

# Heritage Update 178

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#### Our Chairman gets the message out on BBC Working Lunch

On Monday 25 January The Heritage Alliance's Chairman, Loyd Grossman, appeared on BBC2's *Working Lunch*. Popular with business-savvy viewers interested in economic issues, *Working Lunch* is an award-winning consumer, business and finance TV programme.

Asked about why heritage is important, Loyd highlighted the economic benefits of looking after our historic environment, as well as outlining the wider benefits heritage has to offer. The Chairman also made a point of underlining the essential value of the non-Government sector's role in heritage protection: "You might think that heritage is something that the Government would look after and pay for. But it's not. Between two-thirds and three quarters of heritage is looked after by voluntary and non-Governmental or private sector organisations, or individuals."

Following the programme, an Update reader commented on Monday: "Excellent few minutes of Loyd Grossman on BBC 2 programme *Working Lunch* today, announcing the new name and pushing the cause of heritage."

Watch Loyd in action here [http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00qhqdt/Working\\_Lunch\\_25\\_01\\_2010/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00qhqdt/Working_Lunch_25_01_2010/)  
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#### Twentieth-century buildings in cities to face the wrecking ball?

In an interview with *The Times* on 25 January, Paul Morrell, the Government's new chief construction adviser, said some city areas dating from the sixties and seventies should be demolished because it's sometimes too expensive to refurbish the buildings to a sufficiently high standard to meet carbon emissions targets. Mr Morrell, who took up his new post at the Department for Business, Innovation & Skills at the end of November 2009, said: "Although you can do some things to buildings from the Sixties and Seventies, like replacing the roofs, there are probably some places that need to come down entirely...The buildings that pose the most difficulties are semi-industrialised, highly inefficient, badly insulated and so ugly that they are not worth refurbishing." Newcastle City Centre, Aylesbury and Slough have been highlighted as 'problem areas'.

In response to Mr Morrell's comments, Catherine Croft, Director of The Twentieth Century Society (a member of The Heritage Alliance) said: "In the Sixties, many buildings were indeed built "cheaper, faster and nastier"—but by no means all of them were. We need to discriminate and make sure we don't completely obliterate a complete chapter of our history. There are a limited number of excellent buildings of these two decades which are of great design quality. Some are lightweight structures that leak heat, or have deep plan forms that make artificial lighting and ventilation a necessity. They were the product of an age when electricity was cheap and global warming unthought of, but many have the potential to function efficiently and more research is needed to ensure this happens. Brutalist concrete buildings may have the most potential for a sensible makeover—the sheer mass of that concrete can insulate both from winter cold and excessive summer heat. "

For the full article visit

[http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/industry\\_sectors/construction\\_and\\_property/article7000842.ece](http://business.timesonline.co.uk/tol/business/industry_sectors/construction_and_property/article7000842.ece)

#### The CLG and CMS Committees are to take no further action on PPS15 as the Planning Minister promises further consultation

On 22 January, The Heritage Alliance received a copy of the Minister for Planning's response to a letter sent by the Chairs of the CLG (Communities and Local Government) and CMS (Culture, Media and Sport) Parliamentary Committees in December 2009; asking him to commit to further consultation on the draft planning policy statement on the historic environment (PPS15). The original letter was drafted as a result of overwhelming stakeholder concern about the PPS expressed in correspondence to the Committees during the consultation. In his response, John Healey MP acknowledges the extent of misgivings and explains that discussions have taken place with English Heritage and DCMS as a result.

The Minister also emphasises the importance of considering all views, and as such every one of the near 500 responses to the PPS consultation is to be assessed by the end of January. This assessment will shape the strategy for handling those aspects of the PPS requiring clarification / alteration; but while this “will certainly require some further consultation with stakeholder organisations”, the Minister does not provide further details.

A copy of John Healey’s response was attached to a letter from the Clerks of the CLG and CMS Committees addressed to the Heritage Alliance. The letter explains that in light of CLG’s plans for further consultation and the limited time available in this late stage of the Parliament, the Committees will take no further action at this time. However, they may reconsider this position should the Committees receive notification of dissatisfaction with the process or result of the next round of consultation.

For a copy of the letter visit <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/heritage-protection-reform-news/>  
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### The CLA and RSPB launch their joint vision for the Common Agricultural Policy

European land managers and conservationists are calling for an environmentally friendly future for the CAP, due to be revised after 2013. *Proposals for the future CAP: a joint position from the European Landowners Organisation and BirdLife International* was launched on 27 January by Paolo De Castro (Chairman of the European Parliament Agriculture Committee), European Landowners Organisation Secretary General Thierry de l’Escaille and Birdlife International European Director Angelo Caserta.

The conservationists and landowners believe food security and environmental challenges can only be met by European-wide policy with commensurate budget. The Country Land and Business Association (CLA) and Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) say the benefit for the public will be a more viable and sustainable farm system that provides food and environmental benefits including cleaner water, reduced global warming and more biodiversity. The land managers and conservationists also agree that this can only be achieved through increased emphasis on rural development and agri-environment measures. For the press release and Joint Policy Statement visit [http://www.cla.org.uk/News\\_and\\_Press/Latest\\_Releases/Common\\_Agricultural\\_Policy/Environment/1001206.htm/](http://www.cla.org.uk/News_and_Press/Latest_Releases/Common_Agricultural_Policy/Environment/1001206.htm/)

The Heritage Alliance’s Rural Heritage Advocacy Group, of which CLA is a member, is already joining with European partners to campaign for CAP reform to support the historic rural environment as well as biodiversity as a public good. [Back](#)

### Funding is the third sector’s main concern

The State of the Sector survey conducted by *Third Sector* magazine finds that the need to maintain or increase funding is the top priority for the 700 or so respondents. But views differed significantly between small and medium sized charities, and large charities whose annual income exceeds £6m. The larger charities were most likely to report job losses or downsizing because of the recession and to say that Gift Aid had a big impact. 56% of charities with an income under £1m felt access to funding, particularly government funding, or maintaining donations was their main priority. All respondents, a top 88% of the smaller organisations, saw sustainable funding as the sector’s biggest challenge. Joe Saxton of nfpSynergy commented: “Small organisations don’t have robust balance sheets, dedicated staff to do applications or the ability not to worry about losing a percent or two from the total.”

The survey also highlighted fundraising as the area of the biggest skills shortage. Respondents regarded quality of services as the most important attribute of a successful charity. Other crucial attributes were an ability to work in partnerships, financial soundness and strength of values, especially for the smaller bodies. Quality of services, leadership and strength of values were the three most important factors for respondents from all charities. For more details see *Third Sector* 19 January 2010. [Back](#)

### Public Accounts Committee recommends direct funding for cathedrals

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC), chaired by Conservative MP Edward Leigh has recommended in its report *Promoting Participation with the Historic Environment* that cathedrals receive direct funding from the Government. PAC said that this measure could help the ten cathedrals that charge for entry to cease to do so; thereby hopefully encouraging more people to visit. Cathedrals in many other European countries, such as France, are supported by the Government; but even though most of the cathedrals in Britain are listed buildings and attract thousands of visitors a year, they currently receive no direct help.

Janet Gough, Director of the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division of the Archbishops' Council (a member of The Heritage Alliance), has welcomed the news, stating: "Parliament is recognising the huge amount of work needed to look after our cathedrals. This work is highlighted in the Cathedrals Fabric Commission's Annual Review 2008 and in English Heritage's *Creativity and Care: New Works in English Cathedrals* published last month."

For more information visit page 6 of the PAC report *Promoting Participation with the Historic Environment* <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200910/cmselect/cmpublic/189/189.pdf>. or <http://www.cofe.anglican.org/news/pr1110.html> [Back](#)

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### Model Planning Conditions: consultation

The Planning Inspectorate has published a list of revised and consolidated model planning conditions for discussion. This list will eventually replace the conditions currently in Appendix A of Circular 11/95 on the use of planning conditions. The list includes conditions regarding protection of archaeology - sites of archaeological interest (not scheduled or designated under 1979 Act); conservation area – protection of features; conservation area - demolition; listed building – access for recording; listed building – demolition by hand; listed building – detailed design; listed building – enabling development; listed building – incorporation of features; listed building – making good; listed building – preservation of features; listed building – protection of features.

For more information visit

[http://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/pins/appeals/model\\_conditions\\_consultation.html](http://www.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/pins/appeals/model_conditions_consultation.html)

Responses should be emailed to Richard Holland [richard.holland@pins.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:richard.holland@pins.gsi.gov.uk) by 19 March. [Back](#)

### DCMS to open new list of sites for World Heritage Site designation

On 22 January, Culture Minister Margaret Hodge announced that the Government intends to put forward fewer UK sites for World Heritage Site designation, to a new Tentative List for submission to UNESCO in 2011. In 2009 there were 878 World Heritage Sites, and the UK currently has responsibility for 28 of them.

This announcement follows the 2008 review of UK World Heritage Policy, undertaken to re-examine the UK's last Tentative List of sites for nomination, which was published in 1999. The 1999 list has now been scrapped and the Government has stated that sites on that original list that have not so far gone forward for consideration by UNESCO will need to apply again for inclusion on the new list. Local authorities, and others throughout the UK, including the Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies, can nominate sites to the new list. An application form, accompanied by guidance on how to complete it, will be published shortly. Visit [http://www.dcms.gov.uk/reference\\_library/media\\_releases/6589.aspx](http://www.dcms.gov.uk/reference_library/media_releases/6589.aspx) for more information. To see the list of sites on the old list, visit

<http://whc.unesco.org/en/tentativelists/state=gb> [Back](#)

### New National Parks and Broads Vision Statement: consultation

This consultation seeks views on the revised Circular for National Parks and Broads, which combines Circulars 12/96 and 125/77 and outlines the Government's vision and priorities for National Parks and Broads. The new Circular will replace the Department of the Environment Circular 12/96 and joint Department of Environment, Department of Transport and Welsh Office Circular DoE 125/77, DTp 8/77, WO 182/77. The new Circular will provide policy guidance for all those whose decisions or actions might affect the National Parks and the Broads. It aims to cover a wide range of issues but will place particular emphasis on dealing with climate change, conserving and enhancing the landscape and natural heritage, securing maximum value for money from the available funding and fostering biodiversity. The closing date for responses is Friday, 5 February 2010.

Visit <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/nationalpark/consultation-document.PDF> [Back](#)

## NEWS

### Shadow Secretary of State still gunning for Heritage Lottery Fund

Speaking at the Royal Society of Arts on 14 January Jeremy Hunt (Conservative Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport) promised a golden age for the arts, in his most detailed statement yet on the party's policy. Charlotte Higgins in the Guardian reports him as claiming that a Tory government would work to build a US style culture of philanthropy, by encouraging tax breaks on lifetime giving.

He would introduce a target of five per cent administrative costs for main distributors, singling out for criticism the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Arts Council England quoting figures of 13% and 11% of grant money on their own administration. Carole Souter, Chief Executive of HLF, remonstrated. The true figure for running costs was 6.9% of grant payments in 2008-9 having reduced them by about 25% in real terms since 2003: "Making sure these projects are well run and effectively monitored delivers great value for money, but it takes expertise, time and investment."

See <http://www.guardian.co.uk/culture/2010/jan/14/arts-funding-cuts-proposed-conservatives> and Charlotte Higgins' blog. For Carole Souter's letter see <http://www.guardian.co.uk/culture/2010/jan/19/arts-funding-lottery-widening-audiences> [Back](#)

### Options for redundant Places of Worship: new guidance

Guidance has been jointly produced by English Heritage and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), with the support of the Charity Commission, for faith groups considering disposing of redundant places of worship. The document sets out details of some of the options available, including transferring the building to another similar charity that will continue to use it for worship; selling the building and using the proceeds for charitable purposes; or transferring the building to a trust to be looked after and used for the benefit of the local community.

[http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/disposal\\_redundant\\_churches.pdf](http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/disposal_redundant_churches.pdf) [Back](#)

### National Housing Federation urges churches to use 'spare' land for housing

The National Housing Federation (NHF) has called for the Church of England to sell off some of its 129,000 acres of land to housing associations for affordable housing. NHF's recent research stated that if the each of the country's 9,600 rural Anglian churches sold or leased land and buildings, a tenth of the homes currently needed could be built.

However, NHF's research is based on an assumption that all of the land it sees as 'spare' actually is redundant and ripe for development. Crispin Truman, Chief Executive of The Churches Conservation Trust (a member of The Heritage Alliance) and Trustee of The Heritage Alliance, said: "I think this is ill informed, because most so-called 'spare' land is important green community space or is heavily buried; and if it isn't, the Church will already be trying to sell or develop it and doesn't need telling by NHF." The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), a member of The Heritage Alliance, commented: "While we strongly support efforts to provide suitable sites for affordable housing in rural settlements, CPRE is not aware of any evidence to suggest that the Church would be a significant source of such land."

For more information visit

<http://www.housing.org.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=1103&mid=2202&ctl=Details&ArticleID=2642> [Back](#)

### New guidance champions historic schools

On 25 January English Heritage launched a new guidance document, *Refurbishing Historic School Buildings*, which highlights the value and potential of refurbishing older school buildings instead of replacing them. The guidance indicates that refurbishing old school buildings is often the best use of resources and the most environmentally sensitive way to modernise school estates and cites case studies such as Elm Court School in Lambeth, London, and High Storrs School in Sheffield. For more information visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.17541>

The Victorian Society (a member of The Heritage Alliance) has run a long standing campaign against the replacement of historic schools. Its Director Ian Dungavell said: "Listing of these schools is great news, but there are a lot of really good Victorian and Edwardian schools which will never be listed. The real challenge for educational authorities is maintenance and refurbishment, rather than the throwaway approach to historic schools encouraged by the Government's school building programme." Visit <http://www.victoriansociety.org.uk/news>

C20 Society (a member of The Heritage Alliance), which has also been lobbying for a comprehensive listing survey to inform which schools are demolished and which refurbished under the Building Schools for the Future Programme, says that post-war schools are most at risk and that even when listed are not properly appreciated. [Back](#)

### Ben McIntyre takes up embodied energy in historic buildings

Writer at large for *The Times*, Ben McIntyre, remarks that "In Britain, more people devote more time to old buildings than ever before; yet the fabric of Britain's built heritage is perishing at an astonishing, and

accelerating, rate.” And he identifies lack of incentives for proper maintenance as the villain: “Over the past decade, total public funding for heritage has fallen by 40%. Some of the decay is cynical with graded buildings left to rot in the expectation that an official body will eventually step in and cough up for repairs.” The answer, he suggests is to adopt the concept of embodied energy, which holds that the huge amount of energy, materials and waste that went into constructing old buildings in the first place should be adapted to new uses rather than turned into rubble for landfill.

Andrew Edwards of National Churches Trust (a member of The Heritage Alliance) argues that churches are better used for community benefit than pubs: “Across the country, church buildings enable the provision of invaluable and wide ranging services to their communities, from counselling and training for vulnerable social groups to volunteering opportunities for those who may have difficulty finding paid work.”

Visit [http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/ben\\_macintyre/article6987063.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/ben_macintyre/article6987063.ece) For Andrew’s letter <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/letters/article6990056.ece> [Back](#)

### Councils urged to take a stand against ‘garden grabbing’

On 19 January Housing and Planning Minister John Healey issued strengthened national planning guidance to encourage Councils to use their powers to stop developers from ‘garden grabbing’. Garden-grabbing refers to the practice of building homes on open land attached to existing urban or suburban houses, which increases population density and can damage the character of an area. The strengthened guidance comes following the publication of a countrywide report by Kingston University, which concluded that although the issue is not a widespread national problem a small number of Councils in London, the South East and West Midlands have reported an impact in their areas.

Mr Healey instructed Chief Planning Officer Steve Quartermain to write to all Local Authorities clarifying the advice given in Planning Policy Statement 3 (PPS3) by moving existing text from the definition of previously developed land (Annex B) to the main body of the document. Consequently paragraph 41 of PPS3, which explains that brownfield land is the priority for development, now also reads “there is no presumption that previously developed land is necessarily suitable for housing, nor that all of the curtilage should be developed”.

But will this make a real difference? Mary King, Trustee of The Heritage Alliance and Secretary of Shropshire Parks and Gardens Trust, said: “We welcome any strengthening of planning guidance, but are sorry this falls short of the explicit protection we would like to see for the gardens that contribute so much to the character of areas throughout England. Even in areas with a good local planning framework, planning authorities find it hard to resist the development of gardens for housing.”

For more information visit <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1440002> <http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/letterreviewgarden.pdf> [Back](#)

### Historic Houses Association launches manifesto

There are more privately owned houses open to the public than those in the care of the National Trust, English Heritage and their equivalents in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland put together. The Historic Houses Association (HHA), a member of The Heritage Alliance, represents 1,500 privately owned historic houses, castles and gardens. Together, these houses, castles and gardens attract some 14 million visitors each year. Now the Association has launched its own manifesto *Inspirational Places*, calling for support from all political parties in the run-up to the Election and beyond. The manifesto makes five key proposals; recognition by all political parties of the contribution the private heritage sector makes to the success and well-being of the nation; targeted fiscal relief to help conserve nationally important historic houses open to the public; cuts in unnecessary red tape; the introduction of the Heritage Protection Reform (which is sensible, uncontroversial and needed) coupled with more effective conservation services within local authorities; and extension of eligibility for lottery grants to all historic houses where benefit to the public is significant.

To read *Inspirational Places* visit

[http://www.hha.org.uk/metadot/index.pl?id=26234&isa=DBRow&op=show&dbview\\_id=23127](http://www.hha.org.uk/metadot/index.pl?id=26234&isa=DBRow&op=show&dbview_id=23127) For a printed copy e-mail [info@hha.org.uk](mailto:info@hha.org.uk) or call 020 7259 5688. [Back](#)

### Heritage Lottery Fund report: social impact of heritage volunteering

Volunteering is the cornerstone of Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) funding. Almost all projects work with volunteers in some capacity and many have volunteers that play critical roles in the management,

design and leadership of projects. This report by BOP Consulting assesses the social impact of participation in 25 HLF-funded projects. Analysing motivation, it finds the most frequently reported motivation is an existing interest in the subject area, followed by the opportunities afforded to look after or learn more about heritage. Almost half state their motivation was to learn more about, or get involved in, the local community.

The report shows that volunteering contributed to the development and maintenance of skills for all participants. For a significant proportion of volunteers, their activities related to the world of work: for retirees, volunteering replicates the best aspects of their working life, HLF funded projects also provide a small number of young people with ways into the labour market and other progression routes. The most frequently named area of skills improvement were information management. Health and well-being benefits were found to exist especially for older volunteers, while volunteering also increased social contacts with people in the local area and between different age groups, although the social impact of the latter was relatively mild.

Visit [http://legacy.hlf.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/A10C5446-A7B9-47DF-8177-467A854044F8/0/HLF\\_Social\\_Impact\\_FinalReport\\_BOP\\_June\\_2009.pdf](http://legacy.hlf.org.uk/NR/rdonlyres/A10C5446-A7B9-47DF-8177-467A854044F8/0/HLF_Social_Impact_FinalReport_BOP_June_2009.pdf) [Back](#)

#### **Making Article 4 Directions: new guidance published**

On 15 January English Heritage published new guidance on how to make Article 4 Directions. Article 4 Directions are issued by local planning authorities in circumstances where control over development is required; primarily where the character of an area of acknowledged importance is under threat by development. Article 4s are usually applied over an area rather than an individual property and are commonly applied to conservation areas to restrict permitted development rights. In doing so, an Article 4 Direction necessitates a planning application to be made.

The new guidance, which contains a flowchart and accompanying notes, is based on more detailed guidance set out in English Heritage's *Guidance on the Management of Conservation Areas* (2006) Visit [http://www.helm.org.uk/upload/pdf/Article\\_4\\_Direction.pdf?1263530272](http://www.helm.org.uk/upload/pdf/Article_4_Direction.pdf?1263530272) [Back](#)

#### **Civic Trust Awards shortlist announced**

The shortlist of winners for the 2010 Civic Trust Awards has been announced and includes 44 projects from across the UK, Republic of Ireland and Spain.

Whilst the Civic Trust went into Administration in April 2009 (and the Civic Society Initiative started up in June 2009), the Civic Trust Awards have continued as an independent scheme operating on a not-for-profit basis. The Awards were established in 1959 and are given to projects of the highest quality design, but only if they are judged to have made a positive contribution to the local community. The winners will be announced at a Ceremony at St George's Hall in Liverpool on 12 March. For more information, visit

<http://www.civictrustawards.org.uk/news/news-stories/shortlist-of-winners-announced> [Back](#)

#### **HRH The Prince of Wales becomes Patron of the Historic Towns Forum**

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales has become the Patron of the Historic Towns Forum (HTF), bringing together The Prince's interest in the built environment with that of the Forum's work for historic towns and cities.

HTF (a member of The Heritage Alliance) seeks to share best practice across historic towns and cities, bringing together professionals from across all areas of the historic built environment, public private and third sector and supporting those on the ground. Debbie Dance, HTF Chair, said: "We are delighted that The Prince of Wales has become our Patron at such an interesting time, when there is so much pressure on our towns and cities to change and an inherent need to get that change right if we can. Our job at the Forum is in making sure the right conversations happen, and the Prince's support will help us to do just that". For more information visit [www.historictownsforum.org](http://www.historictownsforum.org) [Back](#)

#### **IHBC Gus Astley Student Award: open for submissions**

The Annual Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC) Gus Astley Student Award is presented in memory of Gus Astley, former Membership Secretary of the IHBC, and supported by the IHBC and the Gus Astley Memorial Fund. The award is presented for an outstanding item of taught-coursework accepted as part of either under-graduate or post-graduate courses in the academic years ending before

end July 2009 OR 2010. The subject should relate to one or more aspects of historic environment conservation. The Award is for up to £300.

The closing date is 31 July. For more information about the award, visit <http://www.ihbc.org.uk/awards.htm> [Back](#)

### Did your Grandma fly spitfires?

Maidenhead Heritage Centre and Museum is calling on Air Transport Auxillary (ATA) veterans, family and friends for information to help it set up the country's only dedicated ATA Research Centre and Exhibition. ATA pilots, many of whom were women, delivered much needed aircraft from factories to front line squadrons during World War Two. Information, records, photos and other memorabilia on pilots and others who worked for the ATA on airfields across the UK is welcomed. Richard Poad, aviation historian and Chairman of Maidenhead Heritage Centre, explains: "Our planned new exhibition will celebrate their inspiring stories and allow friends and relatives to find out more about their loved-ones' incredible achievements. We have already collected over 1000 records and photos but we would like to hear from people local to the various airfields who have information about the ATA people based there." To get in touch email [ata@maidenheheritage.org.uk](mailto:ata@maidenheheritage.org.uk) or ring 01628 780555 [Back](#)

## EVENTS

### The C20 Society Spring 2010 lecture series: Britain's Changing Towns, 28 January – 4 March

How have our towns changed over the last 40 years? Do we now rate or revile the modern buildings and infrastructure admired in the 1960s? The C20 Society asks the authors of five recent Pevsner City Guides to take a fresh look at what legendary architectural critic Ian Nairn praised in his series of articles *Britain's Changing Towns*, from 1960 onwards. What has stood the test of time? And which are the modern buildings which enhance our cities today?

28 January, Ian Nairn by Jonathan Meades; 4 February, Brighton by Richard Morrice; 11 February, Sheffield by John Minnis; 18 February, Birmingham by Andy Foster; 25 February, Manchester by Clare Hartwell; 4 March, Newcastle upon Tyne by Grace McCombie.

All lectures are at 6.30pm on Thursdays at The Gallery, 70 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ. Cost: Members £7, non-members £9, students £5. All lectures to include a glass of wine. Book via: [administrator@c20society.org.uk](mailto:administrator@c20society.org.uk) 020 7250 3857 [www.c20society.org.uk](http://www.c20society.org.uk)  
*The Twentieth Century Society is grateful for the generous support of Berman Guedes Stretton Architects in supporting this lecture series.* [Back](#)

### English Heritage: Engaging Young People seminar, 4 February

The Historic Environment Review Executive Committee (HEREC) Broadening Access group is putting on a short seminar to explore how the heritage sector can do more to engage people in the 13-25 age range. The seminar will explore young people's participation rates, volunteering, project-based participation, young people's decision making, targeted interpretation and events and work experience. Delegates will hear from heritage practitioners, youth workers and young people themselves.

The seminar will take place in London at 2.00pm-4.30pm. Places are free but limited and available on a first-come-first-served basis. For more information, venue details and to reserve a place please email [Yvonne.harris@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:Yvonne.harris@english-heritage.org.uk) [Back](#)

### Volunteering England: 'Green Citizens' - nature or nurture? seminar, 4 February

One of a series of free policy seminars focussing on key issues affecting the volunteering world, this seminar will look at the role volunteering has to play in changing people's behaviour in relation to the environment. Speakers include Tom Flood OBE (Chief Executive of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers – BTCV), Dr Michael Leyshon (Senior Lecturer in Human Geography at the University of Exeter), Stephen Hale (Director of The Green Alliance) and Trewin Restorick (Chief Executive, Global Action Plan).

This free seminar will take place from 4.30pm to 6.00pm in central London. Places are limited, so email [events@volunteeringengland.org](mailto:events@volunteeringengland.org) to enquire as soon as possible. [Back](#)

### The Churches Conservation Trust and Garden Museum: New Life for Old – Insightful Adaptation of Historic Churches conference, 1 March

This conference is designed to share experience, ideas and good practice for anyone who cares for an historic church. Issues to be explored on the day include contemporary design interventions in the interior of historic churches and what makes a church adaptation successful; whether in continuing worship or being converted to new and secular uses. Speakers include Matthew Saunders MBE (Secretary of the Ancient Monuments Society), Ellis Woodman (Architecture critic for the Daily Telegraph and Building Design) and Crispin Truman (Chief Executive of the Churches Conservation Trust). The day will include a detailed review of a case study, chosen by delegates, and will end with a panel discussion and questions chaired by Loyd Grossman OBE FSA, Chairman of The Heritage Alliance.

The conference will run from 9.45am to 4.30pm at The Garden Museum in Lambeth, London. For more details please and to book, visit [www.visitchurches.org.uk/marchconference](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk/marchconference) or contact Catherine Piddington on 020 7213 0670 or email [cpiddington@tct.org.uk](mailto:cpiddington@tct.org.uk). [Back](#)

### Managing Change to London's Historic Fire Stations, 11 March

This course is designed to assist local authority staff who advise upon proposals for adaptation and change to historic fire stations in London. Speakers will discuss how a greater understanding of their historical significance can help build a stronger relationship between the historic buildings and their modern operational requirements.

For more information and to reserve a place email [cindy.molenaar@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:cindy.molenaar@english-heritage.org.uk) or ring 020 7973 3720. HELM training is also delivering [Finding a Future for Traditional Farm Buildings: From Spatial Planning to Local Action, Worcester, 4 March](#), and [Traditional Domestic Buildings and Energy Efficiency: Practical Advice for Local Authorities, Manchester, 25 March](#). For more information and to upload a programme visit [www.helm.org.uk/training](http://www.helm.org.uk/training) or email [HELMbooking@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:HELMbooking@english-heritage.org.uk) [Back](#)

### Today's Legacy and Historic Places, 4 March

This conference, from the Association for Studies in the Conservation of Historic Buildings (ASCHB), focuses on the current forces acting on, and conservation direction of, the historic environment. Speakers include Eddie Booth, Colin Davis, Dave Chetwyn, Neil Burton, Claire Wright, Nigel Barker, Sunand Prasad and Ian McCaig. The conference will take place at The Art Workers Guild, 6 Queen Square, London WC1 between 10.30pm and 5.30pm. £100 per person including a buffet lunch and refreshments. For more information see [www.aschb.org.uk](http://www.aschb.org.uk) and to book a place contact John Adams by emailing [mandjadams@btopenworld.com](mailto:mandjadams@btopenworld.com) or ringing 020 7720 4764. [Back](#)

### Discovering Sacred Britain conference, 18 March

A new charity, a new vision and a new conference. Discovering Sacred Britain is launching a Marque of Excellence for all Sacred Buildings in the UK. This conference will be of interest to those involved in tourism, the arts, education and community cohesion. The conference will take place on 18 March between 10.00am and 4.00pm at The Monastery, Gorton, Manchester. The Cost is £75.00 (concession for Faith and Inter Faith delegates - £25.00). For more information visit [www.discoveringsacredbritain.org.uk](http://www.discoveringsacredbritain.org.uk) or contact Malcolm Stonestreet. 017687 77671 or [info@discoversacredbritain.org.uk](mailto:info@discoversacredbritain.org.uk). [Back](#)

## PEOPLE

### David Fursdon and John R Walker CBE appointed Commissioners of English Heritage

Margaret Hodge, the Minister for Culture, has announced that David Fursdon and John R Walker have been appointed Commissioners of English Heritage.

David Fursdon, well known in the sector, is a Crown Estate Commissioner and a Board member of the South West Regional Development Agency (since 2010). Since 1979, he has been the Sole Principal of the Fursdon Estate in Devon. From 2000 to 2007, he was involved with the Country Land and Business Association (CLA), initially chairing its Review Steering Group before serving as Chair of the CLA Board and then as President of the CLA. He is also a Director on the Board of the Historic Houses Association (2002 to date).

Until November 2008, John Walker CBE was Chief Executive of English Partnerships. Prior to this, he served as Chief Finance Officer for Northumbria Police, before joining the Teesside Development Corporation as Director of Finance and Administration (1985 to 1990). He is a board member with the Esh Group of companies - a North East based company involved with development, construction, housing, land and building maintenance, and with Gentoo – a Registered Social Landlord with a development arm as well as an environmental division. He is also a board member of the Wynyard Park Trust and serves on English Heritage's Audit Committee.

Their terms of appointment will run from 1st February 2010 to 31 January 2014. For more information visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.17591> [Back](#)

#### Director of Cultural Olympiad announced as Ruth Mackenzie

Ruth Mackenzie, currently Cultural Policy Advisor at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, is to become the Director of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad. Previous roles include General Director of the Manchester International Festival, Artistic Director of the Chichester Festival Theatre and Director of Scottish Opera.

Leading the LOCOG Culture team, Ruth will report to Cultural Olympiad Chair Tony Hall and the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad Board. She will be supported by a team of artistic advisers who will continue in their current roles: Martin Duncan (freelance theatre and opera director), Craig Hassall (Managing Director of English National Ballet), Sir Brian McMaster (Director of the Edinburgh International Festival 1991-2006) and Alex Poots (Director of Manchester International Festival).

For more information visit <http://www.london2012.com/press/media-releases/2010/01/locog-and-the-london-2012-cultural-olympiad-board-appoint-new-director-of-cu.php> *Heritage Alliance Chairman Loyd Grossman will shortly be meeting Ruth Mackenzie to discuss 'Discovering Places', the sector's Major Project in the Cultural Olympiad.* [Back](#)

#### New Year Honours

Apologies to Dr Sian Rees, Inspector of Ancient Monuments at Cadw, of Raglan in Monmouthshire. Sian received a CBE to recognise the 34 years of service she has given to the archaeology and ancient monuments of Wales. Early in her career, Sian established a network of Field Monument Wardens to inspect and report on the condition of Scheduled Ancient Monuments throughout Wales. This system has now been copied as best practice by all the other Heritage Agencies of Britain and Ireland. Sian has initiated major programmes of investigation and conservation at countless monuments, both in the care of Cadw and in private ownership and has recently been elected Vice President of the Society of Antiquaries.

Also to Susan Tamlyn, of Bury St Edmunds, for omitting her in the roll call of heritage Honours for the New Year. Susan received an MBE for her outstanding contribution to keeping Suffolk's heritage alive. The retired school teacher, and former West Suffolk and Bury Councillor, has fought countless battles to retain historic structures and areas of significant value for future generations in 40 years of campaigning.

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#### HONORARY / VOLUNTARY POSITIONS

##### The Transport Trust: Plaque Scheme Manager (voluntary)

The Transport Trust is celebrating sites of significant transport importance by awarding heritage plaques, known as Red Wheels. The managing team is looking for an additional volunteer member to spearhead the roll-out programme beyond the 25 already in place or closely planned. This role is likely to appeal to someone with experience of local government, planning, local history and any form of transport and with a good network of contacts. The central team, which consists of marketers, a planner and a PR expert, operates from the Midlands, East Anglia and Sussex; so neither vocation nor location is critical, just an appreciation of Britain's remarkable transport heritage. Visit [www.ourtransportheritage.com](http://www.ourtransportheritage.com) for more information. To find out more or to apply email Denis Dunstone,

Trustee of The Transport Trust and The Heritage Alliance [denis.dunstone@talktalk.net](mailto:denis.dunstone@talktalk.net) [Back](#)

##### The British Records Association: Honorary Treasurer

The BRA brings together owners, users and practitioners in the archives sector. A Treasurer is sought to oversee the Office Manager's financial administration, advise the Council and Standing Committees on

financial matters and prepare the Annual Accounts and budget. The duties of this post require at most a few hours a week.

For more information contact Michael Roberts on 020 7833 0428 or email [britrecassoc@hotmail.com](mailto:britrecassoc@hotmail.com)  
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### Clare Leadership Programme

The Clare Leadership Programme is inviting applications from exceptional individuals from across the cultural sector with the potential to take on significant leadership roles. The Fellowship Programme aims to shape emerging creative leaders through in-depth learning, tailored as far as possible to the needs, aspirations and circumstances of about 20 individuals a year. Fellows also benefit from unparalleled access to senior cultural leaders and to extensive networks. Closing date is the 12 March 2010. For further details on the Programme and to access the online application form please visit [www.clareleadership.org](http://www.clareleadership.org) [Back](#)

### SALARIED POSITIONS

#### Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851: Secretary

Four days a week, salary on application, London based, closing date 5 February.

The Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 was set up under the Chairmanship of Prince Albert to stage the Great Exhibition. It was then consolidated as a permanent body to dispose of the profits for the benefit of education and industry. A Secretary is sought to control the Commission's activities, including managing its fellowships and studentships programmes, special awards and legacy cultural estate in South Kensington. For more information visit [www.royalcommission1851.org.uk](http://www.royalcommission1851.org.uk) [Back](#)

#### Nene Park Trust: Finance Manager

Full time, £35,000-£40,000, Peterborough based, closing date 10 February.

A Finance Manager is sought to help support the long term growth and sustainability of the Trust in its work managing a 2,500 acre country park west of Peterborough. Duties include leading and developing the small Finance Team and providing financial advice to the Chief Executive, Trustees and Senior Team. For more information and to apply visit [www.neneparktrust.org.uk](http://www.neneparktrust.org.uk) email [glynis.titman@neneparktrust.org.uk](mailto:glynis.titman@neneparktrust.org.uk) or ring 01733 367 571. [Back](#)

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