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Heritage takes its place in the Cultural Olympiad

When the bid for the London 2012 Games was short on references to heritage, built or natural environment in the Cultural Olympiad, it illustrated how the visual and performing arts could have dominated the perception of culture in the UK. Heritage Link's mission to redress the balance bore fruit when at the press launch of the Cultural Olympiad on 4th September, the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) announced its full programme, naming Heritage Link as a partner and its project Discovering Places as one of the major projects.

Discovering Places expands on the Access All Areas idea reported in earlier Updates and is described in detail below. It takes its place alongside the other programmes: Artists Taking the Lead, which challenges artists to lead a celebration of excellence, diversity, innovation and multiculturalism; Sounds, led by the BBC, to celebrate music as a universal language in today's multicultural and multi-faith UK; Somwhereto, empowering young people to access spaces for their own activities; Stories of the World, celebrating the UK's vast range of museums; Film Nation, facilitating young people to make and deliver stories digitally; Unlimited, the largest ever celebration of disability arts, culture and sport; the World Shakespeare Festival, to celebrate Shakespeare as international property centring on exchange and collaboration; Festival of Carnivals, a programme of five major carnival in London and other cities; and the World Cultural Festival, involving all the Cultural Olympiad partners including a world cultural summit.

Through these initiatives, London 2012 aims to 'put culture centre stage in the lead up the Games'. The Cultural Olympiad focuses on bringing together culture and sport, encouraging audiences to take part and animating public spaces. It will use culture and sport to promote environmental sustainability, health and well being. The programmes aim to encourage collaboration and innovation between communities

and cultural sectors, promoting learning and skills by linking with educational programmes. For further information see www.london2012.com/culture [Back](#)

Discovering Places – Heritage Link's Cultural Olympiad project

Discovering Places will encompass four programmes around the historic, built and natural environment and sporting heritage, one of which is Access All Areas, which aims to create Festivals of the UK's built and historic environment with the objective of bringing a wide constituency into contact with heritage throughout the UK. It will work with people from across the sector to deliver activities and events to engage with a broad range of social groups, including young people.

Heritage Link's partner organisations for Discovering Places are CABE, whose O.space programme of activities to showcase the regeneration and architectural transformation at the London 2012 Olympic Park and its relevance to neighbourhoods across the UK; Leeds Metropolitan University, whose Action Replay roadshow will give young people the opportunity to participate in and learn about early sports and how they shaped the global games of today; and Natural England, whose Open up to Nature programme will complement Access All Areas and connect new audiences to the inspiration of the UK's natural environment.

To take forward this ambitious plan on a UK scale and work with a variety of partners, large and small, Heritage Link has secured funding from English Heritage and others to support a dedicated part time post. Catharine Bull, the Project Co-ordinator is now in post and can be contacted at c.bull@heritagelink.org.uk Ian Lush Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of the Architectural Heritage Fund remains Project Director. While many details, of branding, funding and marketing have yet to be resolved by all the projects, a business plan has been agreed with LOCOG and a Project Board will be appointed. [Back](#)

Heritage Link networking in the South West, 14 October

Heritage Link continues its series of popular regional events with a full day programme on 14 October in Taunton, Somerset. Held in partnership with the Outer South West Association of Civic Trusts, this is an opportunity for all interested in heritage matters to meet up, hear a range of speakers and then debate the issues of most concern.

Ian Lush, Deputy Chair of Heritage Link will outline Heritage Link's activities as well as an update on the Discovering Places project in the Cultural Olympiad for which he is Project Director. Stephen Woollett Chief Executive of the South West Forum the regional voice for voluntary and community organisations will discuss the importance of regional influence. Robin Cassell, Past President of the Taunton and District Civic Society will speak for the Outer South West Association of Civic Trusts on recent activities and challenges.

To mark the recent completion of Heritage Link's two year Diversity Programme Embracing Difference, Angela Dove will explain the purpose and lessons learnt of this very initiative venture.

The event is sponsored by Cathedral Communications, publisher of The Building Conservation Directory. To secure your free place for either or both sessions, download the programme and registration from the website or email Kate Jones at kate.jones@heritagelink.org.uk. Please return all booking forms by 7 October. [Back](#)

Heritage Link Skills for Fundraising seminar, 14 October

The morning session of the SW Regional Networking Day is devoted to helping heritage groups improve their fund raising successes. Starting with advice from, Amongst others, the Heritage Lottery Fund's Development Manager in the South West, Carol Procter will share their experience and expertise. Here is the chance to pick their brains in a Q & A session and continue swapping tips over the networking lunch.

These Skills for Fundraising seminars are the second stage in Heritage Link's Funding Working Group programme to help voluntary bodies access funding. The first part of this was to set up the free online Heritage Funding Directory which can be found at <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/fundingdirectory/main/fundinghome.php> [Back](#)

To register for the morning session, networking lunch or the afternoon's regional heritage discussion forum, see the programme and registration form at www.heritagelink.org.uk or contact kate.jones@heritagelink.org.uk for further details. We look forward to seeing you there.

Heritage Open Days, 11 - 14 September 2008

Chester Racecourse, the country's oldest, hosted the launch of Heritage Open Days 2008, a celebration of architecture, history and culture. Over 3,500 places across the country are opening their doors for free as part of Heritage Open Days which takes place between 11-14 September. From a rare opportunity to see the home of the Rolls Royce fleet of luxury cars in Derby to a chance to step into private eco-houses in Norfolk, Heritage Open Days offers people the opportunity to explore buildings and places, many of which are normally closed to the public, completely free of charge.

Last year, Heritage Open Days attracted nearly a million visitors. This year, the four-day annual event which is co-ordinated nationally by the Civic Trust in partnership with English Heritage, will draw on the support of an army of 35,000 volunteers. Heritage Open Days is part of European Heritage Days, taking place across 48 countries during September as part of a mass celebration of Europe's cultural heritage. The Heritage Open Days online directory listing all the events taking place in England can be seen at www.heritageopendays.org.uk [Back](#)

Heritage Days, September

Across the rest of the UK, Doors Open Days in Scotland runs every weekend in September, Open Doors Days in Wales takes place on 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 September. European Heritage Days Northern Ireland runs on 13/14 September and London Open House takes place on 20/21 September. The European Heritage Days of Jewish Culture & Heritage run from 7-28 September.

For more information visit www.heritagedays.net [Back](#)

The Bill and Beyond: implementing the new heritage protection system

The Archaeology Forum is holding a seminar, 'The Bill and Beyond', on 7 October, 11 am – 4.30 pm, hosted by the Society of Antiquaries of London. It will provide an update on progress with the current heritage protection reforms, both the Heritage Protection Bill itself and much more that is happening alongside it, and an opportunity for discussion of the practicalities of beginning to implement the changes.

There will be presentations from DCMS on progress with drafting the Bill and related draft guidance and secondary legislation; and from English Heritage on plans for implementation, guidance and training in the sector. The afternoon session will include presentations from key stakeholders with their perspectives on opportunities, challenges and the longer term implications of the planned changes. Speakers will represent the Institute of Historic Building Conservation, the Institute of Field Archaeologists, the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers, and the Joint Committee of National Amenity Societies.

With invited representatives from a range of other heritage organisations in England and Wales, there will be opportunities for questions and lively discussion throughout the day. A full programme for the day will be available shortly from the Society of Antiquaries (www.sal.org.uk). Places are limited so early booking is recommended.

To book for the event, contact the Society of Antiquaries of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BE (tel: 020 7479 7080, fax: 020 7287 6967 or email admin@sal.org.uk). There is a charge of £15 / head to cover refreshments including lunch. Payment should be made in advance by cheque or by telephone / email with credit/debit card details. [Back](#)

DEFRA Submits New Sites as Candidate Special Areas of Conservation

Defra has submitted two new land-based sites and five new marine sites to the European Commission as candidate Special Areas of Conservation (cSAC). Special Areas of Conservation protect the most vulnerable and threatened species and habitats, and they form part of the European Ecological Network of protected sites known as Natura 2000. Identification of a site as a cSAC provides a significant degree of protection to the site from development and other damaging activities.

The sites include Bolton Fell Moss in Cumbria, recognised as a degraded raised bog still capable of natural regeneration and the River Faughan and its tributaries in Northern Ireland, an important

spawning site for Atlantic Salmon. Five new offshore marine sites have also been named. For more information visit <http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2008/080829b.htm> [Back](#)

Previously developed land that may be available for Development: England 2007 – report

The latest statistics on previously-developed land produced by Communities and Local Government were released on 29 August. Previously-developed land, often called brownfield land, is land that was developed but is now vacant or derelict, and land currently in use with known potential for redevelopment.

The report shows results from the National Land Use Database of Previously-Developed Land (NLUD-PDL) based on information collected in 2007. In 2007 there were an estimated 62,130 hectares of previously-developed land in England, down 1 per cent from 62,730 hectares in 2006. An estimated 33,600 hectares of previously-developed land were vacant or derelict, 54 per cent of the total. The remaining 28,520 hectares were in use but with potential for redevelopment.

For more information or to view the report visit

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/previouslydevelopedland2007> [Back](#)

Development Control Statistics, England, 2007-08 - report

The latest national statistics on Development Control Statistics, England 2007-08 have been released under the auspices of the UK Statistics Authority. The publication presents annual statistics for 2007-08 on development control at national, regional and local planning authority level. The statistics in the publication are based on information from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2008.

The report revealed the following: in district level planning applications and decisions in 2007/08: authorities undertaking district level planning activity received 649,000 planning applications and decided 596,000 applications; an increase of 1 and 2 per cent respectively when compared with the previous year; 82 per cent of applications decided were granted; unchanged when compared with 2006-07; 71 per cent of planning decisions on major applications were made within 13 weeks, 28 percentage points higher than in 2002-03 and unchanged when compared with 2006-07; 50 per cent of all decisions were for applications made by householders whilst decisions on dwellings accounted for 13 per cent.

Enforcement district level planning authorities issued 5,565 enforcement notices; an increase of 1 per cent compared with last year and served 5,039 planning contravention notices; the lowest since 2004-05. For more information and to view the report in full, visit

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/developmentcontrol200708> [Back](#)

Listing of 25 historic buildings amended to highlight their links to slavery and its abolition

Speaking on the UNESCO International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition, Margaret Hodge, Culture Minister has announced new protection for four historic buildings and monuments linked to the slave trade, and upgrades and amendments for 21 others.

The four new listings are in Watford, Milton Keynes, Hackney and Windermere, and the listings of another four - in Bristol, Camden Town, Stratford-on-Avon and Kingston-upon-Thames - have been upgraded. The remaining 17 buildings have had their listing descriptions amended to ensure their connection with the slave trade and special historic interest is adequately reflected.

For more information visit http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/5404.aspx [Back](#)

Securing a Future for Maritime Archaeological Archives

Following the work of the IFA Maritime Affairs Group to highlight the situation relating to maritime archaeological archives in the UK the 'Securing a Future for Maritime Archaeological Archives' Project was developed.

The Project will undertake research that aims to: understand how museum and archive repository collection areas and collection policies consider the marine zone; review where maritime archaeological archives are currently held and assess their public accessibility; and analyse present maritime archive creation and assess the scale and nature of future maritime archives.

Without this baseline information it is impossible to gauge the current provision for maritime archives and the numbers and diversity of current collections. This project is a vital first step in defining the extent

of the problem to enable appropriate responses on a national level to be formulated. Any individual, organisation or institution which holds maritime archive material is encouraged to visit the project website and fill in the questionnaire.

For further information on the project go to

<http://www.hwtma.org.uk/projects/MaritimeArchaeologicalArchives.htm>. To go straight to the online questionnaire:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=d15leOidB9GGCfVWSctF_2bQ_3d_3d [Back](#)

Protection of heritage and environment gets new focus in fire and rescue service response

Hazel Blears has unveiled new guidance to the Fire and Rescue Services to integrate better protection for historic buildings and the environment into Fire and Rescue Service planning. Fire and Rescue Services are to gather and integrate information to help deal with fire or other emergencies (eg floods or chemical incidents) in sensitive environments and historic sites into their strategic planning.

Recalling such fires as the Cutty Sark, Windsor Castle, Hampton Court, Uppark House and Thursley Common National Nature Reserve, the guidance points out the considerable impacts these can have on the loss of rare buildings and artworks, health and well-being, water supply pollution, the local economy including tourism, recreation, and destruction of habitats. While the priority will always be to save life, safeguarding the built and natural heritage should be an essential component of a fire management strategy.

For more information visit <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/944239> [Back](#)

Free entry to Cadw sites

The Welsh Minister for Heritage, Alun Ffred Jones, has launched a new scheme to give free entry to Cadw sites to residents in Wales aged 16 and under or 60 and over. The Minister said: 'Our One Wales commitment is intended to ensure that price is not a barrier to experiencing Welsh heritage.

Free admission to our National Museum sites has been a great success'. A leaflet explaining how to apply for a free entry pass will soon be available on Cadw staffed sites and on the Cadw website. For the full press release visit <http://www.cadw.wales.gov.uk/default.asp?id=21&NewsId=231> [Back](#)

The National Trust on the Potential of Conservation Covenants - report

The National Trust has published a report by Green Balance on 'The Potential of Conservation Covenants'. A conservation covenant is a legal agreement between a landowner and another party which permanently limits the uses of the land affected in order to protect its environmental condition. The land does not change ownership and it may be sold or passed on to heirs as normal. Covenants are voluntary promises in which certain rights are donated by the landowner, or possibly purchased by the covenant-holder. These restrict the use of the covenanted property in ways agreed by the parties.

The report examines the potential of covenants as a conservation tool in managing the development and use of land. The report draws on international experience in the USA, New Zealand, Australia and Canada, where it finds a more positive attitude than in the UK. The National Trust already exercises covenants over 36,000 acres of land and they believe they could be more widely used to bring lasting benefits that in ways that complement the land use planning system. This will require enthusiastic support from central and local government.

For more information contact externalaffairs@nationaltrust.org.uk [Back](#)

£130m grassroots grants scheme opens its doors to small local voluntary and community groups

The Government's £130million Grassroots Grants scheme has declared itself open for business today and is calling on small local voluntary and community groups to come forward and get their hands on essential funding. The programme, funded by the Office of The Third Sector and administered by the Community Development Foundation, offers grants of between £250 and £5,000 to support activities that lie right at the heart of our local communities.

Within the programme, the Government has set aside a £50million pot from which it will match endowment investments from businesses. This offers businesses the chance to contribute directly to supporting and sustaining the communities in which they operate.

To keep the process as simple and easy as possible for applicants, the money is being distributed directly through local funders – slightly larger local organisations already based in the community and selected because they are familiar with the needs and causes in each area.

Details of the local funders can be found on the

http://www.cdf.org.uk/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS_CDF_TECHART_23/page.xsl/27&xsl_arg=//BF%5FCDF%5FPRA%5FGRT/&xsl_argx=3 or by calling the Grassroots Grants helpline on 01223 400 331. [Back](#)

WREN Small Grant Scheme

The WREN Small Grants Scheme has been established to assist applicants looking for funding for small projects that can make a real difference to a local community. Funding applications between £2,000 and £15,000 will be considered with a total project cost under £50,000 and the project must be within 10 miles of a Waste Recycling Group landfill site.

Types of projects which will be considered for the Small Grant Scheme include village halls, community centres, public parks, museums and playgrounds. For a full list of criteria please visit

www.wren.org.uk/how-to-apply/small-grants [Back](#)

Scottish Stone Liaison Group CPD Seminars

The Scottish Stone Liaison Group is taking bookings for Deconstructing Building Stone, its 2008-2009 programme of CPD seminars for building professionals. This seminar series, designed for building professionals, addresses the sustainable use of stone in construction. Delivered in association with Historic Scotland and a number of professional bodies, the programme consists of 4 full-day seminars, plus a field study day.

The seminars will cover the main aspects of repair & maintenance, the use of stone in new build and changes to standards, including a review of the new Scottish Building Standard's guidance - Natural Stone Masonry in Modern Scottish Construction: A Guide for Designers and Constructors. The programme includes speakers from the Scottish Stone Liaison Group, British Geological Survey and Stone Federation GB as well as a number of expert architects, stone producers and specialist consultants.

For architects, planners and practitioners working in the urban or rural environment, Deconstructing Building Stone aims to offer a reappraisal and fuller understanding of the often complex issues involved in procuring and using a material whose qualities have stood the test of time. Details of the programme and a booking form can be found at http://www.sslg.co.uk/events_sslg.html [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 the debate about how such furnishings should be treated in future.

The editors are welcoming suggestions for recent case studies involving the alteration of pews and other church and chapel seating, particularly where there were tricky issues involved. They would also like to hear of any general historical or typological research regarding church seating.

For further information contact Trevor Cooper at cooper@ecclsoc.org [Back](#)

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The Churches Conservation Trust: Regional Directors

The Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) has reorganised its structure into four regions and appointed its first ever regional managers to lead them. The new managers replace some existing posts and will be responsible for strengthening the Trust's presence in the regions and for sustaining CCT's historic churches through new partnerships, projects and fundraising.

The new regional managers are in the South West, Peter Lankester (email plankester@tcct.org.uk); in the South East & East Anglia, Rebecca Rees (email rrees@tcct.org.uk); in the Midlands, Sheila Stone (email ssstone@tcct.org.uk) and in the North, Rosi Lister (email rlister@tcct.org.uk). For more information visit <http://www.visitchurches.org.uk/> [Back](#)

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Twentieth Century Society Short Course, 11, 18 & 25 September

The Twentieth Century Society is running a short course in September that will offer an historical and architectural analysis of England's 20th century building types along with practical insights into their repair and conservation.

Leading academics and practitioners in the field will be presenting the course; the lectures will be complemented by guided tours of some examples of 20th century buildings in London. The course aims to meet the needs of architects, conservation officers, surveyors and academics, who are seeking an effective route to better understanding of the period, but it will be of interest to property owners and anyone with enthusiasm for these buildings.

For more information about the speakers, lectures and booking visit http://www.c20society.org.uk/docs/events/082_short_course.html [Back](#)

East London Heritage Trails, 13-14 September

Over the weekend of 13 and 14 September, walkers will be able to take a peak inside some of the borough's historic buildings that are not usually open to the public. With the help of the new East London Heritage Trails booklet, walkers will be able to discover the borough and take advantage of special exhibitions. Produced by the Heritage of London Trust in partnership with Tower Hamlets Council, this is the first time that such an extensive selection of self-guided historical walks have been made available in a booklet in the East End.

The East London Heritage Trails have been designed to raise awareness of the heritage of Tower Hamlets and the East End. Many of the buildings, monuments and statues that are highlighted on the walks have received funding from the Heritage of London Trust to help restore and maintain them.

Copies of the booklets will be available from Tower Hamlets Town Hall and libraries across London. Alternatively for a free copy of the booklet send of a DL stamped self addressed envelope to: The Heritage of London Trust, 38 Ebury Street, London, SW1W OLU. If you would like further information on the Heritage of London Trust or this event contact Tara Draper-Stumm, Fundraising & Events Coordinator on 0207 730 9472 or e-mail: tara@heritageoflondon.com [Back](#)

Penicuik House Project: Ruins – Structural Problems and Repairs, 19 September

Led by Ian Hume and Roz Artis-Young and using the ruined Penicuik House as a case study, this one day seminar will examine structural problems that can arise with ruined buildings and discuss suggested repair strategies. The day will include a visit to the Penicuik House site where participants will be encouraged to work up some outline ideas as to its problems and ways of dealing with them sympathetically.

This seminar will be delivered at Penicuik Town Hall and is aimed at architects, conservation officers, surveyors, engineers and other professionals who work with historic buildings. The course will consist of lectures, case studies and group activities. The aim of this seminar is to provide professionals with a sound understanding of the philosophy of ruin conservation and a better understanding of the relationship between structural engineering and conservation, of safety issues and of the aesthetics of conservation based structural repairs.

For more information visit www.penicuikhouse.co.uk [Back](#)

Ramblers Association Use Your Paths Week, 20 – 28 September

The Ramblers' Association, which has more than 5,000 volunteers across England, Scotland and Wales, has launched its Use Your Paths Week campaign, which runs from 20 - 28 September. This year's Use Your Paths theme is 'Working Together', and Ramblers volunteers across the country have been planning events to draw together local organisations with an interest in public rights of way.

The Ramblers' most obvious partners in this work are town, parish and community councils, who value their local path networks and often invest in their maintenance and development. They would also like to involve other interest groups in this work, including organisations such as the Scouts, Guides, WI, and Rotary, Lions, Round Table.

If you would like to be involved in building local alliances for paths, or have suggestions on how the Ramblers could work more effectively with other organisations at a local level, get in touch with Adrian Morris, Head of Rights of Way, adrian.morris@ramblers.org.uk, 020 7339 8524. [Back](#)

The Ecclesiological Society Conference 2008, 4 October

The Ecclesiological Society Conference is this year looking at Churches in Wales. Speakers include Tim Hughes who will give an introduction to Welsh churches: their place in Welsh landscape, history and culture, David Petts who will speak on the archaeology of the medieval church in Wales and John Morgan-Guy on Medieval Welsh churches and their imagery: Wales and the wider world. There will be a second-hand bookstall and a small exhibition of photographs of Welsh churches in the care of the Friends of Friendless Churches.

The conference will be held at the RIBA Lecture Theatre, 66 Portland Place, London, W1B 1AD. Tickets (including refreshments and lunch) are £43.50 for members (£48 for non-members, £35 for full-time students). For more information and booking visit <http://www.ecclsoc.org/> [Back](#)

IHBC London Conference, 14 October

'Tall Storeys: Do high buildings complement the historic environment?' is the subject of the fifth Day Conference organised by the IHBC London branch on the 14th October.

This conference will examine the case for and against tall buildings. It will consider the technical means of assessing proposals and consider architectural quality. Architecture and urban design have come a long way since the building of tower blocks in the 1960s, but in terms of location, siting and design of tall buildings, have we learned the lessons of the past?

For more information and a full programme visit http://www.ihbc.org.uk/branches_london.htm or contact Jacinta Fisher on ihbc_london_conference@hotmail.co.uk. [Back](#)

The role of the voluntary sector in conservation and public access management, 24 October

This event aims to present its audience with vital information about successful outsourcing and partnership arrangements in the South West and beyond. Voluntary organisations are playing an increasing role in providing technical and management expertise to landowners, whether in the public or private sector. They can also play a key part in providing training and volunteering opportunities, enabling young people to gain self-respect and to secure a place within the community; they can also assist local authorities with initiatives to improve community health in the 'great outdoors'.

The South West Lakes Trust has identified key organisations with interesting stories to tell. They will discuss their own experiences of partnership working and the opportunities they have grasped. There will be time to question the speakers and there will be discussion panels with partners, including Chris Loughlin, Chief Executive of South West Water.

The conference will be held at the Lakeside Conference Centre, Roadford Lake, near Lifton, Devon. For more information and booking email lwatts@southwestlakestrust.org.uk or telephone 01566 771930. [Back](#)

English Heritage: On the Waterfront Conference, 19-21 November

Set in the European Capital of Culture 2008 the On the Waterfront conference aims to investigate how a port history shapes the future of today's waterfronts. This three day conference explores the global city on the edge identifying, debating, discussing and celebrating its distinct identity. On The Waterfront aims to give delegates access to some of the most influential experts on port regeneration from around the world including China, North America, Europe and the UK.

Speakers include Dr Simon Thurley, Chief Executive, English Heritage, Sir Bob Scott, International Director Liverpool 2008, Professor Eddie Friel OBE, Kris Donaldson, Liverpool Culture Company and former Sydney Olympic Games Organising Committee member and Professor Franco Bianchini, Cultural Policy and Planning – Leeds University.

For more information and booking visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/onthewaterfront [Back](#)

The Churches Tourism Association 2008 Convention, 24 - 26 November

The Churches Tourism Association annual convention is aimed at those involved in making churches more accessible.

There will be case studies, workshops and keynote speakers all aimed at highlighting best practice, ideas and the latest research. The CTA welcomes Loyd Grossman OBE, the Trust's chairman, as one of our keynote speakers, along with Roy Strong and the Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

This year's event will be held in the Hayes Centre in Swanwick, Derbyshire. For more information, a full programme and booking visit www.churchestourism.info [Back](#)

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Council for British Archaeology: Community Archaeology Support Officer

The CBA is seeking a Community Archaeology Support Officer. This new post is funded with a grant from the Headley Trust. 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 therefore 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 successful candidate will also have a good general knowledge of archaeology, and especially of field methodology, recording and standards, as well as information dissemination and publication.

The post will involve extensive travel around the UK. It will be based in the historic city of 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. The closing date is 29 September.

For further details contact 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). [Back](#)

The Penllergare Trust: Whole Life Education Coordinator

The Penllergare Trust, an independent registered charity restoring and regenerating Penllergare Valley Woods, is seeking a Whole Life Education Coordinator who will extend learning opportunities to all sections of the community.

Under its People & Places programme the Big Lottery has enabled the Trust to expand and develop this innovative project, with community engagement and education (C2E) at its heart. A three-year contract is being offered for the following new, part-time post within the C2E team. The salary for this role is £20,520 rising to £22,500 (pro rata). The closing date for applications is 24 October.

For further information, including a job profile, contact Michael Norman at Ymddiriedolaeth Penllergare – The Penllergare Trust, Coed Glantawe, Esgairdawe, Llandeilo SA19 7RT. Telephone: 01558 650735 or e-mail michael.norman@penllergare.org [Back](#)

Medway Council: Heritage Operations Manager

Medway Council is seeking an experienced and energetic heritage professional to join their team and oversee the operation of three heritage sites – Rochester Castle, Upnor Castle and Temple Manor, all scheduled monuments, managed by the Council on behalf of English Heritage.

The role involves the supervision of visitor operation 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.

The salary for this role is in the region of £26,067 - £33,291 pa. The closing date for applications is 15 September. For more information visit www.medway.gov.uk [Back](#)

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1. We are grateful to Chris Blandford Associates for sponsorship of Update. Chris Blandford Associates (www.cba.uk.net) is a multi-disciplinary consultancy specialising in the sustainable planning, design and management of the historic and natural environment.
2. It is estimated that Heritage Link Update reaches about 9000 mailboxes in the UK and beyond.
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