

# ***PRESS RELEASE***

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## **HERITAGE LINK WELCOMES NEW ENGLISH HERITAGE CHAIR**

Heritage Link is delighted that the Department for Culture Media and Sport has appointed Baroness Andrews to lead English Heritage as Chair over the next four years.

Anthea Case CBE, Chair of Heritage Link said:

‘Kay’s very positive ministerial address at Heritage Link’s National Heritage Day in 2006 showed an excellent understanding of heritage issues and of the value of the voluntary heritage organisations to both government and local communities. This with her experience as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government together with her earlier background in education and her own personal interest in heritage, will make her a powerful advocate over the next four years.’

Her ministerial responsibilities at Communities and Local Government (CLG) since 2005 included planning and heritage, culture and regeneration as well as the third sector. Such a portfolio means she has been closely involved in many of the key developments affecting our national heritage. For Heritage Link and its 75 members, her involvement in the heritage protection reform process is particularly valued. Heritage Link was disappointed when the long-awaited Heritage Protection Bill was omitted from the current parliamentary legislative programme. Baroness Andrew’s experience in CLG, however, strengthens English Heritage’s connections with local government whose role and capacity is critical to the successful implementation of heritage protection reform through a future Bill or by other means.

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### **Notes to Editors**

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2. **Heritage Link** [www.heritagelink.org.uk](http://www.heritagelink.org.uk) was set up in 2002 by national heritage groups in England to promote the central role of the voluntary movement in the sector and to make their voice heard collectively and coherently. It brings together 75 voluntary organisations concerned with heritage in England representing interests from specialist advisers, practitioners and managers, volunteers and owners, to

national funding bodies and local building preservation trusts. Much of the historic environment is cared for - supported, managed or owned - by these organisations.

3. **DCMS press release** at [http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference\\_library/media\\_releases/6197.aspx](http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/6197.aspx)