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PPS 5 for the Historic Environment and Practice Guide published this week

The Heritage Alliance this week welcomed the publication of Planning Policy Statement 5 (PPS5) for the Historic Environment and the accompanying Practice Guide, as representing a significant milestone in the drive towards a heritage protection system fit for the 21st century.

The streamlined PPS5 (consulted on under the title PPS15) replaces the existing planning guidance in PPGs15 and 16. It introduces a number of new concepts to encourage better understanding and management of the historic environment. The Alliance and its members worked closely with the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG), the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and English Heritage (EH) throughout the consultation period, to ensure that the new concepts are robust enough to enable positive change whilst upholding current levels of heritage protection. The Practice Guide, written by English Heritage, explains how the policies in the PPS can be applied and considered during the planning process.

Dr Mike Heyworth, Chair of The Heritage Alliance's Spatial Planning Advocacy Group, said: "Heritage is proven to be instrumental in delivering economic prosperity and community cohesion through quality place-making. As such, it deserves to be a key consideration in modern planning policy. PPS5 represents a significant step forward in the Government's recognition of the true value of our nation's heritage. Together with the Government Vision statement there is now clear direction on how to leverage and safeguard this vital resource for future generations".

Chair of English Heritage, Baroness Andrews, said: "the PPS brings heritage planning guidance into line with wider changes to planning legislation and English Heritage's own best practice and allows for simpler, more transparent decisions which reflect the significance of the asset and its setting. The publication of PPS5 is a milestone in the positive and proactive management of the historic environment."

Nevertheless, concerns remain over resource implications for local authorities. The PPS comes at a time when there is substantial evidence of the depletion of local authority conservation and planning expertise. In an attempt to overcome this challenge, The Heritage Alliance is working with English Heritage on developing a comprehensive training and guidance programme on PPS5 for a range of stakeholders.

Mike Heyworth comments: "There is a risk that the burden on local authority resources has been underestimated. Training and guidance should mitigate this, but a timely review following the implementation of PPS5 and Guidance would guard against any drop in heritage protection levels. This should be the next step for any new Government, closely followed by a Heritage Protection Act to underpin new planning policy".

- For PPS5 visit <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/pps5>
- For The Heritage Alliance's press release and links to responses from the wider sector, including our members, visit <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/2010/03/24/the-heritage-alliance-welcomes-pps5>
- For the Practice Guide and EH's press release visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.21136> [Back](#)

Long-awaited Vision Statement for the Historic Environment also published this week

At last, the Government's Statement on the value of the historic environment, with formal support from all Departments across Whitehall, is published to complement and underpin Planning Policy Statement 5 and the PPS5 Planning Practice Guide. Until a Heritage Protection Bill is passed this suite of value statements is the benchmark for the protection of our historic environment for the foreseeable future. Is it enough?

The Alliance welcomes the Statement. It follows in a long line of declarations: *A Force for our Future* (2001), *Better Places to Live* (2005), and *World Class Places* (2009). But this one is the clearest statement yet of the benefits and solutions that heritage brings to 21st century life. It makes clear that most heritage is outside direct Government control, and that Government therefore needs to work in partnership with the private and voluntary sectors.

The Statement asserts that "the historic environment is an asset of enormous cultural, social, economic and environmental value", and it spells out the many ways in which the historic environment can help Government achieve its broader goals. The Statement recognises that heritage is all around us: "in the

homes of ordinary people, in the street plans of historic towns and cities, in farm buildings and factories, in our public places, beneath our seas". Significantly it acknowledges the role that the historic environment can play in mitigating and adapting to climate change.

The test for the Statement will be how these warm words are interpreted by other Government Departments, whose policies impact directly or indirectly on the historic environment. Phrases such as 'Intelligent management' and 'strong and effective partnership' need to be translated into reality.

It is up to us all to hold this and future Governments to account; to quote the Statement and to exploit that aspirational first line of the Vision: "that the value of the historic environment is recognised by all who have the power to shape it". For the Vision Statement, visit

http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/publications/6763.aspx and
http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/6777.aspx [Back](#)

The Budget: DCMS efficiency plan

Yesterday's Budget (24 March) reaffirmed the Government's commitment to making £11bn of 'efficiency' savings a year by 2012/13. All Government Departments were required to produce an efficiency plan to help provide the £11bn in public sector savings. The Department for Culture Media and Sport (DCMS) has produced its plan – which aims to save £60m – and a statement on the proposed cuts.

There is no significant direct impact on tourism. The economies will be made by saving £10m by merging the British Film Institute and the UK Film Council, and the National Lottery Commission and the Gambling Commission. A further £15m will be saved through increasing collaborative procurement across all its Non-Departmental Public Bodies. The remaining £35m will come from meeting the Department's share of reductions in other savings announced in Smarter Government, on back office spending, reducing consultancy and reducing marketing and communications spending across its arms length bodies. For further details visit http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/6781.aspx

Budget press notices from other Departments: Communities and Local Government (CLG) <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1516900>; Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) <http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2010/100324a.htm>; Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) http://www.dcms.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/6781.aspx; Energy and Climate Change (DECC) http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/news/pn10_047/pn10_047.aspx

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The Heritage Alliance in culture manifesto launch

The Heritage Alliance, as part of a national consortium (made up of Arts Council England, English Heritage, Museums Libraries and Archives Council, National Campaign for the Arts, Heritage Lottery Fund, Art Fund and others) launched a manifesto for the cultural life of Britain this morning (25 March).

Cultural Capital: a manifesto for the future demonstrates how investing in culture will build Britain's social and economic recovery. Luminaries of the arts and cultural world argued that reduction of public investment would make poor economic sense: "As the eyes of the world are on Britain during the Olympic year, 2012, sustained funding is essential if our cultural institutions and attractions are to realise the opportunity that 2012 presents to create a lasting legacy of more people taking part in arts and culture, and to enhance our international profile".

The manifesto points out that the arts and heritage agencies have already contributed £2.2bn from their National Lottery income to the London 2012 Olympics; and this year alone has made extensive contributions to public sector savings through the £20m cut to overall DCMS grant in aid allocation of 2009. This is in addition to savings made to administrative costs by individual agencies. Over the last 12 years, English Heritage has lost £130m in grant aid.

For the full Cultural Capital document, visit <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/making-the-most-of-our-heritage> [Back](#)

House debates future of Listed Places of Worship grant scheme

Following his attendance at the launch of the POWalliance manifesto on 4 March, Tony Baldry MP (Banbury, Conservative) asked a useful question in the House of Commons on 16 March. He requested that HM Treasury Financial Secretary Stephen Timms provide a statement on the Treasury's plans for the future of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (LPOWGS) beyond March 2011. Mr Baldry said: "Many communities up and down the country are trying to keep their churches in good repair, and either the scheme has to be extended or the Government must restore heritage as part of national lottery funding. Does he agree that we cannot expect this important element of our built heritage to be done on thin air?" Mr Timms responded: "The Hon. Gentleman raises an important point... We have recognised that listed churches are a special case. Our long-term aim is that a lower rate of VAT should be agreed at European level for instances of that kind, but in the meantime the joint English Heritage/Heritage Lottery Fund scheme is providing £25 million a year. We will look at that particular scheme again in the spending review."

For the full transcript visit <http://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2010-03-16a.717.7&s=heritage#g718.0> Also see the new LPOWGS *Save The Refund* website, for up-to-date news on the campaign and to add your name to the Number 10 petition - <http://www.savetherefund.info>
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English Heritage undertaking Places of Worship At Risk survey: call for evidence

As part of its *Heritage At Risk* programme, English Heritage (EH) is carrying out the first national survey to discover how many of England's listed places of worship are currently at risk of serious decay, with the results of a sample survey to be published on 30 June.

Most listed places of worship are Church of England (85%). Others are Catholic parish churches, Methodist, Baptist, United Reformed Church and other Nonconformist chapels, Quaker meeting houses, synagogues, mosques, temples and gurdwaras; as well as a number of buildings now used by faith groups but previously built as schools, cinemas or shops. EH's research has involved looking at a representative 10 per cent sample. In addition, EH is consulting with congregations to find out what matters to them about their place of worship and what they need to help them look after it. To widen its research, English Heritage is inviting stakeholders to tell it about challenges and successes they have faced with regards to listed places of worship, at <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.21499> Based on the results of this research, in partnership with a wide range of faiths, denominations and heritage groups EH will publish a *practical guide* bringing basic information on maintenance, fundraising, welcoming visitors, widening use, making changes, security and sustainability into a single leaflet for all faiths.

To ensure you receive a copy of the *practical guide* when it's available, sign up at <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.21499> [Back](#)

New funding transforms Scotland's non government heritage body

Fiona Hyslop, Minister for Culture announced that Historic Scotland is giving more than £360,000 over three years to support the Built Environment Forum Scotland, (BEFS) develop as the representative body for the historic environment in Scotland. BEFS, like The Heritage Alliance, supports its members by raising awareness of, and facilitating, joint issues of common interest. It brings together voluntary and professional bodies across the built environment sector in order to promote and influence new design and sustainable development.

The funding will be provided through the Voluntary Sector Funding Programme. The Minister said: "This funding will help BEFS establish itself as the one-stop-shop for the viewpoints of the historic environment voluntary sector. Their members meetings, workshop discussions and working groups will provide invaluable feedback on Government policies.

Robin Burley, Chairman of BEFS said: "We are delighted with Historic Scotland's support which is fantastic encouragement and an endorsement of the work of our members. Our plan is for BEFS to grow into a strong and coherent force for celebrating and improving Scotland's places by representing historic and built environment interests nationwide. [Back](#)

European Commission proposes EU-wide European Heritage Label

European Culture Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou has suggested that historic sites across Europe that "symbolise European integration, ideals and history" should be identified with The European Heritage Label

as an EU-wide initiative.

This proposal builds on a 2006 intergovernmental project involving 17 member states plus Switzerland (the UK is not yet involved), where 64 sites across the 18 countries have received the label after being nominated by the governments of the participating nations. Under the revamped scheme, member states would be asked to nominate up to two sites per year to receive the label. A panel of independent experts would then assess the nominations before designating a maximum of one site per country, on an annual basis.

The Commission said its European Heritage Label would not replicate initiatives such as the UNESCO World Heritage scheme, because the title would only be bestowed upon sites that have played "a key role in the history of the European Union".

The new plans will be submitted for adoption to the European Parliament and the Council of Ministers, which represents EU member states, and if approved could come into effect as early as end of 2011. For more information visit <http://www.euractiv.com/en/culture/commission-proposes-european-heritage-label-news-326066> [Back](#)

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[Planning Policy Statement: Planning for a natural and healthy environment.](#) A CLG consultation: deadline 1 June.

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A warm welcome to our newest members

The Heritage Alliance warmly welcomes two new full members this month; West Midlands Association of Amenity Societies (WestMASA) and the [Country Houses Foundation](#). The addition of two further members brings the Alliance to a total of 77 organisations – see <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/our-members> for the membership list.

Not signed up yet? What are you waiting for! National and major regional heritage NGOs operating across England can register as Full Members of The Heritage Alliance - see

<http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/full-members> and by popular request organisations not eligible for full membership can support us as Affiliate members – see <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/affiliate-membership> To find out more about becoming a member, email [Emma Robinson](#). [Back](#)

World Heritage Site application pack goes live

As previously reported in Heritage Update 178 on 29 January <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2010/02/Heritage-Update-178.pdf>, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) is preparing a new Tentative List of sites for potential nomination to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2011, with a view to putting forward nominations to the World Heritage Committee from 2012.

Applications must be received by 11 June and will be assessed by a panel of independent judges. For more information or an application pack visit

http://www.dcms.gov.uk/reference_library/consultations/6740.aspx#1 [Back](#)

Heritage Open Days 2010: 9-12 September

Heritage Open Days is about making people aware of how much the places, history and culture surrounding us shape our lives and who we are. Whether you own, manage or know of an interesting place in your local area; have a story, a special skill or craft to pass on; or if you have a great idea for an event to celebrate local traditions; do get involved and join thousands of volunteers in England's largest annual festival of local architecture, history and culture.

Heritage Open Days 2010 will run from 9-12 September. To be included in the national programme, register with Heritage Open Days by 1 May. You can find out more about the event, its entry criteria and other information by visiting www.heritageopendays.org.uk Alternatively, contact the Heritage Open Days team at hods@english-heritage.org.uk or on 0844 335 884. [Back](#)

Healey announces £1.8m to train more student planners

On 15 March Planning Minister John Healey confirmed an additional £1.8m to fund student bursaries for postgraduate planners, at 16 Universities. This year's funding (2010/11) will provide the full tuition fees for over 180 planning students, as well as help them with the cost of living. Students awarded bursaries are expected to work in the public sector for two of their first five years of employment after qualifying. For more information visit <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/planningandbuilding/1505486> [Back](#)

Live or let die: SAVE announces publication of 2010 At Risk catalogue

SAVE Britain's Heritage (a member of The Heritage Alliance) has announced the publication of its 2010 buildings at risk catalogue *Live or Let Die*, which features a selection of historic properties in need of rescue across England and Wales. Other sections will look at successful rescues, as well as demolitions. For the first time this year's catalogue will also feature a section on buildings at risk in Scotland.

With last year's catalogue *All We Need Is Love* selling out in just six weeks, readers are urged to book a copy well in advance of the June publication date.

SAVE's Buildings at Risk Officer Rhiannon Tracy said: "*Live or Let Die* contains a fascinating and diverse selection of unloved buildings, including grand country houses, picturesque cottages, farmhouses, barns, stables, churches, chapels, mills, pubs and terraces. Some have stood empty for years, while many others are newly at risk as victims of the credit crunch. There is something for everyone in this year's catalogue, from handsome but decaying textile mills to small neglected town houses."

To reserve your copy of the catalogue (priced at £15 or £13 for Friends of SAVE) fill out the pre-order form http://www.savebritainsheritage.org/docs/SAVE_Publication_Order_Form.pdf and post to SAVE. For further information please contact Catherine Townsend or Rhiannon Tracy on 020 7253 3500 or e-mail office@savebritainsheritage.org [Back](#)

The Alliance's Chairman to judge Restoration of the Century competition

Our Chairman Loyd Grossman will be on the judging panel to find what is being billed "the finest restoration of the noughties", in a competition run by *Country Life* magazine in association with estate agents Jackson, Stopps and Staff. Loyd will be joined by fellow judges Will Palin (Secretary of SAVE), Sophie Andreae (Georgian Group trustee), Tim Knox (Director of the Soane Museum) and Jeanette Winterson (author) in the quest to find the best example of privately-undertaken restoration work to a historic building carried out since January 2000.

Entries can be of any scale and of any stylistic character. Closing date is 5 May. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit <http://www.countrylife.co.uk/countryside/article/438064/Restoration-of-the-Century.html>

During the judging, Country Life will also be seeking to identify outstanding examples of workmanship by individual craftsmen and craftswomen. [Back](#)

Penfold Review interim report issued

The Penfold Review of non-planning consents has issued an interim report on its findings; taking into account a response from The Heritage Alliance. The report considers the role played by the various heritage non-planning consents; such as those for listed buildings, scheduled monuments and conservation areas. It focuses on those areas where consent regimes cause avoidable delays, are expensive to operate or impose unnecessary burdens, costs and risks. However, it does not seek to question the rationale behind such consent regimes, but rather look to find ways to make systems simpler and more cost effective. Evidence considered by the Review indicates that “between 11 per cent and 30 per cent of projects receiving planning permission also require a heritage consent”.

The recommendations include a call for better interaction between planning and non-planning consents, and for changes in the working practices and addressing resource constraints in consent-giving bodies. For the interim report visit <http://www.bis.gov.uk/assets/biscore/better-regulation/docs/10-757-penfold-review-interim-report.pdf> [Back](#)

Launch of National Heritage Science Strategy

The National Heritage Science Strategy project's 'vision and strategy' was published this week, and launched at the opening of the Institute of Conservation's annual conference in Cardiff. The House of Lords Science and Technology Committee held an inquiry into Science and Heritage in 2006, which recommended that the sector come together to produce a national strategy for heritage science. A steering group was formed from across different organisations and disciplines to develop this strategy, and a coordinator appointed to undertake and facilitate the work.

The NHSS vision and strategy has two aims: to demonstrate the public benefit of heritage science and increase public engagement and support for it, and to improve partnership within the sector and with others by increasing collaboration to help practice make better use of research, knowledge and innovation and to enhance resources, funding and skills. One of the key recommendations is the creation of a National Heritage Science Forum to assist in the implementation of these strategic objectives.

For the full document visit www.heritagesciencestrategy.org.uk. [Back](#)

Falling level of bids for HLF funding

According to *Regeneration and Renewal*, the amount of cash being sought by applicants to the Heritage Lottery Fund's Heritage Grants programme fell by nearly a quarter between 2008 and 2009. Analysis based on information received under Freedom of Information shows that the amount of money being sought by applicants to the programme in 2009 was down by 23 per cent on the previous year (£290 million, down from £377 million in 2008). The number of applicants however remained almost the same (366 in 2008 and 369 in 2009) – suggesting that applicants have moderated their ambitions in response to the reduction in the level of financial support that HLF can currently offer. For the full story visit <http://www.regen.net/news/login/991353> [Back](#)

Home, Sustainable home: The Victorian shows how it can be done

The Victorian Society's latest members' magazine takes up the challenge of making ordinary terraced houses more energy efficient. Pulling down Victorian houses and putting up lots of new insulated boxes in their place is not a new idea but says Ian Dungavell, Director, the cost and upheaval this would cause makes it neither likely nor realistic.

The issue illustrates how it is possible to modify a terraced house in a London Conservation Area to achieve projected annual energy bills of under £100 at current prices. Adam Wilkinson of the Edinburgh World Heritage site explains how a Victorian tenement was upgraded with secondary glazing and a ground source heat pump. And Tim Yates Technical Director of the Building Research Establishment shows how low cost and simple improvements and not least behavioural changes can achieve substantial improvements to energy performance.

The theme that older buildings play a crucial role in meeting the targets for moving to a low carbon future is one that The Heritage Alliance elaborates on in its manifesto *Making the Most of our Heritage* (see <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/making-the-most-of-our-heritage/> and supporting statistics). To spread the

good word non-members can purchase copies for £5 including postage at <http://www.victoriansociety.org.uk/publications/sustainable-home/>. [Back](#)

Heritage contributes £3.1bn to Yorkshire and Humber economy

A new report from English Heritage reveals that heritage contributes £3.1bn per year to the Yorkshire and Humber economy. *The Economic Impact of Heritage in Yorkshire and the Humber* examines the impact of heritage tourism, the management and operation of heritage assets and the conservation and maintenance of heritage on the region's economy. The paper also provides a series of case studies illustrating how heritage can contribute to the region and provides recommendations for maximising the economic impact of heritage in the future.

For copies of the full report and summary visit www.yhhef.org.uk [Back](#)

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Staffordshire Hoard saved for the West Midlands

The Staffordshire Hoard will stay in the West Midlands for the public to enjoy, it was announced on Tuesday (23 March), after the £3.285m purchase price was met following the National Heritage Memorial Fund's (NHMF) decision to grant £1.285m to the fund.

NHMF's grant, to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and Potteries Museum and Art Gallery in Stoke-on-Trent, will prevent the Hoard from being broken up and sold to private collectors. Dame Jenny Abramsky, Chair of NHMF, said: "We're delighted to be able to announce this news today. The Staffordshire Hoard is an extraordinary heritage treasure. It is exactly the sort of thing the National Heritage Memorial Fund was set up to save, stepping in as the 'fund of last resort' when our national heritage is at risk, as a fitting memorial to those who have given their lives in the service of our nation. We're delighted, in our 30th anniversary year, to be able to make sure it stays just where it belongs, providing rare insights into one of the more mysterious periods of our history."

News of the NHMF grant marks the end of a high-profile three-month campaign to save the Hoard for the West Midlands led by The Art Fund. For more information visit

<http://search.hlf.org.uk/NHMFWeb/LatestNews> and <http://www.artfund.org/news/982> [Back](#)

3000 new jobs in sports and culture for young people

On 18 March the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) announced three thousand new jobs for young unemployed people are to be created in the cultural and sports sectors, as part of its Future Jobs Fund. This includes 247 jobs with The National Trust (a member of The Heritage Alliance), working as trainees in gardening, catering, visitor services, conservation and administration. The jobs are based at more than 70 Trust sites across England and Wales, many in rural areas where jobs can be hard to find. Guidance and training will be provided by experienced members of Trust staff, with the aim of setting recruits up for a lasting career.

These 3,000 new jobs take DCMS beyond its target of creating 10,000 jobs across the sports and cultural sectors. For more information visit http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/6758.aspx [Back](#)

BBC's Restoration Village gives £200,000 to conservation projects

The BBC announced this week that four conservation projects are set to benefit from more than £200,000, thanks to viewers of BBC Two's *Restoration Village*. 2008 runners-up Watts Gallery in Surrey, Howsham Mill in North Yorkshire, Cromarty East Church in the Scottish Highlands and Dennis Head Old Beacon in the Orkney Islands will share the pot, which comes from a surplus of the amount raised during the third in the series of the BBC's *Restoration* programmes. The Restoration Fund was set up as an independent registered charity to distribute the money raised by the viewer vote line accompanying the BBC Two programmes, *Restoration* and *Restoration Village*. The three series of the programmes raised £1.6 million. *Restoration* presenter Griff Rhys Jones said: "We have to thank the viewers again for their support for all the projects throughout the series of *Restoration*. They gave money too. It is great to see so much enthusiasm from so many, right across the country. The money has gone where it was needed and where it will do great good."

For more information visit

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2010/03_march/18/restoration.shtml [Back](#)

Increasing Permitted Development: Further planning changes confirmed

Planning Minister John Healey has confirmed further changes to the planning system in England, consulted on last year and recommended in the Killian Pretty Review, which will remove an estimated 10,000 full planning applications from the system. This move follows the Improving Permitted Development (IPD) consultation, which took forward recommendations from the Killian Pretty Review for removing the requirement to apply for planning permission for certain forms of non-domestic development. Shops will now be able to extend their floor space by up to a maximum of 50 square metres without the need to apply for planning permission; and schools, hospitals and universities will be able to more easily build new facilities. At a later date, replacement shop fronts and installing cash points will also be subject to a simpler, cheaper and quicker planning process, called prior approval. These new rights will be subject to certain constraints, which are designed to minimise impacts on neighbouring properties and the wider environment. The changes to permitted development are set out in The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2010. For more information visit <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/england/professionals/policy/reform/parhome> [Back](#)

National Waterways Museum opens heritage boatyard

On 19 March Chairman of British Waterways Tony Hales opened officially the new heritage boatyard at the National Waterways Museum in Ellesmere Port, Cheshire (formerly The Boat Museum). The Waterways Trust, National Waterways Museum and The Boat Museum Society are working together to develop a sustainable working boatyard at the museum that will be used by staff and volunteers to maintain and restore historic boats, develop and pass on heritage skills and engage museum visitors in the boat collection and its care. Roger Hanbury, Chief Executive of The Waterways Trust (a member of The Heritage Alliance) said: "The creation of a Heritage Boatyard at the National Waterways Museum presents a fantastic opportunity to enrich the visitor experience at the museum, to engage and involve young people and to conserve the nationally important historic boat collection. We are delighted with the support that we have received for the project so far, in particular from Tony Hales." For more information visit <http://nwm.org.uk/ellesmere> [Back](#)

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Dry Stone Walling training for unemployed young people (Pennines area)

Unemployed young people aged 18 to 25 who live in the Alston, Middleton or Stanhope (or surrounding areas) of the Pennines can apply to get one month's training in Dry Stone Walling free of charge. The course is funded by The Prince's Trust and will start in spring 2010 (applicants' Job Seekers Allowance payments will not be affected). Lifts to work or a bus fare refund to the work site can be arranged. The training will finish with Level 1 Tests. For more information contact Matt Wigmore on 07969335538 at Stockton Riverside College. [Back](#)

Bath Preservation Trust: Informed Conservation - The Building of Bath Collection, 16 April

This day event aims to provide an overview of the importance of an informed approach to conservation management and an introduction to the range of methods used to understand historic buildings. The event will be of particular interest to individual owners and managers of historic buildings, planning officers, architects and archaeologists, conservation and heritage professionals at the early stages of their careers.

The day will run from 10am- 4pm at the Building of Bath Collection, The Vineyards, Paragon, Bath, BA1 5NA. £70 per delegate including lunch (£50 for additional delegates from the same organisation), £30 students. To book please contact Jill Hunter, Events Co-ordinator, on 01225 333895 or jhunter@bptrust.org.uk. Visit www.bptlearning.org.uk for more information. [Back](#)

English Heritage with Hampshire&Wight Trust: Using Archaeology in the Classroom, 16 April

This free course, designed for teachers, is being funded by English Heritage and delivered by the Hampshire & Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology. It looks at how maritime archaeology can support and enhance the national curriculum at primary and secondary level. It will explore a range of resources and activity ideas and demonstrate how maritime archaeology can provide a stimulating and engaging focus for cross-curricular topics and themes.

The course will run 15 – 16 April, at Fairthorne Manor in Southampton. For further information visit www.hwtma.org.uk/training-workshops or contact christin.heamagi@hwtma.org.uk Hampshire & Wight Trust for Maritime Archaeology National Oceanography Centre, Empress Dock, Southampton, SO14 3ZH. [Back](#)

Historic Towns Forum: Maximising the Tourism Potential of Heritage Towns, 13-14 May

The Historic Towns Forum is partnering this two day conference in Youghal, Republic of Ireland, to share and disseminate good practice in maximising the tourism potential of historic towns and cities. The programme includes an international overview of best practice, sustainable tourism guidelines, research by Fáilte Ireland and case studies from Europe. The event costs 175 euros per delegate including all refreshments and will run at The Mall Art Centre, The Mall, Youghal, Co Cork, Ireland. For more information or to book, visit <http://www.historictownsforum.org/youghal10> [Back](#)

War Memorials Trust: Looking After War Memorials conference, 10 June / 9 September AM

On 10 June in Liverpool (10am-1pm) and 9 September (10am-1pm) in Bristol, the War Memorials Trust will be running its *Looking After War Memorials* conference. These are aimed at war memorial custodians or organisations with war memorial responsibility or interest. The issues covered included ownership and responsibility issues, conservation issues to consider, funding and help available. For further details, including how to book a free place, visit www.warmemorials.org/conferences/ [Back](#)

War Memorials Trust: War Memorial Conservation conference, 10 June / 9 September PM

On 10 June in Liverpool (2pm-5pm) and 9 September in Bristol (2pm -5pm), the War Memorials Trust will be running its *War Memorial Conservation* conference. These sessions are aimed at those who quote for, or undertake work on, war memorials. The event outlines the Trust's approach to conservation and provides an opportunity to discuss conservation issues. For further details, including how to book a free place, visit www.warmemorials.org/conferences/ [Back](#)

University of Cambridge: Continuing Education courses

Madingley Hall's Continuing Education unit offers a variety of residential courses, including *Landscape history of estates, parks and their countryside* (16 April); *Norwich Cathedral* (7 May); *An introduction to the Prehistoric archaeology of Britain* (7 May); *The landscape of the Domesday Book* (14 May); *Writing a church guide* (21 May); *Postwar gardens* (6 June); *Medieval churches – planning and design* (18 June) and many more. For a full listing of courses and more information, visit <http://www.cont-ed.cam.ac.uk/courses/courses-at-madingley-hall> [Back](#)

University of Oxford: Continuing Education courses

The University of Oxford's Continuing Education unit also offers a variety of courses, including *Understanding Place – Historic Area Assessments* (12 April); *Archaeology Survey Week* (26-30 April); *Country house technology* (7-9 May); *Urban design and the historic environment* (14 May); *Building Survey Week* (24-28 May); *Community and public archaeology* (11-13 June); *Castles in Britain* (4-10 July) and many more. For a full listing of courses and more information, visit <http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/courses/index.php> [Back](#)

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English Heritage: Outreach Managers x3

The English Heritage Outreach team exists to widen participation and engagement in the historic environment by initiating and implementing projects and programmes within and by local communities. EH is currently looking to fill three regional Outreach Manager posts in:

- East of England, full time, based in Cambridge - £27,394 to £29,995

- London, full time- based in Holborn - £28,717 to £31,446
- East Midlands, part-time 18 hours per week - based in Northampton or working from home, £24,764 to £27,117 (pro rata), with the opportunity to increase to full time for a year from August to cover maternity leave.

The postholder will be joining the team at the start of an exciting new five year strategic period and would have responsibility for developing, managing and delivering a programme of regional Outreach activity, to raise awareness and engagement with the historic environment. The postholder will also support the development of Heritage Open Days to diversify and grow participation. The successful candidate will be highly motivated with experience of access or outreach work and have a passion for the historic environment. The ability to develop and deliver mid to large scale programmes of work in partnership with other groups and bodies is essential. Also key is evidence of creativity, community liaison experience and the development and management of a strong network of contacts.

Closing date Friday 9 April. To discover more and to apply, visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs English Heritage is unable to accept CVs. [Back](#)

The Institute for Archaeologists: Workplace Learning Programme Coordinator

The Institute for Archaeologists (IfA) is looking to appoint a Workplace Learning Programme Coordinator to administer its workplace learning schemes, to contribute to the development of new opportunities and to assist with the delivery and administration of the NVQ in Archaeological Practice. The postholder should have an interest in vocational training preferably within the historic environment / heritage sector, excellent communication skills, be competent in the use of ICT and have good organisational skills. The post will be based at the IfA offices in Reading, with travel around the UK as part of the recruitment and placement monitoring processes.

£19,621 - £23,708. Full time. Fixed term for 12 months with possibility of extension. Closing date 9 April. For further details and to apply visit <http://www.archaeologists.net> or contact Kate Geary on kate.geary@archaeologists.net or 01691 771584. [Back](#)

Ulster Architectural Heritage Society: Heritage Projects Officer

The Ulster Architectural Heritage Society (UAHS) is seeking a person with a deep interest in, and commitment to, the protection of the built heritage of Northern Ireland to take up the post of Heritage Projects Officer. The post is designed to develop opportunities created by a partnership agreement between UAHS and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency. Applicants should possess an Honours degree in architecture, history of art, or an equivalent or higher qualification in a relevant subject such as building conservation, or show evidence of significant relevant experience. A knowledge of Ulster's architectural history and a familiarity with legislation, policy and practice relating to historic buildings and conservation areas is desirable.

£20,000-£22,000. Full time. Initially for 3 years. Closing date 5pm 9 April. For further details and an application form visit www.uahs.org.uk or contact the Administrator at info@uahs.org.uk tel. 028 9055 0213. Completed application forms must be returned to UAHS, 66 Donegal Pass, Belfast, BT7 1BU to arrive no later than 5pm on 9 April. [Back](#)

Cornwall Council: Conservation Officers x 2

This is an opportunity to join a large, new multi-disciplinary Historic Environment Service involved in conservation of historic buildings, archaeology and historic landscapes, heritage led regeneration schemes and heritage projects as part of a single team within the new Unitary Council for Cornwall. Working in the Historic Environment Advice Team, the postholder will give professional conservation advice within the Development Management process, as well as providing an input to policy development and strategic plans on matters concerning the conservation and enhancement of Cornwall's historic environment.

Applications are invited from persons with specialist conservation / historic building experience, preferably within a Local Authority. Applicants should possess a Degree in Historic Building Conservation, Planning, Architecture or a relevant postgraduate qualification and be eligible for full IHBC membership. For an informal discussion, please contact Alyson Cooper on 01872 323623 or visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/vacancies and quote ref: 7258 to apply online.

£30,126 pa. Closing date 12 April. The grading of this job is subject to review – please note the Council is

undertaking a job evaluation review for this post and therefore the grading and salary for this job will be subject to change in light of the outcome of that review. The post is based in Truro. Full time. [Back](#)

Heritage Lottery Fund: Deputy Director of Operations

HLF is seeking a key member of the Senior Operations Management Team (SOMT), reporting to and working with the Director of Operations, responsible for the management and monitoring of the operational teams and business planning for the Department. The postholder will play a key role in the regular meeting of the Operational Management Team (OMT) and will be involved in a wide range and scale of projects focusing on conservation, national and local heritage and education and access. The postholder will also need to demonstrate experience of local and regional issues in different parts of the UK, including networking and liaison with other public bodies and working within emerging political structures. The role is wide ranging and covers leadership, management and support for regional and country teams (with up to a total of 6 grade C reports); case advice and supervision for grant awards; regional advocacy and communications tasks; support for up to six regional committees; and wide ranging travel.

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate capability in a significant number of the following areas: a degree or equivalent in a relevant subject area; experience and knowledge of the Fund's main areas of operation; experience of the grant making process; substantial previous experience of managing resources and team leadership; experience of contributing to the development of strategic and corporate planning and the management of change; experience of project management, preferably in the heritage sector, and of its role in capacity building of organisations; commitment to and understanding of diversity issues within the heritage sector; and experience and understanding of regional issues and agendas.

£65,346 - £71,953. Based in London. Closing date 18 April. To find out more about this post and to apply on line visit www.hlf.org.uk [Back](#)

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