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### **Emergency Budget: VAT now a colossal tax on our heritage**

Ouch. The Emergency Budget presented to the House on Tuesday was just as painful as anticipated, with an across-the-board increase in VAT from 17.5 per cent to 20 per cent from 4 January 2011. Increasing VAT to 20 per cent may avoid adding to the public spending cuts already announced, but it aggravates the artificial difference between the cost of maintaining and repairing our existing buildings and the zero rate of VAT on new construction. With that differential now a fifth, VAT is a colossal tax on our heritage. Our outstanding heritage supports social and economic regeneration, including a recession-busting tourist industry. We take heart that the Coalition Government retains some VAT exemptions. The Heritage Alliance will redouble its efforts to explain why 20 per cent VAT on maintenance and repair is at odds with a balanced recovery.

VAT at 20 per cent also means that the Listed Places of Worship Grant scheme will be even more valuable to communities up and down the country, raising money to keep their beautiful places of worship open and in public use. The Heritage Alliance and its [POWAlliance](#) grouping is campaigning with others to extend the scheme beyond March 2011, but communities need to act fast to take advantage of the compensation currently available.

Click [here](#) for our Chairman Loyd Grossman's statement on the Budget, and click [here](#) to read the Emergency Budget document in full. *Back*

### **Comprehensive Spending Review: public consultation from 24 June**

On central Government budgets Mr Osborne deferred the detail until the Comprehensive Spending Review, set for 20 October. An engagement programme will launch on 24 June, giving public sector workers and members of the public an opportunity to feed in their ideas for how to reduce spending while protecting the quality of public services.

However, it appears from Mr Osborne's Budget speech that apart from Health (DHSS) and International Development (DfID), Departments are looking at a 25 per cent cut over four years; but not equally shared. The implication is that if Government wants to minimise cuts in Education and Defence, then other Departments will carry the burden of the difference.

For the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), as most of its activity is carried out by 55 public bodies that help deliver its strategic aim and objectives, this must translate directly into cuts in frontline heritage services and museums. *Back*

### **Emergency Budget: Small businesses and charities**

On the changes to corporation tax, the fiscal support for small and medium sized businesses that make up the construction and craft industries was a sole bright spark. Not only are these organisations vital in their local economies, but they have the knowledge and skills to maintain and repair the historic buildings that make up the distinctive quality of place we enjoy in our cities, towns and villages. Similarly supporting job creation, a three year scheme will exempt new businesses in targeted areas from a proportion of National Insurance Contributions payments, for each of the first ten employees hired in their first year of business.

Buried on page 52, the Government announces it will continue to explore with voluntary sector representatives ways to improve the Gift Aid system and encourage charitable giving. It will replace the current rules on substantial charity donors, and Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs will consult informally on draft clauses in the summer, with a view to publishing final legislation in the autumn. A possible VAT exemption for charities working in partnership will be put out for formal consultation in the autumn. *Back*

### **The Alliance meets John Penrose, new Minister for Heritage and Tourism**

The new Minister professed himself in listening mode when Chairman and Chief Executive of The Heritage Alliance met him on 17 June. He has an excellent understanding of the importance of the heritage in underpinning localism and sense of place, and how heritage connects with the tourism part of his portfolio. Well acquainted with the burden of VAT, he reported he had already received numerous letters on the value of the listed places of worship scheme and concerns about its future.

The Alliance specifically asked that the Coalition Government might make clear its commitment to the

*Vision Statement on the Historic Environment for England 2010* and to *Planning Policy Statement 5*, both published by the previous administration. Listing the five key provisions in the draft Heritage Bill that our members had identified – interim protection, the unified designation system, the access to Historic Environment Records, the reversal of the Shimizu agreement and the revision of Class Consents - led to a discussion of ways and means to achieve these in the absence of a Heritage Bill in the current parliamentary session.

We look forward to developing a close and constructive relationship with Mr Penrose. [Back](#)

### **English Heritage on loss of funding for Stonehenge Visitor Centre**

The proposed Stonehenge Visitor Centre - agreed in 2009, but not finally ratified - is the biggest loss to the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) in the £2 billion worth of cancelled projects announced by Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander, last week. "I recognise the disappointment that everyone in the heritage community feels at today's announcement," said John Penrose, Minister for Heritage and Tourism, "But I hope that they, and others, will understand why this has come about - the costs and benefits of this project had to be considered in the light of the current financial picture. We all have to accept trade-offs, but even though we can't afford to fund the project today, it remains a priority for the future."

English Heritage (EH), which said it is "obviously extremely disappointed" by the news, is now in urgent discussion with DCMS and partners ahead of its Commissioners' meeting at the end of June, to decide on the future of the project. On receiving the news, EH responded: "English Heritage would like to thank all those who have sent us encouraging words of support and ideas for raising funds for the Stonehenge Visitor Centre Project. Despite the setback of the withdrawal of Government funding announced on 17 June, we are pleased to see so many people believe that it is the right thing to do and that our nation's most beloved monument deserves investment." EH's preliminary statement can be viewed [here](#). The £25m for the Visitor Centre was one of a hemorrhage of DCMS initiatives: libraries, museums and film were also affected. The Find Your Talent scheme and its ten pathfinder pilots to provide five hours of cultural activity for every child, were also cancelled. View details of the DCMS cuts [here](#) and the cuts in full [here](#). [Back](#)

### **PQ on Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme precedes Budget speech**

Five minutes before the Chancellor started his Budget speech, a Parliamentary Question from Jessica Morden MP aired the risk to this scheme, asking what discussions the Church Commissioners had had with the Chancellor on the operation of the scheme. Ms Morden said: "I have had many representations from local churches whose congregations are struggling to meet the cost of repairs and are dependent on this scheme continuing." Tony Baldry MP, as Second Church Commissioner, agreed: "We have to take a decision about how we maintain what is a very important part of our national built heritage. There are 16,000 parish churches throughout this country. English Heritage estimates that it would cost £800 million a year to maintain them properly; at present, we are spending only about £100 million, most of which comes from local communities and congregations." Click [here](#) for the full transcript. Also see Pauline Latham MP's speech from later on that evening, urging the Chancellor to consider carefully continuing the scheme after March 2011 [here](#). [Back](#)

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[The National Heritage Protection Plan \(NHPP\)](#). An English Heritage consultation: deadline 30 June.

### **July**

[Reform of the Coroner System](#). A Ministry of Justice consultation: deadline 1 July

[Green Paper: Unlocking the potential of cultural and creative industries](#). A European Commission consultation to gather views on various issues impacting the cultural and creative industries in Europe, to

ensure its policies and programmes are fit for purpose: deadline 30 July.

## August

[Consultation on the National Lottery Shares](#). A DCMS consultation: deadline 21 August.

## NEWS

### A warm welcome to three more new members

The Alliance is delighted to welcome three new Full Members this fortnight; [Civic Voice](#), the [London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies](#) and the [National Association of Road Transport Museums](#). This means The Heritage Alliance now has 82 full members, and continues to grow steadily. For our full membership list, click [here](#). For details on how to become a member, click [here](#). *Back*

### Announcing our new Award for Members: Heritage Alliance Heroes 2010

Come on the heritage sector; let's really blow our trumpets this year! (Or perhaps more fittingly for the times, our vuvuzelas...). This new initiative is the pilot for an annual Award scheme to celebrate our members and to demonstrate the energy and achievements of heritage volunteers. The Award, which is open to Alliance member organisations and their members, should showcase an inspirational project that was completed in the past 12 months (to May 2010) by a volunteer individual or team (professional work is not excluded if funded and managed by volunteer effort) where the project has had a long-term impact and commanded the respect of the sector. We're particularly interested to hear about projects that are likely to appeal to a wider non-heritage audience and offer a powerful human story, which we can tell to the nation.

Proposals should be submitted in fewer than 500 words, with one image that encapsulates the project, **by email before 31 July** to Denis Dunstone; Transport Trust and member of the Alliance Board [denis.dunstone@talktalk.net](mailto:denis.dunstone@talktalk.net) Enquiries should also go to Denis please, on 02795 941595.

Entries will be judged by The Alliance's Chairman, Deputy Chairman, a Board member and the CEO. Their decision is final. The winner will be notified by 30 September. The member promoting the winner will be asked to produce a short slide show or video of the achievement for presentation at The Heritage Alliance's AGM & Heritage Day, which will take place at The Banqueting House, Whitehall, London on 8 December. Technical assistance may be provided. The winner will also receive a memento of the event and PR / marketing exposure. To find out more and for an entry form, click [here](#).

### Jeremy Hunt: tourism legacy will be priority for DCMS in run up to 2012

In his first keynote speech on tourism policy, Secretary of State at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) Jeremy Hunt, who also holds responsibility for the Olympics within his portfolio, pledged his support for the tourism sector as "increasingly vital to the future of this country" and said his department would produce "the best marketing plan that any country has ever had" around the 2012 games.

Speaking in Weymouth, at the first 2012 Olympics venue to be completed (the sailing centre), Mr Hunt said of the sector: "I believe the tourism industry is one of our most undervalued national assets. Which other country can offer our rich heritage and history – our cathedrals and castles, our stately homes and royal houses?" and referred to the impressive facts and figures attributing tourism as the UK's fifth biggest industry – with visitor spending of nearly £90 billion each year and an estimated direct and indirect value of £115 billion. But he also identified some "real causes of concern" for the UK's tourism industry, such as falling visitor numbers and fiercer competition from countries such as China and Dubai. In response to these issues Mr Hunt referred to the work John Penrose will be undertaking in his role as Tourism and Heritage Minister, and set out the following pledges: "the creation of a new fund with the aim of generating £1 billion worth of PR and marketing activity in priority markets in the years around 2012; to harness the full potential of 2012 to create a permanent tourism legacy for the whole country, creating a sustained and sustainable increase in the number of tourists visiting our shores; setting the industry a new goal to increase the domestic tourism spend by UK residents to 50 per cent of the total; and reviewing the web of quangos that affect tourism, with the aim of simplifying and focusing support for the tourism industry, which is worth around £90 billion to the economy."

In conclusion Mr Hunt called for the tourism sector's input in "telling me and John Penrose what needs to be done to reinvigorate our domestic tourism industry" and said that "John will be conducting a study, traveling the length and breadth of the country to seek your views between now and the end of September, after

which he will report back to me.” Heritage Update will note any subsequent details of Mr Penrose’s ‘grand tour’ in future issues. For the full text of Jeremy Hunt’s speech, click [here](#). [Back](#)

### **Select Committee Chairs confirmed**

The Chairmen of influential House of Commons select committees have been confirmed, after having been elected by their fellow MPs for the first time. Previously, chairmen had been appointed in a behind-the-scenes process that was influenced heavily by party whips. The proportion of chairmen of the 24 committees was agreed in May: 12 committees were to have a Tory MP as chairman, Labour MPs were to chair 10 and the Lib Dem MPs two.

John Whittingdale, Conservative MP for Maldon, has been reelected unopposed as Chairman of the Culture Media and Sport Select Committee. Former Labour Whip Clive Betts, MP for Sheffield Attercliffe, has been elected Chairman of the Communities and Local Government committee. Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs committee is Anne McIntosh, Conservative MP for Vale of York and formerly an MEP.

The select committees cover all the main departments of state, with wide terms of reference to conduct inquiries and produce reports, and with power to appoint special advisers as the committees deem appropriate. For the full list click [here](#). [Back](#)

### **CAP reform post-2013: cultural heritage is a force for rural development, say European heritage and landscape bodies**

Following a joint meeting of interested parties in Brussels in March, hosted by the European Cultural Heritage body [Europa Nostra](#) (reported in [Heritage Update 183](#)), a joint statement has been submitted to the European Commission outlining what they want reform of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) post 2013 to achieve for European landscapes and cultural heritage, and why this is so important.

*Europe’s Living Landscapes: cultural heritage as a force for rural development* has been endorsed by Europa Nostra, Europae Archaeologiae Consilium, the European Association of Archaeologists, the European Council for the Village and Small Town, the European Federation of Farm and Village Tourism and the International Association Rurality-Environment-Development. Together these bodies represent several hundred organisations and thousands of individuals with a stake in the common European cultural heritage. The statement advocates that the active stewardship of Europe’s diverse historic landscapes and the conservation and adaptive re-use of its rural cultural heritage can make a fundamental contribution to preserving the countryside and developing the economy in rural areas. It clearly asks that the next round of CAP reform recognises the European landscape and cultural heritage as a key public good, alongside biodiversity, food security and the need to respond to a changing climate.

The European Commission will produce a formal proposal for CAP reform in the Autumn 2010. The Alliance will continue to monitor ongoing developments through its [Rural Advocacy Group](#) and note pertinent issues in Update. [Back](#)

### **English Heritage PPS5 Workshops: extra dates - book your place now**

Due to high demand for the PPS5 Workshop Events, a further series of dates has been arranged. These one day events aim to further delegates’ understanding of PPS5 by exploring its context, having a detailed walk-through of the content and terminology and providing the opportunity for delegates to discuss cases in the light of PPS5. The event is suitable for local authority planning and heritage officers, Civic and Amenity Societies and private sector developers. The new dates are as follows: 6 July (Bury St Edmonds); 20 July (Gatwick – places limited); 22 July (Nottingham). All events run from 10.00am - 16.00 and are free of charge. Anyone interested in attending should email Rachel Prosser at [Rachel.Prosser@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:Rachel.Prosser@english-heritage.org.uk) [Back](#)

### **CLG announces local government reforms**

The new Government has committed to abolishing Regional Strategies and returning planning powers to councils and communities, with powerful incentives to deliver new homes and businesses. Eric Pickles, Secretary of State at the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG), announced just where the £1.166 billion reductions in grants to local government would fall in a statement earlier this month.

The performance management burden on local government is to be reduced “through abolishing the Comprehensive Area Assessment and reducing ring-fencing of central government grants, freeing up resources to concentrate on local priorities and the delivery of essential frontline services. The Government is committed to a full review of local government finance, to giving councils a general power of competence,

and to working with local authorities to freeze council tax in England for at least one year and possibly for a further year, in partnership with local authorities.” Click [here](#) for the full speech.

The decision to abolish the Housing and Planning Delivery Grant - worth some £141m - to Local Planning Authorities has met reactions from the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and the Planning Officers Society (POS), who warned that the cut could hinder economic recovery. Click [here](#) for their responses.

The ring-fence has been removed from £236 million of housing market renewal funding (the notorious Pathfinder initiative) as part of a move to give town halls move freedom over spending decisions. Click [here](#) for the full list of funds freed up. [Back](#)

### **Localism according to Communities Secretary**

Communities and Local Government Secretary Eric Pickles is already dismantling the funding and powers of regional local authority leaders' boards, which took over most of the functions and staff of the old regional assemblies. “These are largely redundant” now that Regional Spatial Strategies, which took over powers on transport, housing and planning powers away from local councils, are abolished. What we can expect from the new Communities Secretary is set out in his speech on 11 June: “I have three very clear priorities: localism, and we'll weave that into everything we do from parks to finance to policy. My second priority is localism, and my third is... localism”. Click [here](#) for the full speech.

There are three points he wants us to understand about localism: first that “local government has got to be ready to step up to the plate”; second, that localism isn't just about giving power back to local government but also about pushing power downwards and outwards to the lowest possible level: “We want to make sure people can take control and take responsibility in their street, their estate, their town. Solving problems and taking action for themselves. With neighbourhoods, people working together, as the basis for the big society” And thirdly “there has never been a better time to be involved in local government”.

The full review of local government finance that he is committed to above must surely hold a key to these extraordinary claims. For more on this story click [here](#). [Back](#)

### **Next series of Channel 4's Restoration Man: do you know of an unusual project?**

Channel 4's *Restoration Man* is set to return for a second series, and is currently on the lookout for owners of 'unusual' historic building restoration projects to take part. Presented by the architect George Clarke, *Restoration Man* follows new owners as they restore, convert and breathe new life into vulnerable historic buildings across the UK. As well as offering practical advice, on the programme George explores the history of each building, why it was built and how it has evolved over the years within the local community. The first series, screened earlier this year, featured a number of interesting properties such as a Victorian Ice House in Scotland, a Grade II\* listed folly in Lancashire and a former church in Pembrokeshire.

For the second series the production company Tiger Aspect is looking for unusual historic buildings such as water towers, follies, former military buildings, former public toilets, lighthouses, stables, dovecotes, former shops, barns, railway buildings, signal boxes, halls, libraries, towers, fortresses, oast houses, etc. The buildings can be listed or unlisted. Owners must have full planning permission and finance in place. Filming will begin this year.

If you know of a project that meets these criteria contact Melissa at Tiger Aspect on 0207 529 9447 or email [melissamayne@tigeraspect.co.uk](mailto:melissamayne@tigeraspect.co.uk). Click [here](#) for more information. [Back](#)

### **Environmental Rights in c21: Dame Fiona Reynolds delivers sixth Magna Carta Lecture**

Dame Fiona Reynolds, Director-General of The National Trust (a member of The Heritage Alliance), delivered the sixth in the annual Magna Carta lecture series at Royal Holloway (University of London), last week.

Entitled 'Magna Carta and Environmental Rights', the speech explored some of the parallels that exist between the struggle for political rights, as symbolised by Magna Carta; and the emergence of environmental rights, of which the Charter of the Forest, the shorter partner document to Magna Carta that guaranteed basic access rights to natural resources, could be seen as an early manifestation. Dame Fiona highlighted the way in which the Charter of the Forest and Magna Carta asserted certain rights or freedoms over the landscape (such as is indicated in Clause 47 which refers to the land over which 'forest law' had been applied - meaning it was reserved solely for the King to hunt in - '*All forests that have been afforested in our time shall at once be disafforested*') and also lamented the lack of consideration from politicians in

the 21<sup>st</sup> century of the importance of this right to enjoy access to the environment and a shared sense of history and heritage: “you might search election speeches and manifestos but you would struggle to find any politicians talking about these issues”.

Dame Fiona also praised the work of her organisation, and other NGOs, for their tireless commitment to this crucial entitlement: “Such rights as we have in this area – such as the right of access to the countryside, the protection of landscapes and historic buildings for public benefit, the quality of the air we breathe and the water we drink – are not present by accident or inevitability, but as a consequence of hard-won campaigns in the past, often in the face of indifference or even downright opposition in their time.” Ending on a reflective note, she highlighted the need for us all to take collective responsibility for our environmental rights and protection of our special places, particularly in the midst of a changing political climate: “We have tended increasingly, in the last fifty or so years, to look to the state and public bodies to act as custodians of cherished places and landscapes, and to legislate to define ever more tightly a series of formally described rights and responsibilities. That time, I speculate, may now be coming to an end. Perhaps the answer to our current crisis is *not* more legislation or regulation – another Magna Carta – but to change our culture to one where we all, as individuals who are also members of communities, take more responsibility to act together in our shared and collective interests. This then, to me, is the fundamental message of Magna Carta and its sister the Charter of the Forest.”

For a summary of the speech on The Telegraph Online, click [here](#). *Back*

### **The National Trust picks up award for pioneering use of renewable energy**

The National Trust (a member of The Alliance) was recognised for its commitment to renewable energy earlier this month, scooping the ‘Pioneer’ award at the Renewable Energy Association’s *British Renewable Energy Awards 2010*. Beating off stiff competition from a shortlist of four high profile contenders, the Trust was recognised for the 140 renewable projects it has installed at its properties and for its new energy commitments; to reduce reliance on fossil fuels by 50 per cent by 2020, and to reduce overall energy consumption by 20 per cent by 2020 (from 2009 levels). This will be achieved by continuing to use a mix of solar, hydro and wind and replacing oil-fired heating with woodfuel bio-mass boilers and heat pumps.

The Trust’s renewable energy projects include photovoltaic solar slates at Kynance Cove in Cornwall; an Archimedes screw hydro turbine at Bonfield Ghyll in the North Yorkshire Moors; and the installation of 24 photovoltaic panels on the roof of the Grade I listed Dunster Castle in Somerset, which in sunny weather provide most of the castle’s daily electricity requirements. Biomass boilers have also replaced oil fired boilers at 44 sites, including the new visitor reception and tea-room at Scotney Castle in Kent. Each property is assessed to find the best energy solution for it; tailored to its needs, and to make the most of its own natural resources. Most of the Trust’s renewable projects have been funded either by npower or the Big Lottery Fund. For more information click [here](#). *Back*

### **British Archaeological Awards 2010: shortlist announced**

The Trustees of the British Archaeological Awards have announced the short list of nominations for the six individual Awards. Established in 1976, the British Archaeological Awards are a showcase for the best in British archaeology and a central event in the archaeological calendar. The winners of the six Awards will be announced at the awards ceremony on 19 July at the British Museum, hosted by historian and broadcaster Michael Wood. The ceremony will be a major event within the Council for British Archaeology’s (a member of The Heritage Alliance) Festival of British Archaeology - a UK-wide celebration of archaeology with more than 650 events attended by more than 250,000 people, which attracts substantial national TV, radio, newspaper and magazine coverage. The full short list of nominations for the six Awards can be found [here](#). *Back*

### **The Archaeological Archives Forum: the case for Archaeological Resource Centres**

The Archaeological Archives Forum (AAF) was established in 2002 to link together all major parties with an interest in archaeological archives, to develop common policies and to champion best practice in the field. The field of archaeological archives is beset by challenges such as a lack of storage facilities and good public access to the resource, and to address these issues the AFF has recently developed a Policy Statement on the case for the development of a network of Archaeological Resource Centres within England. The statement is supported by all the Forum member organisations and is available for download from the Forum’s webpage [here](#).

AAH has also produced a guidance document to support those seeking to create an Archaeological

Resource Centre (ARC). The document defines what an ARC is and sets out recommended procedures that should be followed in developing one; from preparatory work, through to planning and execution. The Guidance can be downloaded [here](#). [Back](#)

### **Local Heritage Matters: EH publishes new guidance for villages, towns and suburbs**

Small and medium-sized towns, suburbs, villages, hamlets, historic town centres and other local areas will benefit from historic area assessments in the face of increasing pace of change - says English Heritage, which published new guidance on 9 June to help local authorities and others to conduct such assessments. *Understanding Place: Historic Area Assessment - Principles and Practice* sets out a systematic method to understand the heritage interest of a fairly small area or neighbourhood. This type of assessment aims to identify the features that contribute to the historic character of an area, as well as issues that may threaten to change that character such as infilling of vacant sites, new developments, "garden-grabbing" in residential suburbs, or redundant and derelict buildings. The aim is to enable planners, developers, local authorities and other professionals, as well as the public, to judge which parts of an area are most significant or valuable and which are most vulnerable to change. For the full document, plus a shorter version specifically aimed at local authorities and developers, click [here](#). A third document that introduces the various interrelated approaches to historic characterisation is also newly published. [Back](#)

### **Flooding and Historic Buildings: new guidance from English Heritage**

The risk of flooding is likely to increase as a result of a changing climate and increased urbanisation. This revised and updated version of English Heritage's 2004 guidance is designed to help those who live in, own or manage historic buildings that may be threatened by periodic flooding. The guidance provides advice on preventative measures as well as on the inspection, conservation and repair of historic buildings after flooding. For the full document click [here](#). [Back](#)

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### **Connecting with place, digital generation style: Lincoln launches Heritage Connect**

On Tuesday (22 June) a partnership of Lincoln City Council, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and English Heritage (EH) launched *Heritage Connect*; a website showcasing Lincoln's varied heritage right through from Prehistoric times up to the present day. The website divides the city into 108 different places, or 'Character Areas', showing detailed information about each place using maps, photos, written descriptions and videos. It uses GPS technology to locate the user in a specific character area of the city; letting them know what is, and what used to be, in the surrounding vicinity. In addition, three areas of the city have point-to-point 'Heritage Trails', which unite to form one journey through Lincoln's past. People also have the chance to add to the site, giving their memories or comments on particular areas and uploading their own pictures – much like the new international history-sharing website that Heritage Update reported on in the last issue, *Historypin*.

Available on smart phones (such as Blackberry and iPhone) as well as computers, the website hopes to appeal across the city's demographics. But how will this resource be utilised for the future of Lincoln's heritage? The Council says of the site: "The information brought together on *Heritage Connect* will now be an important tool for local authorities, businesses and organisations in shaping the future of Lincoln. The site will be used inherently as part of the planning process, as a reference and consultation tool and for attracting tourists to the city, helping them and residents to make the most of what the city has to offer. It will also impact the city's young generation, with local schools trained in how to include the site in various projects – ranging from history and art to science and geography."

What do you think? Found out more [here](#) and visit Heritage Connect [here](#). [Back](#)

### **New skills training and apprenticeships for the sector**

The National Trust (a member of The Alliance) has announced its plans to implement a new apprenticeship scheme to train up the next generation of skilled heritage employees. The programme, which is aimed largely at 16 – 19 year olds, will train young men and women in traditional skills including stone masonry, carpentry, joinery, lead work, plumbing, painting and decorating. The full-time three-year programme, which begins in September, will offer 16 positions at Trust properties across the country, where apprentices will train alongside staff due to retire within that time. The aim is to provide continuity of valued skills by enabling those who are retiring to teach and mentor the next generation. The Trust currently employs around 130 direct labour staff across the country, with an average age of just under 50. With nearly 19 per cent of those people due to retire within four years, rising to 25 per cent in six years, the need to recruit

skilled people in their place is a priority. The Apprenticeship Scheme will be paid for from the Trust's own funds, and places will be offered on a three-year contract basis. Each apprentice will be paid £12,000 a year and college and tuition fees will also be covered. To find out more or to apply, click [here](#).

In a further skills boost for the sector, the National Heritage Training Group (NHTG) was awarded the largest single amount of funding (£932,000) of the 54 successful projects in the new £17million Heritage Lottery Fund Skills for the Future programme – reported in Heritage Update 186. This funding will provide work-based training and skills development opportunities in England to equip people for a career in the built heritage sector or expand and improve their knowledge and skills sets. The NHTG will work in partnership with English Heritage, The National Trust, ConstructionSkills and regional Heritage Skills Groups to offer 60 variable-length traditional building skills placements, available towards the end of 2010/beginning of 2011. A range of training options will be on offer - from taster courses, Heritage Specialist Apprenticeship Programmes, and mentoring - leading to recognised heritage skills qualifications. The live, site-based training opportunities will be developed with regional Heritage Skills Groups in England to ensure that there is suitable geographic spread. Find out more [here](#). For the full list of skills training projects awarded funding from the Skills for the Future programme at the beginning of the month, click [here](#). [Back](#)

### **The Prince's Regeneration Trust launches online toolkit for asset management**

The Prince's Regeneration Trust (PRT - a member of The Alliance) has responded to the issue of important historic buildings being 'at risk' across the UK by launching *Sustainable Heritage: An online toolkit for asset management*. At times a historic building will no longer be suitable for its current use, and unless a new use can be found, it immediately becomes at risk from dereliction and decay. It is at this stage that the toolkit can help, by providing valuable information about how to ensure historic buildings remain economically viable and contribute positively to the local community when their current use comes to an end. The toolkit provides cost-effective routes to disposal and showcases exemplary practices, offering 14 steps to consider accompanied by illustrated case studies. It also provides examples where problems have arisen in the disposal process, in order to share tips on where lessons can be learned.

Research by PRT shows that over 8 per cent of these buildings are in the ownership of local authorities, and *Sustainable Heritage* is designed to help them, as well as other public bodies, make informed decisions about the future of heritage assets in their ownership; and how to manage and dispose of these assets in a sustainable way. The toolkit is free-of-charge to use and can be found [here](#). [Back](#)

### **Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS) halted for review**

Registration with the Vetting and Barring Scheme (VBS), which aims to protect children and vulnerable adults by preventing those who pose a known risk from working with them, has been halted by the Coalition Government. In a statement, the Home Office said the scheme had been stopped "to allow the Government to remodel the scheme back to proportionate, common sense levels". Voluntary registration with the VBS for new employees and job-movers working or volunteering with children and vulnerable adults was due to start on 26 July. This registration has now been stopped. For more information click [here](#). [Back](#)

### **Archaeology in Education Conference 2010 (Liverpool): proposals invited**

The Higher Education Academy's Subject Centre for History, Classics and Archaeology and the Council for British Archaeology have joined together to host a joint conference on Archaeology in Education in September 2010. They are now asking for conference proposals that address aspects of teaching archaeology at any educational levels from Key Stage 1 through to PhD; and in any context, from the vocational to the professional. Conference proposals might be for either formally delivered papers, or a proposal to host a workshop based around a specific issue for discussion or activities. In particular HEA/CBA would like to see proposals that focus on teaching and learning issues and how they can be addressed, and /or case study examples of specific learning. To register an interest in attending or to make a proposal, please send your name and affiliation (if any), the title of your paper or workshop and an abstract of 100 words to Lyn Hughes at [archea@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:archea@liverpool.ac.uk) [Back](#)

### **Pennine Lancashire Northlight Weaving Shed Study published**

Members dealing with northlight roofed buildings and former weaving sheds might find the following report useful. It was commissioned by Design and Heritage Pennine Lancashire with the support of English Heritage, Heritage Trust for the North West, Lancashire County Council and the local authorities of Pennine Lancashire to raise aspirations and to help dispel some of the commonly held myths about the limitations of this building type for repair and reuse. It aims to provide a practical guide to all those involved in the conservation and development of the unique north light weaving sheds of the region and to generate enthusiasm for their retention and future use. For further details and to download the full report, click [here](#).

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### Queen's Birthday Honours

In a long and distinguished career, Donald Insall joins the ranks of architect-knights for services to conservation architecture. Stuart Etherington, tireless champion of the third sector as Chief Executive of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, was also knighted. Congratulations to both.

A CBE went to Ann Green of the Royal Armouries for services to Museums, and to Richard Hunting, formerly Chair of the Geffrye Museum Trust. OBEs went to Elizabeth Davidson, for services to Conservation and Architectural Heritage in Scotland; Professor Timothy Darvill for services to archaeology; and to Dr Ian Dennis Jenkins - Senior Curator in Greek Collections at the British Museum - for services to museums and to Clara Arokiasamy, Chair of the Greater London Authority Heritage and Diversity Task Force, for services to Heritage. MBEs went to Michael Bailey for services to industrial archaeology; Jeffrey Cowton, The Wordsworth Trust; Prakash Daswani, Cultural Co-operation; Victor Gray, County Archivist of Essex for fifteen years, before Director of the Rothschild Archive - for services to archivists; Richard Heaume for voluntary service to the Occupation Museum, Guernsey; to Jonathan Horne, for services to medieval ceramics and to Kenneth Jones, for services to the Ironbridge World Heritage Site. One of the Queen's personal awards, the MVO, went to Michael Turner - Inspector, Historic Estates Unit, English Heritage. This recognition of so many devoted to heritage causes is very welcome.

### John Shaw appointed as new Director of ASHTAV

John Shaw has been appointed as the new Director of ASHTAV (The Association of Historic Towns and Villages of the UK – a member of The Heritage Alliance). A long serving director of Area East of South Somerset DC, John brings to ASHTAV considerable experience of local government with particular emphasis on planning. He takes up the post following the departure of Ela Palmer through ill health. "As an existing trustee of ASHTAV, John is fully acquainted with our activities and will be able to 'hit the ground running' and carry on Ela Palmer's excellent work in raising the profile of ASHTAV and representing our members' interests", said ASHTAV Chairman John Alexander.

### TV's Julia Bradbury appointed as new President of the Ramblers

The well-known outdoors television presenter Julia Bradbury has been announced as the new President of The Ramblers Association (a member of The Heritage Alliance). Julia, whose screen credits include *Countryfile* and *Wainwright's Walks*, commented: "I'm proud to be part of this iconic institution in its 75th year. My aim is to get *everyone* out walking." Julia takes over from Floella Benjamin, who held the post for two years, and has recently been elevated to the peerage as the country's first Trinidadian Baroness.

### Guildford Conservation Officer Jo Evans elected as new Chair of the IHBC

The Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC – a member of The Alliance) has elected Jo Evans, Conservation Officer at Guildford Borough Council, as its new Chair. Jo is a trained planner and mother of two, and will succeed outgoing Chair Dave Chetwyn. Jo said of her appointment: "I'm delighted to be succeeding Dave as he was such a strong Chair, helping in particular to shape our national profile and increase awareness of the added value conservation professionals deliver across our public services." Dave said: "It has been a pleasure and a privilege to chair the IHBC and to work with so many talented and committed people. I wish Jo every success in taking the Institute forward."

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### International Association for Public Participation: Open day, 1 July, Scarborough

The International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) is a worldwide organisation committed to promoting and improving public participation in local and national decision-making. In partnership with Scarborough Borough Council and Scarborough's Futures, IAP2 is offering a one day open-day where participants can learn more about IAP2, share best practice, network and find out more about projects that showcase proactive and effective public participation. Workshops, master classes and site visits will be on offer and the event will provide valuable networking and discussion opportunities. If you are interested in attending email [Nicky.Leggatt@jacobs.com](mailto:Nicky.Leggatt@jacobs.com) or visit [www.iap2.org](http://www.iap2.org) for more information. The cost for the day, including a light lunch and master classes, will be £75.00.

### **National Heritage Ironwork Group: Heritage Ironwork Forum, 10 July, Surrey**

Everyone who is interested in, or working on, heritage ironwork is invited to come along, get involved and have a say at the Heritage Ironwork Forum. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and clarify practical responsibilities, conservation standards and principles, as already used and established by other professions - the outcome of which the National Heritage Ironwork Group will develop into a conservation policy suitable for use by custodians, specifiers & practitioners alike. The event will take place between 10am and 4pm at 'The Quinnell School of Blacksmithing' at Rowhurst Forge, Oxshott Road, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 0EN. There is no set charge but places do need to be booked in advance by contacting Bethan Griffiths, NHIG Secretary on [info@nhig.org.uk](mailto:info@nhig.org.uk) or 01483 20 20 27 / 07941 127 024.

### **Engaging Places: Unforgettable Lessons, 12 July, London**

A debate with poet and broadcaster Ian McMillan, BBC arts correspondent David Sillito and Sandra Stancliffe, Director of Education at English Heritage, to explore how young people can best be engaged in cultural activity and learning through the built environment. This event will showcase a series of projects revealing some outstanding approaches to cultural education. Attendees will have an opportunity to hear from the teachers and pupils involved, and see how using buildings and places to teach the curriculum increases student interest in core subjects, improves behaviour and raises achievement. The debate will then focus on how to make the best case for cultural education in the current fiscal and policy climate. The event will run from 1.30 – 4.15, at Discover Greenwich, The Pepys Building, King William Walk, London SE10 9LW. Places are strictly limited, so please reserve one through Sarah Porter [sporter@cabe.org.uk](mailto:sporter@cabe.org.uk) / 020 7070 6764.

### **Charity Bank: An Inspirational Day of Working Together, 15 July, Sheffield**

The Charity Bank Northern conference is full of speakers, workshops and organisations to give charities ideas, inspiration and advice. It's free to attend. The keynote speaker will be Craig Dearden-Phillips, Social Entrepreneur and founder of charity Speaking Up. Other speakers include Chloe Birch, a young champion sportsperson; Helen Thomson from Yorkshire Forward; Martin Mosley, Trustee for Charity Bank, and Mike Benson from Ryedale Folk Museum. Workshops will focus on important issues such as governance, risk management and evaluation. Lunch and networking opportunities will be provided. Places are limited so please book as soon as possible by emailing [enquiriesnorth@charitybank.org](mailto:enquiriesnorth@charitybank.org)

### **Historic Towns Forum: Connecting people with place, 15 July, Lincoln**

Successful places improve quality of life, provide a sense of local distinctiveness and identity for residents and visitors, and attract investment. Whilst the heritage and planning sectors continue to develop the tools to understand and characterise our settlements and landscapes, we are only beginning to take the information out, going beyond dissemination, to actively connect people with places. As well as engaging with people about what we know, part of the process is looking at the interactive ways in which we can understand how people perceive places themselves. This conference will help to deliver the objectives of Local Authority officers, elected members and other professionals concerned with tourism, planning, conservation, economic development, regeneration and heritage; and of urban designers, archaeologists, developers and community leaders. For more information and to book visit <http://www.historictownsforum.org/Lincoln10>

### **LGA / EH: What's new in heritage: developments and challenges for the local historic environment, 19 July, London**

This second joint LGA and English Heritage conference will look at what the future holds for the local historic environment, and how unlocking the value of heritage assets can help achieve local and national goals. Confirmed speakers include Minister for Heritage and Tourism John Penrose, Chair of EH Baroness Andrews, Chair of Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers Dr Dave Barrett, IDEa National Advisor Culture and Sport Martyn Allison and EH National Advice Director Duncan McCallum. The event is suitable for Leaders and Chief Executives, Directors/Heads of Service, Conservation Officers, Archaeologists, Planners, Tourism Officers and Portfolio Holders. The conference will run from 9.30 to 16.00 at Local Government House in Smith Square. Cost: (ex VAT) £ 345.00 LGA member organisation rate: £ 219.00. To book visit <http://www.lga.gov.uk/lga/events/display-event.do?id=8243426>

### **York Minster: Stone Carving Festival 2010, 14 - 15 August**

Masons, carvers, sculptors and stonework apprentices from the UK and abroad are invited to visit York Minster for a weekend of celebrating the craft of stonemasonry. All Stones will be auctioned by Stephenson's Auctioneers on the Sunday afternoon; proceeds to cover the cost of the festival. A prize will be presented for the best stone, judged by all the participants. Any profit will be split between York Minster Development

Fund and York Against Cancer. £40 per person, open to all skill levels. The price includes a tee-shirt, a BBQ on evening of Friday 13 August and food during the weekend as outlined in the itinerary. Places are limited to 80 bankers so please register early to avoid disappointment. The closing date for applications is 9 July. For more information on the programme or to book visit <http://www.yorkminster.org/learning/yorkminster-works-department/stone-carving-festival> or email [rebeccat@yorkminster.org](mailto:rebeccat@yorkminster.org)

#### **The Churches Conservation Trust: Lime, Mortars, Masonry and More, 6-9 September, Harewood**

The Churches Conservation Trust and The Earth Stone and Lime Company are offering a four day training course in a variety of traditional building craft skills at All Saints Church, Harewood, between 6 and 9 September. Using the whole site as a teaching tool and with a working party theme, practical work will focus on repairing the derelict outbuildings and adjacent walls in the churchyard. The course is designed to cater for all levels of knowledge from beginners to those with experience. Participants are welcome to attend all or a selection of the days. £100 per day (or £350 for all 4 days); Students and unemployed £75 per day (or £250 for all 4 days); lunch and refreshments included. For more information and booking forms please contact Catherine Piddington at The Churches Conservation Trust on 020 7213 0670 or email [craftskills@tcct.org.uk](mailto:craftskills@tcct.org.uk)

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#### **HONORARY / VOLUNTARY POSITIONS**

##### **Eastside Community Heritage (East London): Trustees and Project Volunteers**

Eastside Community Heritage (ECH), based in Stratford in East London, is seeking to recruit volunteers to join its Board of Trustees. ECH aims to ensure that 'ordinary' people's histories are preserved and brought to light for future generations. Over the past 18 years Eastside has worked on numerous projects recording, documenting and preserving the lives of Londoners and its oral history archive now holds over 1500 recordings. If you have 2 - 4 hours to spare a month and are interested in supporting ECH either as a Trustee or a Project Worker, email [office@ech.org.uk](mailto:office@ech.org.uk).

##### **Cowdray Heritage Trust: Trustees required**

Following a major repair programme costing over £4m, the ruins of this Tudor nobleman's palace were reopened to the public in 2007 in the care of the independent Cowdray Heritage Trust. This Midhurst-based Trust now wishes to recruit up to five new Trustees - including a Chairman-designate - with skills and experience in one or more of financial management, business planning, marketing, tourism management, heritage education, heritage management, media and public relations. Further information is available at <http://www.cowdray.org.uk>. The closing date for applications is Friday 2 July 2010.

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##### **Diocese of Lichfield: Fund Raising Adviser and DAC Secretary Designate**

Do you have a genuine interest in the care and maintenance of church buildings and a wish to help parishes maximize the full potential of their plant? Do you understand the process of fund raising and how to identify available resources and avenues of funding? Then this new post is for you. Diocese of Lichfield is looking for a strong and well organized administrator who will provide focused and timely conservation advice to parishes seeking to make changes to their church building, and to assist them in both identifying and applying for sources of funding. A competitive package including non-contributory final salary pension is on offer. For further details and an application form, visit [www.lichfield.anglican.org/vacancies](http://www.lichfield.anglican.org/vacancies) or contact Mrs Jo Durber on 01543 306067 or [jo.durber@lichfield.anglican.org](mailto:jo.durber@lichfield.anglican.org). The closing date for applications is 5 July with interviews on 13 July.

##### **Blaenau Gwent BC: Bedwellty House and Park Manager**

Blaenau Gwent Council is looking for an enthusiastic person to lead and raise the profile of the Bedwellty House and Park project. The postholder will be responsible for the effective management of the development and its interpretation as a catalyst for the regeneration of the house and park as a source of recreation and education for the community. The postholder will also be responsible for developing and managing commercial interests for the business and will prepare and manage the forward development plan for the house and park in line with the shared vision for the project. A post graduate qualification in the cultural heritage sector is essential, along with experience of managing major projects and of marketing and promoting activity programmes. The postholder must be able to demonstrate an enthusiasm for, and an

understanding of, the ethos associated with the management of cultural heritage projects of this kind; and be aware of the latest ideas and developments in practice. Closing date 1 July. Salary £27,849 - £30,011. For more information visit <http://www.blaenau-gwentjobs.info/index.html>

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