

# Heritage Link Update 161

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## Heritage Organisations Unite to Stem Drop in Local Services

English Heritage, the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) and the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers (ALGAO) have urged Government to use its proposed statement on the historic environment to encourage local authorities not to cut historic environment services. A new report into local authority conservation and archaeology resources in England has revealed a recent drop in staff levels that could, heritage bodies claim, lead to a future crisis.

Research conducted by English Heritage, the IHBC and ALGAO has captured, for the first time, the actual number of staff supporting local authority historic environment services. Figures show that historic environment services had grown 20% between 2003 and 2006. However, between 2006 and 2008, they dropped 5% (by 66 conservation and archaeology professionals). Although staff numbers remain above 2003 levels, and the reduction has not yet caused a failure in local authority services, there are early reports of problems in some areas. Anecdotal evidence suggests that staff numbers are continuing to fall sharply. Future studies will provide a figure for the level at which, if such deterioration continues,

conservation services would start to fail nationally. For further press information contact English Heritage Corporate Communications on [lindsay.douglas@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:lindsay.douglas@english-heritage.org.uk) or call 020 7973 3293. [Back](#)

### Deloitte report: The economic case for the visitor economy

A new report from VisitBritain and the Tourism Alliance presents a quantitative and qualitative analysis of the contribution of the tourism economy to the UK. It looks at the economic contribution of tourism in from sectors directly involved and indirect sectors reliant on tourism through supply chains.

The Visitor Economy delivers a significant direct contribution to the economy – currently £52 billion or 3.7 per cent of GDP. This takes into account value added to the economy by the provision of tourism-related goods and services. Moreover, the Visitor Economy directly supported over 1.36 million jobs in 2007. Total spending in the Visitor Economy has risen from £85 billion in 2005 to £86 billion in 2007. There are significant indirect impacts of the Visitor Economy through its interaction with other businesses in the supply chain. The total (direct and indirect) contribution of the Visitor Economy to national GDP in 2007 was 8.2 per cent– equivalent to around £114 billion. As well as discussing tourism's contribution to the entrepreneurship agenda, regeneration and place-making, in section 5.7 it examines the support afforded to heritage. For more information visit <http://www.tourismalliance.com/attach.pl/226/260/Economic%20case%20for%20the%20Visitor%20Economy%20-%20Deloitte's%20%20Final%20Report.pdf> [Back](#)

### HHA welcomes Government's concession on appeals over coastal access

The Historic Houses Association has welcomed the Government's concession on coastal access appeal. The concession came when The Marine and Coastal Access Bill, which is set to create a path around the English coastline, was debated in the House of Lords on 21 April. The issue won support from all corners of the House. Ultimately, the Government accepted the need for a proper appeals system, where Natural England's decisions are reviewed by an independent and objective body.

HHA Assistant Director, Frances Garnham, said: 'The Marine and Coastal Access Bill must respect the rights and responsibilities of land and property owners. Whilst we agree that access to Britain's coast is a highly valued public asset, solutions must not threaten the livelihood of coastal businesses or the rights and responsibilities of land managers and private dwellers on whom the long-term future of this environment depends'. The establishment of an independent appeal systems was recommended by the Efra Select Committee, the Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament, the Constitution Select Committee and the Joint Committee on Human Rights. For more information visit [http://www.hha.org.uk/metadot/index.pl?id=26002&isa=DBRow&op=show&dbview\\_id=23127](http://www.hha.org.uk/metadot/index.pl?id=26002&isa=DBRow&op=show&dbview_id=23127) [Back](#)

### New PPS Four: Planning for prosperous economies consultation, deadline 28 July

This consultation paper seeks views on combining all national planning policy on economic development in urban and rural areas and town centres into one consolidated and streamlined Planning Policy Statement (PPS). Part 4 of the consultation paper sets out a number of questions on which CLG are seeking views. To help CLG's analysis of responses, please use the questions to structure responses.

For more information visit

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

### European Heritage Label consultation, deadline 15 May

The European Heritage Label was launched as an intergovernmental initiative by several European states in 2007. It aims to 'strengthen the support of European citizens for a shared European identity and to foster a sense of belonging to a common cultural space'. To date, 60 sites located in 18 European states have obtained the European Heritage Label. Seventeen of these states are Member States of the European Union. At its meeting on 20 November 2008, the Council of Ministers formally invited the European Commission to submit to it an appropriate proposal to transform the current intergovernmental European Heritage Label into a formal European Union initiative. The aim of 'Europeanising' the Label in this way is to improve its operational efficiency enhance its impact and also enable it to take on a new dimension

In line with its procedures, the European Commission has launched an impact assessment, which includes a public consultation. The on-line consultation was launched on 20 March and will be open until 15 May. For further information and to participate in the on-line consultation visit:

[http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc1983\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/our-programmes-and-actions/doc1983_en.htm). After the on-line consultation a public consultation meeting will take place in Brussels on 10 June. The number of places is limited, to participate please email: [eac-heritage-label@ec.europa.eu](mailto:eac-heritage-label@ec.europa.eu) by the 15 May. Additionally, a meeting with

experts designated by the Member States will take place in Brussels on 24 June. For more information visit: [http://ec.europa.eu/culture/news/news2001\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/culture/news/news2001_en.htm) [Back](#)

#### Archbishops' Council Spending Priorities 2010-2015, deadline 22 May

A review group, set up by the Archbishops' Council in November and chaired by Andrew Britton, the chair of its Finance Committee, has published a consultation document as a first step in establishing spending priorities for the Council for 2010-15. The group was asked to consider what the Council's spending priorities should be over the lifetime of the next General Synod that will be elected next year. The Council is responsible for spending in five major areas: initial training for the ordained ministry; national support through the departments at Church House, Westminster; grants to other bodies; mission agencies pensions; and support for clergy housing in retirement.

In its consultation document, the group attempts to estimate how much extra money would have to be requested from dioceses over the period if present policies and commitments were to continue unaltered. It also identifies possible areas in which expenditure might be reduced should this prove necessary. Paragraphs 40 and 41 propose to reduce the amount of casework that the Church and Cathedrals Division is undertaking and to make savings in the near future. The document will be discussed at the Inter-Diocesan Finance Forum, at the Archbishops' Council and at the House of Bishops. Views on the document should be submitted by 22 May. For more information visit <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/news/pr4109.html> [Back](#)

#### Wearmouth-Jarrow World Heritage Site bid consultation, deadline 7 July

The case for the bid for Wearmouth-Jarrow to become a World Heritage Site status is based on its outstanding and rare 7th and 8th century physical remains of the monastic complex which was founded at a key, formative stage in the evolution of Christian monasticism. It provides evidence of the early stages of the move to communal, regulated monasticism which subsequently dominated Western Europe. It has a huge educational legacy, not least through the works of the Venerable Bede, who, through residence in its unique environment, became one of the most important thinkers of the first millennium.

A public consultation on the Nomination Document and the accompanying Management Plan will run until 7 July. The results will then be incorporated into the final Wearmouth-Jarrow Nomination Document and Management Plan, scheduled to be submitted to UNESCO by January 2010 to form the UK's Nomination for World Heritage Site status. The nomination will then be considered at the World Heritage Committee in July 2011. The consultation document and guidance on responding can be found at <http://www.wearmouth-jarrow.org.uk/why.asp> [Back](#)

#### Conservation Areas at Risk

English Heritage has asked every Local Authority in the country to fill in a questionnaire for each of their Conservation Areas as part of the first nationwide census of the condition of this important element of our heritage. On 23 June, the results will be announced and a campaign will be launched to help councils, communities and individual residents to care for these special places. English Heritage is also keen to hear from local amenity societies and groups so that they can keep them informed about the campaign. For more information visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.20516> [Back](#)

#### DCMS Culture and Evidence Programme: call for papers

CASE the Culture and Sport Evidence initiative is the new £1.8M, 3 year joint programme of research led by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport in collaboration with the Arts Council England, English Heritage, the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council and Sport England. The overall aim is to strengthen understanding of how best to deliver culture and sporting opportunities of the highest quality to the widest audience generating the best outcomes for society. The programme is aimed at creating a step-change in the quality of evidence underpinning public policy in culture and sport, and with it improved public investment.

During the first stage of CASE, DCMS is looking to assess relevant high-quality studies, data sources or analysis relating to culture and sports policy on engagement. This can be anything which looks at who engages, when and why, as well as any work examining the impact of that participation and its value. If you have papers, data or analysis that may fit that description, send them to [adamc.cooper@culture.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:adamc.cooper@culture.gsi.gov.uk) with subject 'CASE Evidence'.

A CASE newsletter will be published three times a year. The first issue can be found at <http://www.culture.gov.uk/case/newsletter.html> The CASE website can be found at [www.culture.gov.uk/case](http://www.culture.gov.uk/case) [Back](#)

### Parliamentary Question on regional research needs

A Parliamentary Question on 30 April from Caroline Spelman, Shadow Secretary for Communities and Local Government, prompted an announcement on an assessment of cultural research needs. Minister Barbara Follett's written answer confirmed that as a result of the recent DCMS Review of Regional Working, DCMS funding of Regional Cultural Observatories had ended with the closing of the Regional Cultural Consortia on 31 March 2009. In the meantime, some of the functions and services that were previously provided by RCOs are continuing in some regions. In the North West for example a consortium of higher education institutions, led by the University of Liverpool, has become the new host for the North West Cultural Observatory and the Arts Council is contributing £10,000 to support the transition to the new arrangements in 2009-10.

For future research needs, the Arts Council, in partnership with English Heritage, the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council and Sport England has commissioned BMG Research to conduct an options appraisal to consider how regional culture and sport research needs can now best be met. The project is expected to report in June 2009. The full text can be found at <http://www.theyworkforyou.com/wrans/?id=2009-04-30a.271228.h&s=heritage#g271228.r0> [Back](#)

### Tourism Minister launches new advisory council

A new council to bolster Government support for the tourism industry has had its first meeting. Chaired by Tourism Minister Barbara Follett, the Tourism Advisory Council has been formed as part of the Government's commitment to support the UK's fifth largest industry. Ms Follett made the decision to convene the group of high level executives after January's tourism summit, where the Prime Minister highlighted the significance of the industry to the UK economy. It was also a recommendation in VisitBritain's 'British Tourism Framework Review.'

The Council, which includes members from organisations such as Virgin Atlantic, Eurostar, Travelodge and Center Parcs, will provide direct regular contact between Government and the industry, to identify how Ministers can support the sector through the economic downturn and provide a flexible and collaborative response to promote future successes. For more information visit [http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference\\_library/media\\_releases/6126.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/6126.aspx) [Back](#)

### Culture Minister Launches Scottish Castles Initiative

A major project to identify castles and tower-houses that could be suitable for future restoration and development to drive economic investment and tourism to Scotland has been announced by Culture Minister, Michael Russell. The initiative, being taken forward by Historic Scotland and the first of its kind to be prepared by the Scottish Government, aims to encourage financial investment in and refurbishment of Scotland's built heritage during the economic downturn. It will also provide advice on process, good practices and exemplars of similar projects in the past with the aim of re-using and revitalising existing buildings.

Historic Scotland has begun the first phase of the project, which is to carry out an audit of prospective buildings suitable for the list and to discuss the inclusion of buildings with their prospective owners. The launch of the preliminary list is expected by June 2009. For more information visit [www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/news](http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/news) [Back](#)

### Secretary of State champions Engaging Places

The important role that buildings and places can play in education has been highlighted by the Rt Hon Andy Burnham, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. Andy Burnham at the Time to Engage event said: 'I'm a proud champion of Engaging Places because it is one of best tools we have to break down barriers and give every young person the chance to get involved with creative skills that shape the places where we live and work.' Engaging Places, chaired by Anthea Case CBE, champions teaching and learning through the whole built environment, from grand historic buildings to streets and neighbourhoods. It includes a major new online teaching resource, [www.engagingplaces.org.uk](http://www.engagingplaces.org.uk).

Projects from 15 schools were showcased. The 15 schools showcased proved that buildings and places can provide low cost opportunities for all learners. Some of the school projects on show had simply used their school grounds or their local street. For more information visit <http://www.cabe.org.uk/news/andy-burnham-champions-engaging-places> [Back](#)

### UK National Heritage Science Strategy: report 1 now available

In 2006 the UK House of Lords Science and Technology select committee published an inquiry report on science and heritage. One of the recommendations of that report is the development of a national strategy for heritage science. As a result a project has been underway to produce this strategy, which will be underpinned by three reports currently in preparation. The first of these reports has been completed and can be downloaded from the document library section of the National Heritage Science Strategy website, see [www.heritagesciencestrategy.org.uk](http://www.heritagesciencestrategy.org.uk). The other two reports and the strategy itself will be available later in the year.

This report focuses on the role that science plays in the management of the UK's heritage, and makes suggestions about where increases in understanding could improve current practice. The report will be available on the NHSS website for the duration of the strategy development. The project is keen to receive views on the report. Comment are requested by the end of May 2009. There is a response form available online which can be used for feedback. As part of the strategy development, there will be a stakeholder meeting held towards the end of November and there is a section on the response forms for potential participants to register their interest in attending this meeting. For more information contact the strategy coordinator Jim Williams at [nhss@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:nhss@english-heritage.org.uk) [Back](#)

### Citizenship survey

The latest national statistics from the Citizenship Survey produced by Communities and Local Government has been released. Statistics from the Citizenship Survey for England and Wales include data covering a range of issues including community cohesion, empowerment, values, racial and religious prejudice and discrimination, volunteering and charitable giving.

In April-December 2008, 41 per cent of adults volunteered formally at least once in the 12 months prior to interview, with 26 per cent having volunteered formally at least once a month. Overall, 81 per cent of people mixed socially at least once a month with people from different ethnic or religious backgrounds, either at work, at a place of education, through a leisure activity, at a place of worship, at the shops or through volunteering. This is unchanged since 2007-08 (80 per cent) when it was first measured. Data in the statistical release are based on England, with the exception of the Labour Market Discrimination figures which are based on England and Wales. The latest statistics report on the first three quarters of the 2008-09 survey, covering April to December 2008, and update those previously released on 29 January 2009 (April to September 2008). For more information visit

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/citizenshipsurveyq3200809> [Back](#)

### Princes Regeneration Trust's response to DECC Consultation on Heat and Energy

The Prince's Regeneration Trust has welcomed the Government's proposals to improve the efficiency with which heat and energy are used in existing buildings. However, it has stated that is essential for the Government to ensure sufficient flexibility to avoid the loss or damage of the UK's buildings of special historical, cultural and architectural significance- particularly those which are listed or in a conservation area. 'This would harm our communities and the quality of our built environment very greatly. Therefore, we are extremely keen to ensure that the Government has taken into account the impact of its proposals on buildings of this nature- because they tend to be much more complicated and expensive to treat, they will require more funding and may need to be exempt from some proposals.' For more information contact Sarah Fisher, [sarah.fisher@princes-regeneration.org](mailto:sarah.fisher@princes-regeneration.org). To view the consultation visit

<http://hes.decc.gov.uk/> [Back](#)

### BBC2 documentary on English Heritage

To mark English Heritage's 25th anniversary, a new BBC series is offering an insight into the workings of an organisation that describes itself as 'driven by expertise and passion to protect England's heritage and the desire to become more open, reasoned, and consistent in its approach.' The four-part series, which began on 24 April, follows the development of different projects with which English Heritage is involved and explores the decision making process. For more information about the issues raised in the programme go to: <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.20601>. To watch past episodes on the BBC's iplayer visit

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00k2fh7/English\\_Heritage\\_A\\_Very\\_Grand\\_Design/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00k2fh7/English_Heritage_A_Very_Grand_Design/). [Back](#)

### Stories of the World launched: Cultural Olympiad

As London prepares to welcome the world in 2012, major museums and libraries across England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland are preparing to host an unprecedented exploration of our past.

Stories of the World, one of the major projects of the four-year London 2012 Cultural Olympiad, is a series of exciting exhibitions that will reconnect museum collections with the people and communities that they came from. Hosted by 59 venues across the UK, the £6 million programme is organised by the Museums and Libraries Association (MLA) in partnership with the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG). The programme will be delivered through 14 partnerships and will generate over 35 exhibitions and events UK-wide.

The celebration will inspire young people to dig into the past and dust it down. They will work as curators, finding new ways to present objects and artefacts, discovering untold stories and hidden meanings, and working with museums, libraries and archives to generate a network of innovative exhibitions for 2011 and 2012.

To find out more about Stories of the World, visit

[www.london2012.com/stories-of-the-world](http://www.london2012.com/stories-of-the-world)

[http://www.mla.gov.uk/news\\_and\\_views/press/releases/2009/Stories\\_of\\_the\\_World](http://www.mla.gov.uk/news_and_views/press/releases/2009/Stories_of_the_World) [Back](#)

### MLA: Supporting New Communities and responding to Migration Trends

Museums, Libraries and Archives Council has published 'Supporting new communities and responding to migration trends' which sets out the contribution that museums, libraries and archives can make in responding to and supporting the needs of new communities, and increasing understanding and engagement between people from different backgrounds. Examples of good practice are included and links to the National Indicator Set for Local Government are articulated. For more information visit

[http://www.mla.gov.uk/what/policy\\_development/communities/Migration\\_new\\_communities](http://www.mla.gov.uk/what/policy_development/communities/Migration_new_communities) [Back](#)

### Red tape cut for small charities

Thousands of small charities will save up to £5million a year as the Government cuts red tape by raising the income thresholds above which stricter accounting rules apply. From 1 April the Government is giving charities more freedom to dedicate their time and money to making a difference rather than paperwork. The changes will make the regulations more proportionate to the risks so that donors can be confident that charities are accountable while more of their money will end up directly helping the charitable cause. The changes to accounting thresholds followed a consultation held jointly by the Office of the Third Sector in the Cabinet Office and the Charity Commission. The Order making the necessary amendments and an explanatory note can be found at [www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si200905](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si200905) [External website], under number 508. The Charity Commission is the independent regulator for charitable activity in England and Wales. See [www.charitycommission.gov.uk](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk) [Back](#)

### Changes in Rate Relief for Empty Property

Under the rules on rate relief for empty non-domestic properties in England, office and retail premises are eligible for full rate relief for the first three months of becoming vacant and industrial and warehouse premises and listed buildings for the first six months. Thereafter full rates are payable. However from 1 April 2009, empty property with rateable value below £15,000 is exempt from rates. Prior to this date, only empty property with rateable value below £2,200 was exempt.

Properties where occupation is prevented by law or by a public authority is exempt from rates. Empty property owned by charities and community amateur sports clubs is eligible for 100% rate relief, so long as it appears that it will next be used wholly or mainly for charitable purposes or the purposes of the club. However, property held by a charity as an investment is subject to the same rules as non-charity property. The Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (England) Regulations 2009 are at [www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/uksi\\_20090353\\_en\\_1](http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2009/uksi_20090353_en_1). [Back](#)

### Recession resources

Charity law consultant Sandy Adirondack has pulled together a valuable round-up of recession resources, from ACAS, ACEVO, Business Link, CAF, Charity Commission, Charity Finance Directors' Group, Development Trusts Association, Institute of Fundraising, NAVCA, NCVO, Office of the Third Sector, South Yorkshire Funding Advice Bureau and so on. For more details, visit [www.sandy-a.co.uk/managing.htm](http://www.sandy-a.co.uk/managing.htm) [Back](#)

### Museums and Libraries Association (MLA): Adult Learning

The MLA has signed the Learning Revolution pledge and also announced the launch of a new £100,000 Challenge Fund to encourage museums, libraries and archives to do more to open up their spaces and resources, such as meeting rooms or collections, to self-organised groups of learners. This fund will spark innovation by providing £5,000 grants to those museums, libraries or archives with the best ideas of how to help these groups thrive. The MLA will also establish a new Adult Learners Board, co-chaired

by MLA Chief Executive Roy Clare, to oversee the development of a framework for informal adult learning by March 2010 as part of the implementation of the White Paper.

For more information contact

[http://www.dius.gov.uk/skills/engaging\\_learners/informal\\_adult\\_learning/pledge.aspx](http://www.dius.gov.uk/skills/engaging_learners/informal_adult_learning/pledge.aspx) [Back](#)

### New Open University Course in Global Heritage Studies

Starting in October 2009, Understanding Global Heritage is a new second-level 60-point course which introduces students to the study of heritage and its function at local, regional, national and global levels. Drawing on a range of written and audio-visual materials developed specifically for the course, it offers a critical understanding of how heritage is created and consumed across different cultures, and the roles heritage fulfils in contemporary and past societies. It presents case studies from around the world, to explore topics from the role of heritage in the formation of local identities to the deployment of heritage for nation-building by states. Challenges to international heritage frameworks led by indigenous and local communities, and responses to 'how heritage is done', form a key theme across the course.

Registration for 2009 closes on the 11 September. For more information about the course visit [www.open.ac.uk/Arts/ad281/](http://www.open.ac.uk/Arts/ad281/) [Back](#)

### PEOPLE

#### CLG: Board Members, Third Sector Partnership Board

The Third Sector Partnership Board was established in 2007/2008 and is the principal forum through which the third sector can contribute to ensuring that the Department's many activities affecting the third sector achieve their objectives. These 10 posts represent two thirds of the 15-strong Board, with the remaining 5 posts being drawn from representative third sector organisations. Through their knowledge, insight and experience of the third sector, candidates will contribute through the Board to CLG's 5 Departmental Strategic Objectives and 2 cross-government Public Service Agreements, with a particular focus on the impact of the recession.

At Board meetings, members will contribute to debate. In between Board meetings, they may be involved in a 'task and finish' group set up to feed into scheduled full meetings of the Board. Candidates will have expertise in one or more of the following areas: Housing, Regeneration, Voluntary Sector, Race Equality/Marginalised Communities, Community Sector, Social Enterprise and Development Trusts. There will be three scheduled meetings per year, plus possible ad-hoc meetings, at Communities and Local Government (CLG), Eland House, Bressenden Place, London. The appointment will be reviewed after 2 years, maximum term 4 years. The closing date for applications is 18 May. For more information visit

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/corporate/jobscontracts/generalecruitment/currentvacancies/11996251>  
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#### DCMS: English Heritage Commissioner

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport is seeking to appoint a leading historian, specialising in early modern or later British history, to act as a public advocate for the importance of history in national life, as a Commissioner of English Heritage.

For this post, applications are invited from people with an understanding of English Heritage's work and of the wider environment in which English Heritage operates a commitment to its aims and objectives, and the ability to think strategically and exercise sound judgment. The deadline for applications is 11 May. For more information visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.16102>

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#### Inland Waterways Advisory Council: New Members Required

The Inland Waterways Advisory Council (IWAC) needs new members to replace those whose terms finish at the end of this year. The UK Government and Scottish Government are seeking people who believe that the inland waterways are for everyone, are an important part of Britain's heritage and must play an important role in the future. As members of IWAC, the successful candidates will be responsible for providing strategic advice to Ministers in the UK Government and Scottish Government, to navigation authorities and to other bodies. This can be on a range of matters including how the inland waterways across England and Wales, along with the canals in Scotland, can deliver greater public benefit and be made available to all sections of the community. Candidates for these posts should have a personal interest in inland waterways and have the ability to use their experience to benefit the work of IWAC.

The Scottish Government will appoint one new member who must demonstrate a special knowledge of canals in Scotland. All initial appointments will be for three years. The closing date for applications is 12 noon, 18 May. An information pack is available at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/appointments/index.htm>. For the Scottish appointment only, e-mail [scotlandscanals-appts@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:scotlandscanals-appts@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) for an information pack, or telephone 0131-244-0575. For more information about IWAC visit <http://www.iwac.org.uk>. [Back](#)

#### Royal Hospital Chelsea: Specially Appointed Commissioners

The Royal Hospital Chelsea is seeking to appoint two new Specially Appointed Commissioners to provide strategic advice to the senior management of the Hospital. The Hospital has two primary roles: the first is to care for some 300 male and female former soldiers who live there; and the second is the maintenance of the Hospital's historic buildings and grounds. The Hospital values very highly the contribution which specially appointed Commissioners can make in guiding the development of the Royal Hospital.

For this post, applications are invited from people with a broad range of experiences and an interest in care for the elderly and the Army. At present, the Hospital is particularly interested in receiving applications from individuals with experience of heritage and the preservation/renovation of historic buildings. The deadline for applications is 29 May. For more information visit [http://www.publicappts-vacs.gov.uk/\(d1soju55s2jyap45t2stw1vu\)/search.aspx?ApptID=5770&row=29](http://www.publicappts-vacs.gov.uk/(d1soju55s2jyap45t2stw1vu)/search.aspx?ApptID=5770&row=29) [Back](#)

#### Birmingham DAC: Adviser

The Birmingham Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches (the DAC) seeks expressions of interest for an Honorary Advisers who can offer general guidance to the Committee on /building services relating to historic churches (especially heating, security, lighting aesthetics and energy issues). The person appointed would initially be mentored by another member of the Committee. The Committee is a statutory body, comprised of experts from various fields and advises the Chancellor on matters affecting places of worship relating to the grant of faculties (licenses to permit work); the architecture, archaeology, art and history of places of worship; the use, care, planning and redundancy of places of worship; the use and care of the contents of such places; and the use and care of churchyards and burial grounds.

The appointment is not remunerated but expenses are met on the Diocesan scale. The post involves a modest time commitment of up to seven or eight meeting a year (though short written reports can be offered) and some site visits. The DAC generally meets at the Diocesan offices in Harborne, Birmingham. For more information contact the Chair: Dr Jim Berrow, 0121 440 5491 or [brum15@globalnet.co.uk](mailto:brum15@globalnet.co.uk). For information about the DAC visit: <http://www.birmingham.anglican.org/information/careofbuildings.html> [Back](#)

#### Battlefields Trust appoints new Development Officer

The Battlefields Trust appointed a new Development Officer – Julian Humphrys – to work on battlefield heritage at risk and to build the capacity of the Trust and supported by English Heritage.

The priorities will be to work with English Heritage on their 43 registered battlefields in England and especially on the eight identified last year as being 'at risk'. This will be done by working with and setting up local 'custodian groups' for each battlefield and developing and strengthening the Trust's branch structure. For more information visit [www.battlefieldstrust.com](http://www.battlefieldstrust.com) or contact Julian Humphrys, Development Officer: [development.officer@battlefieldstrust.com](mailto:development.officer@battlefieldstrust.com) [Back](#)

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#### Maritime Archaeology Access and Learning Workshops, May

The Hampshire and Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology supported by funding from English Heritage through the Aggregates Levy Sustainability will be holding two Maritime Archaeology Access and Learning Workshops in May. The workshops will run at Fairthorne Manor in Southampton on the 12/13 May (for those already working within the heritage education sector) and on the 14/15 May (for Postgraduate students). They are free of charge, including accommodation and lunch, and will encourage the sharing of ideas and best practice in events and activity planning with focus on maritime archaeology and education and outreach. The residential aspect will encourage networking and will hopefully help to spark some exciting new outreach projects. For more details contact [christin.heamagi@hwtma.org.uk](mailto:christin.heamagi@hwtma.org.uk). [Back](#)

### Archaeology Survey Week, 4-8 May

This intensive practical training course provides an introduction to analytical site and landscape investigation. A field survey exercise will be conducted on an earthwork site near Oxford, where participants will undertake a variety of field techniques, including EDM/Total Station and GPS survey, plane-tableing and graphical survey, in working towards an understanding of the site in its landscape context. The course is taught by archaeological field investigators from English Heritage, and it is aimed towards professional archaeologists and those actively involved with field survey. Please note that this course starts on a Bank Holiday Monday and involves some evening sessions. For more information visit: [www.conted.ox.ac.uk/X7270](http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/X7270). [Back](#)

### Experiencing Theatres, 9 June 2009

The Theatres Trust Conference 09 considers how different approaches to theatre architecture attract and influence audiences in different ways. Delegates will learn how scale, style and sensitivity associated with auditoria design, way-finding, facilities, and building management make a difference to the atmosphere and energy of a theatre and how they help make audiences feel welcome and receptive to the live, shared theatre experience. The conference will also focus on opportunities within the Building Schools for the Future programme to engage young people in theatres design.

The event will be chaired by David Benedict, Bonnie Greer, Andrew Dickson and John E McGrath. Contributors will include Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. For more information, the full programme and list of contributors, or to register visit our website at [www.theatretrust.org.uk](http://www.theatretrust.org.uk), email [events@theatretrust.org.uk](mailto:events@theatretrust.org.uk) or telephone 020 7836 8591. [Back](#)

### Fit past – Future Perfect? Conservation: a key to sustainable design, 12 June

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation's Day School will be held on Friday 12th June 2009 at the Palace Hotel in Buxton. This national event is an opportunity to focus on the impact of climate change on the historic environment and to look for practical solutions to promote the sustainability of historic buildings. The School will provide the opportunity to hear about current initiatives and new approaches; to gain insights from recent projects; and to consider ways of adapting and enhancing our historic environment in the future. These issues are current, topical and of vital interest to all professionals involved in the management and conservation of the historic environment. Full details of the conference programme can be found on the attached brochure or by visiting: <http://www.school09.ihbc.org.uk>. [Back](#)

### London Industrial Buildings Day School, 22 June

This day is the third regional industrial buildings day school and will focus on canalside structures, buildings for goods handling and public utilities. It will include a field visit around the King's Cross redevelopment area. The day school, including lunch, is free of charge to CBA historic building volunteers, CBA and AIA members and English Heritage staff, but a refundable deposit of £10 is required with booking. This will be returned on attendance. The charge for local authority staff and those who work for private companies is £80 for the full day. The AIA/CBA programme of day schools is funded by English Heritage. For further details or to reserve a place contact Brian Grimsditch, telephone 0161 275 2314 or email [brian.grimsditch@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:brian.grimsditch@manchester.ac.uk) [Back](#)

### Heritage and Culture study programme, 29 June - 3 July

Public Administration will be holding the third annual study programme, 'Heritage and Culture: Challenge and innovation in public policy and practice' in London. This one week programme draws upon London's dynamic cultural scene and international expertise of the UK. It is aimed mainly for senior policy makers and experts working in government ministries and agencies and non-governmental organizations concerned with the funding and promotion of heritage conservation and culture. Applications will also be welcome from those in the voluntary and private sector who wish to gain insights into the role of heritage and culture in economic development and to engage in dialogue with officials with responsibilities in this field. For more information visit <http://www.public-admin.co.uk/> [Back](#)

### INTO: 13th International Conference of National Trusts, 14 – 17 September

The 13th International Conference of National Trusts is being hosted by An Taisce, the National Trust for Ireland, from 14 to 17 September. The theme of the Conference is 'Heritage Care in a Changing Climate'. Abstracts for Conference papers have been received from 21 nations, ranging from Albania to Zimbabwe.

The keynote speaker will be Dr Rajendra Pachauri, environmental scientist and Chairman of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). In 2007 the IPCC was jointly awarded the Nobel

Peace Prize with former US Vice-President Al Gore. Mary Robinson, former President of Ireland and a UN Ambassador for Human Rights, will address the plenary. Dame Fiona Reynolds DBE, Director-General of the National Trust (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) will also be a guest speaker at the plenary session. Elections to the Board of Trustees of INTO will also take place. The venue for the Conference will be Dublin Castle. For more information email John Ducie, Principal Organiser [icnt13@antaisce.org](mailto:icnt13@antaisce.org). For more information visit [www.antaisce.org](http://www.antaisce.org) or [www.internationaltrusts.org](http://www.internationaltrusts.org) [Back](#)

### Is England's Past for Everyone? 2-3 October

The Victoria County History's Heritage Lottery-funded project, England's Past for Everyone, will conclude in February 2010. This conference provides a timely opportunity to assess the achievements of the EPE project. Colleagues from heritage, education, publishing and local government will also speak about their own experiences of promoting the historic environment to new audiences. This two-day conference will include presentations, panels and workshop sessions, covering topics such as running successful outreach projects; identifying local funding partners; and working with schools.

This conference is a must for all those who value the opportunity to share ideas with colleagues, contribute to best practice debate and influence policy and decision makers in the sector For further information visit [www.EnglandsPastforEveryone.org.uk/conference](http://www.EnglandsPastforEveryone.org.uk/conference) [Back](#)

### Building Conservation Summer School, 13 - 17 September

Now in its fifth year the school offers building surveying students and APC Candidates an insight into conservation work. Practitioners are also welcome to attend as day delegates to discover new skills and gain a greater understanding of building conservation philosophy and techniques. Delegates will get unprecedented access to leading professionals in the field, who will provide guidance in areas as diverse as: building conservation philosophy; structural diagnosis and repair and energy Efficiency & Older Buildings. For more information visit [www.rics.org/summerschool](http://www.rics.org/summerschool) [Back](#)

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We expect all organisations whose posts are advertised below to offer equal opportunity to all and to welcome applications from all sections of the community. [Back](#)

#### Historic Towns Forum: Chair

The Historic Towns Forum (HTF) is seeking to appoint a Chair with effect from 1 November. The commitment is expected to be for between 100-150 days per year, but will be determined by the skills and aptitudes of the appointee. Expressions of interest are invited from those with a professional background in environment or heritage related disciplines. Experience at a senior level in Local Government would be an advantage, as would experience in securing sponsorship and/or fund raising.

In the first instance send a CV and letter of interest stating the reasons for wishing to be considered. Expressions of interest should be sent by email to [htf@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:htf@uwe.ac.uk) or by post to: HTF P O Box 22, Bristol BS16 1RZ FAO Chris Winter, Director. The closing date is 18 May For more information visit [http://www.ihbc.org.uk/news/docs/HTF\\_newchair\\_080409.pdf](http://www.ihbc.org.uk/news/docs/HTF_newchair_080409.pdf) [Back](#)

#### English Heritage: Secretariat Assistant

The Commission Secretariat needs a confident, pro active and flexible individual to work within a dedicated and professional team of seven. This varied and interesting role includes support for committees at the most senior level and responsibility for records management within the team.

The post holder will have strong organisational skills, the ability to cope with periods of high pressure, sound communication and interpersonal skills and excellent use of IT. The closing date for applications is 20 May. The salary for this role is c. £18.5k (permanent, full-time, incl. London Weighting). For an informal discussion please contact Vida Cody, Commission Secretariat Manager, on 020 7973 3364. For more information visit [www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs) [Back](#)

#### The Welsh Historic Gardens Trust (WHGT): Various

The WHGT is the principal amenity society seeking to safeguard and promote historic gardens, parks and designed landscapes in Wales. It has over 700 members within 10 county branches.

#### Chairman

The post of Chairman is part time with expenses paid and a small honorarium. The Trustees seek a person of vision and determination to drive the trust along the next phase of its evolution, which should

result in a significant contribution to the stewardship of the Welsh heritage. This is an exciting and challenging post that will give great satisfaction to the right applicant. Full details are available from the Trust Administrator (see below for contact details). [Back](#)

#### Bulletin Editor

The WHGT Bulletin is the Trust's newsletter which is currently published quarterly and includes commissioned articles, book reviews, news and events. It acts as 'shop-window' for the Trust, and has a wide circulation amongst decision makers in Wales. The Trust seeks a new editor with proven experience in writing, publishing and editing, who will take the publication on to the next stage of its evolution. This post should appeal to those wishing to work from home, those who have a strong interest in the Welsh countryside, and aspire to make a notable contribution to the work of the WHGT. For more information contact Andrea Dudley, Trust Administrator: 01558 668 485. [Back](#)

#### English Heritage: Regional Science Advisors

Regional Science Advisors provide advice on, and promote the use of archaeological science to improve the protection, understanding and public appreciation of the historic environment. The post holder will promote an integrated approach to the historic environment. They will have substantial knowledge of archaeological science, and of English archaeology. They will work with the team of RSAs to provide additional cover in South East and East England, and therefore could, depending on your circumstances, be based in our Northampton, Cambridge or London offices.

An effective communicator and negotiator, the successful candidate will work in partnership with other agencies, contribute to training and raising awareness and maintain active relevant research involvement. The salary for this role is £29,263 pa (12 month fixed term contract, Northampton, Cambridge or London based). The deadline for applications is 15 May. For more information visit [www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs) [Back](#)

#### Open Garden Squares Weekend: Volunteers (13 - 14 June)

Preparations are already beginning for this year's Open Garden Squares Weekend and volunteers are currently being recruited. Friendly, enthusiastic volunteers are needed to help at the gardens. Volunteer duties will include welcoming visitors, checking and selling tickets and ensuring that the garden is treated with respect. No volunteer will have to be on duty for more than half a day and every volunteer will receive a free ticket to the whole two-day event. For more information contact Charlotte Buchanan by email at [buchanancharlotte@hotmail.com](mailto:buchanancharlotte@hotmail.com) or by telephone on 07792 145 707. For more information about the event visit: [www.opensquares.org](http://www.opensquares.org). [Back](#)

#### Diocese of Worcester: Heritage Buildings & Community Development Officer

With local partners and English Heritage, as part of the Inspired! programme a three year project has been formed to help congregations make the most of their church buildings whilst working to protect historic places of worship for future generations. A project lead officer is being sought to help individual congregations, and in particular those responsible for churches most in need of support, to understand, maintain and make best use of their buildings for their communities and diocesan and local authority bodies take a strategic approach to the increased use and better conservation of historic places of worship. The deadline for applications for this role is 22 May. The salary for this role is £28,686 p.a. For more information visit: [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/jobs](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/jobs) [Back](#)

#### Association of Gardens Trusts: Administrator

This is a key role in co-ordinating the work of the Association with both the county gardens trusts and other organisations involved in the historic environment. The AGT works with the 35 gardens trusts in the care and conservation of historic designed landscapes. The post holder will be based in London and responsible for the general administration of the Association, a charity and company limited by guarantee, together with co-ordinating and disseminating information and advice between the relevant bodies. Experience in both the heritage and charitable sector would be an advantage. The successful applicant must be a self-starter, numerate, computer literate and an excellent communicator.

The closing date for applications is 29 May with interviews in London in June. For further details and a job description, write to Rosemary Jury, AGT, c/o London Parks and Gardens Trust, The Storeyard, Duck Island Cottage, St James's Park, London SW1A 2BJ. [Back](#)

#### Heritage Lottery Fund: Public Affairs Officer

With solid public affairs experience, candidates will join the Public Affairs team and have the following key responsibilities, where they will be: responsible for building relations with politicians at a national

level, in order that the Fund can account publicly for some £200m of lottery funding that it distributes each year. The post holder will amongst other duties: monitor parliament– briefing senior management on parliamentary activity; act as the main contact point for Government departments; draft responses to inquiries, including PQs, correspondence and Ministerial briefings and the Head of Public Affairs, building and managing relationships with politicians at a national level.

Candidates will have relevant experience working in a front-line political environment, preferably in the office of a politician. Based in London the salary for this role is £23,764 - £26,806 pa. The closing date for applications is 11 May. For more information visit [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk) [Back](#)

### IfA Workplace Learning Bursary in Historic Landscape Research

The New Forest National Park Authority is responsible for conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the New Forest and for promoting opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of its special qualities by the public. Applications are invited for an HLF-funded IfA Workplace Learning Bursary based at the New Forest National Park Authority. The bursary offers a Historic Landscape Research placement, and will provide training in the principles and practice of historic landscape archaeology.

The placement will receive training and involvement in the different aspects of archaeological and historic landscape work; from desk-based assessment stages using historic environment data, through to developing programmes of fieldwork with a wide variety of partner organisations; both voluntary and public sector. The successful applicant will be able to demonstrate enthusiasm, a wide knowledge of British archaeology and have a relevant qualification or equivalent experience to PIFA level. The salary for this role is £17,000 pa (1 year Fixed Term Contract to commence 1 September). The closing date for applications is 29 May. For more information visit [www.newforestnpa.gov.uk](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk) [Back](#)

### Icon Internships for 2009-2010

The Institute of Conservation recruiting for the fourth year of its training bursaries scheme, with six 12-month internships starting this September as part of the 4-year scheme supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Additionally Icon is advertising two of its own Internships in partnership with other employers and funders. Venues include private and public sector conservation workshops across the UK, offering experience in the conservation of archives, metals, stone, textiles, stained glass and photographic materials. The closing date is 1 June. Information on all placements and details of eligibility can be found at [www.icon.org.uk](http://www.icon.org.uk) [Back](#)

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