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The Party Manifestos

The Alliance has reviewed the three main political parties' manifestos, published this week, to see what commitments are being made regarding members' interests. Although macro economic factors loom large throughout, this analysis, using key words to search the PDF versions, identifies statements on culture, heritage, planning, environment, communities and the voluntary sector and picks up points on VAT, Gift Aid, The National Lottery and English Heritage within these extracts. It can be found on The Alliance's website here - <http://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/2010/04/14/the-party-manifestos>

Mindful of the Charity Commission's guidance on charities and elections see http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Charity_requirements_guidance/Your_charitys_activities/Campaigning/elect.aspx - that they must leave it to the electorate to make their own decisions about how to vote - these statements are simply cut and pasted with no editing of content. [Back](#)

The Heritage Alliance debates English Heritage's priorities 2010-15

English Heritage held seminars in February and March to help shape the Agency's strategic priorities for the next five years. Given the significance of English Heritage in the heritage sector, how the public body complements and supports the work of the non-government organisations, The Heritage Alliance decided to run its own independent discussion in a members' seminar on 26 March.

The Alliance report, submitted to English Heritage, agreed the overarching aim was "to identify and protect nationally important parts of the historic environment" and that this reflected a return to its core statutory function. Its key responsibilities lay, the delegates felt, in advising Government and in supporting the sector, through grant-giving, advocacy and expert advice. The pressure on public resources may mean that English Heritage would be wise to invest strategically in partnership working, in order to deliver more of its objectives in the longer term.

In conclusion, members recommended that English Heritage concentrates on its distinctive role as statutory adviser to Government, avoids duplicating functions that other bodies can deliver and is more outward looking in its advocacy. The full Alliance report to English Heritage can be found on the Alliance's website - <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/2010/03/31/the-alliance-on-english-heritage-2010-15/>

English Heritage is expected to discuss the report, along with findings from its own seminars, in late April, and to announce its Strategic Plan in the Autumn, following the General Election and the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review. [Back](#)

Round up of sector responses to PPS5 and the Vision Statement: do we have yours?

The Heritage Alliance welcomed the publication of Planning Policy Statement 5 (PPS5) for the Historic Environment, the accompanying Practice Guide and the Government's Vision Statement at the close of last month, as representing a significant milestone in the drive towards a heritage protection system fit for the 21st century.

See The Alliance's full response to PPS5 here <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/2010/03/24/the-heritage-alliance-welcomes-pps5> and to the Vision Statement here

<http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/2010/03/30/government-vision-statement-on-the-historic-environment-2010>

Links to full responses from other organisations, both members and non-members, can be found at the foot of these pages. The Alliance is keen to promote sector responses and has linked from its website to those it has received. If your organisation's response is not yet listed, email your link to [Emma Robinson](#) for inclusion. [Back](#)

The CAP post 2013: what do we want our countryside to look like?

On 25 March, Europa Nostra – the European cultural heritage organisation – hosted a round-table discussion on post-2013 reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), in Brussels. Attended by representatives from a wide range of heritage and countryside organisations from across Europe (including The Heritage Alliance and several of its members), the meeting facilitated discussion of a clearly shared view of the way in which CAP could be used after 2013 to influence the nature, role and character of the countryside and historic rural environment; and an action plan for getting this view across to decision

makers during the reform process.

But why is CAP reform so significant to those of us concerned with the historic environment? In a nutshell, it comes down to money. At present England makes £90 million per year available to the rural historic environment through CAP; making it the second largest source of public money for the historic environment after the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Not only is this a significant sum of money, but research carried out by the Countryside and Community Research Unit at the University of Gloucestershire on behalf of DEFRA shows that investment in the historic rural environment has significant social and environmental benefits: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/evidence/economics/foodfarm/reports/es-socioeconomic/esschemes-socioeconomic-100330.pdf>

The current CAP edifice is due to be restructured from 2013 and the budget will also change; whatever the size of the budget and however it is allocated between member states, CAP will continue to be an important factor in determining the character of our countryside and the way in which the historic rural environment – including designed landscapes, archaeological remains, traditional farm buildings and dry stone walls - is cared for. Next steps in Europe begin with the European Commission drawing up a Green Book in mid-April, followed by a consultation event on 3 June and the production of a formal proposal in Autumn 2010. In response the organisations present at the Brussels meeting have committed to producing a joint manifesto outlining what they want CAP to achieve and why; lobbying will take place both at European and member state level. This manifesto will be published in the next few weeks on The Heritage Alliance's manifestos webpage <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/2010/03/29/cap-and-the-historic-environment> and will be noted in Update.

The Heritage Alliance will continue to monitor ongoing developments in the CAP reform process <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/2010/03/29/cap-and-the-historic-environment> and push to influence its direction through its newly-formed Rural Heritage Advocacy Group and co-operation with Europa Nostra and other partners. For more information on Europa Nostra visit <http://www.europanostra.org> [Back](#)

SPAB'S Faith in Maintenance project wins EU Heritage Award

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB – a member of The Heritage Alliance) Faith in Maintenance (FiM) project has been recognised with a European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Award 2010. The project provides free maintenance skills training for people from all faith communities who care for significant, historic buildings as their place of worship. FiM is one of just three UK 'laureate' projects; the others being St Davids Bishop's Palace in Wales, and St Martin-in-the-Fields, London - both recognised in the Conservation category. FiM is the only UK project to win an award for Education this year.

The Awards programme showcases outstanding examples of conservation projects, research, education initiatives and dedicated service by individuals and groups that maintain and celebrate Europe's rich architectural, landscape, archaeological and artistic heritage. Jointly organised by the European Commission and Europa Nostra - the voice of cultural heritage in Europe – the Awards have been running since 2002. The 2010 Awards will be presented by Androulla Vassiliou (European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth) and Denis de Kergorlay (Executive President of Europa Nostra) during the 8th Annual European Heritage Awards Ceremony in Istanbul, Turkey on 10 June. These events contribute to the celebration of Istanbul as a European Capital of Culture 2010 and are included in the official programme of Istanbul 2010.

The 29 2010 winners were selected from nearly 140 submitted projects, stemming from 26 countries. For the full list of winners visit www.europanostra.org/heritage-awards. Six Grand Prix winners will be selected from the 29 and announced at the Awards Ceremony on 10 June in Istanbul as 2010's most outstanding examples of heritage protection. Each Grand Prix winner will receive a prize of € 10,000.

The deadline for next year's Awards is 1 October 2010. Winners of the 2011 competition will be celebrated in Amsterdam in June 2011. For more information on how to apply visit www.europanostra.org/heritage-awards/ [Back](#)

Government announces plans to mutualise British Waterways

Amongst the Budget announcements at the close of March was the confirmation of Government plans to create a new 'national trust for the waterways', by transferring the 200-year-old canal network in England and Wales into a 'mutual' organisation such as a charitable trust. The Budget Statement on Reforming Arm's Length Bodies stated: "The Government will mutualise British Waterways to give waterways users

greater involvement in management of this asset." British Waterways (BW), which cares for over 2200 miles of historic waterways, has welcomed the announcement, which comes following its recent consultation *Waterways for Everyone* (Update 179).

BW, which has been lobbying for a new model over the last 18 months, has said that the move would help it plug a £30m shortfall in its budget by giving it more freedom to access grants and charitable funds whilst protecting the canals and their infrastructure: "The proposal reflects a widely-held, cross-party and stakeholder view that the waterways are a national treasure which should be moved into the third sector if we are to unlock the enormous public support that there is for them", said BW Chairman Tony Hales. He added: "This will ensure their continued revival and safeguard against a return to the decline and dereliction which they faced in the last century."

Member of The Heritage Alliance the Inland Waterways Association (IWA) has welcomed the announcement, with National Chairman Clive Henderson stating: "we have supported this initiative from the start...IWA looks forward to participating in the promised full consultation, and will be actively seeking to ensure that this opportunity is built upon for the benefit of all waterways users, by exploring the opportunities that a larger Inland Waterways Conservancy might present."

For the full Budget Statement visit http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/budget2010_armlengthbodies.pdf For British Waterway's statement visit <http://www.british-waterways.org/newsroom/all-press-releases/display/id/2673> For IWA's statement visit http://www.waterways.org.uk/campaigns/news/press_releases/iwa_welcomes_government_s_announcement_on_bw_mutualisation [Back](#)

The Battlefields Trust publishes briefing note on High Speed Rail 2

The Battlefields Trust (a member of The Heritage Alliance) has published its briefing note on the Government's 'preferred route' paper for a high speed rail link between London Euston and Birmingham, known as HS2. Formal public consultation on the proposed route is due to take place in Autumn 2010.

The Trust is concerned about the potential impact on battlefields along the route (particularly Edgcote, 1469, in Northamptonshire) but is also keen to flag up some general issues arising from HS2 for heritage bodies, and seek some common ground. The Trust would very much like to share thoughts about the potential impacts on heritage assets along the route, and work with other interested members of The Heritage Alliance.

For The Battlefields Trust's full briefing note and to get in touch with the Trust, visit <http://www.battlefieldstrust.com/news> For a detailed map of the proposed route for HS2, visit <http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/rail/pi/highspeedrail/hs2ltd/route> The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE – a member of The Heritage Alliance) has also published detailed commentary on HS2 and the impact on AONBs - visit <http://www.cpre.org.uk/campaigns/transport/rail/highspeed2> [Back](#)

Heritage Protection newsflash: English Heritage commences List Audit Project

To complement the transfer of greater designation responsibilities to English Heritage (EH) from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), a number of projects are underway to ensure that EH has a 'clean' designation base from which to administer a unified designation system, when legislation is introduced. One such project involves a comprehensive review of the quality and coverage of the current Statutory Lists, to identify inconsistencies and to ensure that information on listing is as up-to-date and complete as possible. The results of the project will be fed into the National Heritage Protection Plan due for publication later in the year. [Back](#)

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[Secondary legislation for marine licensing enforcement - monetary penalties and appeals against statutory notices](#). A Defra consultation: deadline 1 June.

[Planning Policy Statement: Planning for a low carbon future in a changing climate](#). A CLG consultation: deadline 1 June.

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

[Biodiversity and geological conservation: statutory obligations and their impact](#). A Defra consultation: deadline 1 June.

[World Heritage Site applications](#): deadline 11 June.

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Latest HPR Newsletter published

English Heritage has released the latest version of the HPR Newsletter which outlines recent achievements and new initiatives as part of the ongoing programme to shape a modern, efficient and transparent heritage protection system. Issues covered by the Spring 2010 newsletter include milestones such as the publication of PPS5 and Practice Guide, the transfer of greater designation responsibilities from DCMS to EH and the enactment of the Marine and Coastal Access Bill. A number of new and ongoing projects such as church-re-grading, modernising the Schedule of Ancient Monuments and the review of the current Statutory Lists will help to ensure a standard and consistent designation base from which to administer a unified designation system when legislation is introduced. Meanwhile the launch of a new scheme that makes £400,000 available towards research and development of Historic Environment Records will assist in developing a comprehensive source of information on all types of heritage asset. EH will set out their 5 year priorities for designation and management of the historic environment in The National Heritage Protection Plan due for publication in September.

A copy of the HPR Newsletter can be downloaded at <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/heritage-protection-reform-news/> [Back](#)

Civic Voice announces its new Board ahead of official launch

On Tuesday (13 April) Civic Voice announced that Paula Ridley has been co-opted as its new Chair. Ms Ridley has over 30 years' experience in the civic movement and has served in a number of national roles, including as Chairman of the Victoria and Albert Museum. She is Hon. Vice President of Merseyside Civic Society. Civic Voice also announced its new Treasurer as Martin Meredith, who is Hon. Secretary of Chester Civic Trust.

160 civic societies cast 432 votes to elect six new trustees as follows: Freddie Gick, Birmingham Civic Society; Helen Marcus, Heath & Hampstead Society; David Tittle, Coventry Society; David Lovie, Alnwick Civic Society; Paul Myers, Midsomer Norton Society; and John Walker, Kent Federation / Canterbury Society.

The public launch of Civic Voice will take place on 17 April, with over 150 delegates expected and speeches from Griff Rhys Jones, Paula Ridley, Sir Terry Farrell and Tony Burton. Delegates will be discussing the early priorities for Civic Voice at this event – those who are keen to have an input but unable to make the launch can email their thoughts and suggestions to Ian Harvey at info@civicvoice.org.uk by noon on Friday 16 April. For more information on Civic Voice, visit <http://www.civicvoice.org.uk> [Back](#)

New £6m visitor centre opens at Maritime Greenwich World Heritage Site

Mayor of London Boris Johnson and Culture Minister Margaret Hodge opened officially the new Discover Greenwich learning centre at the Greenwich World Heritage Site in East London, at the end of March. The £6m state-of-the-art centre, which has already seen impressive visitor numbers in the few weeks it has been open to the public, aims to unlock the colourful history of Maritime Greenwich to over one million visitors this year.

Over 500 years of history - from Henry VIII's Royal Palace, home of Mary I and Elizabeth I and Wren's Royal Hospital for Seamen, through to the Royal Naval College and modern Greenwich - is explored in the hands-on centre, which uses a combination of interpretation techniques, historic objects, rare artefacts, film footage and models in permanent and temporary exhibitions to engage visitors with the Greenwich story. A new Tourist Information Centre and Clore Learning Centre are also key features of the project, and the Royal Hospital's Old Brewhouse has been brought back into use as a restaurant, bar and café containing a micro-brewery that creates historic and modern beers.

Discover Greenwich, which is run by The Greenwich Foundation, is open daily and is free of charge to the public. Total grants of just over £2million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), as well as funding from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), the Clore Duffield Foundation and many private individuals, have made Discover Greenwich possible.

For more information visit <http://www.oldroyalnavalcollege.org/the-greenwich-foundation/discover-greenwich,64,AT.html> [Back](#)

National Churches Trust launches UK-wide survey of Christian places of worship

The National Churches Trust (a member of The Heritage Alliance) is launching a survey of the churches, chapels and meeting houses across the UK; the first of its kind. The 2010 survey will include buildings of every Christian denomination and of all ages and conditions, with the aim of understanding how they are maintained, repaired, funded and used by their local communities and thereby creating a national picture of the current status of our Christian places of worship. Information from the survey will inform The Trust's policy-making, enabling it to offer support to those who care for church buildings by tailoring grant-giving to use resources efficiently and effectively; informing those outside the sector of the current state of the UK's church buildings; and identifying good practice to create practical case studies and advice.

All churches, chapels and meeting houses in the UK are encouraged to submit their information, share their successes and raise any concerns. The online survey includes guidance as to how to fill it in, and technical support. The survey can be found online at <http://survey.nationalchurchestrust.org> [Back](#)

The Ramblers' Association publishes election manifesto

The Ramblers' Association (a member of The Heritage Alliance) has published its General Election manifesto *Breaking Down the Barriers*, which calls on the new Government to commit to breaking down the barriers to walking. As a charity devoted to walking in Britain, the Ramblers' is committed to protecting, promoting and ensuring access to the countryside, footpaths, the coast, towns and everywhere people want to go walking. Asks in its manifesto include: protection and improvement of public paths in England and Wales, delivery of the coastal route as quickly as possible, linkage of CAP subsidies for recreation and access provision and the protection and promotion of public access and green space in town and country through the planning process.

To read the full manifesto, visit The Heritage Alliance's manifestos page <http://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/making-the-most-of-our-heritage> Is your manifesto there? Email [Emma Robinson](mailto:emma@ramblers.org.uk). [Back](#)

Launch of Heritage Crafts Association

Tuesday 23 March saw the official launch of the Heritage Crafts Association (HCA) at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.

Representatives from a wide range of the country's traditional crafts organisations met for the first time, in response to what is widely seen as a "traditional skills crisis". The afternoon launch featured Phil Harding, presenter of *Time Team* and a skilled flintknapper: "Thank goodness there are still people who care and are collaborating to save these crafts, which are still very relevant today" he said. The launch also featured demonstrations by basketmakers, calligraphers, hand engravers, quilters and the last scissor makers from

Sheffield; along with most of the mentors from the recent BBC2 Mastercrafts programme fronted by Monty Don.

Robin Wood, Chair of HCA, said: "The V&A is home to some of the finest craftwork in the world, but the skills that produced much of that craftwork are under threat. It was wonderful to see people actually engaged in making things in the V&A and we hope this highlights the plight of some of these endangered skills."

The HCA also launched its Friends Scheme at the event. For more information and to sign up, either as an individual Friend or an affiliated group, visit www.heritagecrafts.org.uk/signup.html. [Back](#)

Government Departments launch their Climate Change Plans 2010-12

At the close of March, all Government Departments published Climate Change Plans for 2010-12, which set out how they will deliver their carbon budget (as allocated under the UK low-carbon transition plan) and what actions they will deliver to adapt policy, departmental processes and estate to a changing climate. The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) plan states: "The UK climate change projections 2009 show that we can already expect hotter summers, wetter winters and more extreme weather. This could have an economic and social impact on DCMS sectors resulting in damage to our historical and cultural assets"; but also highlights potential opportunities, such as an increase in tourism and outdoor events in the summer http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/DCMS_Climate_Change_Plan2010_12.pdf

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) plan sets out the specific challenges climate change poses to its sectors and functions and outlines what it is doing, and what it plans to do, to support transition to a low-carbon economy

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/climate/documents/climate-change-plan-2010.pdf>

Stating "positive planning is essential to the delivery of the low carbon transition plan and for shaping places resilient to climate change", the Department for Communities and Local Government also provides an overview of its contribution to cross-Government work to tackle climate change in its Plan

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/1524251.pdf>

For links to all the Departments' Climate Change Plans, visit

http://www.info4local.gov.uk/?view=Search+results&query=climate+change+plan&subjects=all&department_slds=0&informationTypesIds=all [Back](#)

Natural England publishes its Corporate Plan 2010-11

At the close of March Natural England published its Corporate Plan 2010 – 2011, which describes 35 targets that it will deliver next year to achieve its outcomes and objectives to ensure sustainable stewardship of the natural environment. The targets respond to a range of Government policies and programmes, in particular those of Defra, and the Plan sets out in detail the specific activities, resources and partnerships Natural England will pursue in order to achieve these targets. For the full plan visit

<http://naturalengland.etraderstores.com/NaturalEnglandShop/product.aspx?ProductID=bbfd6ff4-5bd4-4b18-8367-54787583fc73> [Back](#)

Conference on Training in Architectural Conservation: Half a Century On

The Conference on Training in Architectural Conservation (COTAC – a member of The Heritage Alliance) has published its aims and objectives 2010-15 in the document *Half a Century On*. COTAC, which was established in 1959, is a charity devoted to improving the standard of education for everyone involved in building conservation, repair and maintenance by stimulating and supporting training for craftsmen and craftswomen. *Half a Century On* outlines COTAC's history, the challenges and issues faced by the sector, and specifies the organisation's remit for the next five years. To read the full document and find out more about COTAC, visit <http://www.cotac.org.uk/cotacaimsobjectives4nov09.pdf> [Back](#)

New textile conservation centre to preserve the nation's fabric

The Textile Conservation Centre Foundation (TCCF) and the University of Glasgow have announced a collaboration to open a new textile conservation teaching and research facility – the first of its kind in the UK – which will admit its first intake of students in September 2010. The new centre for Textile Conservation, History and Technical Art History will focus on multidisciplinary object-based teaching and research that encompasses conservation and the physical sciences, as well as art history, dress and textile history. The centre will offer a two-year Masters in Textile Conservation and a one-year Masters in Dress and Textile History, as well as opportunities for doctoral research. Deputy Director of TCCF, Peter Longman, said: "This is a unique opportunity to build on the UK's reputation in textile conservation training and related research; we look forward to contributing to its future success in Glasgow."

Potential students who would like to receive updates on the development and course details should email Ailsa Boyd at the University of Glasgow A.Boyd@arthist.arts.gla.ac.uk or t.mccabe@arthist.arts.gla.ac.uk
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Children are in danger of becoming “entombed in their own homes” say MPs

The Children, Schools and Families (CSF) Commons Committee published its latest progress report on learning outside the classroom, on 1 April. The report highlights the lack of growth in recent years in the number of school trips and visits, says pupils from poorer areas are still much less likely to access education outside the classroom and calls on the Government to ensure access to education beyond the classroom for all children: “all children should have opportunities to experience environments away from their local area, and to visit museums and galleries and other sites of interest, including the natural environment of the English countryside”.

Five years on from the Committee’s original report, progress in addressing the barriers to learning outside the classroom has been disappointing, with the following barriers cited: funding to support related initiatives has been derisory; teachers’ fears over health and safety litigation, making them reluctant to offer trips and visits, have not been effectively addressed; teacher training continues to pay scant attention to giving new teachers the skills and confidence to lead school trips and visits; and the new ‘rarely cover’ provisions have led to many schools cutting back on learning opportunities for pupils and teachers. In order for schools to improve opportunities for learning outside the classroom, the Committee recommends an individual entitlement guaranteed within the national curriculum, for at least one out-of-school visit a term. For this to happen, the Committee proposes: that the promised revised health and safety guidance must be published at the earliest opportunity to help allay teachers’ litigation fears; more high-profile champions of learning outside the classroom are required; and the DCSF and teacher unions must provide stronger leadership on how ‘rarely cover’ provisions are interpreted.

For the full report, visit <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmchilsch/418/418.pdf>
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Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainability Appraisal guidance

English Heritage has published new guidance on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SAE) and Sustainability Appraisals (SAs) for development plans. The overall aim of SAE and SAs is to provide a high level of protection for the historic environment; to avoid or minimise any adverse effects; to maximise potential benefits; and to ensure that appropriate mitigation, enhancement and monitoring is identified for delivery at the implementation stage. This guidance gives more information on the four stages of the process; screening, scoping, reporting and decision to adopt. For the full document visit <http://www.helm.org.uk/upload/pdf/Strat-env-ass.pdf?1269601170> [Back](#)

Bringing sash windows up to modern standards is “easy and effective” says EH report

A report commissioned by English Heritage from Glasgow Caledonian University aims to show householders that it is both easy and practical to bring sash windows up to modern standards, instead of replacing them with plastic windows. The *Sash Window Research Summary* outlines the methods of upgrading sash windows to become more environmentally friendly; often more so than modern plastic windows, which consume a lot of energy in their production and go to landfill when they are broken (uPVC windows are only expected to last for around 20 years). As well as the ecological and potential aesthetic benefits, retaining traditional windows can make economic sense; 82% of estate agents English Heritage surveyed in 2009 felt that original features such as sash windows can add financial value to properties, and 78% believed they helped a property to sell more quickly. For the full document visit http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/upload/pdf/Sash_window_research_summary.pdf?1269248788 [Back](#)

London’s Historic Fire Stations: new guidance

English Heritage and the London Fire Brigade have published a new guidance document to help ensure that London’s historic fire stations can accommodate change and continue to contribute to the capital’s historic built heritage, whilst working for the safety of Londoners. For the full document visit <http://www.helm.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.17682> [Back](#)

Need help with financial matters? Qualified accountant volunteers available

Thousands of qualified accountants are now available to help NGOs and charities on a voluntary basis,

through a new partnership between volunteering charity *Reach* and *The Institute of Chartered Accountants England and Wales* (ICAEW). Among other roles, a qualified finance volunteer could act as a grants officer, a treasurer, an accounts manager, a membership co-ordinator, an auditor or a trustee. *Reach* promotes finance volunteer vacancies on the ICAEW job board, attracting the interest of the thousands of accountants registered there. Organisations with finance volunteer vacancies interested in advertising for a volunteer via this scheme can contact *Reach* with details of their vacancy by visiting www.reachskills.org.uk or ringing 0207 582 6543. [Back](#)

Restoration of the Century competition: deadline coming up

Calling all restorers, architects and craftsmen – there are only a few weeks left until the closing date of 5 May for nominations to Country Life Magazine's Restoration of the Century Award (featured in Update 182 - www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/update-2010)

More information, entry forms and a selection of the latest entries can be downloaded from www.countrylife.co.uk/restorationofthecentury For further information contact Susannah Glynn on 020 3148 4449 or email susannah.glynn@freelance.ipcmedia.com [Back](#)

Yorkshire gardens across five centuries: new book published

The Yorkshire Gardens Trust, part of the Association of Gardens Trusts (a member of The Heritage Alliance) has published its first book, entitled *With abundance and variety: Yorkshire Gardens and Gardeners across Five Centuries*. The authors are garden historians, academics and journalists united in their passion for Yorkshire's garden heritage. For a copy email publications@yorkshiregardenstrust.org.uk or contact Karen Lynch on 07771 876570. [Back](#)

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Increased lottery ticket sales gives £25m boost to the Heritage Lottery Fund's budget

Heritage across the UK is set to benefit from an extra £25m in the HLF's annual budget for new awards to heritage projects every year until March 2018, thanks to increased ticket sales. The budget will be £205m/pa from April 2010. Carole Souter, Chief Executive of the HLF, said: "This is extremely welcome news as there is a significant funding need for heritage across the UK, and those with excellent projects should be assured that it's well worth applying to us." For more information visit <http://www.hlf.org.uk/news/Pages/Annualbudget.aspx> [Back](#)

Springtime investment boost for six UK parks

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and the Big Lottery Fund (BIG) have confirmed funding of £13m for six parks across England, through their joint *Parks for People* scheme. The *Parks for People* programme uses Lottery funds to support the regeneration, conservation and increased enjoyment of public parks, with the aim of putting parks back at the heart of community life. The parks in London, Darlington, Oldham and Stoke-on-Trent are now set to begin major redevelopment work. For more information visit <http://www.hlf.org.uk/news/Pages/SpringtimeinvestmentforsixUKparks.aspx> [Back](#)

The South Downs becomes England's newest National Park

On 31 March, Environment Secretary Hilary Benn welcomed the South Downs into England's National Park family, as the confirmation orders officially came into being (after Mr Benn signed them on 12 November 2009). The 632 square mile protected area, home to an estimated 108,000 people, will stretch from Beachy Head in East Sussex to the edge of Winchester in Hampshire. The South Downs National Park Authority, which came into being on 1 April and will be fully operational in 2011, will pick up the role of coordinating work on conservation and recreation in the Park's boundary. For more information visit <http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/national-parks/south-downs/index.htm> [Back](#)

Culture Minister marks 100 years of Acceptance In Lieu scheme

On 31 March a bronze statue by Edgar Degas became the latest item to be saved for the nation under the AIL scheme, which enables taxpayers to transfer important heritage assets and works of art into public ownership while paying inheritance tax, or one of its earlier forms. Last month Culture Minister Margaret Hodge praised the Scheme on its 100th anniversary as "a classic win-win-win. The owner doesn't need to find the cash to pay their tax bill, the Government is able to take fabulous works of art and heritage items into permanent public ownership at a fair price, and the taxpayer knows that the things saved will remain where they belong, in this country on public show, for all time."

Last year the AIL Scheme (administered by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council) settled around £11 million worth of tax, which led to items with a value of around £20 million entering public collections throughout the UK. For more information on the scheme visit http://www.mla.gov.uk/what/cultural/tax/acceptance_in_lieu [Back](#)

Coastal Change Policy consultation: Defra publishes reports

Further to last summer's Coastal Change Policy consultation (15 June 2009 – 25 September 2009) Defra has now published a report summarising the 107 consultation responses received; alongside *Adapting to Coastal Change: Developing a Policy Framework*, which takes forward some of the ideas on supporting community adaptation to coastal change that were consulted on in 2009. Both documents are available online via <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/flooding/manage/coastalchange.htm>. [Back](#)

Unforgettable Lessons: Using buildings and places in teaching and learning

Engaging Places, the project from the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) and English Heritage to encourage the use of buildings and places in teaching and learning, is introduced in a new document *Unforgettable Lessons*. To find out more or download a copy, visit

http://www.cabe.org.uk/publications/unforgettable-lessons?utm_medium=email&utm_source=CampaignMonitor&utm_content=1003457805&utm_campaign=UnforgettableLessonsAnIntroductiontoEngagingPlaces+odthyd&utm_term=DownloadororderyourcopyofUnforgettableLessons [Back](#)

Culture calling: on your mobile

On 1 April Culture Minister Margaret Hodge announced a £50,000 grant to Culture 24 to fund a new smartphone (iphone, Blackberry, etc) application designed to help people locate their nearest cultural attraction at the touch of a button. When launched, the final app will allow users to identify any nearby heritage attractions, museums, galleries or other cultural venues through their phone. The data will be drawn from the Culture24 database, which is UK-wide and contains details on over 4,400 cultural venues.

For more information, visit http://www.culture.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/6809.aspx. The National Trust already has a smartphone 'app' allowing users to locate their nearest NT properties

<http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-vh/w-visits/iphone.htm> [Back](#)

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RSA in Wales: Make Do and Mend - Creative re-use of buildings, 7 May

This conference focuses on the adaptive re-use of buildings and getting more for less, and gathers together designers who have produced exemplar projects both at home and abroad. Marianne Suhr MRICS, Historic Buildings Surveyor will chair the day, which will look at a range of projects inside and outside of Wales. Other speakers include Miles Falkingham (Union North) who will talk about the Midland Hotel Morecambe, Fiona Lamb (Avanti Architects), Peter Holden (Acanthus Holden) and Ian Simpson (Ian Simpson Architects) who will lead the Inspiration Hour. The conference will take place at Venue Cymru, Llandudno, Wales, on 7 May. For full details and prices visit

<http://www.architecture.com/Files/RIBAProfessionalServices/Regions/Wales/2010/SpringSchool2010flyer.pdf> [Back](#)

Historic Churches Committees' Conference: 13 May

The 2010 Historic Churches Committees' Conference will be held in the newly completed Narthex Centre at the Cathedral of St John the Baptist (the Catholic Cathedral in Norwich) on 13 May. Tom Longford, Chairman of the Wales and Herefordshire Historic Churches Committee, will outline the issues and challenges and Canon Alan Griffiths and Fr Peter Harris will explain the historical background which defines why Catholic churches are different from Anglican ones. To give a secular perspective, a representative from the HLF will outline current HLF policy and practice in relation to grants. The Cathedral Dean and the architect, Russell Taylor, will explain the challenges they have had to face in achieving the scheme in Norwich and there will be an opportunity to visit the Cathedral.

The fee for the Conference is £45. More information and booking forms can be obtained from Tricia Brooking - triciabrooking@gmail.com [Back](#)

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) 2010 Annual School, 10-12

June

The IHBC's 2010 Annual School *Going for Gold* will examine Delivering Excellence in Conservation. The event will take place in London over 10-12 June and centre on the stand-alone Day School on Friday 11 June. Expert speakers will look at best practice in the provision of conservation services and examine the practical solutions adopted to enhance and improve our places. The conference venue is the Grade 1 listed Royal College of Physicians designed by Sir Denys Lasdun. For details and to book visit www.ihbc.org.uk/gold2010 or call 0131 558 1854. [Back](#)

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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 successful candidate will play a key role in the regular meeting of the Operational Management Team and will be involved in a wide range and scale of projects focusing on conservation, national and local heritage, education and access. The successful candidate will also need to demonstrate their 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.

Based in London. Salary £65,346 - £71,953. Closing date 18 April.

To see a full job description / person specification or to apply online visit www.hlf.org.uk [Back](#)

The National Trust and English Heritage: World Heritage Site Coordinator and Conservation Manager

Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Water Garden (Ripon) is Yorkshire's first World Heritage Site (WHS), including the only surviving Cistercian corn mill and twelfth century abbey ruins. In this joint role, funded by the National Trust and English Heritage, the successful candidate will coordinate and facilitate the action planning, delivery, monitoring and review of the WHS Management Plan. They'll oversee a conservation team, plus a broad range of specialist services relating to heritage protection and conservation. Considerable experience of heritage / environmental management will be required, plus understanding of conservation issues. The National Trust and EH are looking for a talented project manager with practical experience of public consultations.

Based in Ripon, North Yorkshire. Salary £31,000. Three year fixed-term contract. Closing date 23 April. To find out more and apply visit www.nationaltrustjobs.org.uk quoting reference NT10/05093. Interview dates: 20 & 21 May. [Back](#)

War Memorials Trust: Conservation Officer

The charity seeks a Conservation Officer with initiative, enthusiasm and experience to join its two-person Conservation Team to manage and develop the Trust's conservation, advisory and grant-making activities. The postholder will have knowledge of conservation of the historic environment, relevant legislation and the technical issues involved in the care and repair of war memorials. The postholder should be able to provide advice and guidance to custodians and members of the public on all aspects of war memorials and their care and act as an advocate for the protection and appreciation of war memorials.

Full-time. Salary £25,000. London based but requires occasional travel around the UK. Closing date 9.00am on 26 April. For further details and a job description visit www.warmemorials.org/vacancies/ or contact the Director at frances@warmemorials.org. Please quote ref CO10/HA. [Back](#)

Built Environment Forum Scotland (BEFS): Director

BEFS is seeking a Director with a passion for Scotland's places, excellent strategic, organisational, interpersonal, communication and IT skills, and who enjoys working in a focused, motivated, small team. This is an exciting opportunity to play a central role in developing BEFS, not only as the Scottish intermediary for the historic environment but also the wider built environment.

Full-time. Salary £38,488 - £41,447. Based in Edinburgh. Closing date 12 noon on 26 April. Please contact BEFS office for an application pack info@bef.s.org.uk or 0131 220 6241 www.bef.s.org.uk
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Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland: Head of Survey and Recording

This post oversees RCAHMS's role in the surveying and recording of the historic and built environment of Scotland, and contributes to the strategic management of RCAHMS. Applicants will be educated to degree level, ideally possessing membership of a relevant professional body (e.g. IFA, IHBC). Applicants should have several years experience of the historic and built environment and a sound knowledge of Scottish archaeology and / or architectural history. Applicants must also have a proven ability to contribute positively to the organisation's strategic agenda, with a strong track record of performing and delivering top quality results in challenging circumstances. Benefits include flexible working hours, generous support for continuing professional development and a choice of Civil Service and partnership pension schemes.

£41,210 to £49,304. Closing date is 12 noon on 26th April. For full details and an application form, visit <http://www.rcahms.gov.uk/head-of-survey-and-recording.html> [Back](#)

Re-survey of Historic Buildings and Sites in Jersey 2010 to 2012: expressions of interest

Jersey Heritage, in partnership with the States of Jersey Planning and Environment Department, anticipates commissioning a full re-survey of the Island's historic buildings and sites between 2010 and 2012. The project will involve research and on-site appraisals of around 4,000 historic buildings. The aim is to provide an understanding of their history, architecture and archaeological significance to help deliver a new historic environment protection system for the Island.

Expressions of interest are now invited by 14 May 2010 from historic building specialists and consultants who may wish to be considered for inclusion in the formal tender process for this project, beginning in mid 2010. Those wishing to submit an expression of interest are asked to contact Roger Hills for further details of the project and the information required within their submission. Write to Roger Hills BA(Hons) MA DipBdlgCons (RICS) IHBC, Head of Historic Buildings, Jersey Heritage, Clarence Road, St Helier, Jersey JE2 4JY; ring 01534 833134 or email roger.hills@jerseyheritage.org [Back](#)

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