

Heritage Link Update 152

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Heritage Link AGM & Heritage Day

Heritage Link's popular AGM and Heritage Day took place last week at Hampstead Town Hall. During the morning session and AGM members discussed the future development of Heritage Link. The Chairman's address can be found at www.heritagelink.org.uk

Heritage Link also used the occasion to bring the sector together on the day of the Queen's speech to discuss the way forward for heritage protection reform without the prospect of primary legislation.

Members of Heritage Link issued a statement which can be found at

<http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/2008/12/04/heritage-link-statement-on-the-queens-speech/>.

Harry Reeves, Deputy Director of the Culture Team at the Department of Culture, Media and Sport offered an insight into the reasons behind the omission of the Heritage Bill in the Queen's Speech. He emphasised that despite its omission, reform could still go ahead if the momentum was maintained by the sector. [Back](#)

Assertions are not enough - Jenny Abramsky

In the afternoon the new Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund, Jenny Abramsky, tied the HLF firmly into the challenges facing the heritage sector. She too argued that the momentum for heritage protection reform should not be lost. In particular she urged Government to capture in its vision statement the true value of heritage in its widest sense.

'The vision must not disappoint', she said, 'at the very least it will need to reflect the degree to which people really appreciate their historic surroundings and it must acknowledge the huge public appetite for

learning about the past. Fundamentally, it will need to demonstrate that Government can provide responsible stewardship for our heritage now, even in a time of recession, and in the future.'

We need to marshal our facts, she continued. 'We need to find ways to show the intangible benefits that cherishing heritage can bring to society. We too need to articulate a vision for today's world.' And not least with a view to the next Comprehensive Spending Review, 'we must continue to raise our game together to become ever more powerful advocates.'

Her experience from the BBC brings fresh insight to help make the heritage case more effectively. Next year she reminded us, is the 15th anniversary of the Heritage Lottery Fund 'a rallying point for everyone who cares about our heritage and our future'.

Her speech Valuing our Heritage, Investing in our Future establishes her as a powerful champion for the HLF and the wider heritage sector. For the full text see <http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/MediaCentre/Archive/Heritage+Link+Heritage+Day+speech.htm> [Back](#)

Heritage Bill, dead or delayed? Joint Ministerial Statement

As widely expected, the Heritage Bill did not make it into the Queen's Speech on 3 December. A joint Ministerial Statement from Andy Burnham Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport, Barbara Follett, Minister for Culture and Baroness Kay Andrews, Parliamentary under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government confirmed that the Queen's Speech reflected the Government's 'immediate priorities in these difficult times'. The Heritage Protection Bill was dropped with five other Bills.

'Many people, of course', the Ministers continued 'will be disappointed that the Heritage Protection Bill has had to be put on hold... but have no doubt the Government is 100 per cent committed to preserving and protecting our precious historic environment'. The Ministers promised to take work forward on a range of fronts, specifically the development of a new Planning Policy Statement – a draft will be out for consultation by Easter; a clear statement of the Government's vision and priorities for the historic environment; consultation on the English Heritage Strategic Designation Programme; and the continuation of the EH programme of training and capacity building for local historic environment staff. The statement can be found on the DCMS website at

http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/historic_environment/5644.aspx [Back](#)

DCMS explains

Barbara Follett, Minister for Culture, phoned a number of stakeholder to commiserate. To Anthea Case, Chairman of Heritage Link, she said that the Bill was at the top of the waiting list for Parliamentary time. She promised to 'bottom out' the question of resources for Local Authorities.

Heritage Link's Heritage Day on 3 December gave Harry Reeves, Deputy Director of the Culture Team at DCMS, the opportunity to explain in more detail where it leaves us. He told the 130-strong audience. 'Let me not pretend there is not a real loss in not having legislative time this session.' The Bill team will complete drafting the Bill by the end of January but even he acknowledged that it is a remote possibility that such a complex Bill will find time this session.

Specifically unachievable without primary legislation, is the coherent heritage protection system with the single consent regime. Also lost is the legislative underpinning for Heritage Partnership Agreements, and for interim protection while designation is under consideration.

In the light of the Queen's Speech, there is a revised heritage protection reform page on the DCMS website at http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/historic_environment/5635.aspx [Back](#)

Heritage Link Members' Statement

Heritage Link's members expressed extreme disappointment in their statement at their AGM on 3 December. They argued that key provisions of the Bill – the single unified designation system, the statutory duty for Local Planning Authorities to maintain or have access to Historic Environment Records, interim protection for heritage assets under consideration for listing; Heritage Protection agreements; the reversal of the Shimizu judgment and related proposals to strengthen Conservation Area protection and the revision of Class Consents to avoid on going damage to archaeological remains from agricultural activity – should not be lost.

In addition to pressing for the Bill to be introduced Heritage Link members urged forward the new PPS as well as the vision statement. Anthea Case, Heritage Link Chairman, highlighted the plight of Local Authorities. 'We also look to DCMS, CLG and English Heritage to support local authority historic environment services and to take this opportunity to strengthen their capacity'. For the full statement see www.heritagelink.org.uk [Back](#)

The sector's reactions

The National Trust pointed out that there is tremendous public support and enthusiasm for our amazing cultural inheritance. Although the delay was regrettable, it provided extra time needed to deliver the necessary resources and staffing for a truly effective system. 'The National Trust looks forward to a modernised system of heritage protection that is fit for the 21st century and hopes that Government will work hard to maintain the momentum for reform ahead of the Bill's eventual introduction.'

The Archaeology Forum welcomed the news of the new PPS 'A well drafted integration and improvement of the present Planning Policy Guidance notes 15 and 16 will better protect the historic environment and ease the path to economic recovery. TAF also looked to Government 'to work with the sector to ensure that every authority has access to an appropriately resourced Historic Environment Record and supporting services'.

Rescue: The British Archaeological Trust, protests that 'the failure to pursue the Bill at this time sends out a poor message about the importance the Government attaches to our historic environment'. The Trust was especially disappointed to lose the provision of statutory status for Historic Environment Records across England and Wales but also for the first time, formal protection of World Heritage Sites, Historic Parks and Gardens, Registered Battlefields, and sites of early human occupation. See <http://www.rescue-archaeology.org.uk/>

Dave Chetwyn, Chair of the Institute of Building Conservation (IHBC) said: 'We understand the gravity of the credit crisis, but after nearly a decade of hard work across the sector; we are hugely disappointed that the reforms contained in the Bill are, at least for now, on hold.' IHBC invested heavily in the Bill's development and it will continue to reinforce the potential of conserving places to key government priorities. IHBC also wants to see further reductions in VAT on building refurbishments to boost key labour-intensive areas of the development sector and deliver much needed economic stimulus. See http://www.ihbc.org.uk/news_update.htm#heritage%20bill%20delay

UK UNESCO pointed out that no Heritage Protection Bill also means no Cultural Property (armed conflicts) Bill which would allow the UK to ratify the 1955 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the event of Armed Conflict and accede to its two Protocols. [Back](#)

English Heritage sets out Plan B

English Heritage said the omission 'was disappointing but understandable in the current economic climate'. 'The good news', the EH statement continues 'is that more than two thirds of the changes set out in the Heritage White Paper can go ahead'. Using the new Planning Policy Statement, accompanying guidance and forthcoming EH initiatives as a new focus for reform 'we can still achieve many of our goals to improve the system, widen public involvement and simply protection processes'.

The EH newsletter distributed at Heritage Day sets out 11 measures that cannot be achieved without primary legislation and under How Will We Proceed, what heritage protection reforms can be taken forward without the bill. One major loss is the primary legislation necessary to introduce interim legal protection for historic places being considered for designation. Primary legislation is also required to transfer responsibility for designation from DCMS to English Heritage and most regrettable the statutory duty for Local Authorities to have maintain or have access to Historic Environment Records.

On the other hand, some measures could be achieved through secondary legislation. One of the Bill's key sections was on Conservation Areas. EH says secondary legislation could be used to control partial demolition in conservation areas – which has been a problem since the Shimizu judgment in 1994. Reform of permitted development rights in Conservation Areas would allow control over other damaging alterations. Changes to the status of World Heritage Sites can be delivered through the draft WHS Planning Circular currently being processed. Work is already underway to bring together all the separate registers for listing, scheduling and registration into a full accessible, integrated on line database.

For the EH response and for links to further information on what can and cant be done without the Bill see <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.20038> A new timeline for implementation of heritage protection reform action which does not require legislation is at <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.20036>. [Back](#)

Heritage Protection in Wales

CADW assured its stakeholders that the Welsh Assembly Government, along with the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, remains committed to the legislation. The Assembly Government intends to continue to work on a number of actions to affirm its commitment to the historic environment and to maintain the momentum since the publication of the heritage protection White Paper in March last year.

These actions include the publication in Spring 2009 of the Minister for Heritage's Strategic Statement on the Historic Environment to be followed by specific actions for implementation by the Assembly Government and its historic environment partners; Publication for consultation in Summer 2009 by the Assembly Government of draft conservation principles for the historic environment; Commence work in autumn 2009 to update planning guidance for the historic environment, including World Heritage Sites; and following consultation with the Welsh Archaeological Trusts, publication of guidance in Spring 2009 on the content, and maintenance of and provision of public access to Historic Environment Records (HERS)

Alongside these specific actions, Cadw will continue its ongoing scheduling programme and will respond to requests for 'spot listing' of specific buildings, consulting owners and others as envisaged under the draft Heritage Protection Bill. It will also continue its work of urban characterisation to give a focus to local distinctiveness and to serve as a tool for the sustainable management of the historic environment, with the aim of publishing specific guidance on urban and landscape characterisation. [Back](#)

Scottish government to consult on new heritage legislation

Scottish Ministers are to consult on a draft Bill to amend existing heritage legislation next year. Linda Fabiani MSP, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture, said 'Scotland has a rich heritage that plays a central role in the country's identity, education and tourism. At the same time the country needs sustainable development and economic growth. It's the government's priority that the bill achieves the correct balance - without complication or delays to the planning system - and further demonstrates our commitment to protecting Scotland's heritage'.

Historic Scotland, on behalf of Scottish Ministers, will consult on a draft Bill in 2009. The Agency will be looking to involve the public, heritage bodies, charities, local authorities, businesses and individuals in discussions about the proposed changes. Currently, Scotland has two main pieces of legislation to protect and manage the historic environment: the 1979 Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act identifies nationally important 'scheduled monuments' - archaeological sites and ruined buildings; carved stones and ancient settlements - where the aim is to maintain them as far as possible in the state that we have inherited them. The 1997 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act identifies buildings of 'special architectural or historic interest', where the main aim is to keep buildings in active appropriate use.

For more information visit <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/news.htm> [Back](#)

Queen's Speech signals go ahead for coastal trail

A landmark trail around England's coastline may be just a step away, following the inclusion of the Marine and Coastal Access Bill in the Queen's Speech which will allow the public to walk from one end of the English coast to the other unhindered.

The Ramblers' Association, on of Heritage Link's members, has welcomed the bill which will also give long overdue protection to our valuable marine environment. The Ramblers has been at the forefront of a campaign to open up access to the coast.

The Ramblers will be looking to government for further clarity on the issue of access to parks. An exclusion of parks would mean large areas of open countryside are out of bounds leading to inland detours, which goes against the spirit of the new legislation. For associated press release visit http://www.ramblers.org.uk/news/latest_news/ [Back](#)

World Heritage Sites: DCMS consultation to 24 February 2009

As part of the Government's review of World Heritage policy, this consultation is looking at the extent to which the UK's current approach to World Heritage supports the interests of the UK Government and those of the Governments of the Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories in protecting and promoting their cultural and natural heritage; their wider strategic priorities; and their international goals, particularly in relation to UNESCO.

The consultation will also examine the costs and benefits, rights and responsibilities of World Heritage Site status, the balance currently achieved between them, and the implications for the future management, promotion and funding of such sites. The consultation will consider what measures might be taken to clarify and/or strengthen protection for World Heritage Sites and recommend a policy on making future nominations for World Heritage Site status.

The UK currently has 27 World Heritage Sites. Sixteen sites remain on the 1999 Tentative List from which nominations are drawn. The Government has already announced its proposed nominations for the next four years: Pontcysyllte Aquaduct and Canal already nominated in January 2008, Darwin's Landscape Laboratory to be resubmitted in January 2009, and the Twin Monastery of Monkwearmouth and Jarrow to be nominated in 2010.

The consultation closes on 24 February 2009. Copies of the consultation document can be downloaded from http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/consultations/5629.aspx. You can post your comments online at <http://haveyoursay.culture.gov.uk/worldheritage> email them to whreview@culture.gsi.gov.uk or by post to Caity Marsh, Heritage for the Nation Consultation, Culture Team, 2-4 Cockspur Street, London SW1Y 5DH. [Back](#)

The Costs and Benefits of UK World Heritage Site Status

DCMS with Historic Scotland and CADW commissioned a cost benefit analysis of WHS status. The literature review undertaken by Price WaterhouseCoopers is published alongside the consultation.

Its key findings include that WHS status does not in itself provide any additional statutory protection, although the quality of development around such sites may be superior. It computes rising costs, currently up to £400,000 to bid for World Heritage Site status and £150,000 pa to maintain. It says that the benefits of tourism and regeneration arising from WHS status have been overstated, with very low percentages of visitors being aware of such status or motivated by it. While additional funding often follows inscription, much of this comes from UK heritage or conservation bodies - benefit for WHS is at the expense of heritage sites elsewhere. All very disappointing for those who believe that World Heritage Sites are about conserving sites of global significance rather than tourist income.

Although the report focuses on the concept of 'additionality' i.e. those costs and benefits which are directly attributable to WHS status and excludes those which may simply be loosely related to it, it means that there is a useful analysis of the wider values of heritage. The list of empirical evidence of benefits looks at regeneration, partnership, attracting additional funding, community cohesion and social capital, civic pride and conservation. Commenting on community cohesion and social capital where evidence is notoriously hard to find. The Price WaterhouseCooper report concludes, these benefits are likely to begin to accrue when the local community can find something they can share and interest in.

For the full report see http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/PwC_literaturereview.pdf [Back](#)

Office of the third sector consultation on action plan, deadline 31 December

On 24 November Kevin Brennan, the Minister for the Third Sector, chaired a summit with NCVO on the impact of the economic downturn on the third sector. Sector representatives highlighted a number of challenges they were facing in the current economic climate, and more importantly discussed how Government and the sector could work together.

Building on these discussions, the Minister announced plans to publish an Action Plan in the New Year. This represents a real opportunity for the sector and Government to work in partnership to address current and future challenges. It is crucial to involve the sector from the onset in the development of this action plan.

The OTS are welcoming suggestions from the sector on innovative ways the government could help support the environment for a thriving third sector in the coming months and years, with a particular focus on the 6 key themes raised at the summit: meeting demand for public services particularly in

deprived areas; good quality contracting and commissioning; addressing potential income issues through local and national level funding and maximising charitable giving; modernisation of the sector to cope with financial pressures; building social capital (volunteering, for example) and tackling worklessness and the role of social enterprise

Comments submitted will be considered in the development of the action plan. The deadline for comments is 31 December. For more information visit

http://haveyoursay.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/ [Back](#)

EU Paint Stripper Ban: Heritage Railway Association calls for wider support

The EU Proposed Paint Stripper Ban situation continues to develop and a vote is now anticipated in January. It looks as though the ban may go through and the advice from Heritage Railway Association, Vice President, Brian Simpson MEP, is to redouble lobbying efforts. In the UK HRA is sounding the alarm with the Association of Independent Museums, the Museums Association and the Group of National Museum Directors but wants to mobilise the rest of the heritage movement, both built and mobile, to lobby their MEPs.

The EU is proposing to ban the sale of paint strippers containing dichloromethane (DCM) to commercial users (i.e. the general public) and, due to the perceived difficulties of Member States in implementing an acceptable training and licensing system for professional users (contractors, conservators etc), are proposing to ban the sale to professional users as well; although industrial users, under strictly controlled conditions, may not be restricted. The HRA has found no evidence of any significant risk to its members from the use of these products providing the appropriate instructions for use are followed. It believes the risks to the health of users of any alternative products are greater than those from the use of DCM. The HRA is calling for the proposal to be rejected entirely or that individual member states be allowed to derogate the application of the ban where appropriate precautions are in place.

The proposal will be put to the vote during the period 12 to 15 January in Strasbourg. If you have interests in this issue, HRA is urging you to ensure that your MEP is aware of your concerns by 8 January 2009 at latest. For more information see the HRA's statement which will shortly be posted at

<http://www.heritagerrailways.com/hra.html> [Back](#)

Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund (ALSF) consultation conclusions

The Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund (ALSF) was introduced to provide funds to tackle a wide range of problems in areas affected by the extraction of aggregates.

Following the consultation between January and April 2008, Defra have determined that English Heritage will receive £1.5m per annum for the three calendar years 2008/9 to 2010/11 and will distribute this funding against Theme 1 (Quarries) and Theme 2 (Marine).

Theme 1

- 1.1: Identification and characterisation of the historic environment in areas of extraction (c £250,000 pa)
- 1.2: Research and development of practical techniques to locate hidden historic environment assets; mitigating impacts of extraction; improve our understanding of the impacts of extraction; (c £250,000 pa)
- 1.3: Conservation and repair of vulnerable historic assets impacted by extraction (c £200,000 pa)
- 1.4: Emergency funding for the recording, analysis and publication of nationally significant archaeological remains discovered during extraction (c £300,000 pa)

Theme 2

- 2.1: Identification and characterisation of the historic environment in key existing or potential areas of marine extraction (c £300,000 pa)
- 2.2: Research and development of new techniques to locate seabed historic environment assets; to improve our understanding of direct and indirect impacts of extraction; and to develop practical ways of mitigating such impacts (c £150,000 pa)
- 2.3 Marine historic environment training, dissemination and communication (c £50,000 pa)

See <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/alsf-08/index.htm>.

Please contact Buzz Busby (terrestrial) peter.busby@english-heritage.org.uk or Gareth Watkins (marine) gareth.watkins@english-heritage.org.uk for further details

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.1315> [Back](#)

English Heritage Campaign to Help Congregations Care for Historic Places of Worship

Culture Minister Andy Burnham has launched an English Heritage scheme to part-fund Support Officers to help congregations of all faiths from all over the country maintain their historic places of worship. He has urged faith groups to sign-up for a Support Officer as a crucial step towards tackling the problem faced by many congregations struggling to fund repairs and maintenance and to realise the potential of their important historic churches, chapels and other places of worship for worshippers and the wider community.

For further information, please contact: Angelah Sparg, Alice Taylor or Beth McHattie, English Heritage Corporate Communications 020 7973 3250 angelah.sparg@english-heritage.org.uk [Back](#)

News from Archaeological Employers

The recent Institute for Archaeologists report on archaeological employment revealed that 51% of archaeologists work in the commercial sector. The effect of the downturn on this sector has been confirmed by the new Chair of the recently re-named archaeological employers group. At its recent AGM the long-established Standing Conference of Archaeological Unit Managers (SCAUM) re-named itself as the Federation of Archaeological Managers and Employers (FAME).

The new Chair of FAME is Roland Smith, who commented 'all employers working in the commercial sector have reported a severe downturn in work in the last two months. The outlook for the new year is very challenging.' Several organisations have already had to lose staff and many of the larger employers in the sector are considering reductions in staffing.

Roland added 'the initial impact has been amongst archaeologists working in fieldwork but the knock-on of this will be felt widely. There will be less work on reporting, and for example, for membership organisations, there will be less income from subscriptions. These are some of the toughest economic conditions archaeological employers have had to face for many years.' [Back](#)

Council for British Archaeology: new website launched

The CBA has launched its brand new website. The site has all the latest information on CBA events, publications and campaigns, and also acts as a gateway to archaeology in the UK. Find out how to get involved in archaeology, find contacts and events, and how to volunteer on an archaeological project.

The site uses a new design and structure, and all the previous content has been revised, refreshed and rewritten. There's a new 'Archaeology Latest' section, with all the latest archaeological news, blogs and resources as they are released: www.britarch.ac.uk/archaeologylatest

To find a local society, community group, contracting unit or university archaeology department, visit our Archaeology Online section: www.britarch.ac.uk/archonline There's also a revised and expanded grants and awards section: www.britarch.ac.uk/grants

For all the latest books, Internet Archaeology, Scottish Archaeological Internet Reports, the British and Irish Archaeological Bibliography and more, visit the brand new Publications section: www.britarch.ac.uk/publications

The CBA are welcoming feedback on the new website. To fill in the questionnaire visit www.britarch.ac.uk/websurvey [Back](#)

Heritage Science Strategy Website Launched

The steering group for the National Heritage Science Strategy have launched the strategy's website: www.heritagesciencestrategy.org.uk

Over the next few months, work will be taking place to produce three reports which will provide the evidence base for drawing up the strategy. The first report will detail the current use of science in preserving and protecting cultural heritage (available April 2009). The second will assess the use of science in enhancing our understanding of the past (available end of May 2009). The final report will address issues of sector skills and consider practitioner and institutional capacity to deliver improvements in the application of heritage science (available July 2009).

Each of these reports will be available on the website, with a one month consultation period to ensure that the views of the heritage sector are fully represented and integrated in the final strategy.

If you have any questions about the strategy please have a look at the website, or get in touch with the strategy coordinator at NHSS@english-heritage.org.uk [Back](#)

Civic Society Website Survey

The Civic Societies have been exchanging news and views, contributing to Government consultations and joining online discussions on the Civic Trust's website at www.civicsocieties.org.uk since April.

Available to both Civic Societies and the public, the website aims to highlight the issues facing citizens today - from buying locally to town centre management. The website encourages and helps people to take action, make their views heard, and play their part in shaping their local communities.

To ensure the website offer a site that responds to its users the civic society is seeking feedback. For more information visit www.civicsocieties.org.uk [Back](#)

2010 Watch nominations are now being accepted, Deadline 15 March 2009

The World Monuments Watch is seeking nominations for cultural heritage sites across the world threatened by the forces of nature and society. From archaeological sites to iconic architecture, cultural landscapes to historic city centres, the Watch identifies places of significance in need of timely action. Every two years, WMF accepts new nominations to the Watch, from which 100 are selected for listing.

Watch listing provides an opportunity for sites and their nominators to raise public awareness, foster local participation, advance innovation and collaboration, and demonstrate effective solutions. The Watch nomination process also serves as a vehicle for requesting World Monuments Fund (WMF) assistance for select projects. More than 500 sites from over 110 countries have benefited from the seven cycles of the Watch; nearly half of these have received WMF grants, totalling \$50 million.

Additional information about the 2010 World Monuments Watch and downloadable PDFs of the Guidelines and Nomination Forms are available at http://www.wmf.org.uk/wmf_watch_100/ [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 [Back](#)

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Involving young volunteers in heritage and conservation, January

A free seminar for people or organisations working in heritage & conservation about involving young people aged 16 – 25 as volunteers. Following a 2 year project involving more than 1200 youth volunteers aged 16 - 25 in the South West, The National Trust and English Heritage are holding a seminars which will cover the following areas: Young People – who are they?; understanding the stereotypes and the challenges you may encounter with existing staff and volunteers in involving youth audiences; context; understanding the Youth volunteering charity 'v', v-funded projects and 'involved teams and what opportunities these represents to the heritage and conservation sectors and working effectively with young volunteers.

The first seminar will be on the 15 January at Killerton House near Exeter and the second on the 20 January at the National Monuments Record Centre in Swindon.

Places are limited, so book early by contacting Valerie Perry:

Telephone: 01985 843633 or email: valerie.perry@nationaltrust.org.uk [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 [Back](#)

Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge: Training events, February – March 2009

The Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto was launched in November 2006 to achieve the goal of creating more and better quality learning outside the classroom (LOtC) experiences for young people.

To that end DCSF and the Manifesto Partnership have developed a series of measures to support users (schools, families etc) and providers (museums, historic houses, churches, temples, outdoor activity centres, theatres etc) in achieving this goal. A key measure is the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge which will be awarded to providers that offer and facilitate good quality learning experiences at their site. The Quality Badge will go live at the end of January 2009. To find out more, please visit www.lotcqualitybadge.org.uk.

In order to support providers in the heritage, sacred space and built environment sectors in getting the Quality Badge, GEM has been contracted by DCSF to deliver a training programme before the end of March 2009. The aim of the programme is to improve awareness and understanding of the badge scheme and in so doing improve the chances of making a successful application.

Eighteen one day events will be run through England in February and March 2009. For further information and/or to register for one of these events, email Ian Blackwell, project co-ordinator at: ianw.blackwell@btinternet.com [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 [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 [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.

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 [Back](#)

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Heritage Lottery Fund: Head of the North East Region

The Heritage Lottery Fund is seeking a new Head of Regions for the North East. The Head of Region will manage, lead and support the operational team responsible for development/outreach work and dealing with complex and diverse applications within the region, for grant funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund or the National Heritage Memorial Fund. They will manage the deployment of the HLF's delegated budget for the region.

Candidates must have substantial experience of leading and directing staff, managing budgets, handling change, and relevant experience of the grant making process, plus significant experience and/or extensive knowledge of one or more of the main heritage sectors dealt with by HLF.

The salary for this role is £39,998 - £55,733 pa. The closing date for applications is 22 December. For more information visit www.hlf.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 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](#)

English Heritage: Historic Environment Advisor

This role with English Heritage will take a lead in influencing and implementing policy and promoting historic environment initiatives in the North West Region. The post holder will provide specialist advice to local planning authorities, developers and others on historic buildings, area regeneration projects and planning policies applied to the historic environment. Utilising their liaison and interpersonal skills will be vital in this role, as they will establish and maintain effective working relationships inside and outside of the organisation.

Educated to degree level, or equivalent, in an appropriate discipline and with a relevant working background, they will have knowledge of statutory procedures relating to the historic environment and an understanding of urban and rural regeneration sectors.

This post is a fixed-term contract until December 2011. Based in Manchester the salary for this role is c. £30,000 p.a. The closing date for applications is 22 December. For more information visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs [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 [Back](#)

The Battlefields Trust: Development Officer

The Battlefields Trust is a heritage charity - working with English Heritage (EH) - dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and presentation of battlefield sites in Britain as educational and heritage resources. The Trust is seeking a new full-time post designed to help the Trust and EH to preserve and promote particularly battlefields 'at risk' from unsympathetic development. The key tool and function of the post will be to develop a scheme of 'battlefield custodians' across the country. For the right person, this job is a great opportunity to develop their business, management, influencing, membership and marketing skills, while working at the heart of the heritage sector.

The ideal candidate will be able to work in a self-directed manner and be able to travel widely (with overnight stays) in England. They will be developing networks and acting as the eyes and ears, advocate and ambassador for the Trust. They will be working to research, plan and deliver strategies to attract and retain a diverse range of members and contacts.

The ideal candidate may come from a one of a range of backgrounds from membership, organisational development, heritage, or marketing (but this list is not exclusive). Knowledge of British military history and of archaeology would be desirable, but briefing and support on the Trust's areas of expertise would be provided. Applications are welcome from anyone able to meet the requirements of the post.

The salary for this role is c. £30,000pa (depending upon experience). The deadline for applications is 16 January 2009. For more information e-mail Peter Burley at national.coordinator@battlefieldstrust.com for more information and an application form. [Back](#)

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 [Back](#)

Atkins Heritage: Two Roles

Atkins Heritage is seeking excellent candidates for two key permanent positions in the London office.

London and SE Team Leader

Based in the main Atkins office in London, the role will be to lead and build the small multidisciplinary team of senior heritage experts, through winning new commissions and delivering a very wide range of projects for diverse and often high-profile clients. The individual will be a senior expert in archaeology, heritage management or historic buildings, with at least 10 years post graduate experience and will have held a senior position within a commercial or consultancy environment.

Senior Historic Buildings Specialist

Based in the main Atkins office in London, the role will be to deliver senior expertise in the assessment and conservation planning of historic buildings and places. The individual may have a background in archaeology or historic buildings conservation, with a post-graduate qualification in historic building conservation and at least 8 years post graduate experience and full membership of an appropriate professional institute. Ideally the candidate will have held a senior post within a consultancy environment.

For more information contact Janet Miller, Director of Heritage, telephone: 01372 726140 or email: janet.miller@atkinsglobal.com [Back](#)

The Institute of Conservation/HLF: Internship

The Institute of Conservation (Icon) and the Heritage Lottery Fund seek a six -month internship as part of the fourth year of the innovative scheme for broadening access to careers in heritage conservation in the UK and diversifying its workforce.

A bursary is being offered for a work-based internship starting March 2009 in the studio of Jonathan and Ruth Cooke, West Yorkshire. The placement is designed to lead into the new MA in Conservation of Stained Glass at the University of York later in 2009 and is aimed at new entrants to conservation from arts, sciences, crafts or wider heritage-related backgrounds. Candidates will need to meet University criteria for the MA, as well as those for the placement. Stipend is £14,750 p.a. pro-rata. The closing date for applications is 19 January 2009. Information on the internship and details of eligibility can be found on the Icon website at www.icon.org.uk. [Back](#)

IFA Workplace Learning Bursary in Records Management

Applications are invited for an IFA Workplace Learning Bursary based at the National Trust for Scotland. The post will provide the successful candidate with training in the principles and practice of archaeological/historic environment record creation and management within a conservation organisation. The bursary holder will receive the training necessary to develop a wide understanding of the archaeological resource of the Trust and the skills to manage, conserve and enhance that resource in collaboration with partners and communities. A structured training plan will be managed by the Trust's Head of Archaeology, with support from the Trust's Archaeology Team, staff from RCAHMS and local authority archaeologists in Scotland. The plan will be reviewed and monitored by the IFA.

To qualify for this post you must be able to demonstrate a good knowledge of Scottish archaeology, have a relevant qualification or equivalent experience to AIFA level, and experience of working with and using SMR/HER information. Strong written, communication and ICT skills are required. The post will require some regional travelling, so a current full driving license would be of benefit.

The salary for this role is £17,120 pa. The closing date for applications is 17 December. For full details and an application form telephone 0131-243-9417 or email joinus@nts.org.uk. [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](#)

English Heritage Cathedral Fabric Needs Survey

English Heritage, in conjunction with the Church of England and Roman Catholic Patrimony Committee, is proposing to undertake a third survey of the condition of the fabric of English cathedrals. This survey will provide an update to previous surveys produced in 1990 and 2001.

English Heritage will be appointing consultants to undertake this work and full details will be available shortly on the English Heritage procurement portal <http://englishheritage.g2b.info/> and <http://www.supply2.gov.uk/>. [Back](#)

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