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The Penfold Review of non-planning consents: call for evidence

'Non-planning consents' include listed building consent and conservation area consent. This call for evidence is aimed principally at developers and asks them to identify "obstacles" which it would be helpful to remove. The Penfold Review, announced on 15 December by Business Minister Ian Lucas, is headed by Adrian Penfold – the current head of Planning and Environment at British Land and board member of British Land Corporation Ltd. The heritage sector needs to ensure that its own views are put across. The Heritage Alliance will be commenting, but members and others are urged to make their own representations as well. The Joint Committee of National Amenity Societies, as statutory consultees on applications for listed building consent, will also be responding to this.

Submissions should be sent to penfoldreview@bis.gsi.gov.uk by 10 February.– the review will report its initial findings and recommendations in Spring 2010. For more information, visit www.bis.gov.uk/penfold. [Back](#)

Statutory and non-statutory consultees on planning applications: call for feedback

This Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) consultation seeks feedback on proposals to change the consultation arrangements for statutory and non-statutory consultees on planning applications in England (as opposed to those on listed building consent and conservation area consent, covered by the Penfold Review discussed above). The proposals represent the Government's response to a recommendation of the Killian Pretty Review of the planning application process which stated: "Government should clarify and improve the process for consulting on applications so that it is clearer which organisations need to be consulted, when they must be consulted and why, what response is required, and how the response should be taken into account in the decision by the local planning authority."

It affects English Heritage and The Theatres Trust, among others; but it may have wider impact in that it suggests all comments should be identified as being one of the following three types—'fundamental concern', 'substantive concern' or a 'material consideration'. These categories, and the adoption of a 21 day consultation period as standard, could be applied to other types of consultation in the future. Also of interest is the draft code of practice, which includes providing pre-application advice, advice on standard types of application via the consultee's website and committing to providing expert witness support at any subsequent appeal when raising a fundamental concern on an application. The Heritage Alliance, always keen to promote informed participation, found in 2006 that local planning authorities' consultation practices left much to be desired. To ensure that the NGO perspective is taken into account, The Heritage Alliance will use the opportunity to reiterate the recommendations from Making Consultation Matter (2006) www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/HL_Consultation_06%20FINAL.pdf. The full report is available at <http://tinyurl.com/yd5r4qq>

For more information on this consultation visit www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/improvingengagementconsult. Submissions should be sent to StatCons@communities.gsi.gov.uk by 19 March. [Back](#)

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme hits the £100m mark: THA lobbies for extension

At the end of December 2009 the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme had paid out over £100m across the UK, of which over £81million has gone to places of worship in England.

This extremely effective grant scheme was introduced by Gordon Brown, when Chancellor of the Exchequer, in April 2001 as an interim measure while the European Community was holding a review of the Directive covering VAT rates. It enables listed places of worship to reclaim in grant-aid the difference between 5% and the actual amount spent on VAT on eligible repairs and maintenance to listed places of worship. Since then, places of worship have welcomed the extension of its scope since April 2004 to the full 17.5% of VAT, and since March 2006 to its inclusion of professional fees and repair works to fixtures such as bells, clocks and organs.

The anticipated change in EU VAT options relating to cultural heritage has not materialised, yet the LPOW Grant Scheme, along with the Memorials Grants Scheme, is due to come to an end in March 2011. Members of Places of Worship@Heritage Link are mounting a campaign over the next year to persuade the Government to ensure the Scheme continues. The Chair of Places of Worship@Heritage Link, Crispin Truman, has already written to the Prime Minister (6 April 2009). He pointed out that the

Scheme has provided great relief to places of worship faced with raising enormous sums for maintenance and repair, and did much to save many valuable community buildings. Grants through the scheme attracted roughly four times that amount by way of investment in craft skills, jobs and facilities. This contribution extends beyond the worshipping community into the provision of much needed social facilities and activities, social care among vulnerable people, counselling and youth activities. "It is vital" he said "that this scheme stays in place; more than ever now at a time when charity donations are under pressure, vulnerable people need help and jobs are being lost, particularly in the construction field." Replying on behalf of the PM on 24 June 2009, the then Culture Minister Barbara Follett agreed that the current scheme, which is due to end in March 2011, should be reviewed: "I will be writing to HM Treasury on this point shortly and will keep you updated on progress". The Heritage Alliance will be writing to remind her successor, Margaret Hodge, on this matter. [Back](#)

Committees call for further consultation on Planning Policy Statement 15

On 14 December the Chairs of both the Communities and Local Government (CLG) and Culture Media and Sport (CMS) Parliamentary Committees sent a letter to the Minister for Planning, John Healey MP, calling on him to commit to further consultation on the draft planning policy statement on the historic environment (PPS15). MPs Dr Phyllis Starkey (CLG) and John Whittingdale, (CMS) drafted the letter as a result of overwhelming stakeholder concern about the PPS proposals expressed in correspondence to the Committees during the consultation. A number of heritage sector organisations were forwarded the letter, including The Heritage Alliance, the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC), the Association of Preservation Trusts (APT), the Historic Towns Forum, the Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies (JCNAS) and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB).

The letter highlights recent media reports in which the Planning Minister committed to redrafting the PPS and to clearing up any confusion - particularly on the unclear language of the draft - before publishing the final statement. It points out that the Minister has however not yet committed to re-consulting stakeholders on the redrafted PPS before publication. Consequently, the Committees urge the Minister to commit to ensuring there will be adequate opportunity for comment on the redrafted policy before it is finalised, to reassure stakeholders and the two Committees that the Government is treating their concerns seriously. If the Committee members feel that stakeholders' concerns are not allayed then weight of opinion is such that the Committees may consider taking oral evidence on the PPS. This is good news, as this document is so key to all we do and it is essential that every effort is taken to ensure it is as good as possible.

To view the letter, visit www.heritagelink.org.uk/heritage-protection-reform-news [Back](#)

Heritage protection PQs: House of Commons and House of Lords

The importance of the PPS was also emphasised by Parliamentary Questions asked in the both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. On 14 December Caroline Spelman, Conservative Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, asked the Secretary of State for CLG what representations his Department has received from (a) the Royal Town Planning Institute and (b) heritage or conservation groups on the revision of PPS15. Secretary of State, Ian Austin, answered that the Department received nearly 500 responses to the consultation exercise and that one of these was the joint response from the IHBC and Royal Town Planning Institute, while over 50 were from heritage or conservation groups. According to Mr Austin all responses are now being considered, and a summary and analysis will be published before the end of January.

Transcript available at:

www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmhansrd/cm091214/text/91214w0064.htm#09121533002087

On 3 December Lord Clement-Jones (Liberal Democrat) put two questions to the House of Lords; asking the Government whether planning legislation reform will be implemented to enable control over partial demolition and development in conservation areas; and what steps they will take to reform planning regulations to close the gaps in heritage protection caused by the 1991 South Lakeland and 1997 Shimizu judgments. The questions were drafted by The Heritage Alliance's Heritage Protection Reform Coordinator, at Lord-Clement Jones' request. In response to the questions Lord McKenzie of Luton, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department for Communities and Local Government & Department for Work and Pensions, said that the Government believes that guidance on conservation areas outlined in the draft PPS15 could go some way towards addressing the implications of the South Lakeland judgment. In addressing Shimizu, Lord McKenzie cited the overwhelming positive response to the 2007 White Paper proposal that planning permission should be required for the partial demolition of

an unlisted building in a conservation area. This would involve an amendment to the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995. It was stated however that the timing of any such changes will be considered alongside other Government priorities.

Transcript available at:

www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200910/ldhansrd/text/91203w0003.htm#09120352000551

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HAVE YOUR SAY

Admin savings? The Heritage Alliance seeks collaborative models:

Evidence of best practice and a proven track record in working together will help underline the effectiveness of the non-government heritage bodies. Some examples are well known – the 2005 convergence of 5 conservator bodies into the Institute for Conservation and on a smaller scale the marketing and fund raising consortium set up by six of London's small historic houses - see www.Londonshh.org If Alliance members or other NGOs have and or are planning backroom mergers, shared services, shared ticketing or joint procurement for example, please let us have a short outline with or without costs savings and pay back period. Any further comment on what does or doesn't work would be welcome – to Kate Pugh at kate.pugh@heritagelink.org.uk [Back](#)

Petitions Duty – Statutory Guidance: Consultation to 24 February

The Citizenship Survey shows that petitions are the most popular form of civic action; and now, under the Petitions Duty, Councils will be expected to respond to petitions and tell residents what action is going to be taken to address their concerns. Some local authorities already have well developed processes for responding to petitions and approach them as an opportunity to listen to the community and demonstrate strong local leadership. However, this is not the case across the board. This consultation document asks whether the draft statutory guidance adequately explains the key principles and requirements of the duty, whether it is clear and easily understood, and whether there is an appropriate level of detail. The Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) seeks the views of third sector and community organisations, as well as those of Local Authorities and members of the public. To view the consultation document visit

www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/petitionsresponseconsultation.

Comments are invited online using the electronic response form provided or by emailing petitions@communities.gsi.gov.uk before 24 February. [Back](#)

Securing a sustainable future for waterways in England and Wales: feedback sought

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) report Waterways for Everyone sets out the Government's strategy for further enhancing the public benefits of inland waterways by widening the involvement of stakeholders and by supporting the management and development of the waterways. Waterways and their surroundings can contribute to a wide range of public benefits, including creating space for recreation and healthy activity on the waterways and alongside, acting as a catalyst for regeneration, promoting tourism, encouraging green transport and creating green jobs and volunteering opportunities. To view the report visit

www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/waterways/index.htm Stakeholders are encouraged to share their views on the proposals included in the report by emailing wferesponses@defra.gsi.gov.uk by 26 March.

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Britain's Waterways in the Third Sector: new report published

In a second development in the waterways field; as part of its 'Twenty Twenty Debate', British Waterways is proposing that its 2,200 mile, 200 year old waterway network is moved out of direct state control and into a new third sector trust organisation. The recently published report – 'Setting a new course: Britain's waterways in the third sector' – sets out some of the opportunities such a path would offer. British Waterways is encouraging partners, stakeholders and customers to get involved and share their opinions. Jo Gilbertson from the Inland Waterways Association (IWA), which is a member of The Heritage Alliance, said: "A change in status should enable British Waterways to develop its property income stream in a more effective manner, freeing it from some of the limitations on borrowing and investment that it is currently shackled with. This should allow it to focus more on active restoration and regeneration as well as generating more income. IWA therefore supports further investigation of this approach."

To have your say email twentytwenty@britishwaterways.co.uk. British Waterways will put forward firm recommendations in the Spring. To view the report visit

www.britishwaterways.co.uk/twentytwenty/setting-a-new-course [Back](#)

Proposed extension to Yorkshire Dales and Lake District National Parks: consultation underway

On 18 December Natural England launched a public consultation on proposed extensions to the Lake District and Yorkshire Dales National Parks. The proposed areas lie between the two National Parks and the consultation will seek views on whether they should be given National Park status, and where the boundaries should be drawn. Heritage Alliance member, the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), said: "CPRE welcomes Natural England's new proposals to extend the boundaries of the Yorkshire Dales and Lake District National Parks. We call on the next Government, of whatever party, to strongly support work to complete the jigsaw of protected landscapes in this most beautiful corner of England." (Emma Marrington, CPRE Rural Policy Campaigner). To view the consultation document and to respond visit www.lakestodaleslandscapes.org.uk before 17 March. [Back](#)

Changes to National Curriculum level descriptions: consultation

Aimed at those with an interest in education and engagement, this consultation seeks feedback on proposals to amend National Curriculum subject level descriptions. In all National Curriculum subjects, the criteria for assessing learners' progress are set out in descriptions of performance at nine levels for each attainment target (levels 1 to 8 and 'exceptional performance'). These national standards indicate how well children are doing in relation to their prior attainment and expectations for children of their age. These level descriptions were reviewed as part of the secondary curriculum review which was implemented in 2008 and as part of the independent review of the primary curriculum carried out by Sir Jim Rose, which reported in April 2009.

To view the level descriptions and associated documents visit www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations/index.cfm?action=consultationDetails&consultationId=1680&external=no&menu=1 Consultation responses can be completed online at www.dcsf.gov.uk/consultations or by emailing Level.descriptions@dcsf.gsi.gov.uk This consultation closes on Friday 5 February and the results will be published on the Department for Education and Skills (DfES) website by 5 March. [Back](#)

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Places of Worship@heritagelink: Manifesto published

Places of Worship @ Heritage Link, the group that brings together faith organisations inside and outside The Heritage Alliance, has published its own Manifesto. It sets out the group's firm conviction of the economic and social benefits that historic places of worship can offer; as POW Development Officer Deborah Jarman says: "Historic places of worship are nationally important landmarks as well as places of history and architectural wonder. The manifesto sets out what is necessary to secure their future." The Manifesto calls for the continuation beyond 2011 of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme; protection of the Heritage Lottery Fund's share of lottery funds; increased partnership working to meet shared objectives; closer working relationships with Local Authorities and greater public awareness of historic places of worship and the risks they face.

For a copy of the full Manifesto visit www.heritagelink.org.uk/library-2/ or contact Deborah Jarman on placesofworship@heritagelink.org.uk [back](#)

Discovering Places Weekend: 1 – 3 May 2010

Discovering Places, one of the major projects of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad (led by The Heritage Alliance on behalf of LOCOG - the London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games) is holding its first UK-wide event; the Discovering Places Weekend on the early May Bank Holiday Saturday 1st to Monday 3rd May 2010. This weekend is the launch of Discovering Places and is intended to show the way the project will develop up to and including the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Discovering Places is the key 'showcase' for the historic, natural and built environments in the Cultural Olympiad and we are looking for activities that meet our aspiration of sharing the hidden gems of the UK with a new audience; to inspire all sorts of people to explore new places, spaces and try new things in their local environment.

For Heritage Alliance members, keep an eye out for contact from the Discovering Places team as all members will be written to about the weekend, outlining the opportunities offered and asking for their ideas for activities. If you are interested in finding out more about the Discovering Places Weekend or the project as a whole please contact Catharine Bull, the Project Co-ordinator, on 07976 875948 or C.Bull@heritagelink.org.uk or check out the website www.heritagelink.org.uk/discoveringplaces [back](#)

DCMS slated over participation targets

The House of Commons Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has strongly criticised the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) for the way it set public participation targets in 2005 without proper evaluation. The report found the DCMS targets to increase the number of visitors to historic environment sites from three 'priority groups' (those with a limiting disability, those from lower socio-economic groups and those from black and minority ethnic groups) to be "unrealistic and set without clear evidence how they would be achieved."

Taking written evidence from the National Audit Office and oral evidence from DCMS and English Heritage (EH), the PAC concluded that DCMS had not developed an effective means of measurement, had not reached two out of its three targets and that the Taking Part survey (which measures progress against DCMS targets) "cannot not show a causal link between actions taken and what is achieved". The Committee considered that the definition of participation with heritage is obsolete and extends much further than site visits; to, say, getting closely involved in local conservation projects, or through the internet and television programmes. The report goes on to recommend that EH should take action to reverse the decline in educational visits to its own sites, develop an action plan to increase the diversity of its workforce and, specifically for cathedrals, DCMS and EH "should work together to find ways to fund their conservation so that they can be less reliant on charging for entry, which could deter people from visiting".

For the PAC's full report visit

www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmpublic/189/189.pdf [Back](#)

'Final fourteen' named in first UK City of Culture contest

On 15 December Culture Minister Margaret Hodge announced the final list of bidders vying to become the UK's first City of Culture in 2013. The competition aims to build on the success of Liverpool's year as European Capital of Culture in 2008, which had significant social and economic benefits for the area. Those in the running are: Barnsley, Birmingham, Carlisle, Chichester, Cornwall, Derry, Durham, Hull and East Yorkshire, Ipswich and the Haven Gateway, Norwich, Portsmouth and Southampton, Sheffield, Southend and Swansea. Margaret Hodge said: "Culture changes people's lives and has the power to transform cities and economies. These 14 bidding areas now have a wonderful opportunity to bring culture into the heart - and to the forefront - of their communities and the country as a whole, pulling in investment and boosting tourism." The winning city will be provided with the title of UK City of Culture for its year, and given rights to the UK City of Culture brand.

The Advisory Panel will be meeting in February to consider the bids and recommend a short-list to the Secretary of State early in the spring. For more information on the UK City of Culture contest visit

www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/communities_and_local_government/6015.aspx [Back](#)

DEFRA and Shadow Secretaries clash over food strategy

Britain must grow more food using less water and reducing emissions of greenhouse gases to respond to the challenge of climate change and growing world populations, said Hilary Benn Environment Secretary on 5 January, announcing the Government's new Food Strategy. "Food" he acknowledged "shapes our landscape". *Food 2030* sets out early on that producing food provides jobs, supports our economy, and "helps shape the character of our landscape and our countryside". The government also plans to launch a 'grow your own' revolution by encouraging people to set up temporary allotments or community gardens on land awaiting development using a 'meanwhile lease' to formalise arrangements between landowners and voluntary groups. The new cross-departmental policy report will also support farmers' and community markets to boost consumption of local produce. For the Strategy visit

www.defra.gov.uk/foodfarm/food/strategy/

Speaking on 6 January, Nick Herbert Conservative Shadow Environment Secretary said that if the Conservatives came to power, all Whitehall departments would be required to procure food that meets British standards of production wherever practicable. Labour's failure to back local produce was, he said, shameful and added "we're taking this action because we care about local food and we care about the countryside". For his speech last October on the importance and value of the countryside see www.conservatives.com/News/Speeches/2009/10/Nick_Herbert_What_future_for_the_Countryside.aspx [Back](#)

Attention farmers, landowners and stakeholders: SHINE project update

The Selected Heritage Inventory for Natural England (SHINE) project aims to create a single, nationally consistent dataset of undesignated historic environment features from across England, which could

benefit from management within the Environmental Stewardship scheme. The SHINE dataset will be used to show Environmental Stewardship applicants where selected historic environment features can be found on their holding. It is hoped this will result in more historic environment features entering into beneficial management by farmers and land managers. For more information and to access data, visit www.myshinedata.org.uk or email SHINE Coordinator Sarah Poppy at Sarah.Poppy@suffolk.gov.uk
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Farming for the Historic Environment: new guidance published

Farmers, land managers, farm advisers and other stakeholders will be interested in the publication of Natural England's Farming for the Historic Environment: Making the Most of Environmental Stewardship guidance document. Published on 8 January, this is one of a series of four leaflets that show how to make the most of entry level stewardship options, with focus on protecting the historic environment. To read the full document, visit www.naturalengland.etraderstores.com/NaturalEnglandShop/product.aspx?ProductID=ee863b6a-e6fe-44f9-9179-e91e1179038c [Back](#)

Seaton Delaval gifted to the National Trust in lieu of inheritance tax

Grade I listed Seaton Delaval Hall in Northumberland, the 18th century baroque house designed by Sir John Vanbrugh, has become the first stately home to be accepted by the Government under the AIL scheme (Acceptance in Lieu) for 25 years.

The AIL scheme, run by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) on behalf of the Government, allows people to offer items of cultural and historical importance to the state in full or part payment of their inheritance tax, capital transfer tax or estate duty. Seaton Delaval came into National Trust ownership on 17 December, following a fundraising campaign launched in 2008. Over £3 million was raised from 30,000 individuals, charitable trusts and companies across the UK and beyond; with the balance of the money coming through the AIL scheme, investment from Regional Development Agency One North East and contributions from other funding bodies. The Trust is providing £6.9 million from its own resources to create an endowment fund for the Hall.

The Hall opens to the public in spring 2010. For more information visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-global/w-localtoyou/w-yorkshire_ne/w-seaton_delaval-saveit.htm [Back](#)

£40 million fund for historic buildings axed

The Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEfCE) has withdrawn its old and historic building fund, worth £40 million, as one of a package of measures designed to meet government cuts to the higher education budget in 2010-11. The fund helped Universities to pay for the maintenance of their historic buildings. The decision will have the biggest impact on Oxbridge: the University of Oxford currently receives £5.1 million a year from the fund, and the University of Cambridge gets £4.2 million. HEfCE said the plans were in response to an order by Lord Mandelson, the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills, to make savings. For more information visit www.bis.gov.uk/higher-education-funding-2010-11 and www.hefce.ac.uk [Back](#)

Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC): more support from the Heritage Sector Partnership

With funding from the Council for LOtC, the LOtC Heritage Sector Partnership (HSP) has developed some resources to help heritage organisations to improve their understanding of the Quality Badge Self Evaluation Form (SEF) and the Quality Indicators, review their learning services within the Quality Badge framework, develop their learning services and feel more confident about applying for the LOtC Quality Badge. The resources have been designed primarily for those organisations with limited education expertise and / or without the time or capacity to attend training. To access the resource page visit the Group for Education in Museums website at www.gem.org.uk/lotc/lotc_menu.html [Back](#)

Engaging Places: new website

The Engaging Places website has changed – making it easier to find teaching resources, articles and events connected with the built environment. With over 1,300 items, Engaging Places helps teachers plan lessons and schemes of work. In the 2009/10 academic year there are twelve partnerships in the Engaging Places network, developing best practice examples of using buildings and places to teach a range of curriculum subjects. The Greenwich Foundation, for example, is working with Wingfield Primary School and Shropshire Archives is working with Wrekin View Primary School. Over 300 items are listed under the Heritage Education section. And there's a common theme running through many of the projects – understanding your local area, how it has developed, how the people have shaped their place and how the place has shaped them. Visit www.engagingplaces.org.uk/home [Back](#)

The British Archaeological Trust (RESCUE) launches new website

RESCUE, a member of The Heritage Alliance, launched its new website in December. www.rescue-archaeology.org.uk features news, current issues, details of projects, an archive of past consultations and articles, membership information, downloadable publications and much more. It will continue to grow over the new few months as the back catalogue is uploaded. [Back](#)

The National Churches Trust (NCT) publishes its first colour magazine

The NCT, a member of The Heritage Alliance, has recently published its first colour magazine *Vested Interest*. This twice-yearly publication brings news of the Trust's activities and promotes and supports churches, chapels and meeting houses across the country. *Vested Interest* can be viewed online at the National Churches Trust website www.nationalchurchestrust.org [Back](#)

Opening up churches for wider community use: toolkit published

On 19 November over 200 people from across the country attended the Community Development Approach to the Use of Church Buildings conference in Hereford. The main event was the launch of a new toolkit, which takes churches through the process of opening up their church for wider community use. This was commissioned by the Diocese of Hereford, with input from the Shropshire Rural Community Council and Herefordshire Council. A DVD is also available, which features residents from four Hereford villages discussing the successful projects in their historic churches and how they made them work. To download the Toolkit and all the presentations visit www.hereford.anglican.org/churchgoers/community_partnership_and_funding/about_us_and_latest_news/toolkit.aspx [Back](#)

Marsh Archaeology Award 2009: winner announced

On 18 December the Council for British Archaeology named the winner of the 2009 Marsh Archaeology Award as Sarah Dhanjal from London. The Award recognises high quality education and engagement work in archaeology with people under the age of 18. Sarah is currently undertaking PhD research at University College London's Institute of Archaeology, exploring attitudes to heritage in Southall, west London. At the presentation of the Award in Durham, Sarah received a certificate and a cheque for £1,000 from Dan Topping of the Marsh Christian Trust.

The Marsh Archaeology Award is offered annually, and the criteria and details for 2010 will appear on the CBA website in due course. For more information visit www.britarch.ac.uk/news/091218-marshwinner [Back](#)

2010 British Archaeological Awards: call for nominations

Nominations are now being invited for The British Archaeological Awards 2010. The Awards are a showcase for the best in British archaeology and a central event in the archaeological calendar. Established in 1976, they now encompass six Awards, covering every aspect of British archaeology. Nominations should be submitted via the entry form on the Council for British Archaeology's (CBA) website by 1 March 2010. For details of the awards, entry criteria and the entry form visit www.britarch.ac.uk/awards/baa2010.html or contact Award Administrator Sarah Howell on robertkilntrust@btconnect.com / 01992 554962

The 2010 British Archaeological Awards ceremony will be held on Monday 19 July at The British Museum in London and will form the opening event of the Festival of British Archaeology. [Back](#)

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UK Friends of Czech Historic Buildings, Gardens and Parks: lecture by Eva Jiricna CBE, 27 January

Architect Eva Jiricna will speak about the future of Czech historic buildings and their role at a special lecture at the Czech Embassy in London. The event will take place on 27 January at 6.30pm for 7.00pm, at the Czech Embassy, 26 Kensington Palace Gardens, London, W8 4QY. Entry is £15 including wine.

For more information or to book a ticket email events@ukczechfriends.org or visit www.ukczechfriends.org [Back](#)

Group for Education in Museums (GEM): Why museum education matters to trainee teachers, 28 January

This practical workshop is part of the GEM One Day Events programme and is delivered in partnership with Cambridge University. Delegates will find out about the practicalities of working with initial teacher trainees, see the impact of museum education methods on classroom practice and explore the potential for improving knowledge and skills through these kinds of partnerships.

The event will take place on 28 January between 10.00am and 3.30pm at Manchester Museum. Booking deadline is 21 January and spaces are limited. To book visit www.gem.org.uk [Back](#)

University of Oxford Botanic Garden winter lecture series: 28 January – 18 March

The Oxford Botanic Garden series of winter lectures covers a wide range of subjects, including Restoring Hidecote Back to Johnston, with Glyn Jones (25 February). Lectures take place at 8.00pm in the Nelson Mandela Auditorium at the Said Business School. Tickets cost £10.00 (includes a glass of wine) or £45.00 for the series. To book a ticket call the Garden Office on 01865 286690 or e-mail postmaster@obg.ox.ac.uk [Back](#)

The Garden History Society winter lecture series: 3 February – 10 March

This series cover a wide range of subjects including The Trentham Estate: A Contemporary Revival on 3 February and Paradise of Exiles: The Anglo-Florentine Garden on 10 February. The Temptations of Using Archaeology in Historic Gardens takes place on 17 February and is the 8th GHS Annual Lecture at the Royal Horticultural Halls and Conference Centre in London, presented by International Garden Archaeologist Brian Dix. It is followed by Affliction Brightened by Hope: The Evolution of the English Cemetery Landscape on 3 March and Discovering Gilbert White's Garden on 10 March. All lectures take place 6.30pm – 8.00pm. For further information on the speakers, venues and ticket prices visit www.gardenhistorysociety.org/events/ [Back](#)

Commemorative Plaques Conference: Celebrating People and Place, 18 – 19 February

The Commemorative Plaques conference, hosted by English Heritage, aims to consider and celebrate the large number of plaques across the country and to discuss future developments. The event will be held at the Royal Institute of British Architects in London and will include discussion of key areas such as selection criteria, plaque design and inscription, historical research, the gaining of consents and the promotion of plaques and plaque schemes. For more information and details of how to book visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.17445 or email conference@sam-culture.com [Back](#)

Planning and World Heritage conference: 24 February, 2 March

These two one-day events are aimed at people involved in the planning system within World Heritage sites; including planners, conservation officers, World Heritage Site coordinators and Councillors. It is being held on 24 February in Telford and on 2 March in Newcastle upon Tyne. It has been organised jointly by the Local Authority World Heritage Forum, English Heritage and ICOMOS-UK. For more information and details of how to book visit www.helm.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.17556 [Back](#)

Finding a Future for Traditional Farm Buildings: From Spatial Planning to Local Action, 4 March

This new training event, delivered by Historic Environment Local Management (HELM) will be of most benefit to local authority strategic planners and key stakeholders who deal with land management and historic environment issues. This event will take place in Worcester and places are limited. For more information, including venue details, visit www.helm.org.uk/training or e-mail HELMbookings@english-heritage.org.uk to reserve your place. [Back](#)

Traditional Domestic Buildings and Energy Efficiency: Practical Advice for Local Authorities, 25 March

This course from HELM has been designed for local authority staff who provide advice and make informed decisions about energy efficiency in traditional farm buildings. The event will take place in Castlefield, Manchester and places are limited. Priority will be given to local authority staff in the North West region. For more information, including venue details, visit www.helm.org.uk/training or e-mail HELMbookings@english-heritage.org.uk to reserve your place. [Back](#)

SAVE: Annual Conservation Book Fair, 22 June

SAVE Britain's Heritage's (SAVE) annual book fair provides an opportunity for heritage organisations and publishers to gather together to promote and sell publications at The Gallery, 70 Cowcross Street, London. This year, the event will also feature short talks and new book signings by well known authors. The event is part of the London Festival of Architecture, which runs from 19 June to 4 July. The event will run from midday to 7.00pm. Organisations interested in booking a sales table should contact the SAVE office on office@savebritainsheritage.org Watch this space for further details www.savebritainsheritage.org/news/event.php?id=107 [Back](#)

PEOPLE

New Director of External Affairs at The National Trust:

Helen Browning OBE has been appointed as Director of External Affairs at The National Trust. Helen, an organic farmer from Wiltshire, joins the Trust from the Soil Association where she was most recently Policy Advisor. Helen will begin her new role in mid March 2010. She replaces Tony Burton, who left the Trust in June 2009 to head up the Civic Societies Initiative and will be based in Swindon. Read her account of her cows "preening each other like teenagers on a girls' night in" on her business website www.helenbrowningorganics.co.uk/news/christmas_message.phtml [Back](#)

New Year Honours 2010:

Very welcome is the top recognition in the New Year Honours to cultural figures Mark Jones Director of the V&A and David Barrie formerly Director of the Art Fund. Conservation and heritage figures honoured with an OBE are George Ferguson the conservation architect and formerly President of the RIBA 'for services to architecture and the community in the South West'; Sir Nicholas Bacon for services to the community in Norfolk, formerly Chairman of the National Trust's Regional Committee in the East of England; Peter Carne formerly national champion for the Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto for services to education; Catherine Graham-Harrison for services to heritage; and to Michael Hart, Director of the Ffestiniog Railway Company.

MBEs go to David Buchanan for voluntary service to the environment and to heritage in Northern Ireland; Stanley Church for voluntary service to conservation in Essex; Alan Godfrey, publisher of historic maps and Charles Green for his service to the Potteries' industrial heritage. He has been a volunteer at the Etruria Industrial Museum for 30 years. Further MBEs go to John Hearle for services to archaeology in Stockport; Ann Heeley, a long standing volunteer at the Somerset Museum of Rural Life; Peter Ingram for his work preserving historic paper mills and transforming them into unique educational centres; Neil Lewis, Chairman of Blaenavon World Heritage Committee; Roger Phillips for his work with the 370 gardens squares across London and formerly chairman of the Society for the Protection of London Squares and Callie Saxton formerly EH head of visitor operations for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Alison Smedley has been awarded an MBE for her services to inland waterways. She is Secretary and a former chairman of the Waterways Association Stoke-on-Trent Division and secretary of the Historic Narrow Boat Owners Club. And finally to Dr Henry Will, Chairman of the Victorian Ford Park Cemetery Trust in Plymouth.

It is excellent to see so many volunteers 'the lifeblood of the heritage sector' honoured. For details of how to make a nomination for next year's Honours visit www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/honours/3343.aspx [Back](#)

The Heritage Alliance secretariat

We are delighted to welcome Toks Ferguson, who has joined the secretariat part time as Office Manager; and Emma Robinson, previously Communications Officer at Three Rivers District Council, who has taken over from Kate Jones as the Alliance's Policy & Communications Officer, full time. We wish them well in their new posts. With Kate Pugh, this brings the secretariat to an all time high of 2.2 FTE members of staff. [Back](#)

SITUATIONS VACANT

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](#)

HONORARY / VOLUNTARY POSITIONS

Appointment of new Trustees: Edinburgh World Heritage

Edinburgh World Heritage (EWH) is the charitable organisation responsible for conserving and promoting the interests of Edinburgh's World Heritage Site. It is currently seeking new trustees strong in the fields of finance, law, learning, conservation / urban planning and fundraising.

Further details are available at www.ewht.org.uk or by contacting info@ewht.org.uk Tel. 0131 220 7720. [Back](#)

History of the civic movement: call for volunteers

The Civic Society Initiative (CSI), set up to assess the demand for a national body for Civic Societies in England, is looking for volunteers to help chart the history of the movement from the early 1840s to the present day.

CSI has secured a promise of some funding, and is seeking more, for a small project that will provide a history of the civic movement for the first time. It would like to set up a network of local volunteers (enthusiastic local historians involved with civic societies) able to give time and energy to the project. The final arrangements have still to be decided but it is likely to focus initially on two or three key periods and also develop the history of a number of individual societies in their wider context.

If you are interested in being involved or simply being kept in touch then please email admin@civicsocietyinitiative.org.uk And if you know someone who might be interested then pass it on. CSI would also welcome copies of local civic societies' own publications or pamphlets on their history. [Back](#)

SALARIED POSITIONS

Association of Gardens Trusts: Historic Landscape Project Officer

3 Year (fixed Term) contract, £24,000 - £29,000 (including bonus on completion of project)
Based in central London, working across the South East Region.

A new three year (fixed term) full time post has been created for a Historic Landscape Project Officer for the South East Region, working for the Association of Gardens Trusts and based at its central London office. The successful applicant for this multi-faceted role will be flexible, an excellent communicator, computer literate and have a thorough knowledge of garden history. The post holder will provide support for case workers in Natural England in assessing projects as part of the agri-environment scheme. In tandem the post holder will work with the nine county gardens trusts in the South East Region; set up to protect and sustain their county's gardens, landscapes, parks and designed green spaces and to extend their skills in research, on site assessment and conservation management. A degree in landscape architecture or equivalent is required together with experience in historic designed landscape conservation. For a full Job Description please see the AGT website: www.gardenstrusts.org.uk. Closing date for applications Monday 15 February 2010. [Back](#)

Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty: AONB Heritage Officer

Grade: SO2 Salary: £27,052 - £28,636 pro rata Hours: 15 Hours per week over 2 days
Fixed Term until January 2013.

The Nidderdale AONB covers 600km² of the Pennines in the Yorkshire Dales. It is seeking a highly motivated and talented individual to lead on implementation of the AONB's historic environment strategy published in 2009. The role of the Heritage Officer will be to consolidate existing heritage volunteer networks and to create new opportunities for getting involved in heritage conservation. The post holder will also be involved in promoting the enjoyment and understanding of the AONB's heritage and historic environment to urban communities on the edge of the AONB. The postholder will be educated to degree level and have substantial experience of historic environment projects as well as a proven track record in community liaison. The closing date for applications is 1 February 2010. For more information or to apply visit www.harrogate.gov.uk/jobs or ring 01423 556955. [Back](#)

The Twentieth Century Society: Marketing Officer and Office Manager / Administrator

The C20 Society promotes the public appreciation of C20 British architecture. It is seeking two new members of its small central London team. Both will play an essential role in its high profile preservation work.

Marketing Officer: To lead on all marketing activity, including web and printed materials and brand management. Salary in the region of £24,000

Office Manager / Administrator: To ensure the smooth and efficient running of the C20 office and provide administrative support to membership events and other activities. Salary in the region of £20,000

Applications from those who wish to propose flexible working hours and / or part time employment will be considered. For further details or an application form email administrator@c20society.org.uk The deadline for completed applications is 8 February. [Back](#)

The Greenwich Foundation: Retail Supervisor

Full time – 35 hours per week, which will include Saturdays & Sundays. Salary £17,000 - £18,000 per annum.

The Greenwich Foundation requires a Retail Supervisor to work in its re-developed Visitor Centre Shop, which opens in March 2010 at the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich. A minimum of two years retail experience is essential and previous experience of working in a tourist attraction would be useful. The successful candidate will be familiar with common Microsoft packages, particularly Excel. Clear spoken and written English is essential and the ability to speak an additional language would be desirable.

For a full job description visit www.oldroyalnavalcollege.org. To apply send a CV and covering letter to Sarah Whitnall at swhitnall@greenwichfoundation.org.uk by 22 January. [Back](#)

City of London Corporation: Planning Assistant (Historic Environment)

Salary: £29,390 - £34,210 inclusive (depending on experience and performance)

The successful candidate will be qualified to degree level and have knowledge of the planning process and the historic urban environment. The postholder will formulate and contribute to the development of conservation area character summaries and management strategies, related guidance and policy in respect of the historic and built environment. This will involve a variety of tasks including site visits, research and preparation of writing reports and guidance.

To apply, visit www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/jobs or contact the Corporate Recruitment Unit on 020 7332 3978 quoting reference PLN057. Minicom for the hearing impaired is available on 020 7332 3732. Closing date: 12 noon, 29 January 2010 Interviews: w/c 15th February 2010 [Back](#)

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