spending round' he said, 'you invest on the ground in the tourism product and you invest in heritage'. He went on to say 'some of the best help we can give the industry is for our department to get the right quality of the cultural offer.' However, against the background of the cut to VisitBritain, Andy Burnham did not say how Britain's heritage offer was to be successfully marketed to the world in the run up to the 2012 London Olympics, when more interest in Britain can be expected. To view the full transcript visit [www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmselect/cmcomeds/uc1000/uc100002.htm](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmselect/cmcomeds/uc1000/uc100002.htm) [Back](#)

#### PPS4: Planning for Sustainable Economic Development - summary of consultation responses

In December 2007, Communities and Local Government launched a consultation on the draft Planning Policy Statement 4: Sustainable Economic Development. The draft text urged planning authorities to respond positively to applications to carry out economic development, and make fuller use of land, while having proper regard to social and environmental considerations, especially climate change.

CLG has published a summary reflecting the views of 321 organisations and individuals who responded, including Heritage Link, CPRE, the Civic Trust, the Historic Houses Association, IHBC and SAVE Britain's Heritage. To view this document visit

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/summaryresponsespps4> [Back](#)

#### CLG: Councillors' Guide to Creating Quality Public Places

CLG have published a new guide which provides examples of initiatives that councillors can take to create quality public places. It reflects the new powers and responsibilities councillors have and supports them in taking effective action on cleaner, safer, greener and quality of life issues.

It will be of particular interest to executive councillors who are responsible for creating and maintaining a quality public realm. However, the information will also be relevant to a wider audience of practitioners concerned with improving places.

To order this publication visit

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/qualitypublicspacesguide> [Back](#)

#### Principles of Representation: A framework for effective third sector participation in LSPs

This joint CLG, Cabinet Office and NAVCA document sets out a framework to help the third sector determine how best to organise its involvement in local strategic partnerships (LSPs) based on the experiences of others. 'The third sector' says the Foreword 'is the key to delivering ambitions to strengthen the involvement of the community in shaping better places'. It is not intended to prescribe how the local sector should organise itself but, by providing a set of principles should help local third sector bodies develop arrangements that strengthen their influence with LSP partners and widen the participation of local groups.

For the document go to <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/communities/pdf/923277.pdf> [Back](#)

#### Future of Museum Accreditation

As part of Museums Libraries and Archives restructuring, fresh emphasis is being given to best practice, excellence, improvement and innovation. The MLA will continue to manage standards throughout the UK. This will be done as an integral part of the MLA's new Quality and Standards team located in Birmingham. In England, Renaissance hubs will be increasingly involved with the Accreditation process,

advising and supporting museums before their applications are submitted, and after they have been considered.

The assessment of applications prior to them being put before the Accreditation Panel for decision will be undertaken by independent expert consultants in England contracted by the MLA. The Accreditation Panel will continue to make the final decisions on behalf of the MLA Board. The newly formed Quality & Standards team's immediate priority is to maintain consistency for the sector during the period of transition. The responsibilities of the regional MLAs are being integrated within the MLA by April 2009.

For the full press release visit

[http://www.mla.gov.uk/news/press\\_releases/Future\\_of\\_Museum\\_Accreditation\\_takes\\_shape](http://www.mla.gov.uk/news/press_releases/Future_of_Museum_Accreditation_takes_shape) [Back](#)

### **EH Evaluation of the Education Volunteering Programme**

English Heritage has published the evaluation of the pilot education volunteering programme. The evaluation was carried out by the Institute of Volunteering Research to record the progress of education volunteering within English Heritage during its pilot phase throughout 2007.

English Heritage aims to build on the successes of the programme and find ways to incorporate the recommendations identified in the evaluation. For further information contact Kate Davies, Education Volunteers Manager on 01793 414438 or email [kate.davies@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:kate.davies@english-heritage.org.uk) [Back](#)

### **National Trust publishes its annual report**

This year's National Trust annual report has highlighted that the income of the Trust has risen by 10 per cent in the tax year ending 29 February 2008. The main sources of increased income were membership fees, which rose from £100m to £112m, and legacies, which rose from £47m to £58m.

However, higher costs of maintenance and new capital projects, especially in historic buildings, meant the Trust's year-on-year surplus dropped from £44m to £37m. The report is available in an online interactive version. It features videos, animations and case studies in an effort to bring the Trust's year to life. To view the report visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/annualreport](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/annualreport). [Back](#)

### **New British and Irish Archaeological online Bibliography launched**

The British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography offers a comprehensive list of everything written on British and Irish archaeology. It contains around 200,000 records on a range of subjects from Palaeolithic DNA to post-medieval housing.

The new online service allows users to navigate a list of published archaeological research to find sources of information on a choice of subjects. From October biab online will be launched in its new form, providing lots of added features to make research easier. From October users will have access to new and improved search and retrieval options, user accounts with saved searches for download direct to research documents, new user interface and information screens and news feeds and current awareness blogs. The service is free. To find out more visit [www.biab.ac.uk](http://www.biab.ac.uk) [Back](#)

### **The Waterways Renaissance Awards 2009 - Call for Entries**

The Awards, established by BURA in partnership with The Waterways Trust in 2002, have recognised over 130 projects, ranging from exciting multi-use developments, sustainable environmental initiatives and educational projects changing the lives of disadvantaged young people, to innovative engineering schemes and the restoration of historic canal structures, basins and buildings.

Ten award categories are designed ensure that all aspects of the work being undertaken on waterways receive appropriate consideration, including Area Based Regeneration; Community; Design & Construction; Education & Learning; Historic Environment; Innovation; Natural Environment; Partnership; Recreation & Tourism and Strategy & Masterplanning.

The Awards are free to enter and anyone from the private, public or voluntary sectors can submit an entry. The deadline is 30 September. For more information visit [www.bura.org.uk/awards](http://www.bura.org.uk/awards) [Back](#)

### **Pews - call for case studies**

In Spring 2009 the Ecclesiological Society will be publishing an edition of its journal *Ecclesiology Today* devoted to the subject of pews in churches and chapels. It will look at their past, present and future, to

aid – in an even-handed and dispassionate way – the debate about how such furnishings should be treated in future.

The editors would welcome suggestions for recent case studies involving the alteration of pews and other church and chapel seating, particularly where there were tricky issues involved. We would also like to hear of any general historical or typological research regarding church seating (though it is very unlikely that research relating to a single church or chapel would be of interest, and the focus is on local churches, not greater ones).

To discuss further, contact Trevor Cooper, one of the joint editors, at [cooper@ecclsoc.org](mailto:cooper@ecclsoc.org) [Back](#)

#### Plans to demolish Smithfield Market turned down

One of the most controversial recent Planning Inquiries has finally been decided. The application to demolish part of Smithfield General Market has been turned down. Developers had wanted to knock down the General Market building as part of a redevelopment of the area. SAVE Britain's Heritage and English Heritage had led the campaign to stop these buildings in a Conservation Area being demolished.

Adam Wilkinson SAVE's former Secretary who led the SAVE case at the inquiry said that the decision was a 'vindication of SAVE's long-held stance that the demolition of these handsome buildings is a nonsense and that they are well capable of economic re-use. They can contribute so much more to London than yet another office block.' For more information visit <http://www.savebritainsheritage.org> [Back](#)

#### Volunteering England's Response to Conservative Green Paper

The Conservative Green Paper *Voluntary Action in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* published in June outlined a broad policy agenda to expand the role and influence of voluntary organisations, including measures to increase volunteering, encourage more charitable giving, improve government contracting with the voluntary sector and encourage social enterprise

Volunteering England has welcomed the positive contribution which the Green Paper makes to the policy debate about the future of volunteering and the development of policy and practice. They highlighted the need for the next stage of policy development to focus on how local volunteering infrastructure can be strengthened. This would provide an environment in which volunteering by individual citizens and the work of voluntary groups can be sustained and encouraged.

For more information visit

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/WhatWeDo/Policy/Policy+Watch/Policy+Watch+July+2008.htm#2> [Back](#)

#### Charities and the economic downturn research

nfpSynergy has been working on a new project which looks at what happens to charities in a recession. nfpSynergy is trying to predict what will happen to charity income if there is a recession. One of the things they have discovered is that it takes a while for the impact to filter through to the charity sector. More specifically, there's a 10-month delay between an economic downturn and its subsequent effect on voluntary income.

For more information visit <http://www.nfpsynergy.net/downloads/CharitiesInADownturnSlides.pdf> To find out more about this research contact Jonathan at [jonathan.baker@nfpsynergy.net](mailto:jonathan.baker@nfpsynergy.net), or call on 0207 426 8865. [Back](#)

#### Grants for new ideas to get people involved in democracy

Fresh ideas for encouraging people to become involved in democracy will be rewarded with grants under a £150,000 government scheme aimed at charities, community groups and non-government organisations. The Innovation Fund, launched by the Ministry of Justice will support projects developing new ways to help people participate in public discussions and influence government policy.

Previous winners have included Speakers' Corner Trust, which established a speakers' corner and held a day of debate in Nottingham, and the South Kesteven District Council, which developed a process for online citizens' juries.

To present its idea or comment on those of others, organisations should go to the Innovations Fund website at [www.buildingdemocracy.co.uk](http://www.buildingdemocracy.co.uk) [Back](#)

### New London Events Volunteering Calendar

Voluntary and community arts groups and event organisers in London can now advertise online for people to help - as organisers, stewards, participants etc. - using the London Events Volunteering Calendar.

The London Events Volunteering Calendar is part of a set of new online resources at for volunteers, event organisers, and organisations created by Greater London Volunteering to help prepare for 2012 and the Cultural Olympiad.

To post information about an event or to browse the latest London events go to [www.eventvolunteers.org.uk](http://www.eventvolunteers.org.uk). For further information about the 2012 Volunteering Legacy project and the new online resources, contact Colin Bowen, 2012 Volunteering Legacy Officer, on 020 7953 7226 or email [colin@glv.org.uk](mailto:colin@glv.org.uk) [Back](#)

### Small grants for voluntary sector to hold good practice events

GoldStar is calling for applications for small grants to hold good practice events in the community. It welcomes applications from organisations (or groups of organisations), that can demonstrate specialist expertise in working with volunteers from one of more of the following target groups Black Asian Minority Ethnic (BAME), disabled people or people with limiting long term illnesses and people with no qualifications.

The events should be to promote and share good practice amongst other organisations. Successful organisations will receive a small grant of between £100 and £3,000, and there is a 'good practice events management toolkit' available for free to everyone, which is full of hints and tips and templates to help organisations manage events. The closing date for the first wave of applications will be 29 August and the second on 26 September with successful organisations informed two weeks later. For more information visit <http://www.goldstar.org.uk/SmallGrantsForEvents.htm> [Back](#)

## PEOPLE

### English Heritage loses Chairman

Sadly, Lord Bruce Lockhart, Chairman of English Heritage, lost his long battle with cancer on 14<sup>th</sup> August. Full obituaries appear in the Guardian <http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2008/aug/16/conservatives> and Daily Telegraph <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/obituaries/2560296/Lord-Bruce-Lockhart.html> amongst many others.

Simon Thurley, EH Chief Executive, also paid tribute to his Chairman. 'In his year with English Heritage, Sandy made a great contribution to our work, battling hard for us in last year's spending review and securing a reversal of our real-term cash decline for the first time in 10 years. Recently, he also achieved a major breakthrough in our plans for Stonehenge, convincing Ministers that a new, affordable scheme was worth Government backing'. As a tribute to him from the organisation, all English Heritage flags flew at half mast.

In the short term, arrangements are being put in place for the appointment of an acting Chairman until as a successor can be found. [Back](#)

### 2009 Queen's Birthday Honours List

DCMS are inviting nominations for the 2009 Queen's Birthday Honours List. There is no limit to the number of nominations you can submit but the deadline for completed nomination forms is 19 September.

DCMS aim to make the nomination process as simple as possible and welcome phone calls to discuss any aspect of the process. For more information contact Pat Le-Bruin, Honours Secretary on 020 7211 2314 or Stephanie Legg on 020 7211 2314. To download an electronic version of the form visit <http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/NominationForm.doc> [Back](#)

### Prince's Regeneration Trust appoints new Chairman

The Prince's Regeneration Trust has appointed Ian Marcus as its new Chairman succeeding Andrew Hamilton who chaired the Trust for three years.

Ian Marcus is currently Chairman of the European Real Estate Investment Banking Group at Credit Suisse, based in London and has been working in the banking industry for 28 years always focusing on the property industry. He is the Immediate Past President of the British Property Federation, Past Chairman of the Investment Forum and Chairman of the Bank of England Property Forum.

For more information visit <http://www.princes-regeneration.org/news.php> [Back](#)

### Heritage Lottery Fund: Expert Panel Recruitment

Following the launch of HLF's Strategic Plan and revisions to the grants programmes, HLF is refocusing its Expert Panel. This includes advising on cross-sectoral projects and the benefits they will bring for the heritage and people; on potentially controversial issues of policy; and on strategic, professional and technical aspects of larger-scale or complex applications for funding from the Lottery.

HLF welcomes applications from individuals of senior standing with substantial experience in their heritage sector. It would also be welcoming individuals from the heritage sector who have expertise in learning, interpretation, training and skills; community participation, audience development and volunteering; environmental and financial sustainability. HLF is looking to appoint up to 11 Members.

The closing date for applications is 15 September with terms of appointment commencing 1 November. For more information visit <http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/AboutUs/Vacancies/> [Back](#)

### Historic Royal Palaces recruiting new trustee

DCMS is seeking to appoint a successor to Bridget Cherry OBE who steps down from the board of Historic Royal Palaces (HRP) in December 2008.

Trustees play an essential and vital role in the success of HRP. In addition to ensuring overall good governance, they are encouraged to contribute expertise to major projects and working groups. Trustees have an opportunity to attend ceremonies and special events across all the palaces, and to participate actively in the life of the organisation. For this post, applications are invited from people with expertise and a track record of achievement in the fields of building conservation, architecture and history.

The deadline for applications is 19 September. Interviews will be held on 3 November. For more information contact Mark Greenwood, Public Appointments, Department For Culture, Media & Sport on 020 7211 2311 or email [Mark.Greenwood@culture.gov.uk](mailto:Mark.Greenwood@culture.gov.uk) [Back](#)

## EVENTS

### Dame Liz Forgan DBE/RSA Britishness Lecture, 9 September

In one of the forthcoming lectures planned by the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA), Dame Liz Forgan will address the identity issue.

Liz Forgan, Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund will argue that not only is a purely values-based concept of national identity too narrow to succeed, but that heritage has enormous power to bring communities together around disparate yet powerful ethnic links, provide a route into civic participation and foster a strong, inclusive national identity.

For more information and to book a place at this event visit <http://www.thersa.org/events/our-events/britishness-a-values-based-approach-is-not-enough> [Back](#)

### Archaeology and Wildlife: Past, Present and Future, 10 September

This conference supported by the British Academy and organised as part of the British Association for the Advancement of Science's 2008 Festival of Science, is hosted by the University of Liverpool. The first session will concentrate on the record of temperate regions, showing how the archaeological record has raised difficult policy questions regarding particular species and balancing modern land use with conservation priorities.

The second part of the meeting will extend the questions to a more global scale, concentrating on the tropical zones. The event will also showcase new research in African savannah and Asian rainforest environments, emphasising human adaptation and environmental impact, and considering the directions of research most needed in the context of very rapid development. For more information visit <http://www1.the-ba.net/bafos/events/showevent.asp?EventID=144> [Back](#)

#### Heritage Open Days, 11-14 September

Coordinated nationally by the Civic Trust in partnership with English Heritage, Heritage Open Days welcomes around one million people take part in the Heritage Open Days programme. Each year in September thousands of buildings open their doors free of charge. Many of these places are normally closed to the public, while others usually charge for admission.

To find out more visit [www.heritageopendays.org](http://www.heritageopendays.org) or telephone 020 7539 7907. [Back](#)

#### HELM Enabling Development Workshop, 18 September

HELM training is running the final of a series of four workshops on the topic of Enabling Development at Homerton College, Cambridge on 18 September. This workshop is designed to provide specialist training for local authority, regional agency and government organisation colleagues whose role involves the process of enabling development.

For more information visit <http://www.helm.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.11473> [Back](#)

#### Open House London, 20 – 21 September

This year's Open House event will once again aim to reveal the fabric of London and its diversity. To celebrate London's design nearly 700 buildings will be opening their doors together with activities allowing for the opportunity to experience architecture up close.

Highlights include Future London, a lecture on the London's future shape including regeneration sites such as Stratford City Athletics Village and the London 2012 Olympic Site.

To find out which buildings are open visit [www.openhouse.org.uk](http://www.openhouse.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### Business Development for Archaeologists/Heritage Professionals, 24 September

The aim of this course held at the University of Leicester, is to provide senior managers and directors of archaeology/heritage organisations with the skills which will help them successfully steer a way through a rapidly approaching market recession. It also aims to highlight the commercial skills and techniques used by other businesses to create new foundations which will boost them when market conditions improve – and which can produce more stable commercial trading patterns.

The course will be highly interactive and a course manual will be supplied to all participants.. For further details see the IFA website or contact Nick Waloff by emailing [nick@waloffassociates.demon.co.uk](mailto:nick@waloffassociates.demon.co.uk) or by telephone on 07710 225638. [Back](#)

#### Achieving Economic Benefit from Urban, Rural and Coastal Heritage, 29 September

The Centre for Public Policy Seminars is holding a lecture entitled *How do we achieve greatest economic benefit and environmental sustainability from our urban, rural and coastal heritage?*

Speakers will include Margaret Hodge, Minister of State for Culture, Media and Sport and Peter Beacham, Heritage Protection Director, English Heritage. Issues to be discussed include the Heritage Protection Bill, the Maritime and Coastal Protection Bill, the role of Heritage Champions and local government implementation of the new Historic Environment Records. For full details of this event visit [www.cppseminars.org.uk](http://www.cppseminars.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### Industrial Buildings Day Schools, 29 September/27 November

The Association for Industrial Archaeology (AIA) and Council for British Archaeology (CBA) have received funding from English Heritage under their National Capacity Building grant scheme for a programme of national and regional day schools focussing on the identification and assessment of significance of industrial buildings and sites.

Each school day will consist of a series of short lectures, site visits and discussions. Although specific industry topics will be tailored to each region, all the day schools will look at the process of responding to development proposals, provide guidance on identifying industrial sites, structures and buildings plus associated machinery, and guidance on assessing their significance.

The sessions are primarily for those commenting on planning proposals such as the CBA historic building volunteers, but will also be useful for local authority conservation officers and other heritage professionals. The days are free to CBA volunteers and others working in a voluntary capacity, but there will be a charge of £80 per day for heritage professionals.

The first national day school will be held in Manchester on 29 September followed by the second in Bristol on 27 November. There will be two regional ones in early 2009 and it is hoped to cover the other English regions during 2009 -11. Places are limited so book by 15 September. For more detail contact Brian Grimsditch, on 0161 275 2314 or e-mail: [brian.grimsditch@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:brian.grimsditch@manchester.ac.uk) [Back](#)

#### East Anglian Historic Brick Conference 12 October

Buildings conservationists can discover more about historic brickwork at a one-day event in October. Subjects covered will include the development of brick buildings as well as aspects of traditional brick-making, and with seven presentations, delegates can earn up to 28 CPD points.

Organised by a partnership between a regional group of The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and the West Norfolk local authority, the event is aimed at professionals including architects in the heritage sector, archaeologists, buildings conservationists, and restoration companies, as well as students and interested individuals.

The line-up of speakers from the heritage sector, includes Gerard Lynch (academic, master brick-maker, and author), Peter Minter of Bulmer Brick Works, Tim Easton (painted brickwork expert) and John Hoath (on Lambeth Palace bricks). The venue is the medieval town hall in King's Lynn, a town synonymous with brick buildings and their restoration. Date: 12<sup>th</sup> October. The organisers have secured generous sponsorship to keep the cost to a nominal fee of £10. Advance booking essential.

Further information and bookings from Bob Turner on 01945 871100 or at [morriski@hotmail.com](mailto:morriski@hotmail.com) [Back](#)

#### Museums, Sustainability and Growth conference, 23 – 24 October

Renaissance, East of England as part of its Sustainability and New Communities programmes is holding a conference to explore the contribution that museums and heritage organisations can make to the development of sustainable communities. The conference will present a range of practical case studies, examining the unique perspective and resources that museums and heritage organisations can bring along.

Speakers will include Roy Clare CBE (Chief Executive, MLA) and Maurice Davies (Deputy Director of the Museums Association. For more information contact [laura.matthews@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:laura.matthews@norfolk.gov.uk) [Back](#)

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#### Council for British Archaeology: Community Archaeology Support Officer

The Council for British Archaeology is seeking a Community Archaeology Support Officer. The post holder will be responsible for conducting, interpreting and disseminating a programme of research and for helping to shape a fresh, forward-looking and sustainable strategy of support for the community sector.

The job requires someone with proven experience in liaising with the voluntary sector and with an understanding of its complexity and needs. The successful candidate will be a good communicator, preferably with experience of writing for the web. The post will involve extensive travel around the UK.

Funded by the Headley Trust this post will be based in York, and includes an excellent package of benefits, including a salary of £20,000 – 23,000 pa, plus pension. The job will be offered initially as an 18 month contract. It is hoped the job will become a permanent thereafter, subject to further funding.

The closing date is 29 September. Further details are available from Dr Dan Hull, Head of Information & Communications, CBA, St Mary's House, 66 Bootham, York YO30 7BZ (tel 01904 671417, [email danhull@britarch.ac.uk](mailto:danhull@britarch.ac.uk)). [Back](#)

#### **Wildlife and Countryside Link: Policy and Campaigns Officer**

Wildlife and Countryside Link, Heritage Link's equivalent in the environment world, is seeking a successor to Jodie Bettis who will be taking on the role of Director following the departure of Alexia Wellbelove at the end of September.

Wildlife and Countryside Link is the leading umbrella body for the environmental not for profit sector, with 40 member organisations and 28 years' experience. Applicants will be excellent communicators with experience in policy work, and have a keen interest in influencing policy development.

Applicants need to be a team player, highly organised, able to handle many tasks at once and demonstrate attention to detail. They should have a good understanding of the voluntary sector and an awareness of a broad range of environmental issues.

Permanent, full time position, starting salary £24,079 per annum, based in London SE1. For further information and a full job description and application form see [www.wcl.org.uk](http://www.wcl.org.uk) or email [jobs@wcl.org.uk](mailto:jobs@wcl.org.uk)  
Closing date: 9am on 9 September. Interviews will be held in London on 18 September. [Back](#)

#### **Medway Council: Heritage Operations Manager**

Medway Council is looking for an experienced and energetic heritage professional to join their team and oversee the operation of three heritage attractions – Rochester Castle, Upnor Castle and Temple Manor, all Scheduled Ancient Monuments, managed by the Council on behalf of English Heritage.

The role involves the supervision of visitor operations assistants at each site, delivering high standards of customer service and developing the visitor potential of the sites, within the constraints of their historic landscapes. The post-holder will also be a key part of the new heritage, museums and events team working on a number of transformational heritage projects in Medway. Suitable candidates will have a related degree standard qualification and require all-round knowledge of heritage management and events, with demonstrable operational experience of the sector.

Based in Chatham/Rochester, the salary for this role is £26,067 to £33,291 pa. The closing date is 15 September. For further information, please call Simon Curtis on 01634 338111 or visit [www.medway.gov.uk](http://www.medway.gov.uk) [Back](#)

#### **English Heritage: Corporate Development Manager**

English Heritage is currently seeking a Corporate Development Manager. Working with the Development Director, the Corporate Development Manager will research prospects, devise approaches, manage cultivation and make presentations on corporate membership and sponsorship. They will be responsible for achieving the strategic income target of £220,000 and contribute to the growth of corporate fundraising according to EH strategy.

Based in Holborn, London the salary for this role is £31,500 to £35,000 pa (including London Supplement). The closing date for applications is 5 September. Interviews are likely to be held on 15/16 September. For more information visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.18437> [Back](#)

#### **Heritage Lottery Fund: Senior Grants Officer (West Midlands)**

The Heritage Lottery Fund is seeking a Senior Grants Officer. The job holder will report to the Head of HLF West Midlands and will assess and process applications for grants in that region. This includes progress monitoring of projects undertaken by successful applicants. The post is based in Birmingham but will involve occasional travel across the region for site visits.

As a more experienced case worker within the team, the post holder will be responsible for handling a wide range of applications and awards for grants for major projects, as well as assisting in the formulation of HLF regional grants strategies, developing and participating in outreach activities, and pursuing other strategic objectives. The position line manages a Grants Officer and will work closely with the Casework Manager, other Grants Officers and the Development Team.

The closing date for applications is 29 August. Interviews will be held in the week commencing 22 September. For more information visit

[https://forms.hlf.org.uk/applications/HLFJobs\\_PublicPortal.ofml?00036c36a689&jobid=108](https://forms.hlf.org.uk/applications/HLFJobs_PublicPortal.ofml?00036c36a689&jobid=108) [Back](#)

#### Heritage Lottery Fund: Grants Officer (North West England)

Based in Manchester, the Grants Officer will assess and process grant applications, monitor successful grant applications, provide advice and guidance to applicants; evaluate risks inherent in projects; liaise and negotiate with advisers and applicants/grantees, on any aspects of their applications; assess, approve or negotiate over designs, specification, and cost and management plans (in consultation if necessary with senior or specialist staff or advisers) to ensure that they comply with HLF requirements.

The salary for this role is £20,690 - £24,001 pa. The closing date for applications is 1 September. For more information visit website [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### The National Churches Trust: Grants Administrator

The National Churches Trust is seeking a Grants Administrator to meet its aims by working with the Grants Manager to administer the innovative new grants programmes that the Trust is implementing in 2008-2010. The successful candidate for this new role will play a pivotal part in assisting congregations to repair and maintain their places of worship through administering the grant giving process.

The role will involve a great deal of correspondence and telephone contact, database entry and some project management. As part of a small, busy team the post holder will bring excellent communication, administrative and organisational skills to this position.

The salary for this role is £18,000. The closing date for applications is 1 September. For more information visit <http://www.historicchurches.org.uk/news.html> [Back](#)

#### The Penllergare Trust: two posts

Under its People & Places programme The Big Lottery has enabled the Penllergare Trust to expand and develop a new project with community engagement and education at its heart. The following new appointments will be for three-year contracts.

Project Manager with the key role of coordinating and driving forward the restoration and regeneration programmes. The salary for this post is £25,500 rising to £27,516.

Volunteer & Training Coordinator, to initiate and develop the all-important volunteer and conservation training programmes. The salary for this role is £20,520 rising to £22,500.

The closing date for both applications is 26 September. For further information contact Michael Norman by telephoning 01558 650735 or e-mailing [michael.norman@penllergare.org](mailto:michael.norman@penllergare.org) [Back](#)

#### The Building Exploratory: Project Manager

The Building Exploratory is seeking to appoint an experienced project manager to lead and inspire a team of volunteers in the completion of a survey of listed places of worship in Hackney and Tower Hamlets.

Working closely with English Heritage and the Churches Conservation Trust, the project manager will be responsible for recruiting and training a team of committed volunteers and overseeing a survey of the condition, use and significance of 70 places of worship in these two historic East End boroughs. This is a pilot survey and the post holder will be required to develop a proposal for delivering the project London wide. This project builds upon previous investigations of places of worship carried out by the Building Exploratory during 2007 as part of their project Religion and Place in Tower Hamlets.

In addition to overseeing the survey and supporting volunteers, the project manager will be responsible for the photographic documentation of the buildings and the drafting of the new website [religionandplace.org.uk](http://religionandplace.org.uk), an online information resource on religious buildings.

The salary for this role is c£30,000 pa. This is a part-time position, two days a week. The deadline for applications is 5 September. For more information e-mail Oliver Redfern on [mail@buildingexploratory.org.uk](mailto:mail@buildingexploratory.org.uk). [Back](#)

### The Thames Discovery Programme: Outreach Officer

The new Thames Discovery Programme run by the Thames Estuary Partnership and the Thames Explorer Trust is seeking to recruit an Outreach Officer. The role will involve developing and delivering educational programmes to adults and children based upon the results of the archaeological surveys. The post holder will encourage and develop the FROG: establishing the associated recording system/BLOG formats and training programmes. They will also keep a diary of Thames-related events and organise an Annual Conference and similar events as required.

The work is divided between educational outreach work with schools, archaeological societies etc on the one hand, and close liaison with the TDP Community Archaeological Team and their FROG programme. The position is office based but requires highly flexibility as the assignment includes attendance at activities planned and frequent visits to the foreshore that depend on tidal windows.

The deadline for applications is 1 September. The salary for this role is £23,000 pa. For more information visit [www.thamesweb.com/news.php](http://www.thamesweb.com/news.php) or contact the Thames Estuary Partnership office on 02076790540 or email: [j.goddard@thamesweb.com](mailto:j.goddard@thamesweb.com) [Back](#)

### Association for Heritage Interpretation: Administrator

The Association for Heritage Interpretation is looking for a well organised, dynamic and experienced Administrator with excellent communication skills. The post involves supporting the work of the committee, maintaining membership records and servicing the membership, book-keeping and managing AHI's finances, and organising publications and events.

The commitment is for between 2 and 2 1/2 days per week and the salary is £7,000 – £8,750 per year, according to hours worked (equivalent to £17,500 full-time). The closing date for applications is 5 September. For more information contact Aaron Lawton on 0131 220 0203. [Back](#)

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