

# Heritage Link Update 151

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Last call: Heritage Link's Heritage Day – 3 December

Heritage Link's Heritage Day is now one of the biggest events in the heritage year. This year we are delighted that Jenny Abramsky, new Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund will give the keynote speech 'Our Heritage, Our Future'. We also expect to hear the latest from DCMS on the Heritage Protection Bill.

The day, at Hampstead Town Hall, starts with the AGM for Heritage Link members. This is followed by the networking lunch and the afternoon Heritage Debate which can be attended by all, including those from the voluntary sector, local and regional authorities, government agencies, elected members, professionals, site managers and students. A registration form is available on our website ([www.heritagelink.org.uk](http://www.heritagelink.org.uk)). [Back](#)

Future of the Heritage Protection Bill still in doubt

In a Parliamentary Question on 11 November, Andy Burnham could give no firm assurance on whether or not the Heritage Protection Bill would be included in the Queen's Speech on 3 December. Jeremy Hunt, Conservative Shadow Secretary of State, had commented that if the Bill had been dropped it would be 'the final nail in the coffin for the Government's heritage policies'.

Andy Burnham, defending the Government's support for heritage, replied 'English Heritage received an increase in funding. We have worked with all parties in the heritage sector to introduce the first heritage protection Bill for 30 years. That is clear evidence of the Government's commitment to the sector. The Hon. Gentleman knows that I cannot comment on the Queen's Speech in advance of its publication. However, he will know that the Planning Bill will require us to bring forward a new planning policy statement on the built heritage, replacing planning policy guidance 15 and 16. We will do so shortly, and we will issue that statement for consultation. We recognise the importance of the built heritage and we are taking active steps to protect it'.

Heritage Link's Heritage Day on 3 December coinciding with the Queen's Speech is the place to find out the latest news and views on the Bill. To register see the item [above](#) [Back](#)

### Pre Budget report

The Chancellor's pre-budget speech was firmly focussed on kick-starting the British economy.

For now the standard rate of VAT will be reduced from 17.5% to 15% for the period 1 December 2008 to 31 December 2009. The rate will then revert to 17.5%. No changes have been made to the 5% reduced or the 0% rate. The 15% rate applies to supplies of goods and services, imports and the acquisitions of goods from other EC member states made on or after 1 December 2008. The government will introduce 'anti-forestalling legislation' to prevent abuse of the reduction. HMRC have produced more detailed guidance for VAT registered businesses on the reduction in the standard rate of VAT, see <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/pbr2008/measure1.htm>

The threshold for rate relief for empty business properties will rise to a rateable value of up to £15,000 for 2009/10. New rules came into force on April 1 this year and there have already been reports of some commercial property owners demolishing perfectly good buildings just to avoid the levy. Alastair Darling said scrapping empty property rates for buildings that pay less than £15,000 in business rates would include 70% of all vacant buildings in the UK. Although landlords and commercial property funds have called for the tax to be ditched permanently, the tax will only be suspended for the 2009-2010 tax year.

Legislation will be introduced in the Finance Bill 2009 to extend Land Remediation Relief to expenditure on remediating long term derelict land. Expenditure will qualify for relief if the remediated land had been derelict since 1 April 1998. The relief will be available on specified expenditure, for example the removal of foundations of buildings and underground pipes. The Finance Bill 2009 will also include powers to allow relief in respect of specified naturally occurring contaminants. This will include relief in certain circumstances for the costs of treating land contaminated by Japanese Knotweed, radon and arsenic. See <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/pbr2008/pbrn21.pdf> [Back](#)

### Government Response to Prosperous Places

The Government Departments, CLG and BRR, have published a joint response to the public consultation last March on the review of sub national economic development and regeneration, known as the sub national review or SNR. The review considered how to strengthen economic performance in England's regions, cities and localities as well as how to tackle persistent pockets of deprivation. Most controversial in the heritage sector were the economic growth target which appeared at odds with sustainable development objectives and the transfer of planning powers from the Regional Assemblies to the less accountable Regional Development Agencies.

The response confirms that each English region except London will be required to produce a regional strategy that delivers sustainable economic growth and contributes to sustainable development. In response to concerns over the RDAs' accountability, RDAs and Local Authorities will now have joint responsibility for the drafting, implementation and delivery. There will be a new statutory duty on upper tier authorities to produce economic assessments, underpinned by statutory guidance. The Government intends to strengthen sub-regional working by legislating to allow for the voluntary creation of statutory sub-regional authorities for economic development, to be known as Economic Improvement Boards. There will also be legislation to allow for the creation of Multi Area Agreements with statutory duties.

Heritage Link with other third sector groups questioned how RDAs, taking over significant powers from the Regional Assemblies would engage with stakeholders. The Government confirms that stakeholder engagement is a fundamental feature of the processes for developing and delivering the regional strategy and there will be a duty on the RDA and Leaders' Board to consult and engage them. They will be required to prepare and comply with a published statement setting out how they will consult and engage with stakeholders and communities. The Government will provide further guidance.

The document can be found at <http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file45468.pdf> [Back](#)

### Government welcomes the Killian Pretty report

The Government has welcomed proposals to help small businesses and councils save up to £300m a year through a root and branch overhaul of the bureaucratic planning application process recommended by the Killian Pretty review. The review, commissioned by the Communities and Business Secretaries, is especially relevant given the current challenging economic environment. Creating a more proportionate

and responsive planning application process will help businesses, developers, councils and households, facing these challenging circumstances both now and in the future.

The Government has signalled it supports the broad thrust of the report. The Government intends to publish an implementation plan early in the new year setting out in more detail how it intends to respond to the proposals that will deliver to the country the benefits of a leaner and less bureaucratic planning application process by creating a more proportionate and efficient planning application service.

To view the Killian Pretty review press release visit [www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1070512](http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1070512). The full review can be downloaded at [www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/professionals/en/1115315772911.html](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/professionals/en/1115315772911.html). To view the response from the Civic Trust go to <http://www.civictrust.org.uk/news/news-stories/planning-applications-a-faster-and-more-responsive-system/> [Back](#)

### Planning Bill, CPRE comments

The Planning Bill which gained Royal Assent this week aims to promote and gain permission for a range of major infrastructure projects. Some of these projects, such as new roads, are given Government support in the Pre-Budget Report. Other projects which the new Planning Act will make easier are major expansion of airports and large fossil fuel power stations.

CPRE has said it 'believes that there needs to be a proper debate about major infrastructure projects and a fully transparent procedure for deciding whether they should go ahead. The public should have full rights to influence the new National Policy Statements for major infrastructure and to hold developers to account through cross-examination at public inquiries. Powers to grant planning permission to projects will also, under the new Act, be given to an unelected Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC).'

For more information visit [www.cpre.org.uk](http://www.cpre.org.uk) [Back](#)

### Portable Antiquities Scheme assured until 2011

An independent report <http://www.finds.org.uk/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2008/11/pas-final.pdf> published on 19 November endorsed the Museums Libraries and Archives' (MLA) approach to funding the highly-valued Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS). MLA as the principal funder confirms an allocation of £1.3 million this year, rising to over £1.4 million in 2010/11 as part of the Renaissance in the Regions programme. The scheme (see [www.finds.org.uk](http://www.finds.org.uk)) will continue to be managed by the British Museum.

The review was commissioned by the MLA in conjunction with the British Museum and DCMS followed uncertainty over the future of the scheme when the government's three year spending plans announced in 2007 meant a significant reduction in funding for the MLA. At that time, MLA committed funds for one year only, indicating its intention in principle to develop the relationship between PAS and Renaissance in the Regions. MLA's press release can be found at [http://www.mla.gov.uk/news/press\\_releases/PAS\\_funding\\_confirmed](http://www.mla.gov.uk/news/press_releases/PAS_funding_confirmed)

There remain concerns over the long term future of the popular scheme. Mike Heyworth Director of the Council for British Archaeology commented 'I am delighted that the outcome of the review is fully in line with the widespread support for the Scheme expressed by archaeologists and responsible detectorists, but inevitably questions still remain about the long-term future of the Scheme. Confidence in MLA has been eroded, and a transfer to the British Museum remains my preferred option in the next 2 years.' [Back](#)

### Treasure Report 2005-6

All finders of gold and silver objects, and groups of coins from the same findspot, which are over 300 years old, have a legal obligation to report such items under the Treasure Act 1996. Now prehistoric base-metal assemblages found after 1st January 2003 also qualify as Treasure.

DCMS has published the 8th Annual report covering 2005-6. It contains details of 592 and 665 new cases reported during these two years. Of these, 282 new Treasure finds have been or are being acquired by museums. The number of finds being reported as Treasure continues to increase rapidly: in 1998, the first full year of the Treasure Act, there were 201 cases and by 2002 that number stood at 240 cases, while in 2007 the total stood at 749. This is largely due to the expansion of the Portable Antiquities Scheme in 2003, when 21 new Finds Liaison Officers were appointed across the country. Finds Liaison Officers play a crucial role in the effective operation of the Treasure Act, encouraging

finders to report their finds and guiding them through the Treasure process: 97 per cent of finds of Treasure are reported to the Finds Liaison Officer in the first instance.

From 2007 there will be a single annual report on Treasure and Portable Antiquities. For the latest report see [http://www.finds.org.uk/documents/TAR2005\\_2006HighRes.pdf](http://www.finds.org.uk/documents/TAR2005_2006HighRes.pdf) [Back](#)

### Place matters: the Location Strategy for the United Kingdom

The Department for Communities and Local Government has published 'Place Matters' the location strategy for the UK. The objective of the Location Strategy for the United Kingdom is to maximise the value to the public, government, UK business and industry of geographic information. It aims to provide a consistent framework to assist national, regional and local initiatives and service delivery.

To view this document visit:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/communities/pdf/locationstrategy.pdf> [Back](#)

### Responses to Big Lottery Fund consultation

Community and voluntary organisations should be the only recipients of Big Lottery Fund money, charity umbrella groups have claimed. In a consultation about future funding launched yesterday, the BLF is asking whether it should extend its current commitment to give 60 to 70 per cent of its money to the voluntary sector, which ends in 2012. In a response to the consultation called Big Thinking, four national umbrella bodies – the NCVO, Nicva, SCVO and WCVA – have demanded a 100 per cent financial commitment to the sector.

Stuart Etherington, Chief Executive of the NCVO, said: 'In the current economic turbulence, Big Lottery Fund money will be a vital source of support to enable the sector to weather these rocky times. This means putting funding of the sector even more at the heart of what the Big Lottery Fund does.' Peter Wanless, Chief Executive of the Big Lottery Fund, said other institutions such as schools could also have a claim on the money. 'The voluntary sector is hugely important to us,' he said. 'But we need to debate whether 100 per cent of our spending should go there. We've asked the question and we'll have to see what people say.'

To view the full article visit <http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/channels/Policy/Article/862809/Big-Lottery-Fund-should-exclusive-sector/> [Back](#)

### Cultural Metropolis: London's Culture 2009-12 consultation, deadline 30 January

Cultural Metropolis is the Mayor's vision or direction of travel for cultural strategy in London. The document sets out his initial vision for the visual and performing arts, museums, galleries, archives, libraries, crafts, music and arts provision, the creative industries, heritage and tourism.

This document is a precursor to the Mayor's Cultural Strategy, and although it does not form part of the formal process of consulting on the strategy, views and comments on these issues and ideas are invited. Comments on this document will be considered by the Mayor prior to drafting the full Cultural Strategy. The consultation will last for 10 weeks and will close on 30 January 2009. For more information visit <http://www.london.gov.uk/mayor/culture/cultural-metropolis/index.jsp> [Back](#)

### EHTF survey on Article 4 Directions in Conservation Areas: results

A survey into the use of Article 4 Directions in Conservation Areas undertaken on behalf of the English Historic Towns Forum (EHTF) has revealed some interesting and varied results. RPS, the company commissioned to carry out the research, which was presented to the EHTF Annual Conference in October, surveyed 72 Local Authorities. The key findings were that 81% have Article 4 Directions covering one or more of their Conservation Areas; some of the remaining 19% of Authorities without Directions in place nevertheless have significant numbers of Conservation Areas; the majority of Directions are in place to control permitted development rights to individual dwellings; the majority of Authorities have applied the use of Directions selectively, although some 25% have introduced blanket Directions across the whole of the Conservation Area, irrespective of the type of property concerned and none of the Authorities surveyed reported any claim for compensation against a refusal of permission.

This work followed a review of 'Townscape in Trouble', a publication prepared by the Forum in 1992, which had identified the damage being done to the character and appearance of Conservation Areas by small scale works which did not require express permission. Examples included replacement of traditional windows, removal of boundary walls and railings, and formation of hardstandings. The

publication was influential in persuading the Government of the day to introduce Article 4 (2) Directions. For more information visit <http://www.ehtf.org.uk/> [Back](#)

### Scottish Minister Announces £1.6m Boost for Historic Buildings

Scottish Culture Minister Linda Fabiani has announced that more than £1.6 million has been awarded in Historic Scotland grants. Five projects, including two castles and the station house of the world's first roll-on roll-off ferry, will benefit from the Building Repair Grant scheme. Ms Fabiani said: 'By giving grants to these outstanding historic buildings we are making sure that they will continue to be used. They will provide facilities for businesses and community groups alongside opportunities for traditional skills training and jobs. By investing in and enhancing our heritage we preserve the identity, history and landscapes of Scotland's villages, towns and cities.'

For more information visit [http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/news/news\\_article.htm?articleid=20986](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/news/news_article.htm?articleid=20986) [Back](#)

### Character and Identity: townscape and heritage appraisals in housing market renewal areas

Townscape and heritage appraisals aim to offer a systematic and structures way of exploiting the unique historical features of an area. CABE and English Heritage have collaborated with Elevate East Lancashire to produce a new report that looks at the use of appraisals on the ground in Pennine Lancashire housing market renewal area.

It notes that appraisals are not just for looking back but about looking forward to, helping to give new developments both character and a sense of place. The report maybe useful to professionals, elected members and others working in urban regeneration.

For more information visit <http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=2879> [Back](#)

### Simon Jenkins speaks out for National Trust

In his first major interview since being appointed Chairman of the National Trust, Sir Simon Jenkins claims that overbearing health and safety rule obstruct his efforts to offer visitors an insight into what it would be like to live in some of the Trust's properties. He calls for a new offensive to challenge the climate of risk aversion in Britain. He relates a recent visit to the Cambrian Mountains where he found a party of school boys were not allowed to swim in the lake nor venture further than 100 yards in front of the teacher.

He is reported as ordering the Trust to shake off its 'elitist' image and for the houses to be less 'samey'. He has asked Trust managers to take on more risks, make their properties more individual and encourage greater use by local people. 'I have joked' he said ' that I will leave in my will enough money to cover the cost of a Labrador and a child's pushchair to put in the front of every National Trust house to make it look lived in'.

On a national scale, Sir Simon, who founded the Railway Heritage Trust, and was a founder member of SAVE Britain's Heritage and the Thirties Society is ready to speak out over controversial developments such as the expansions of Heathrow and Stansted, and any other threat to the countryside.

For the full account and leading article see

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/environment/article5209571.ece>; the feature on Polesden Lacey <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/environment/article5209577.ece>; and the leading article from the same day: [http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/leading\\_article/article5208952.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/leading_article/article5208952.ece) [Back](#)

### Landscape Policy Award For Assessment of Protected Views

English Heritage's publication 'Seeing the History in the View' has won the Landscape Institute Award for Landscape Policy. The guidance helps to assess heritage significance within the country's most sensitive protected views and demonstrates the objective principles behind English Heritage's advice on some of the country's most high-profile planning cases. Now being updated after public consultation, it is the first guidance of its kind to plug a gap in an area that had been the subject of debate at many public inquiries.

The policy guidance 'Seeing the History in the View' can be downloaded from <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.15089> [Back](#)

### Top Scottish architecture award shared by Building Preservation Trust

The RIAS Andrew Doolan Best Building in Scotland Award, supported by the Scottish Government and Mrs Margaret Doolan, has been awarded to two buildings for the first time in its history – Castlemilk Stables Restoration in Glasgow by Elder and Cannon Architects and the Potterrow Development at the University of Edinburgh by Bennetts Associates. Linda Fabiani MSP, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture, announced the result of the UK's richest architectural prize at a reception at the Scottish Parliament.

From eleven shortlisted, the judges selected three projects which they considered were of particular merit: Castlemilk Stables Restoration, Elder and Cannon Architects; Cullooden Battlefield Visitor Centre, Gareth Hoskins Architects and Potterrow Development, Bennetts Associates. They concluded that this year's award should go jointly to Castlemilk and Potterrow. The £25,000 prize is shared equally between Elder and Cannon Architects and Bennetts Associates.

For more information visit

[http://www.rias.org.uk/content/default.asp?page=s2\\_22&newsid=2974&back=home](http://www.rias.org.uk/content/default.asp?page=s2_22&newsid=2974&back=home) [Back](#)

### Village Church for Village Life Award 2009

The award seeks to discover the finest example of a historic, rural parish church that has successfully engaged the wider community to create a focus for village life in the 21st century. Those who nominate churches will be asked to demonstrate that the whole community - worshipers and non-worshippers alike - has played an active role in the relevant project. In addition, this year the award is being expanded to include projects that make use of 'God's own acre' (the churchyard), and to recognise those that have attempted to make their churches environmentally sustainable.

The Mercers' Company has generously agreed to support the award for another year, donating prizes of £10,000 for the winner, and £5,000 for the runner-up. Entrants from last year are encouraged to take part in this year's competition. An article by Sir Roy Strong, together with an entry form and the full criteria for nominations, will be published in the 17 December issue of Country Life to launch the award. An online version of the article and entry form will also be posted on the website. For more information, contact Susannah Glynn at [susannah\\_glynn@freelance.ipcmedia.com](mailto:susannah_glynn@freelance.ipcmedia.com) [Back](#)

### DVD Release: A Glimpse of Heaven

Christopher Martin's survey of Catholic churches in England and Wales 'A Glimpse of Heaven' was published by English Heritage in 2006. Now a DVD has been produced which tells the story of the resurgence of Catholic faith which led to an explosion in church building. The threat of church closures across England and Wales poses new dangers to some of these historic buildings and this DVD aims to contribute to raising public awareness of this part of our national heritage.

Among the buildings featured are the Byzantine Westminster Cathedral, the Modernist cathedrals at Liverpool and Clifton and, most recently the classical revival cathedral at Brentwood in Essex.

To find out more visit

[http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/ccb/catholic\\_church/media\\_centre2/press\\_releases/press\\_releases\\_2008/a\\_glimpse\\_of\\_heaven](http://www.catholicchurch.org.uk/ccb/catholic_church/media_centre2/press_releases/press_releases_2008/a_glimpse_of_heaven) [Back](#)

### Heritage Link seeks more office space

Heritage Link has regrettably outgrown its shared office with Wildlife and Countryside Link. It is looking for about 425sqft (39.5 sqm) room for about 5 or 6 people from April 2009 in central London with good transport links and access to meeting space.

Sponsorship of Heritage Link through free or discounted premises costs could perhaps be acknowledged in a way similar to sponsorship of Heritage Link Update.

If you can offer Heritage Link space or know of modestly priced office accommodation please contact Kate Pugh at [kate.pugh@heritagelink.org.uk](mailto:kate.pugh@heritagelink.org.uk) [Back](#)

## EVENTS

### ICOMOS-UK Christmas Lecture and Reception, 11 December

There has been much debate on the links between farming and nature conservation, but rather less on links between farming and cultural heritage conservation. At a time when pastoralism as a way of life is only hanging on by a thread in all Mediterranean countries, and the uplands are highly vulnerable in the UK. Professor Bill Slee, Head of the Socio-Economics Research Group, Macaulay Institute will consider

how increased food supplies could be provided sustainably alongside habitat conservation and respect for the cultural values of farming communities and landscapes.

Admission (including refreshments after the lecture) is £15 for ICOMOS-UK or IUCN UK members. Admission for non-members is £18 and for students it is £10. For more information contact Camilla Massara at [CamillaMassara@icomos-uk.org](mailto:CamillaMassara@icomos-uk.org) [Back](#)

### Supporting People, Sustaining Buildings, 13 February

Caring for an historic place of worship is a challenge for which congregations often find themselves to be ill-equipped. While grants are one way to help, access to expertise, experience and encouragement is equally valuable. In an effort to help congregations to help themselves, English Heritage has created the dedicated post of Historic Places of Worship Support Officer. The course will explore the role of volunteers within congregations and the skills needed.

For further details and booking instructions visit [www.conted.ox.ac.uk/x7262](http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/x7262) [Back](#)

### Environmental Assessment and the Cultural Heritage, 18 - 19 February

This course aims to inform participants about the principles of environmental assessment and its role in managing how the cultural heritage is affected by development, both at strategic and project level. The principles and good practice standards that the course will cover have much wider application than just formal environmental assessment processes. It should appeal to anyone with a background or interest in planning and/or heritage conservation, operating in commercial, national agency, local authority, independent and university environments.

For further details and booking instructions at: [www.conted.ox.ac.uk/x7263](http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/x7263) [Back](#)

### Heritage education with youngsters, 6-12 April (France)

A different view on heritage education with youngsters is a five day European in-service training course on heritage education. It is aimed at both teachers in secondary education and educational guides or officers who want to enter heritage education and are looking for tools to get started or who already have experience with heritage education and want to stretch their thinking. The course aims to engage its participants actively to experience heritage by means of art based methodologies.

The course content has been developed by De Veerman (The Ferryman), a Flemish arts educational project organisation. Starting from a theoretical introduction on what heritage and heritage education is, it goes on to explore the Abbey of St-Jean d'Angély and the surrounding area and cities by means of observation and exploration exercises, active workshops and guided visits. Specialised knowledge of heritage themes and/or art disciplines is not required. Every day, sufficient time will be given to the participants to present their own experiences, to exchange ideas and to reflect upon their learning.

The course is organised by GO! onderwijs van de Vlaamse Gemeenschap (Belgium) and is the result of the European Comenius 2.1 project HEREDUC – HERitage EDUCation. For more information visit [www.hereduc.net](http://www.hereduc.net) [Back](#)

### Historic Gardens, Parks and Designed Landscapes, 16 - 17 April

Recent research (including Heritage at Risk, 2008) has shown that many of England's historic gardens, parks and designed landscapes, both urban and rural, are at risk from development pressures and decline. This situation has arisen due to under-investment and a deficit of skills to effectively manage and maintain them. This course aims to examine and understand these threats and challenges whilst identifying and evaluating strategies and solutions for protecting, conserving and managing sites.

For further details and booking instructions at: [www.conted.ox.ac.uk/x7269](http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/x7269) [Back](#)

### ARIS Course, 2 September - 2 October 2009

Applications are now open for the ARIS 2009 course on 'Architectural Records, Inventories and Information Systems for Conservation', to be held in Rome, Italy from

The deadline for applications is 16 February 2009. For more information visit the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) website: [http://www.iccrom.org/eng/01train\\_en/announce\\_en/2009\\_09aris\\_en.shtml](http://www.iccrom.org/eng/01train_en/announce_en/2009_09aris_en.shtml) [Back](#)

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### VisitBritain: Head of Policy

VisitBritain, the national tourism agency encourages the world to explore Britain, working with stakeholders and the industry to build the visitor economy. In this new role the post holder will lead on national policy development, working in partnership with stakeholders to influence opinion formers and decision makers across government and ensure that the visitor economy is taken into account in the development of public policy. They will represent VisitBritain by developing, publishing and discussing research-based policy documents, responding to consultations, making presentations and giving media interviews.

Candidates must have extensive experience in policy research and formulation, as well as a good understanding of tourism/transport regulation matters and political/public affairs. This should include impressive political nous and a track record of influencing and delivering change. A strategic thinker with an analytical mind and clear, concise writer, you must be an intellectual powerhouse, persuasive communicator and influential presenter.

The salary for this London based role is c. £55,000 pa. The closing date for applications is 1 December. For more information visit <http://www.visitbritain.co.uk/> [Back](#)

### National Trust: Head of the Director General's Office

The National Trust is looking to appoint a new Head of the Director-General's Office. This executive support role will involve leading the Director-General's office team whilst being part of the wider Secretariat. The post holder will be responsible for planning and delivering the Director-General's internal and external communications in line with the Trust's overall external affairs strategy. Experienced in external affairs the successful candidate will have speech, briefing and report writing capabilities.

Degree level qualified with proven management experience in a similar role, the post holder will be diplomatic, organised and a good at multi-tasking. Knowledge of government organisation, NGO and opinion forming communities is an advantage. The deadline for applications for this role is 1 December. The salary for this Swindon based position is £45,000 pa. For more information visit [www.ntjobs.org.uk](http://www.ntjobs.org.uk) [Back](#)

### The British Library: Head of Conservation

The recently opened Conservation Centre is a major milestone in the development of the discipline at the British Library (BL). It comprises state-of-the-art conservation studios and audio preservation facilities with an ambitious public access and training programme, all housed together in a beautiful, purpose-built building next to the new Eurostar station at St. Pancras in London. The successful candidate will be joining the BL at a very exciting time when the public programmes and the training (such as a Foundation Degree with the University of the Arts) are newly underway. They will manage the Conservation studios, working closely with the collections to provide a world-class conservation service. Their leadership and conservation experience will be used to the full to help build on recent success and develop further.

This is an exciting opportunity for a cultural heritage professional to work for one of the largest research libraries in the world. The salary for this role is £44,596 - £53,367. The closing date for applications is 17 December. Interviews will be held on 20 and 21 January. For more information visit <http://www.bl.uk/erecruitment/index.html> [Back](#)

### CABE: Head of Education

CABE is seeking a new Head of Education. This role is about using buildings and places to inspire teaching and learning. It's about helping a generation of young people to understand why good design matters and it's about offering teachers the tools to make all that happen. In this role, the post holder will lead CABE's national education programme. This includes managing a team which provides materials, grants and advice to schools, run projects to pilot new models of learning and works closely with numerous other education providers. They will also be the project leader for Engaging Places.

Candidates will have skills and expertise gained from working in the education sector, either as a teacher or in a related field such as the arts, science education, museums or galleries.

The closing date for applications is 4 December. The salary for this role is £45,900 p.a. (value of total reward package including salary and benefits up to £60,000). For more information visit [www.cabe.org.uk](http://www.cabe.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### English Heritage: Interpretation Officer

Amongst the most visible aspects of English Heritage's work is the conservation and presentation of sites. Based within English Heritage's Properties Presentation department, the post holder will produce interpretation plans for future small to medium projects with the Northern Territory. They will also co-ordinate and project manage interpretation projects for installation at some sites, ensuring that the visitor experience is enhanced.

Educated to degree standard or equivalent, it is essential that you have a solid track record in, and an understanding of the principles of, developing and managing interpretation projects for heritage attractions, museums or galleries. The confidence to take the lead on these projects is a must, as are strong interpersonal and excellent written and oral presentation skills. The salary for this role is c. £27,000pa (based in London). The closing date for applications is 15 December. For more information visit [www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs) [Back](#)

#### Historic Scotland: World Heritage Site Co-ordinator

Historic Scotland is seeking a co-ordinator to work with the key agencies including Orkney Islands Council, Scottish Natural Heritage and the Community. This is an opportunity to experience living and working in Orkney.

This is a part-time role for a fixed-term period of three years. The post is based in Kirkwall. The salary for this role is £ 32,428 - £39,410 pa. The deadline for applications for this role is 5 December. For more information visit [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/jobs) [Back](#)

#### The National Trust for Scotland: Property Surveyor (Glencoe)

The National Trust for Scotland is recruiting for a new Property Surveyor who is passionate about the conservation of Scotland's built heritage. Working with the Lead Surveyor, the post holder will support the conservation, repair and maintenance of an assigned group of Trust buildings and their associated services and facilities.

At the beginning of a career in buildings surveying, the post holder will benefit from a Structured Training Agreement (progressing towards APC for a professional chartered qualification) whilst undertaking a wide variety of cyclical/routine and project tasks under the direction of the Lead Surveyor.

To be successful in this role candidates will have a degree in an appropriate discipline, be well organised with excellent project planning and IT skills (including CAD) as well as strong interpersonal and team working skills. The Trust will also be committed to your own continuing professional development.

The salary for this role is £20,002 or £24,314. The closing date for applications is 15 December. For full details and an application form telephone 0131 243 9417 or email: [joinus@nts.org.uk](mailto:joinus@nts.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### House of Lords: Records Managers

The Parliamentary Archives, a jointly funded service of Parliament, provides a records management and archive service for both Houses.

Two jobs are currently being advertised. The first is to cover a period of maternity leave from 1 February 2009 initially for six months, with the possibility of extension for up to a year. The second post will initially provide support for the SPIRE programme during the period of maternity leave, and will revert to non-SPIRE work on the return of the permanent records manager, backfilling that post. Depending on progress with SPIRE, there is the possibility of extending this backfilling post beyond one year. Unless you indicate otherwise in your application, you will be considered for both posts.

For both posts we require a records manager with several years' experience and a strong track record in managing records management programmes. Application must demonstrate: proven experience of managing records management programmes in a complex organisation; a business-focused approach to developing corporate records management policies and procedures and practical knowledge of the issues surrounding electronic document and records management systems. The salary for these roles is from £33,366 pa. The deadline for applications is 6 December. For more information visit <http://www.careers.civil->

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#### Northern Ireland Archaeology Forum: Co-ordinator

The Northern Ireland Archaeology Forum works to promote the historic environment in Northern Ireland to the public and decision makers. The Co-ordinator will work with members to develop and influence policy through events, activities, research and publications.

The post is full time and based in Belfast. The salary for this role is £22,000 - £27,000 pa. The deadline for applications is 23 December. For further information and an application pack, contact Sandra Kilpatrick on: 028 9045 5770 or email: [sandra@nienvironmentlink.org](mailto:sandra@nienvironmentlink.org) [Back](#)

#### St Helena National Trust: Director

The St Helena National Trust is looking for someone who has a keen interest in the natural, built and cultural heritage of St Helena. Is self-motivated and can bring experience in one or more of these fields to support the development and management of the Trust and new projects as the Trust evolves. Good inter-personal skills are essential as the role requires interaction with the public, schools, local organisations, government departments and international groups. Prioritising work is important for the successful management of this challenging post.

The salary for this role is £9,276 pa (appointment from 1 January 2009 to 31st March 2010). The deadline for applications is 12 December. For more information visit <http://www.nationaltrust.org.sh/jobs.html> [Back](#)

#### Jewish Heritage UK: Development Officer (part-time)

Jewish Heritage UK seeks a part-time Development Officer to work out of the Manchester office. The post holder will primarily be responsible for developing a membership base for this newly registered charity (est. 2004), created to care for the historic buildings and sites of Britain's Jewish community.

This role is for 10 hours per week, flexible, at £20 per hour, plus reasonable administrative and travel expenses. The closing date for applications is 5 December. For further information about Jewish Heritage visit [www.jewish-heritage-uk.org](http://www.jewish-heritage-uk.org). For further details about this post please contact the Director (Tel: 0161-275-3611/email: [director@jewish-heritage-uk.org](mailto:director@jewish-heritage-uk.org)) [Back](#)

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