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The Alliance urges Shadows to acknowledge shared responsibility

For the first time ever, Conservative Shadow Ministers for DCMS, CLG and DEFRA met to discuss a shared responsibility for the national heritage. Led by Chairman Loyd Grossman, the Alliance team met Jeremy Hunt and Ed Vaizey (Shadow DCMS), Caroline Spelman (Shadow CLG Minister) and Nick Herbert

(Shadow DEFRA Minister) to illustrate how heritage outcomes, including regeneration and sustainable development, cover a huge range of Government Departments and can help deliver policy objectives.

The meeting offered an opportunity to press for Shadow team support for PPS15 and for early legislation around heritage protection reform, on which the Conservatives had already offered "an easy passage". The value of heritage assets in regenerating areas where patterns of use have changed is clearly recognised, together with the potential of the current asset transfer programme. However, in terms of priorities, it is also clear that if the Conservatives were to form the next Government the reform of regional infrastructure would come first; with considerable repercussions for personnel and functions. Jeremy Hunt (Shadow Culture Secretary), however, recognised the need for all three departments to work more efficiently together. He proposed an ad hoc grouping of the three ministers to meet regularly in the run up to legislation in order to safeguard heritage interests; subject of course to the usual provisos of what they might find if in office.

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POWalliance launches manifesto for historic places of worship

On 4 March *Places of Worship @ The Heritage Alliance* (POWalliance) launched its new manifesto for historic places of worship. POW Alliance provides an opportunity for the different organisations that seek to protect and develop historic places of worship, to come together and pursue common goals. The manifesto will help to raise the profile of POWalliance in this important political year.

The launch took place at St Gabriel's Church in Pimlico; a venue that, as a vital community space facing grave difficulties with its building, embodies the key challenges and messages outlined in the manifesto. Speaking at the launch, Chairman of The Heritage Alliance Loyd Grossman championed the manifesto as a concise and powerful piece of advocacy, of great significance in a time of uncertainty and change. Crispin Truman, Alliance Trustee and Chief Executive of the Churches Conservation Trust (an Alliance member), spoke of how historic places of worship are hugely valuable national assets, and their full potential must be recognised. Janet Gough, the Director of the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division of the Archbishops' Council of the Church of England, pointed out that with custody of 45 per cent of England's Grade I listed buildings, no-one has greater responsibility for England's built heritage than the Church of England.

To read the manifesto, visit <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/making-the-most-of-our-heritage>
For details of POWalliance, please contact Deborah Jarman, Places of Worship Development Officer, on placesofworship@heritagelink.org.uk or 07506 675679. [Back](#)

Facts and figures support Making the Most of our Heritage

In the deluge of manifestos, The Heritage Alliance leads the field with *Making the Most of our Heritage*. Published at the Alliance's Heritage Day in December, it sets out the value of heritage in the 21st century under four headings: building a new economy, giving value for money, empowering people and responding to climate change. Under each, measures indicate how our national heritage could make an even greater difference to national economic and social wellbeing.

Now in support of the rationale, the Alliance adds the statistics to be at everyone's finger tips in persuading opinion formers and decision makers to support these recommendations. Did you know The National Trust benefits from over 55,000 volunteers? That the 3,900 gardens based volunteers give nearly 40k hours of time a year, which is equivalent to 366 additional posts? Or that the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, which has invested over £100m over eight years, has attracted four times that amount to the benefit of community projects? Or that 68 per cent of Heritage Lottery Fund projects have been led by local community groups and voluntary organisations?

Take a look <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/2010/03/Key-Stats-col-final.doc>
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Manifestos R us

The revised section on The Alliance's website now features our own manifesto, that of the places of worship forum (POWalliance) and others, and those published by Alliance members. These include the recently published Historic Houses Association manifesto *Inspirational Places*, CPRE's *Vote for the Countryside in 2010*, The Country Land & Business Association's 2009 Manifesto, and the Inland Waterways Association's 2009 briefing to bankside MPs. It also links to Volunteering England's manifesto *The Power of Volunteering*. Have we got yours?

The section also presents Heritage Fact Sheets on the historic environment and on the staggering contribution heritage makes to tourism, as presented by the Historic Environment Review Executive

Committee (HEREC). Visit <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/making-the-most-of-our-heritage>
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Sit up, Politicians: report proves heritage tourism contributes over £20bn to UK GDP

A new report published on 5 March reveals for the first time the scale of the heritage tourism industry in the UK, estimating its gross domestic product (GDP) contribution to be £20.6 billion.

Investing In Success: Heritage and the UK Tourism Economy, commissioned by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), establishes that the sector makes a bigger contribution to UK GDP than the advertising, car manufacturing or film industries. The report demonstrates that heritage is a major motivation behind the tourism expenditure of both overseas and domestic visitors. It also shows that the heritage tourism sector, including historic buildings, museums, parks and the countryside, directly supports an estimated 195,000 full-time equivalent jobs. These findings highlight the importance of continued investment in supporting heritage tourism and its ability to help with post-recession recovery.

HLF Chair Jenny Abramsky said: "We now have the figures to prove that heritage packs a substantial economic punch. Last year, domestic and overseas holiday visitor numbers grew as the wider UK economy was shrinking. Our museums, historic sites and landscapes, are proving to be an immense and essential attraction, bringing in new visitors and boosting local economies. As we all look to economic recovery, we must keep investing in heritage tourism so that it continues to flourish, bringing with it key economic benefits".

For the full report, visit

http://www.hlf.org.uk/aboutus/howwework/Documents/HLF_Tourism%20Impact_single.pdf

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Update on Discovering Places project: new date for launch

The Discovering Places project launch has been rescheduled from the May Bank Holiday weekend to 23-25 July, to coincide with London 2012 Open Weekend.

The Discovering Places project is one of the major projects of the Cultural Olympiad, the cultural festival taking place in the lead up to London 2012. The project is led by The Heritage Alliance, working in partnership with the historic, natural and built environment sectors involving public, private and voluntary organisations. Discovering Places is a UK-wide project that aims to give participants the opportunity to discover, explore, be inspired by and benefit from our nation's hidden gems – historic and contemporary buildings, public spaces and natural places in and around the cities, towns and villages where they live and work.

Over the next 2 ½ years, the project is going to be delivered as a combination of timed events and ongoing activities. The launch of Discovering Places has been rescheduled to take place on the London 2012 Open Weekend, 23 to 25 July. This is the third London 2012 Open Weekend and is a celebration of the countdown to the opening of the Games in London in 2012. Discovering Places will bring a focus on the natural, built and historic environments to the weekend of events and for those events taking part the benefit of being associated with an established London 2012 activity, their audiences and substantial marketing machine.

To be part of the weekend celebrations your event needs to meet the following criteria – be free at the point of access, actively engage people in the environment and be something new or a new variation of an event you already do to attract new audiences. If you are interested in taking part visit the London 2012 website (www.london2012.com) and click on Get Involved / Open Weekend. On the open weekend registration form you will find the option to apply to join the Discovering Places strand of the weekend. For further information about Discovering Places or its launch, please contact the Discovering Places team Catharine – c.bull@heritagelink.co.uk or Claire c.horan@heritagelink.co.uk
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To cut, or not to cut: DCMS juggles NHMF budget

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) last week announced a 50 per cent cut to the National Heritage Memorial Fund's (NHMF) budget for 2010/2011, due to the Department's "tight financial position next year". The cut sees NHMF's grant aid reduced from £10m to £5m. Effectively, this means that the fund's acquisition budget for 2011 is down to £1.7m, because £3.3 m has already been committed towards the £50m purchase of Titian's *Diana and Actaeon* from the Duke of Sutherland.

When news broke of this cut at the start of March, NHMF was concerned that the significant shortfall would put the vulnerable heritage assets it saves (administered by the Heritage Lottery Fund, NHMF is

the fund of last resort for heritage) in a precarious situation. However, on Wednesday (10 March), a week after the cut was announced, a statement revealed DCMS has confirmed it will increase its 2009/2010 grant aid to NHMF by £5m; which offsets the cut to the 2010/11 budget. Carole Souter, Chief Executive of the HLF/NHMF, said: "We are extremely relieved and delighted at this excellent news. We were potentially looking at seeing some parts of our national heritage lost forever. The reinstated money will help ensure that does not happen. The NHMF understands the real budgetary pressures facing the DCMS and is grateful that they have taken this extraordinary step to safeguard the UK's heritage, particularly in the National Heritage Memorial Fund's 30th anniversary year."

For more information visit <http://search.hlf.org.uk/NHMFWeb/LatestNews> or visit <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article7044681.ece> for Ben Hoyle's article in *The Times*.
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Volunteering England stages hustings for MPs

Three party spokesmen demonstrated remarkable consensus on the value of volunteering to society and the economy, on 2 March. Angela Smith (Minister for the Third Sector), joined by Nick Hurd (Shadow Charities Minister) and Jenny Willott (Lib Dem Shadow Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster), sang a paean of praise for volunteering as "the grit and glue of our society".

Volunteering England's manifesto *The Power of Volunteering* reports the value of volunteer time to the economy in 2005 as a staggering £48bn. No wonder, then, at their interest.

Nick Hurd majored on the sense of society and responsibility to others and criticised a plethora of unsustainable initiatives from the present Government; but he could not commit to adding more resources into the third sector and was, furthermore, reluctant to discuss his proposal for a National Citizenship Service, due to be published shortly, which is seen in some quarters as removing the voluntary out of volunteering. Jenny Willott identified the crux; the rising demand for services, more pressure on volunteers (especially in delivering public services by contract) but that, after the election, spending cuts will also feed through to the third sector. Angela Smith saw the solution in this ideal of the mixed economy, where corporate partners pull their weight whether it is in volunteering or philanthropy.

At root, however, the same barriers emerged as in The Alliance's first research paper *Volunteers and the Historic Environment 2003*: maximising third sector bodies' capacity to work with volunteers and increasing the diversity of volunteers. Both are continuing issues for smaller heritage bodies. Whether the obstacles are the new vetting and barring regulations or HEFC dropping the requirement on universities to invest in volunteering, it seems volunteering is still regarded as some sort of cure-all or at least a short-term sticking-plaster for national ills. But, as Angela Smith remarked, "you can do a lot without more money, but not without no money...". We need to remind the next Government that only investment can sustain volunteering management capacity.

See the video of the VE hustings on YouTube <http://www.youtube.com/VolunteeringEngland>
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Planning Aid survey: open for responses

Planning Aid England (PAE) is part of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI) and provides free, independent town planning advice to communities and individuals with few resources, with the aim of helping them to participate in and have an impact on the planning process. Planning Aid is currently exploring ways in which to diversify its income stream to allow it to become financially sustainable in the future and to continue providing its services. Have your say in the future of Planning Aid by filling in the survey, which will take around 15 minutes - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9XP8JLQ> Responses should be received by 23 March.

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Campaign to continue VAT exemption scheme (Listed Places of Worship) gathers pace

On 11 February the Church of England General Synod debated the repair of church buildings and passed the following motion unanimously: that Synod welcomed the contribution made to church building

repairs by the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, and call on HM Government to (i) substantially increase the amount of money available for the repair of listed church buildings; and (ii) give an early commitment to continuing beyond March 2011 the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. A letter is being sent to the Prime Minister accordingly.

You can help support this call by signing the Downing Street petition <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/VAT-refundscheme/> and / or visiting the CofE Churchcare website <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/news.php> where you will find a sample letter to send to your MP to encourage them to ask for an extension to the Listed Places of Worship Grants scheme.

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What will our landscape look like in fifty years? New report published

A new report entitled *Land Use Futures: Making the Most of Land in the 21st Century*, has said that climate change and a growing population will present future Britain with some difficult choices about how to manage its land. The report was published by Foresight, the Government's futures think tank, with Professor John Beddington (the Government's chief scientific adviser) as Director and 300 scientists, economists and planners contributing over two years; with the aim of providing "an evidence base which will support Government and other policy makers in ensuring the UK's land use patterns and practices are fit for the future." The study concludes that decisions will be needed on crucial issues such as how to balance local and national interests, what is the appropriate mix of market incentives and regulation to guide future land use change and how Government can improve the strategic use of space and assets.

Professor Beddington said: "Together with our human capital, land is possibly our greatest asset. It supports our prosperity, our wellbeing and forms the bedrock of our cultural and national identity. However, many of the current systems and ideas about what is the best use of land date back to around the Second World War. A land management system fit for the 21st century needs to draw on the latest science and evidence on how changes in the use and management of land interact to affect people and the natural environment, and to reflect the diversity of benefits that land can deliver. This project is the first even-handed look across such a broad spectrum of land use sectors, spanning rural and urban uses including agriculture, transport and housing. The analysis highlights the challenges, opportunities and choices we face. This detailed report finds that Government now needs to find a way to coordinate work across land use sectors, promote the smarter use of land and to reward land owners and managers for sustainable practices."

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE – a member of The Heritage Alliance) and the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) have broadly welcomed the report; however the two conservation charities express concern that sections of the paper assume a conflict between the value of undeveloped land, and the value of built development, in the South East is seen as inevitable. Visit <http://www.cpre.org.uk/news/view/657n> For the full report visit

<http://www.foresight.gov.uk/OurWork/ActiveProjects/LandUse/lufoutputs.asp> [Back](#)

Alliance members submit evidence to the Chilcot Inquiry

Members of The Heritage Alliance, along with other cultural organisations, have submitted evidence to the Chilcot Inquiry into the Iraq War.

Representatives from 13 cultural bodies signed the submission to Sir John Chilcot, entitled 'The problems faced by British Forces with respect to safeguarding the cultural heritage in Iraq'. Signatories from member organisations were Dr Mike Heyworth (Council for British Archaeology and Alliance Trustee), Susan Denyer (ICOMOS), Peter Hinton (Institute for Archaeologists), Dame Fiona Reynolds (The National Trust), Simon Jenkins (The National Trust) and Dr David Gaimster (Society of Antiquaries London). The submission states: "Shortcomings in the UK's planning and implementation of the 2003 Iraq invasion and occupation led to a fundamental failure to protect Iraq's cultural property". The evidence highlights five main failures in the planning and implementation of the Coalition Forces' invasion and subsequent occupation, including the relative secrecy of pre-invasion planning and how proceeds from illicit trade in looted antiquities helped fund the insurgency.

To read the full submission visit:

<http://www.unesco.org.uk/uploads/Iraq%20Inquiry%20Evidence%20from%20UKNC%20and%20others%2017%20Feb%202010.pdf>

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New Edition of POW WOW Published

The bumper eight page fifth issue of POW WOW, the quarterly Newsletter of Places of Worship @ The

Heritage Alliance, has just been published and is now available to download from the POWlink pages of The Heritage Alliance website: www.theheritagealliance.org.uk

If you would like to be put on the mailing list to receive personal electronic copies of future issues of POW WOW, please contact Deborah Jarman, Places of Worship Development Officer: placesofworship@theheritagealliance.org.uk

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IWA Responds to Defra's Waterways for Everyone Consultation

The Inland Waterways Association (IWA) has used its response to the Defra consultation *Waterways for Everyone* to set out what the Government should do to maintain publicly stated benefits of the network.

IWA believes that Government should set out what needs to be done to bring the waterways into good condition and provide a lead in achieving the financial packaging required to achieve that, including grant to the publicly owned waterways. This should include facilitating volunteering on the publicly funded waterways so that it can make a greater impact and help deliver a high quality waterways network. Secondly, Government should change planning guidance and the planning system, as appropriate, so that planning authorities protect the lines of all disused waterways that have realistic prospects of being brought back into use. It should also reappraise the approach given to incentivising the transfer of freight carriage onto inland waterways. With these in place, Government should then help facilitate the launch of an Inland Waterways Conservancy (IWC), as a third sector organisation embracing as a minimum the waterways currently operated by the publicly-owned waterway authorities, and flexible enough to incorporate other waterways when appropriate.

For the full response see http://www.waterways.org.uk/documents/iwa_response_to_wfe [Back](#)

Healey backs vision for Grade II* listed Byker Estate

Housing Minister John Healey pledged his full support to proposals outlining the future of the iconic Byker Estate in Newcastle, on 4 March, when he announced the Government would write off more than £40m in local housing debt. The prizewinning estate, home to 9,500 residents, was designed by Ralph Erskine and built between 1969 and 1982. It gained its Grade II* listed status in 2007.

Mr Healey's announcement comes after the Byker Task Force published its proposals to create a community housing trust, which would be a charity and would own and manage the estate in perpetuity for the benefit of its residents. The Byker Task Force (chaired by Professor Peter Roberts of the University of Leeds and including Your Homes Newcastle, Newcastle City Council, English Heritage and Bridging NewcastleGateshead) plan pledges to bring up to £48m into the estate, redesign 'greener' homes and invest in the renewal of the local environment. The decision to formalise the community trust rests with the local community, who will have the opportunity to vote on the proposal shortly.

Professor Roberts said: "Erskine's vision was all about the community, with distinctive neighborhoods that could change over time with people's needs. This proposal could adapt the estate's environment and protect its heritage in just the way Erskine intended." The C20 Society (a member of The Heritage Alliance) welcomed the proposals, but Catherine Croft (C20 Director and Alliance Trustee) stressed that care would be needed to ensure that the historic interest of the Estate was not compromised by measures that may include widespread introduction of solar panels. For more information visit <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1495771> [Back](#)

Tackling climate change impacts on the historic environment: new report published

The Council for British Archaeology (CBA), with East Midlands Heritage Forum and Climate East Midlands, has published its report of last year's regional climate change workshop in Nottingham: *A new climate for heritage: Tackling climate change impacts on the East Midlands historic environment*.

The workshop brought together around 100 practitioners and policy makers in planning, conservation, heritage and the natural environment to focus on the emerging risks for heritage from global warming. The report outlines the risks and recommends joint regional priorities to tackle climate change related impacts on the historic environment, including; access for owners, their agents and contractors to advice and guidance on the management of historic assets in new climatic conditions; a robust, shared and simple methodology for the assessment and registering of risk to heritage assets from new climatic conditions, and from proposals for adaptation and mitigation; guidance for policy makers to ensure regional and local plans address vulnerabilities and opportunities of the historic environment; and making a widely accepted, clear case for the positive contribution that utilising and reusing historic assets can make in adapting to climate change and reducing carbon emissions.

For the full report visit <http://www.britarch.ac.uk/sites/www.britarch.ac.uk/files/node->

[files/EMCCReportfinallayout_web_0.pdf](#)

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HEART joins up with Ghent

Alliance member Norwich Heritage Economic and Regeneration Trust (HEART) has secured funding from the European Regional Development Fund for a new project, *Shaping 24 - Strategies for Heritage Access Pathways in Norwich and Ghent*. This new cultural tourism initiative will link together the 12 heritage sites in Norwich that make up Norwich 12, with 12 heritage sites in Ghent, to promote and support the 24 sites, raise the profile of Norwich and Ghent as significant cultural heritage cities and increase awareness of the longstanding historical links between East Anglia and the Low Countries.

The main activity will involve maximising the access and enjoyment of the 24 heritage sites for visitors and local people and will include: site improvements, staff and 'ambassador' training, linked signage, promotion, events and education activities. A specific area of the project will look at new media as a means of breaking down both cultural and physical barriers to the 24 sites by broadening both the access to, and the appeal of heritage. Once completed, the project will provide a best practice model for cross-border collaboration and sustainable innovative cultural tourism, which can be showcased to other historic towns and cities.

For further detail see <http://www.norwich12.co.uk/projects/shaping-24.htm> [Back](#)

Do you love your local area? Civic Voice launches Love Local campaign

On 17 April Civic Voice will launch its *Love Local* campaign, which aims to celebrate what is attractive, enjoyable and distinctive about where we live. As part of the campaign Civic Voice is asking for feedback via a short online survey, asking people to talk about what they love about their local area. These responses will allow Civic Voice to build up a picture of what locals love across the country. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to complete, visit

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/lovelocalcampaign> before 5 April to take part or forward on to friends.

Civic Voice is also keen to receive digital photographs that will help bring areas to life: photos (under 1mb) should be emailed to info@civicvoice.org.uk. Please note that these may be used on the Civic Voice website and in its work. [Back](#)

Call for nominations: New Year Honours 2011

As usual, The Heritage Alliance has been asked to help identify potential candidates for the next Honours List. DCMS recognises "that there are many people who are working hard, often behind the scenes, whose help and dedication has been crucial to the success of its sectors". DCMS is also committed to increasing the number of nominations from underrepresented groups (including women and black and ethnic minorities).

For further information on how to make a nomination and for contact details for DCMS Honours Office staff, visit http://www.culture.gov.uk/what_we_do/honours/default.aspx [Back](#)

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Good Foundations: report from new economics foundation (nef)

nef, the think tank that aims to put people and the planet first, has come out with *Good Foundations: towards a low carbon, high wellbeing built environment*, a report commissioned by the Happold Trust.

Born out of an increasing concern "that the current system by which we plan, design, and develop our neighbourhoods is inadequate when it comes to those things in life that really matter", the report introduces two new concepts. *Place Happiness* captures three core aspects of well-being to which the built environment can contribute; personal well-being – people's experience of life in relation to their physical and psychological well-being; social well-being – people's experience of life in relation to those around them: their community; and economic and material well-being – people's experience of life in relation to the conditions and circumstances of their lives, including their physical surroundings. The second concept, *Place Sustainability*, captures two ways in which buildings have an environmental impact: the resources used during construction or renovation; and resources used across the lifetime of its use.

The report finds five avenues for change, the first of which is for Government to revisit and amend planning legislation to stipulate a requirement for building and development projects to create value across social, environmental and economic outcomes. This would ensure a wider definition of public benefit is specified in Treasury guidelines, whereas at present commercial measures tend to win out

because alternative measures of value are not being incorporated into decision making processes. Another avenue for change is over stakeholder engagement, a key principle for the Alliance and its members. Here we recommend that professionals should work better with, not only for, local residents, business and community groups. Investors should finance stakeholder engagement at the earliest stages of the development process, and there is yet another call for further investment in engagement and coaching skills.

For the full report see <http://www.neweconomics.org/publications/good-foundations> [Back](#)

Cutting red tape and saving money for developers, to help drive recovery

A package of planning system reforms designed to save developers time and money to help them complete building projects during the recovery, have now been approved by Parliament. Planning Minister John Healey announced the reforms on 4 March. Businesses that need to extend existing planning permissions to allow more time to build new developments will now pay significantly lower fees which, along with other measures to improve the flexibility of planning permissions, will help save up to £69m a year; giving a valuable cash boost for developers so that they can keep investing in new projects.

New measures that enable businesses and homeowners to extend existing planning permissions without the expense and red tape of a new planning application were introduced in October 2009. The fees for extending planning permissions are now being reduced so the fee for a major development that was previously as high as £250,000 will now be £500, the fee for smaller developments that was as high as £3,000 will now be £170, and for householder projects the previous fee of £150 will be reduced to £50. The new rateable value of a business property below which the owners can claim certain types of compensation against compulsory purchase orders and disruption will increase from £29,200 to £34,800, from 1 April 2010. The rateable value is the rent a business could expect to pay to occupy the property and the change ensures no businesses will lose out because of the five-yearly review of rateable values.

For more information visit <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1495706> [Back](#)

Art Fund Prize: long list announced

This £100,000 prize is awarded to a museum or gallery for a project completed in the last year that the judges deem demonstrates the most originality, imagination and excellence. There are 11 museums on the long list for this year's prize, instead of the usual ten, because of the 'outstanding' quality of applications received. The long list is as follows: Oxford's Ashmolean Museum, for its £61m redevelopment; Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust's Blists Hill Victorian Town £12m expansion; the new Great North Museum, Newcastle; Hampton Court Palace, Surrey, for Henry VIII; Heads and Hearts; the redeveloped Herbert Art Gallery and Museum, Coventry; the restoration of the Leach Pottery, St Ives; the National Army Museum, London, for Conflicts of Interest; the Natural History Museum, London, for the Darwin Centre; The Royal Institution of Great Britain, for Science in the Making; The Towner, Eastbourne, a local authority gallery redeveloped as a public art space; and redevelopment of The Ulster Museum, Belfast.

Members of the public can vote for their favourite institution and leave comments for judges on the Art Fund Prize website; The Leach Pottery is currently ahead in the public poll. A short list of four will be announced at the end of May and the winner will be announced on 30 June. This year the judging panel is chaired by the broadcaster Kirsty Young. For more information and biographies for members of the judging panel, visit <http://www.artfundprize.org.uk/index.php> [Back](#)

Free DVD for Update readers: Cultural Townscapes - the changing face of high streets

English Heritage has produced a DVD that explores what the built environment means to the communities that live and work in some of the more multicultural areas of the West Midlands.

The film explores how Soho Road in Handsworth (Birmingham), Whitmore Reans in Wolverhampton and Smethwick High Street have changed over the last fifty years, through the eyes of local shopkeepers and residents. The DVD also includes a short film made with pupils from Shirelands Collegiate Academy in Smethwick which shows how they have used the DVD in practice to discuss the changing area in which they live.

A three minute clip of the DVD can be found on <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvLbDLreud0>. To receive a FREE copy of this resource please email suzanne.carter@english-heritage.org.uk [Back](#)

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MSc in Conservation of Historic Gardens and Cultural landscapes: application open

In the current economic downturn do you have 44 days spread over one or two years to pick up a Master's degree in an area of recognised skills shortage? The University of Bath is now accepting applications for the MSc/Diploma in the Conservation of Historic Gardens and Cultural Landscapes for October 2010. This Master's programme is the only one in the UK in the conservation and management of historic designed and cultural landscapes. For more information visit <http://www.bath.ac.uk/ace/MSc-Conservation-Gdns/> [Back](#)

West Midlands Historic Building Trust: Preservation of Historic Structures using a Modern Approach, 19 March

West Midlands Historic Building Trust is holding a one day seminar entitled *Preservation of Historic structures using a Modern Approach* at Walsall's historic Leather Museum. It will be of particular interest to local authorities, building preservation trusts, developers and individual stakeholders. A range of guest speakers will be talking about their organisations, projects, experiences and successes. These speakers have been selected to help attendees understand and deal with the many challenges associated to historic building retention and preservation. Topics will include funding sources and assistance to actual ongoing projects.

Price is £10 including lunch. The programme begins at 10.00am and finishes at 4.30pm. For further details contact Roger Herrington on 01902 326474 or Alan Smith on 0121 559 2491. For bookings: Mr Mike Youe, 18 Ashgrove Close, Marlbrook, Bromsgrove Worcs B60 1HW. E mail; mvyoue@yahoo.com [Back](#)

Futurescape 2010: Creating better quality neighbourhoods, buildings and public spaces, 19 March

Architecture Centre Network is hosting this one-day international symposium in London, to bring together key decision makers, practitioners and enablers in design and regeneration. Plenary sessions will consider the role of regional, city and local leaders in improving design quality and spatial planning structures. Masterclasses with design professionals will encourage debate and discussion around design excellence, creative cities, community participation and built environment education. Speakers include Rick Bell (Executive Director, AIA New York Chapter), Liesbeth van der Pol (National Architect of the Netherlands), Chris Murray (Director of Core Cities) and Keith Burge (Vice Chair of the Institute of Economic Development).

Cost is £120.00 per person, which includes entrance to the two morning plenary sessions, two masterclasses, lunch and refreshments. For further information and to book your place visit <http://www.architecturecentre.net/futurescape2010/> [Back](#)

Places of Worship: Heritage at Risk, evening lecture, 31 March

Following a meeting of Europa Nostra UK members, an illustrated evening lecture will be given on the subject of Places of Worship at risk, by Diana Evans, Head of Places of Worship at English Heritage. The lecture is open to all interested parties and will be followed by a short wine reception. The lecture will take place at 6.00pm on 31 March, at St George's German Lutheran Church, 55 Alie Street, London, E1 (near Aldgate East Station on the District Line).

Anyone wishing to attend the lecture is asked to contact Lester Borley (lesterborley@waitrose.com) in order for Europa Nostra UK to have some estimate of numbers for catering purposes. [Back](#)

GEM Workshop on Diplomas and heritage learning for ages 14 – 19, 13 April

The Group for Education in Museums (GEM) is running a workshop on the new Diplomas for 14-19 year olds, to help heritage organisations enhance their learning offer and engage more effectively with Diploma students. The new Diplomas combine theoretical study with practical experience and will be available in 17 subjects by 2011, to sit alongside GCSEs, A levels and Apprenticeships.

The workshop will take place on 13 April from 10.30am to 4.00pm, at World Museum in Liverpool. To book a place download the booking form from the GEM website www.gem.org.uk or contact the GEM office: office@gem.org.uk or 01634 853 424. Please note that there are a maximum of 50 places available at the event. For more information on diplomas visit <http://yp.direct.gov.uk/diplomas/> and <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/14-19/index.cfm?sid=3&pid=224&ctype=None&ptype=Contents> [Back](#)

Free workshops to help museums improve advocacy skills, March-May

Love Museums is the Museums and Libraries Association (MLA)'s latest project to help museums and sites improve their advocacy skills. A series of free half-day workshops aim to help participants understand the importance of advocating for their museum or site and improve confidence in doing so. Workshops are especially aimed at those who represent their organisation to external decision-makers and want to better make the case for their museum or site.

Workshops will take place at: Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery, Exeter Tuesday 16 March; London Transport Museum Thursday 25 March; Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery Monday 12 April; Manchester Museum Monday 19 April; New Walk Museum and Art Gallery, Leicester Friday 23 April; Scotland Street School Museum, Glasgow Tuesday 27 April; Discovery Museum, Newcastle Wednesday 28 April; National Museum Cardiff Friday 7 May; Leeds Museum Discovery Centre Monday 10 May; and Surrey History Centre, Woking Tuesday 11 May. All start at 2pm.

For more information visit <http://www.museumsassociation.org/lovemuseums> [Back](#)

Rivers in Towns: How can a town make good use of its rivers? 17 April

This meeting is designed to share expertise in the East of England region to help towns make good use of their rivers. Speakers include Brian Human (Historic Towns Forum), Roger Valentine (Environment Agency) and Anne Mason (Heritage Lottery Fund). The meeting will take place at 10.00am at the Waterfront Building, University Campus Suffolk, Ipswich. £15 per person including a sandwich lunch. To register email gladys.jones@virgin.net with your name, organisation, email and postal address, phone number and any special requirements. For more information visit <http://www.damtp.cam.ac.uk/user/pvl/rivers.pdf> [Back](#)

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB): Courses 2010

SPAB offers a range of technical day courses focusing on the repair, maintenance and conservation of old buildings, including; Homeowners' Weekend (27-28 March); Lime Plastering Workshop (16-17 April); Heating and Lighting of Old Buildings (27 April); and The Repair of Old Buildings (17-22 May). For the full list of available courses and further course details, or to book, visit <http://www.spab.org.uk/on-line-shop/technical-courses> [Back](#)

Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs: Drive It Day 2010, 25 April

Drive It Day is an annual celebration of the day in 1900 when 64 cars set off from London on the first day of the Thousand Mile Trial. Today, historic vehicle enthusiasts drive down to The Royal Oak pub in Bishopstone, near Swindon (SN6 8PP) to meet, eat and admire motor vehicles under 25 years of age. Clubs around the country will also be holding local events to mark Drive It Day. For full information visit <http://www.fbhvc.co.uk/drive-it-day> [Back](#)

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East Riding of Yorkshire Council: Rural Community Heritage Coordinator

This new post will support the delivery of the rural heritage elements of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) LEADER Coast Wolds, Wetlands and Waterways Programme in the East Riding of Yorkshire, as well as Ryedale and Scarborough in North Yorkshire. The main purpose is to increase understanding of, and active participation in, the heritage of the LEADER CWWW area and to co-ordinate support for rural heritage organisations and local communities in conserving and managing the area's heritage. Applicants should have a degree level qualification related to the historic environment or equivalent complemented by relevant experience in field archaeology, community heritage projects or heritage interpretation, along with project development and management skills.

For a full job description and to apply visit <https://www.recruiteastriding.co.uk/jobdetails.asp?jobid=7509>

£29,236 pro-rata plus casual car user allowance. The post is fixed term until 31 December 2012. Job share applications are welcome. Driving licence and access to a car are essential. Closing date 16 March. [Back](#)

Museums Galleries Scotland: Initiatives Manager (Local and National Government)

Museums Galleries Scotland is looking for an experienced and highly motivated individual with experience of partnership working and a good understanding of the policy context in Scotland at national and local level. Responsibilities will include supporting the museums and galleries sector to meet with the requirements of local authority initiatives in Scotland, such as Community Planning and Single Outcome Agreements. This will involve developing partnership working opportunities locally, nationally and regionally, in particular close working with Local Authorities.

£26,331 to £30,006. For more information and to download an application pack visit <http://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/jobs-and-opportunities/jobs/job/8/initiatives-manager-local-and-national-government> Closing date is midday on Monday 22 March. [Back](#)

Historic Royal Palaces: Vacancies in Access and Learning
Schools Outreach Officer + Design Project Coordinator, 18 months
Inter-generational Outreach Officer (0.7 post), 18 months
Digital Learning Resources Officer, 18 months
Administrator + Interpretation Support, 1 year

Historic Royal Palaces (HRP) is embarking on pilot projects under the title 'Engaging learners', to take its stories and a feeling for the past beyond its traditional boundaries. Kensington Palace is undergoing a major change and will reopen in 2012 with newly re-presented building and content, and a developed learning service. HRP needs innovative and experienced individuals to develop and deliver outreach to schools, inter-generational outreach and digital resources, within this pilot, as well as an administrator. These posts are based at Kensington Palace or Hampton Court Palace as appropriate.

Closing date 25 March. For further details and to apply, visit www.hrp.org.uk/aboutus . [Back](#)

Institute of Conservation: Internship Scheme Regional Co-ordinator (consultant)

The Institute of Conservation (ICON) is seeking an additional consultant to carry out the work of monitoring, mentoring and assessing conservation interns taking part in its Heritage Lottery Fund supported programme, now moving into its fifth year. The contract will run from May 2010 to March 2012. This is a key role in ensuring the success of the scheme and encouraging cross-sector working between interns and hosts across the UK, in all sectors. Work is estimated at 1-2 days per fortnight on average over the year, with some intensive periods of input for interviewing, events and quarterly visits. The Co-ordinator should be willing and prepared to travel at short notice; this position is not tied to a particular region, but may cover a range of placements right across the British Isles. Tenderers should be familiar with the PACR standards and with a track record in delivering training, mentoring or assessment services. Experience in the conservation field is desirable.

For a schedule of work visit www.icon.org.uk To apply submit a tender against this with a CV by e-mail to hlfbs@icon.org.uk Closing date: 26 March [Back](#)

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