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Breaking news: English Heritage, CABE and others to merge?

According to reports coming in as Heritage Update was going to press this morning (Friday 23 July), the Secretary of State of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) Jeremy Hunt is said to be considering proposals to merge English Heritage, CABE and a number of other heritage bodies to form a 'superquango'. Building Design Online reported that the proposal would also see the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Churches Conservation Trust put under one roof, as part of radical cost-cutting measures. A DCMS spokesperson said: "Like every department across Whitehall we are currently conducting a review of all our Arms Length Bodies, and will make an announcement in due course." Heritage Update will report any further news on this in the next Bulletin. For more information click [here](#) and [here](#). *Back*

Loyd Grossman calls on Government to stop cutting heritage to protect arts and sport

Alliance Chairman Loyd Grossman took up the cudgels on behalf of our heritage in the Evening Standard on Tuesday (20 July). Cut heritage too far and it will be lost for ever, was his clarion message.

He noted that whilst other members of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) family flourished, heritage has been cruelly neglected, with funding for heritage bodies cut by 19 per cent. "New Labour feared, distrusted and misunderstood history" he said, continuing "Its promotion of 'Cool Britannia' displayed an inability to understand how history and culture are inextricably linked. Our past is most emphatically not a foreign country."

Accepting that the days of centralised problem-solving are over, he stressed that our heritage demonstrates "an exemplary mixed bag of stewardship...with the splendid array of voluntary, charitable and private sector organisations and individuals who together look after two-thirds of our historic environment."

Ending with a direct address to the Secretary of State, the Chairman said: "Our new Secretary of State Jeremy Hunt is, I believe, a determined and cultured individual. I say to him that we in heritage are ready and willing to play our part — but please do not continue the last Government's destructive policy of cutting heritage in order to protect the arts and sport." For the full article, click [here](#). *Back*

Discovering Places launches at the Houses of Parliament

On Wednesday (21 July) The Alliance's Chairman Loyd Grossman joined Jonathan Edwards, gold medallist, triple jump world record holder and Athlete Representative for the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG), at the Houses of Parliament to launch the Discovering Places campaign – part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad, delivered in partnership by The Heritage Alliance and London 2012.

Discovering Places will use the power of the Games to inspire communities across the UK to celebrate and discover the hidden gems on their doorstep including historic buildings, contemporary townscapes, woodland trails and local wildlife. Over the launch weekend of 23-25 July, more than 100 free Discovering Places events will take place throughout the country. Most of the events will be run on a voluntary basis and all will be free to anyone interested in discovering more about their local environment. If you've got some free time this weekend, why not look up an event near you? For a full list of the events on offer, click [here](#). For more on the launch click [here](#) and for more on the Discovering Places project, click [here](#). *Back*

The Heritage Alliance wins place on the Culture Forum

After the rallying call to heritage organisations throughout the Alliance membership network and through Heritage Update 188 to support the election of Ian Lush, the Alliance's Deputy Chair (and Chief Executive of the Architectural Heritage Fund) to Arts & Business's Culture Forum, we are delighted to report success! Thank you to all who voted.

This new Culture Forum has been set up to ensure leading cultural minds have a direct line to Government to discuss views, ideas and actions on how to re-energise investment and funding for culture in England. The Alliance pressed for heritage to be included in what would have otherwise been a purely arts forum. The Forum will meet three times (July, August and September) to feed into the Chancellor's call for feedback and comments on policy. A paper with the outcomes of each meeting will be delivered to the Chancellor, Secretary of State for Culture, Minister for Culture and senior officials as appropriate. *Back*

DCMS Structural Reform Plan published

Along with other departments, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) published its Structural Reform Plan on 15 July. Structural Reform Plans (SRPs) are a tool for making departments accountable for the implementation of the reforms set out in the Coalition Agreement. They are designed to take power away from Whitehall and put it in the hands of people and communities. They also form part of the Spending Review.

DCMS' top priority, as expected, is to deliver a "safe and successful" Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012. Priority number two is to "Boost the Big Society" by encouraging philanthropic giving and returning the National Lottery to its founding principles. But noticeably absent is any reference to what heritage and culture have to offer the Big Society. DCMS says its policies, plans and priorities for heritage and culture will be announced "later in the year", following the Comprehensive Spending Review on 20 October.

The Secretary of State Jeremy Hunt invites comments on the DCMS Structural Reform Plan to structural.reform@culture.gsi.gov.uk. See the Plan [here](#). The Heritage Alliance has already responded - see below. Also see The Guardian's article regarding plans for up to 50 per cent redundancies in DCMS, and a move out of the Cockspur Street office, [here](#). [Back](#)

DCMS Structural Reform Plan: The Heritage Alliance responds

The Heritage Alliance (THA) released a statement on Tuesday (20 July) responding to the Department for Culture Media and Sport's (DCMS) Structural Reform Plan (SRP) – see above. In advance of more detailed policies and plans for heritage and culture, the Alliance has advised the Government on how best to achieve efficiency savings whilst maintaining the health and prosperity of a sector that contributes £20.6 billion to GDP in heritage tourism a year, supporting a total of 466,000 jobs.

Whilst THA accepts the need for tough decisions to bring public finances back under control, it also believes that the contribution heritage makes to our national wellbeing - our quality of life, for jobs, economic prosperity and for local communities – needs to be properly recognised.

In many ways the heritage sector provides DCMS's greatest contribution to the Big Society agenda. Two thirds of our historic environment is supported, managed or owned privately and by civil society heritage bodies. The DCMS budget represents a mere 0.8 per cent of total Government spending, reflecting a past history of cumulative cuts. The 4 per cent of this already modest budget that is apportioned to the built heritage is crucial in bridging the gaps that the market cannot fill. Any cuts to heritage should therefore be proportionate to avoid overstretching an already meagre budget and putting valued local heritage assets at risk.

In its statement The Heritage Alliance has set out a number of priority areas where it thinks financial support should be maintained to ensure ongoing market success. These include legislative capability, English Heritage capacity, local government, support for cultural learning and European funding. For the SRP Statement and press release click [here](#). [Back](#)

CLG's Structural Reform Plan

By comparison, the Department for Communities and Local Government's (CLG) structural reform plan, published on 8 July, is far more drastic, setting out a new 18 month programme that will deliver radical decentralising and transparency reforms aimed at putting citizens and councils in control of their communities.

The Department's five priority actions for making localism and the Big Society part of everyday life are: decentralising power as far as possible, meeting people's housing aspirations, putting communities in charge of planning, increasing accountability and letting people see how their money is being spent.

The new 45 point action plan will force the department to shift gear so that its purpose will be putting localism into action. These include stopping the restructuring of councils in Norfolk, Suffolk and Devon; moving from Local Authorities reporting to central Government, to Local Authorities reporting to local people; giving residents the power to instigate local referendums on any local issue and to veto excessive council tax increases as part of a Localism Bill; scrapping Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) and replacing them with local enterprise partnerships; and scrapping Regional Strategies and returning decision-making powers to local councils. The CLG Structural Reform Plan is available [here](#). [Back](#)

Defra's Structural Reform Plan

Announcing Defra's Structural Reform Plan on 16 July, Secretary of State for the Department for

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Caroline Spelman confirmed: "The Coalition Government has pledged to be the greenest government ever. That means making sure we have the greenest economy ever."

The Structural Reform Plan sets out how Defra plans to ensure that economic growth, protecting the environment, and enhancing the competitiveness of the whole food chain are inextricably linked. It lays down three departmental priorities 1/ to support and develop British farming and encourage sustainable food production 2/ help to enhance the environment and biodiversity to improve quality of life, and 3/ to support a strong and sustainable green economy, which is resilient to climate change.

To achieve these priorities Defra will, amongst other actions, pursue a zero waste agenda and launch a national tree planting campaign; publish a Natural Environment White Paper setting out measures to protect wildlife and promote green spaces; and pursue further reform of the Common Agricultural and Fisheries Policies.

Defra's Structural Reform Plan is published in commentable format to allow public discussion of the department's priorities. See the Plan in full [here](#). Meanwhile, yesterday (22 July) Defra announced reforms to 30 of its 90 or so arms length bodies, click [here](#). *Back*

Defra publishes draft UK Marine Policy Statement for consultation

On Wednesday (21 July) the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) published its draft UK Marine Policy Statement for consultation. It forms the first part of the new system of marine planning to be introduced around the UK, providing the policy context within which Marine Plans will be developed and setting the direction for marine licensing and other relevant authorisation systems. The Marine Policy Statement aims to provide an appropriate overarching framework for marine planning and for taking decisions that affect the marine environment. To find out more or to respond to the consultation document, click [here](#). The deadline for responses is 13 October, and responses should be emailed to mps@defra.gsi.gov.uk *Back*

National Lottery Shares consultation: have you responded yet?

In [Update 188](#) all Alliance members were invited to sign up to a joint response to the Government consultation on the proposal to change the balance of shares to National Lottery Distributors back to the original. The Alliance encourages all, members and non members, to make their own submissions. Details of the consultation can be found [here](#). Responses should be sent to lottery@culture.gsi.gov.uk by 21 August. *Back*

HLF no substitute for Listed Places of Worship grants, says Alliance Chairman

Two Government Ministers have replied to letters from their constituents suggesting that the proposed increased Lottery share to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) will somehow ensure that more funds are available for projects such as church repairs, and thus compensate for the loss of the Listed Places of Worship Grant scheme (LPWS). This scheme, which recompenses listed places of worship for VAT on the cost of repairs and maintenance, is due to end in March 2011.

Chairman of The Heritage Alliance Loyd Grossman has pointed out firmly to one of these Ministers, Dr Liam Fox MP for North Somerset, the value of the LPWS in that it goes directly to local communities and has attracted five times the Government investment through donations and match-funding. [Our Chairman's letter](#) has been brought to the attention of Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt and Heritage & Tourism Minister John Penrose, and copied to Theresa May Home Secretary and MP for Maidenhead - who replied similarly to a constituent.

The Alliance welcomes the Government's intention to increase HLF's share of Lottery funding but this does not necessarily mean that funds will flow to churches, since HLF grants are awarded on a competitive basis whereas the repayment of VAT under the LPWS is automatic. LPWS grants are relatively easy to apply for and follow the actual work undertaken for new facilities as well as the historic fabric. Some places of worship may find it difficult to satisfy HLF's access and education criteria, and even if a special programme was established under HLF, certain denominations and faiths would not accept the profits of gambling. *Back*

Derry / Londonderry named as first UK City of Culture

Derry / Londonderry fought off competition from runners-up Birmingham, Norwich and Sheffield to be crowned UK City of Culture 2013, last week. Following on from Liverpool's success as European Capital of Culture in 2008, the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) launched the [UK City of Culture](#)

[competition](#) to allow the host city to devise a programme of events and projects that reflect its identity, showcase its culture and raise its profile, with the aim of opening the doors to increased private investment and regeneration.

Derry / Londonderry was awarded the title on the recommendation of the Independent Advisory Panel, Chaired by Professor Phil Redmond CBE. The four shortlisted cities submitted their full and final bids in May, and made final presentations to the Independent Advisory Panel on 16 and 17 June. Phil Redmond said: "The programme suggested was impressive, as were the plans for community engagement, economic investment and the development of digital technology. It was also the way all these elements had been woven together through a strong and compelling narrative about the City and its people...I have no doubt that Derry / Londonderry will follow Liverpool and show what impact, what step change, a year in the media spotlight can bring about."

Derry / Londonderry will now deliver a substantial programme of cultural activity in the run-up to and during 2013m to activate a demonstrable step-change in the city and create a lasting cultural legacy. For more information on Derry / Londonderry's plans, click [here](#). For the DCMS press release, videos and blogs, click [here](#). [Back](#)

State of the Countryside 2010: highlights

This year's annual audit from the Commission for Rural Communities (abolished this month as part of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' cuts) *State of the Countryside 2010*, provides a comprehensive description of social, economic and environmental conditions and changes across rural England, highlighting the main challenges and future trends for Government and other organisations.

The 202-page report highlights issues and statistics that will be of interest to the heritage sector, such as the fact that 52 per cent of houses in hamlets and isolated dwelling areas are pre-1919, compared to 18 per cent in urban areas and 17 per cent in town and fringe areas; and that 15 per cent of homes in hamlets are classed as 'not decent' by the English House Condition Survey, compared to 8 per cent in urban areas and 7 per cent in rural towns.

The report also provides evidence that a growing number of people engage with the natural environment through volunteering: between 2000 and 2008 there was a 50 per cent increase in time spent volunteering, and in 2008 the total time spent was equivalent to around 750,000 working days, based on an index of the number of hours worked by volunteers in seven major UK conservation charities. For heritage specifically, the report estimates that every year around 427,000 adults regularly volunteer in the historic environment. In 2008/09 more than 55,000 National Trust volunteers were active, which represents a 45 per cent increase on 2001/02. Membership of both The National Trust and English Heritage increased between 2001/02 and 2008/09 up to 3,599,000 (27 per cent growth) and 687,000 (54 per cent growth) respectively.

With regards to planning applications, the report shows that rural districts have a greater number of planning applications per 1,000 households than urban ones (decided as well as granted). Of all land that has been developed for residential use in England over the period 1989 to 2008, the report shows an increasing percentage of this development has been located in the Green Belt (going up from 3 per cent in the early 1990s to 7 per cent in 2008). With regards to Environmental Stewardship and other agri-environment schemes that help to protect the rural historic environment, the report shows that 58,000 farmers and land managers in England have entered over six million hectares of land, covering two thirds of the country's farmed land, into Environmental Stewardship schemes (including other agri-environment schemes such as the Environmentally Sensitive Area and Countryside Stewardship Schemes). The majority of the farmed land falls under the Entry Level Stewardship scheme.

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[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.

[Your Freedom](#). A UK Government consultation.

[The Spending Challenge](#). A Treasury consultation.

August

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

[Consultation on a Museums Policy for Northern Ireland](#). A Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure Northern Ireland consultation: deadline 24 August.

September

[Cultural Metropolis: The Mayor of London's Draft Cultural Strategy 2012 and beyond](#). A Greater London Authority consultation: deadline 6 September.

October

[Consultation on a draft UK Marine Policy Statement](#). A Defra consultation: deadline 13 October.

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The Heritage Alliance Heroes Award 2010: have you entered yet?

Entries are now coming in for our new members' award, to find the Heritage Alliance Hero 2010. 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 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 and presented with the Award at The Alliance's AGM & Heritage Day on 8 December at The Banqueting House, Whitehall. The member promoting the winner will be asked to produce a short slide show or video of the achievement (with technical support) for presentation to the audience at the event. 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](#). *Back*

Heritage Minister on his first fifty days in office

In [his blog](#) post this week, Heritage and Tourism Minister John Penrose reflected on his first fifty days in the job. As the only Culture, Media and Sport Minister who didn't shadow his portfolio before taking office, Mr Penrose has had a lot to do: "I have had to spend a lot of time reading myself in to my policy areas, meeting the people in my sectors who have expert insight into what 'our' world needs from Government (and preparing to meet a whole lot more of them), and getting to know the civil servants here who provide the detailed policy advice and background information on it all." Mr Penrose also pays tribute to the work of English Heritage and the people who are passionate about our historic environment: "There's a reason why our history and heritage are such an important part of our attractiveness to visitors: and that's because most of it is in the hands of people who are passionate about it and, best of all, are really good at passing on that knowledge and excitement to others." For the full blog post, and to witness the debut of a new DCMS buzzword, "heritaginous", click [here](#). *Back*

The Penfold Review Final Report urges legislation to merge consents

As noted in [Heritage Update 188](#) on 9 July, the Penfold Review (set up to identify whether non-planning consents delay or discourage investment) has published its final report. The review focused on 'non-planning consents', such as environmental permits, highways orders, and heritage consents that are needed alongside or after planning permission. It found a complex and fragmented landscape that poses real problems for some businesses to navigate effectively.

The Final Report, following the interim report in March, recommends simplifying the non-planning consents landscape by removing some individual consents and rationalising other groups of related consents. Recommendation E proposes bringing forward legislation, at the earliest opportunity, to merge conservation area consent with planning permission; and to combine listed building consent and scheduled monument consent into a single historic assets consent, determined by local authorities.

Other recommendations aim at giving developers easy access to clear, accurate and up-to-date information; delivering greater certainty for developers and removing duplication by improving the way planning and non-planning consents operate together; improving the co-ordination and governance around decisions involving multiple decision makers; strengthening the service culture of decision-making bodies by, for example, setting timetables for the determination of non-planning consents; and creating a clear system for oversight of the planning and non-planning landscape.

The Government will consider the recommendations from the Penfold Review in detail and will publish a formal response in the autumn. For the full report click [here](#). [Back](#)

Theatre Buildings At Risk Register 2010 published

On 14 July The Theatres Trust (a member of The Heritage Alliance) published its 2010 Theatre Buildings at Risk register (TBAR), which revealed how the recession in 2009 has impacted on theatres across the UK - stalling plans to save theatres and placing more theatres under threat of demolition. The TBAR also illustrates that cuts to public sector spending have already started to bite, and how through the power of social media local groups are coming together to make the case and fight for the future of their local theatres. Covering the whole of the UK, the TBAR highlights theatres in use and theatre buildings that were once in use. They share threats from demolition, neglect, adverse local development, funding cuts and closure.

The Trust has removed theatres from last year's TBAR that have been promised public funding to secure their future, but it is keeping a close eye on these theatres in light of reviews of public sector funding commitments. The Theatres Trust is deeply concerned that the number of theatres on the TBAR will grow over the next year. With the abolition of the Regional Development Agencies and the creation of new Local Enterprise Partnerships, sources of capital funding are unclear.

The Theatre Buildings at Risk Register can be searched online [here](#). More information on each theatre is provided through a link to the Trust's Theatres Database, which includes around 2,000 existing theatre buildings. Each of the top entries has a downloadable information sheet. [Back](#)

National Heritage Ironwork Group: Blacksmithing Skills for the Future launch

The Tijou Screen at Hampton Court Palace (made in 1690 by Jean Tijou) was a fitting backdrop for the National Heritage Ironwork Group's (NHIG) launch of its new training initiative to address the lack of craft training in the historic ironwork sector, on Tuesday (20 July). Made possible by a £350,200 Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant awarded under its 'Skills for the Future' programme, the NHIG Bursary Project is the first specialised course for Blacksmith Conservators, providing heritage-specific training for advanced students of blacksmithing. Under the initiative, sixteen experienced students will benefit from one year's full-time practical skill based training delivered in specialist workshops around the UK. This will be enhanced by a dedicated six week course of intensive study in heritage blacksmith skills to deliver underpinning knowledge at Hereford College of Technology.

The launch, which included live demonstrations by master blacksmiths and a tour of the Palace's ironwork, raised awareness of the need for developing and promoting good practice in blacksmithing and was well attended by a wide range of representatives from the built heritage sector. To find out more about NHIG's work, or to apply for a placement under the scheme, click [here](#). [Back](#)

Cultural Leadership International (CLI) 2010: applications open

The British Council, with support from the Cultural Leadership Programme (CLP), is looking for the UK's most promising cultural leaders to take part in its 2010 Cultural Leadership International (CLI) programme.

Candidates should be mid-career potential leaders in the creative, educational and sports sectors who are interested in international networking and opportunities, and who understand the impact culture can have in addressing global social and economic issues.

The participants of CLI 2010 will all take part in a leadership skills workshop in Beirut (September 2010) with the rest of the international participants from Syria, the Palestinian Territories, Egypt, Lebanon, the UAE and Saudi Arabia. As part of the workshop, each participant will develop a professional development plan and receive a £5,000 grant to implement it. The plan could take the form of a course, an international placement or a mentorship scheme. Applications close on 9 August. For more information and details on how to apply click [here](#). *Back*

CC20 Charities and Fundraising: new guidance for charities

The Charity Commission has published new guidance on fundraising to help charities and their trustees fundraise effectively, efficiently and legally. Concerning fundraising from the public for the benefit of charities and their beneficiaries, it is primarily intended for charities and their trustees but it may also be of interest to professional fundraisers, businesses and consultants working in fundraising and to donors. Charity law applies to both organisations and individuals who appeal for funds for charitable purposes. The guidance includes information on charity law as it applies to fundraising, general principles charities should follow when developing a fundraising strategy, where the sector's self-regulatory Codes of Fundraising Practice apply and information on issues that charities may encounter. For more information click [here](#). *Back*

Coming soon from English Heritage: Improvements to the designation process

English Heritage (EH) continues to make improvements to the designation process and there are two new developments set for this year. The first is the launch of a single on-line application form for all types of designation. This is the first time that applications to list, schedule or register a heritage asset can be submitted to EH in one form and on-line. It is envisaged that subsequently the form will also include full mapping functionality, to allow applicants to clearly indicate the areas they wish to be assessed. Help text on how to complete each stage of the form and hyperlinks to further sources of information will be included. Hard copy versions will be available on request.

This new online form represents one of the first stages in the development of a unified designation system. Later this year, all designated assets will be available and searchable online through the English Heritage or Heritage Gateway websites. This will be the first time that designation records for all assets types are available on-line. Linking on-line applications with the online database will also speed up the assessment process. For more information, click [here](#). *Back*

English Heritage: pilot online historic environment forum in development

English Heritage has set up an experimental online forum to support networking, advice and knowledge sharing for public sector historic environment practitioners. The 'Historic Environment' forum will be developed alongside HELM and other training events and conferences, to provide a continuing community of practice for those working in the sector. It is part of the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) Communities of Practice website available [here](#). Registration to use the forum is free and open to all local authority staff and staff of national agencies, to ask questions, make contacts, work together and solve problems. *Back*

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The Spending Challenge: only two heritage related suggestions so far

Chancellor George Osborne opened the public consultation up to taxpayers outside of the public sector last week. So far only two recommendations have appeared relating to heritage matters: one suggests selling off paintings in government offices, museums and art galleries: "There are many such works of art never seen by the public or hidden in basements or repositories purely for the enjoyment of the minority of the so-called educated or political classes. Selling these assets would liberate them for the world to enjoy and appreciate" and one proposes re-introducing admission charges to museums and historic buildings currently free-of-charge. Click [here](#) for more. *Back*

2010 British Archaeological Awards: and the winners are...

The winners of the six 2010 [British Archaeological Awards](#) were announced to a packed audience at the British Museum on Monday (19 July). Best Archaeological Project went to [The Tarbat Discovery Programme](#); Best Community Archaeology Project to [Fin Cop – Solving a Derbyshire Mystery](#); Best Archaeological Book was awarded to [Europe's Lost World: the re-discovery of Doggerland by Vince](#)

[Gaffney, Simon Fitch & David Smith published by the Council for British Archaeology](#); Best Representation of Archaeology in the Media went to [Thames Discovery Programme web site](#); the award for Best Archaeological Innovation went to [Lindow Man: a Bog Body Mystery Exhibition at the Manchester Museum \(April 2008-April 2009\)](#); and the Best Archaeological Discovery was won by [The Staffordshire Hoard](#).

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 ceremony was attended by the Minister for Tourism and Heritage John Penrose, and hosted by historian and broadcaster Michael Wood. The award ceremony was a key event within the Council for British Archaeology's two-week [Festival of British Archaeology](#), a huge UK-wide celebration of archaeology with more than 750 events running from 17 July to 1 August. More on the awards [here](#). [Back](#)

The Frome Hoard: results of inquest expected

Last week the Portable Antiquities Scheme released news of the Frome Hoard, a cache of 52,503 Roman coins dating to the 3rd century, found by metal detectorist Dave Crisp near Frome in Somerset earlier this year. Since the discovery in late April, the British Museum has been working through the find, which is the largest pot of Roman coins ever found in Britain. One of the most important aspects of the hoard is that it contains a large group of coins of Carausius, who ruled the British Isles independently from AD 286 to AD 293 and was the first Roman emperor to strike coins in Britain.

At the time of writing Coroner for Somerset Tony Williams was to hold an inquest yesterday (Thursday 22 July) to determine whether the coins can be declared treasure; in which case they can be purchased at market value, with the detectorist and the landowner claiming part of the reward, as was the arrangement for Terry Herbert and Fred Johnson after the finding of the Staffordshire Hoard last year. For the latest news try the Portable Antiquities Scheme blog, [here](#). Some of the coins went on public display at Frome Library yesterday (Thursday 22 July). More [here](#). [Back](#)

Archaeologists unearth Neolithic henge at Stonehenge

Archaeologists working at Stonehenge have discovered a second henge about 900 metres from the stones, described as "the most exciting find at the site for fifty years." A circular ditch surrounding a smaller circle of deep pits about a metre wide has been unearthed, and archaeologists believe timber posts were in the pits. This current project is being funded by the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Archaeological Prospection and Virtual Archaeology, in Vienna, and the University of Birmingham, and is assisted by The National Trust and English Heritage. For more information and a video detailing the find, click [here](#). [Back](#)

Show your local park that you care

This year's Love Parks Week, organised by parks charity GreenSpace (a member of The Heritage Alliance), will take place between Saturday 24 July and Sunday 1 August.

Throughout the Week there will be free family-friendly events in some of the UK's best-loved parks and green spaces, providing a wide range of fun activities for all of the community to get involved in. There are already over 400 events registered, ranging from festivals, family fun days and concerts, to dog shows, poetry readings, health walks and play days. The national campaign aims to raise awareness of the importance of Britain's parks and green spaces and the central role that parks play in communities across the country. For more information and a list of activities, click [here](#). [Back](#)

New book about domestic British architecture: call for case studies

A new book is currently being written by Edward Denison and Guang Yu Ren that will trace the development of the British home, from the perspective of the plan over the last two millennia. Entitled *The Life of the British Home – An Architectural History*, the book is scheduled for publication in late 2011. The authors are currently inviting suggestions for extant case studies to be featured in the text. Suitable properties must be archetypal of their age or type and must be open or accessible to the public. Successful properties will be professionally photographed. Owners or custodians interested in putting their properties forward can email edenison@email.com or visit www.denisonren.com to find out more. [Back](#)

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The RAI is offering a long list of journals, monographs, offprints and indexes for free to anyone willing to pay the post and packaging charge. If you would like a list of the available titles, contact Oblong Creative Ltd at mail@oblongcreative.co.uk They include Archaeological Journals 103—108 and 119—159, monographs on Stone Quarrying, Ancient Glass, the Bewl Valley Iron Works, the Sir Alfred Clapham Memorial and the Survival of Gothic in the Seventeenth Century, plus summer meeting reports on a range

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The Heritage of London Trust (HOLT): A Concert Inspired by London, 6 September

The Heritage of London Trust invites you to A Concert Inspired by London, to help launch the first 'Ride and Stride' fundraiser for London churches. In the presence of HRH The Duke of Gloucester, the evening will take place at St Gabriel's Church, Warwick Square SW1 at 7.00pm. Featuring Conductor Rupert Bond and the HOLT singers & string quintet, the event will include Orlando Gibbon's 'Cries'. Tickets are £15 in advance only. Please make cheques payable to Heritage of London Trust, 34 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1W 0DH. For more information contact Tara Draper-Stumm on 020 7730 9472 or e-mail:

tara@heritageoflondon.com. [Back](#)

The Heritage Alliance Inclusion Advocacy Group: FREE summer study day, 7 September

The Alliance's [Inclusion Advocacy Group](#) invites you to attend its summer study day *Making A Difference*, at the Tower of London on 7 September. Focusing on the heritage offer in the areas of education and learning (inside and outside the classroom), skills development and volunteering, this **free** event includes speakers from Historic Royal Palaces, the Council for British Archaeology, The National Trust, Engaging Places, the Black Environment Network, York Archaeological Trust, the Waterways Trust and the Conference on Training in Architectural Conservation (COTAC). The event will be opened by Chairman of The Heritage Alliance Loyd Grossman, and co-chaired by David Souden (Head of Access and Learning at Historic Royal Palaces) and Don Henson (Head of Education at the Council for British Archaeology). The event is open to both members and non-members and will be of interest to those involved in inclusion and access, education, volunteering and skills development in the heritage sector and the wider education and skills field. Spaces are limited; to reserve your place email [Emma Robinson](mailto:Emma.Robinson@theheritagealliance.org.uk) asap for a booking form. To find out more click [here](#) or ring The Heritage Alliance on 0207 2330 500. [Back](#)

War Memorials Trust: Looking After War Memorials conference and War Memorials Conservation conference, 9 September, Bristol

On 9 September in Bristol, the War Memorials Trust will be running its Looking After War Memorials conference. This is aimed at war memorial custodians or organisations with war memorial responsibility or interest. The issues covered included ownership and responsibility issues, conservation issues to consider, funding and help available. For further details, including how to book a free place, click [here](#). Also in Bristol on the same day, the Trust will be running its War Memorial Conservation conference. This is aimed at those who quote for or undertake work on war memorials. The event outlines the Trust's approach to conservation and provides an opportunity to discuss conservation issues. For further details, including how to book a free place, click [here](#). [Back](#)

English Heritage: National Heritage Champions conference, 15 November

The date and location of the national Heritage Champions conference has now been confirmed. It will take place on 15 November at the [Foundling Museum](#) in central London. Whilst details of the programme are still being finalised, the day will include an address from English Heritage Chair, Baroness Andrews, a presentation on *Planning Policy Statement 5: Planning for the Historic Environment* and a workshop on what local authorities can do to combat the problem of heritage crime. The conference will also give Champions the opportunity to share experiences with colleagues and learn from the approaches of others. The day will be rounded off with a drinks reception and an opportunity to explore the museum. Attendance at this conference is free to all Heritage Champions, but space is limited so those who wish to attend should either email champions@english-heritage.org.uk or phone Owain Lloyd-James on 0207 973 3841. [Back](#)

English Heritage: HELM training courses throughout the autumn

There are a number of training courses coming up throughout the autumn. Finding a Future for Traditional Farm Buildings will take place on 9 September in Brighton, and is aimed at Local Authority strategic planners and key stakeholders who deal with land management and historic environment issues as part of their job role. HELM has also confirmed that four further 'Traditional Domestic Buildings and Energy Efficiency: Practical advice for Local Authorities' training courses will be running in September and October following the successful pilot training course in March. Later in the year historic characterisation HELM training courses are running in Bristol (7th October), and London (25 November), as well as training on conservation areas in November 2010. For further details please contact Sam Channer on 01793 44 5029,

email sam.channer@english-heritage.org.uk, or click [here](#). *Back*

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HONORARY / VOLUNTARY POSITIONS

Dudley Canal Trust: Honorary Director required

An Honorary Director is required for this Midlands based canal charity. Applicants should preferably live within the West Midlands, and should have commercial experience, the intellectual acumen to help to develop and grow the charity's business, be prepared to contribute approximately two hours per week, and attend bi-monthly Board Meetings in Dudley. The reward is contributing to one of the best canal based visitor experiences in the UK, at the start of an exciting new phase of development. For more information please contact June Hodgetts on 01384 236275 or email enquiries@dudleycanaltrust.org.uk *Back*

Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA): AIL Panel Chair Post

The Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) is seeking applications for a new Chair for the Acceptance in Lieu (AIL) Panel. The role of the AIL Panel is to provide advice to Ministers on the suitability of items offered in lieu of Inheritance Tax. The Panel also provides advice to HM Revenue and Customs on the pre-eminence of objects that are subject to a claim to conditional exemption and advises the Secretary of State on the compliance of approved bodies under Part 6 of the Tribunals, Courts and Enforcement Act 2007: the Immunity from Seizure provisions for cultural property. The Chair is appointed initially for a term of four years. The position is honorary, but reasonable expenses incurred in the course of duties are reimbursed. The role requires a good knowledge of the museums, libraries and archives sector, the art market and of the interaction of taxation and heritage chattels. Knowledge of provenance issues and the requirements of due diligence checks are also required. Applications should be received by email by 3 September. For more information click [here](#). *Back*

SALARIED POSITIONS

RNLI Grace Darling Museum (Bamburgh, Northumberland): Museum Manager

The Grace Darling Museum celebrates the first woman to be awarded an RNLI medal for Gallantry. In 1838, 22 year-old Grace overcame raging seas to help rescue casualties from a wrecked steamship and became a national heroine. The courage shown by Grace lives on in the RNLI's volunteer crews. Taking the museum forward is an exciting challenge. The successful candidate will have proven museum experience at managerial level and ensure the Museum continues to run as effectively as possible. This will involve looking after the collection, recruiting and training a team of volunteers, overseeing building maintenance, controlling budgets, fund raising and marketing, as well as day-to-day management. A relevant qualification and a passion for what the RNLI stands for will also be key. Salary £28,400 plus benefits, including attractive pension scheme. Closing date is 1 August. For full details and to apply click [here](#). *Back*

The Waterways Trust and National Waterways Museum: training project consultant

The Waterways Trust and the National Waterways Museum are seeking tenders to develop a training project at the Ellesmere Port based Heritage Boatyard. The HLF funded project will ensure the survival of traditional boat building and maintenance skills through a series of training placements at the boatyard. The Trust is looking to appoint an experienced consultant to develop the project learning outcomes, trainee role descriptions and individual learning plans; develop administration support and trainee support networks; develop and formalise the project structure; in liaison with project partners, develop a detailed project timetable and risk structure; develop detailed content for the training plan and its course structures; research and analyse other organisations, institutions and individuals to identify best practice; and develop trainee and accreditation consultant recruitment structure. If you are interested, please visit www.nationalhistoricships.org.uk, www.shipshapenetwork.org.uk, www.thewaterwaystrust.org.uk and www.nmm.org.uk to download full details or contact Peter Collins, National Waterways Museum Collections Manager for more information at peter.collins@thewaterwaystrust.org.uk or on 0151 373 4380. *Back*

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