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Where the Coalition manifestos converge

The new Coalition Government of Conservatives and Liberal Democrats has already agreed to present an emergency Budget within 50 days, a Departmental spending review in the autumn and on a veto on new runways at Heathrow, Gatwick or Stansted. With culture as yet on the back-burner, The Heritage Alliance

will upload links to appointments and Departmental programmes to its website www.theheritagealliance.org.uk as soon as they are published.

Looking at their manifestos in more detail reveals areas of consensus of heritage policy. Both support continuing free entry to museums and changes to the National Lottery that would increase its funds, although in different ways. Both would tackle the confusion between greenfield and brownfield sites.

The Coalition has agreed that the British Government will be a positive participant in the European Union and defend the UK's national interests in the forthcoming EU budget negotiations. In this context, both manifestos support reform to agricultural subsidies to protect the environment. The Conservatives specifically support a Heritage Bill, while the Lib Dems, although known to be sympathetic, did not mention it in their manifesto. The Lib Dems would equalise VAT on new build and repair on an overall revenue-neutral basis to reduce the costs of repairs to historic buildings. This dream seems unlikely in the present climate, with changes to VAT and other taxes likely to be unveiled in the emergency Budget but concessions could be made. Although they have come to an agreement over nuclear construction, it is difficult to see how they will resolve different approaches to reforming the planning system. See <http://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/2010/04/14/the-party-manifestos/> [Back](#)

The Alliance welcomes new Cabinet appointments

Conservative Jeremy Hunt MP is Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport (COMS). Elected MP for South West Surrey in May 2005, he was formerly Shadow Culture Secretary (2007-2010) and Shadow Minister for Disabled People (2005 - 2007). Before his election as MP Mr Hunt ran his own educational publishing business, Hotcourses. Commenting on his appointment, Mr Hunt said: "I am very pleased to have been appointed as the new Secretary of State for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport. It is a wonderful moment for me personally, having followed this portfolio for the last two and a half years. Our sectors – particularly creative industries, culture and tourism – are vital elements in the UK's economic recovery. And the successful delivery of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games in London gives us a once-in-a-lifetime chance to showcase the country to the world in what will, quite literally, be the greatest show on Earth."

His Conservative colleague Caroline Spelman is appointed Secretary of State for Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs, and Eric Pickles is appointed Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. Chris Huhne, formerly Lib Dem environment spokesman, takes the Department for Energy and Climate Change. The Conservative MP Francis Maude, who has Cabinet-level responsibility for the third sector, will set out the Coalition Government's policy for funding the sector at a special national conference on 9 June.

The Alliance has already written to Jeremy Hunt welcoming his appointment and reminding him of the commitment he made at its March meeting to inter-Departmental meetings at Ministerial level (DCMS / COMS, DEFRA and CLG) to help co-ordinate heritage policies more effectively. As Chair of The Heritage Alliance and of the Churches Conservation Trust, Loyd Grossman is also writing to the new Prime Minister alerting him to the value of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme in regenerating rural and urban community life. [Back](#)

Scottish Historic Environment Amendment Bill introduced to Holyrood

Scottish Culture and External Affairs Minister Fiona Hyslop introduced the Historic Environment Amendment Bill (Scotland) 2010 to the Scottish Parliament last week.

The Bill, published on 5 May, amends provisions in the existing Listed Building and Conservation Areas (Scotland) Act 1997, the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 and the Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments Act 1953. It aims to harmonise aspects of the listing and scheduling systems and align these systems more closely with Scotland's modernised planning regime; Improve the ability of central and local Government to work with developers and other partners; Improve the capacity to deal with urgent threats and increase the efficiency and effectiveness of deterrents; and help to ensure that Historic Scotland is able to meet the expectations of visitors in the 21st century

A draft of the Bill went out to consultation between May and August 2009 with responses coming from a variety of heritage, conservation and planning bodies supporting the changes. Dr Simon Gilmour, who lead on the Bill within the umbrella body BEFS (Built Environment Forum Scotland), said: "members of BEFS strongly endorse the provisions set out in the Bill, which will strengthen the ability to effectively and sustainably manage our heritage. It will simplify processes without weakening controls, and close some loopholes that presently allow unacceptable threats to the historic environment."

The Bill can be found at <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/s3/bills/43-HistoricEnvironment/index.htm> Further information on the economic contribution of the historic environment in Scotland can be found at www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/1409_heacs.pdf [Back](#)

VAT: up, down or special pleading?

Even the Archbishop of Canterbury was unable to secure assurance from the former Prime Minister over the future of the Listed Places of Worship Grant scheme beyond 2011. Gordon Brown's reply of 27 April declared: "I know how important the LPOWGS scheme has been and very much share your commitment to ensuring that our churches can continue to play their pivotal role at the centre of so many communities right across the UK". But he would not make any commitment until the forthcoming spending review has concluded. Since 2001, the grant scheme has reimbursed congregations of all faiths for VAT incurred on the repair and maintenance of listed places of worship by over £100million and attracted four times that amount to the benefit of community projects. But the change in VAT rules at European level in 2009 did not include the option for a lower rate on repairs and maintenance of cultural assets. The Heritage Alliance is campaigning hard for the scheme's retention; see the [Places of Worship campaign library](#). And with the General Election purdah period now over the LPOWGS petition has re-opened for new signatures; please take the time to add yours, it only takes a minute! Visit <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/VAT-refundscheme>

In a separate initiative, with the future rate of all UK VAT under debate, The Heritage Alliance was one of the signatories in the letter to The Times on 16 April from the Cut the VAT Coalition, calling for a reduced rate of VAT on home improvement works: "The UK's existing homes contribute 27% to our total carbon emissions. We need urgent action to cut carbon emissions by 80% by 2050. It would help conserve our historic environment and counter the incentive to build on greenbelt land instead of renovating existing property". [Back](#)

Heritage Open Days 2009 clocks up over one million visits

This year's evaluation of Heritage Open Days reports the "most successful event in the fifteen year history of England's annual celebration of local architecture, history and culture". A record 4100 properties and events attracted over one million visits over four days.

New regional hotspots emerged, such as Brighton & Hove, Oxford and Cambridge; although the most active region remains the South East, which contributes over a quarter of the national programme. Roughly a third of properties taking part were religious buildings, but the range continued to grow reflecting the diversity of local communities' heritage.

Of the properties opening up for Heritage Open Days, 45 per cent were not usually accessible to the public, 15 per cent waived their admission fees and 40 per cent usually opened free of charge. 1443 organisers registered a total of 4100 approved events. Organisers and volunteers spent around 655,000 working hours to make HODs happen, which equated to a staggering in-kind value of £3,799,000.

For the full report visit http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/documents/HODs_report_2009_final_appx_1-3.pdf [Back](#)

Discovering Places Open Weekend: register now

The London 2012 Cultural Olympiad project Discovering Places, delivered by The Heritage Alliance, will launch over the weekend of 23 - 25 July. The project aims to inspire the people of the UK to discover their local environment – with all its hidden places, extraordinary spaces and the stories they have to tell. Find out more about the project on our website <http://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/discovering-places-2012-cultural-olympiad>

Discovering Places will launch over Open Weekend, the Cultural Olympiad's annual UK-wide celebration that marks the count down to the Olympic and Paralympic Games www.london2012.com/openweekend. Through a series of activities and events over this weekend, Discovering Places will bring the natural, historic and built environment to the fore. Want to get involved? The Alliance would welcome you to register your event to be part of the DP launch weekend if it is a/ free at the point of access, b/ is actively engaged in either the natural, built and / or historic environments, and c/ meets the Open Weekend "challenge" theme – where the event provides its audience with a challenging opportunity to try something new, or take an existing skill to a new level. Using the UK's interest and awareness of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games to reach new audiences, your event will be a part of the Open Weekend media and PR campaign and marketing materials and support will also be available.

To register your event fill out the [Open Weekend registration form](#). If your event meets the above Discovering Places qualification, please tick the Discovering Places box on the form. The DP team will then be in touch with you within 10 days of registering to progress your application. [Back](#)

DCMS publishes revised guidance on scheduled monuments and listed buildings

What used to be the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) (now Department for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport) recently published a revised policy statement on scheduled monuments in England, which sets out policies relating to the identification, protection, conservation and investigation of England's premier archaeological sites under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979; including through the designation of scheduled monuments and the determination of applications for scheduled monument consent. The revised document brings the guidance in line with PPS5 and reflects the new arrangements for the duties devolved to English Heritage: see <http://www.culture.gov.uk/images/publications/ScheduledMonuments.pdf>.

A revised version of DCMS's Principles of Selection for Listed Buildings has also been issued, which sets out the general principles the Secretary of State applies when deciding whether a building is of special architectural or historic interest and should be added to the list of buildings compiled under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

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

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

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

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

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

[New policy document for planning obligations](#). A CLG consultation: deadline 17 June.

[HMS Victory 1744: Options for the Management of the Wreck Site](#). A DCMS consultation: deadline 30 June

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The Alliance welcomes new member: TACS

The Heritage Alliance welcomes warmly another new member this month, the Tiles and Architectural Ceramics Society (TACS). Since 1981 TACS has served the study and protection of tiles and architectural

ceramics, uniting people with common interests in these areas. Its international membership of individuals and institutions is drawn from across the heritage sector, museums, conservation, manufacturing (both industrial and craft) architecture, design and antiques. For more information on TACS visit <http://www.tilesoc.org.uk/index.htm> For more information on becoming a member of The Heritage Alliance visit www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/become-a-member or email [Emma Robinson](mailto:emma@theheritagealliance.org.uk). [Back](#)

The Alliance's Advocacy Groups: 2010 plans

The Heritage Alliance's four advocacy groups have a busy schedule of meetings, events and campaigning planned for 2010. What have they been up to so far this year?

The Inclusion Advocacy Group held its first meeting of the year in February, where members discussed ongoing projects and set the wheels in motion for drafting the group's manifesto and planning the summer policy event. The next meeting takes place on Wednesday (19 May), where amongst other agenda items members will confirm the final manifesto copy and policy day programme. Once produced, the manifesto and policy day programme will be available on The Alliance's website and the link will be noted in Update. The Spatial Planning Advocacy Group also held its first meeting of the year in February, along with the Joint Committee of National Amenity Societies, where members discussed hot issues such as The Penfold Review of non-planning consents (see The Alliance's response [here](#)) and the forthcoming PPS15 (published as PPS5) and Vision Statement. The Alliance's HPR co-ordinator Karen Bewick also updated the group on her work on Heritage Protection Reform. At its next meeting on Monday (17 May), amongst other agenda items the group will discuss its post-election HPR strategy and drafting of its advocacy statement.

The Funding Advocacy Group met in April to discuss plans for running a fundraising skills seminar pilot in the Autumn in partnership with HLF, to review the Heritage Funding Directory and to assess the major risks to heritage funding with a view to hosting a fuller discussion at the post-election meeting (17 June). The Alliance's newest Advocacy Group, on Rural Heritage, was established this year and will hold its first meeting on 17 June. The RHAG will focus specifically on CAP reform post 2013 and other policies that impact upon the management of the rural historic environment. So far this year, RHAG has published a briefing note on CAP reform <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/2010/03/29/cap-and-the-historic-environment> and RHAG members attended a Europa Nostra meeting in Brussels in March to discuss Europe-wide and member state based lobbying on CAP reform throughout 2010. Progress on this and further actions will be discussed at the meeting on 17 June.

For more information on The Alliance's advocacy groups, visit <http://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/working-groups> [Back](#)

Planning - Shaping the Future: Royal Town Planning Institute launches its manifesto

The RTPI, the professional body that represents 22,000 town and country planners, has launched its manifesto for the future of planning entitled *Planning – Shaping the Future*. The document sets out a clear vision for a planning system that is effective, responsive and fit for purpose and argues that planning is one of the essential mechanisms through which many of the Government's key objectives can be delivered. The Institute calls on the Government to "take a serious look at how we plan for the future, arguing that strategic planning at the international, national and sub-national levels, through an integrated and genuinely spatial approach, is vital to ensure that the needs of the wider than local community interest are properly addressed." For the full manifesto visit <http://www.rtpi.org.uk/download/9076/RTPI-Manifesto-for-Planning-2010-full.pdf> [Back](#)

The National Trust's Going Local strategy in practise: change is afoot

In a recent letter to stakeholders, Director General of The National Trust (a member of The Heritage Alliance) Dame Fiona Reynolds outlined details of the changes that are taking place within the organisation, following publication of its "cultural revolution" in the form of the *Going Local* strategy, reported in [Update 179](#) in February. At the centre of the new strategy is the concept of Trust properties functioning as community spaces, to involve local residents more in the daily life of the properties and widen the Trust's appeal to new audiences by making the organisation more relevant and accessible to everyone. The aim is to raise membership from its current record of almost 3.8 million to 5 million, by 2020. The organisational changes underway to achieve this have begun with changes at property level - "giving our Property and General Managers more autonomy to make decisions and more control over their budgets" – followed by two principal changes at central and regional levels; firstly the creation of a new National Trust 'consultancy' where specialist staff will offer their services directly to properties, and secondly the streamlining of the Trust's regional structures, from the current model of nine English regions and two countries, down to six

English regions plus the two countries. To achieve this three new English regions will be created: the Midlands (merging the East and West Midlands), the South East (merging the Thames and Solent region with our former South East region) and the South West (merging Wessex with Devon and Cornwall). Detailed design of the Trust's new organisational structure is currently underway, with a target for completion of all changes by the end of 2010.

Visit http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-global/w-news/w-latest_news/w-news-national-trust-takes-further-steps-to-deliver-going-local-strategy.htm for details of the organisational changes and <http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-strategy-next-decade-17-march.pdf> for more information on *Going Local*.
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PRT's Green Guide for Historic Buildings launched at sector reception in London

The Prince's Regeneration Trust (PRT - a member of The Heritage Alliance) launched its *Green Guide for Historic Buildings* on 22 April, at an evening reception in London. The practical guide aims to help those who own and/or work on listed and other historic buildings make successful environmental adaptations whilst retaining the historic character of the building. BBC History presenter Dan Snow hosted the launch event, which was attended by over 70 colleagues from the heritage, property and environmental sectors and the PRT team. In his speech Dan highlighted the great, untapped potential of our historic building stock to contribute to a more energy efficient future: "The Prince's Regeneration Trust and I share an absolute passion for the built historic environment. These buildings can compete in the modern world with any other kind of building in terms of energy efficiency and the *Green Guide* will tell you how." As the Guide indicates, the measures required to 'green' a building needn't be invasive and expensive; often small and simple changes can have a significant impact, whilst retaining the special character of the building, as Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive, of PRT said: It makes no sense to affect the character of the building by introducing solar or photovoltaic panels if the hot water tank, pipes, floor and roof are inadequately insulated, the windows and doors are ill-fitting or the occupants leave all the lights on...managing the way people within the building consume energy is also a crucial, yet achievable, task."

Hard copies of the *Green Guide for Historic Buildings* can be purchased online here - <http://www.tsoshop.co.uk/bookstore.asp?FO=1159966&Action=Book&ProductID=9780117068445&From=SearchResults> For more information, visit <http://www.princes-regeneration.org/news.php?id=49> [Back](#)

NCVO Civil Society Almanack published

An annual staple of the charitable sector, NCVO's *UK Civil Society Almanack* published on 21 April shows the sector was in a sound financial position as it entered the recession. Next year's Almanac will reflect the sector's situation during the worst of the recession.

Civil society here includes voluntary organisations as well as other groups such as universities, housing associations and faith groups. The new data shows government spending on the voluntary sector accounts for 2% of the overall national budget. However, it also shows that three-quarters of charities receive no government funding at all and that income from individuals remains the single most important funding stream for the entire voluntary sector, accounting for £13.1 billion (37%) of its total £35.5 billion annual income. A total of 38,000 charities (22%) do receive government money and of those, 23,000 receive more than half their funding in this way, with organisations that provide employment and training opportunities receive the largest proportion of their income from government. Other sub-sectors that receive a substantial proportion of income from government include education (51%), law and advocacy (51%), social services (50%) and housing (50%).

Large charities, with an income of between £1 million and £10 million and which represent 2.4% of the sector, receive 38% of their income from government. By contrast, micro charities - those with an income of less than £10,000, which represent 53.2% of the sector - receive just 5% of their income from government. The Almanack finds that UK Civil Society organisations employ an estimated 1.6 million people, which represents 5.6% of the total UK workforce, a similar size to the NHS, which employs 1.4 million people. Voluntary organisations employ 668,000 people and account for one third (32%) of the civil society workforce. This equates to two people in every hundred in the total UK workforce. Between 1999 and 2008 the voluntary sector workforce increased by 23% (124,000 people). The public sector grew by 18% and the private by 7% in this period.

The Almanac is free to all full NCVO members. Other organisations can purchase a copy via the website: www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/almanac [Back](#)

CulturEuro Seminars: helping you access EU funds

European & International Information Services for Arts and Culture (EUCLID), the body that provides international information and consultancy services for the cultural sector, will be running a series of workshops across the UK over the summer with the aim of advising heritage and cultural organisations on how they can best apply for EU funds, and how they can find out about the other EU funding opportunities available to the sector. 75% of UK applications to the last call for the EU Culture programme were successful. See <http://www.cultureuro.info>. Seminars are taking place in Cardiff on 18 May; Norwich on 3 June; Leeds on 8 June; Liverpool on 10 June; Belfast on 15 June; Newcastle on 22 June and Nottingham on 24 June. Seminars will run from 1.30pm to 4.30pm, and the cost is £78 (no VAT). For full information and booking details, visit www.cultureuro.info. [Back](#)

Volunteers' Week – share your story?

The Heritage Alliance is a member of Volunteering England, the volunteer development agency, which runs Volunteers' Week this year from 1-7 June. It is now looking for people with inspiring volunteering stories to tell during Volunteers' Week. All stories are welcome; please let VE know about anyone you think has an interesting volunteering story. It may be about a project they have run, an incredible career change or just a volunteer who is a great role model in their local community. VE would especially like to hear from adults who volunteer with young people, as this year its media campaign will be calling for more adult volunteers to facilitate young people's activities. Email your stories to kimberley.rowley@volunteeringengland.org. If you would like to be featured in *Volunteering* magazine in the Day in the Life of a Volunteer Manager, Volunteer Centre of the Month or are keen to write a Book Review, please email penny.gee@volunteeringengland.org. [Back](#)

Working with children and young people: New guidance and knowledge available

The Children's Workforce Development Council (CWDC) has published its newly revised 'Common Core' set of skills and knowledge for everyone who works with children and young people (including volunteers). The six areas of expertise in the Common Core offer a single framework that aims to underpin multi-agency and integrated working, professional standards and training and qualifications across the children and young people's workforce. For the Common Core visit http://www.cwdcouncil.org.uk/assets/0000/9297/CWDC_CommonCore7.pdf

Creative and Cultural Skills, which works in partnership with CWDC, has launched a new film to explain the latest reforms in the Common Core and how these might affect the creative and cultural sector. The film features people who work with children, young people and families in our sector. To watch the film visit <http://www.ccskills.org.uk/Qualificationsandstandards/ChildrensWorkforceNetwork/tabid/289/Default.aspx>
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Archaeology in Education conference 2010: call for papers

The Higher Education Academy's Subject Centre for History, Classics and Archaeology and the Council for British Archaeology have joined together to host a joint conference on Archaeology in Education, taking place on 13 / 14 September at the University of Liverpool. The organisers are now inviting conference proposals that address aspects of teaching archaeology at any educational levels from Key Stage 1 through to PhD, and in any context from the vocational to the professional. Conference proposals might be for either formally delivered papers, or a proposal to host a workshop based around a specific issue for discussion or activities. In particular the organisers would like to see proposals that focus on teaching and learning issues and how they can be addressed, and/or case study examples of specific learning. To make a proposal, send your name and affiliation (if any), the title of your paper or workshop and an abstract of 100 words to: archea@liverpool.ac.uk [Back](#)

New Churches Conservation Adviser for The Victorian Society

The Victorian Society (a member of The Heritage Alliance) has announced the appointment of a new Conservation Adviser with special responsibility for historic places of worship, Edmund Harris. Edmund, who comes from SAVE Britain's Heritage, will be responsible for all ecclesiastical casework across England and Wales. This marks a change in approach for the Society, as for the last year church casework has been split between the society's three caseworkers. "We are delighted to welcome Edmund," said Dr Ian Dungavell, Director of the Victorian Society, "He has an extensive knowledge of churches and chapels of all denominations and will be a great addition to the team at the Victorian Society as we campaign to save the best of our Victorian and Edwardian heritage for future generations." For more information visit www.victoriansociety.org.uk [Back](#)

Vic Soc to launch annual endangered buildings appeal

The Victorian Society is about to launch its annual appeal to find the nation's most endangered historic buildings. Have a think about any Victorian or Edwardian buildings that you think are at risk in your local area and submit your nominations on the website <http://www.victoriansociety.org.uk> or to Katie@victoriansociety.co.uk The threat facing the building may be the result of years of neglect, or perhaps there are plans for demolition, or damaging development near by? The Society hopes to use the nominations to build up a picture of the problems facing historic buildings today and then give ten of them a flurry of publicity. Find out more www.victoriansociety.org.uk [Back](#)

London's historic gardens unlock their gates for Open Garden Squares Weekend

On the weekend of 12/13 June, more than 120 private gardens and squares across London will open up to the public as part of the London Parks and Gardens Trust's Open Garden Square Weekend, sponsored by Transport for London. Visitors from all over London and far beyond will have the rare chance to explore an array of inspirational historic gardens that are not usually open to the public; from renowned roof gardens, to cemeteries and working allotments. These include Little Abbey - part of Peabody's historic Abbey Orchard site, which stands near Westminster Abbey; Hillview - a Victorian housing estate that has been transformed into a green haven for the community; and Sir John Cass's Foundation Primary School on the edge of Whitechapel, which will be inviting 'grow your own' enthusiasts to be inspired by its containerised roof garden. Ticket prices will be £7.50 in advance and £9 if bought during the weekend. The closing date for advance bookings is Monday 7 June 2010. For more information on the gardens that will be open, and to book, visit www.opensquares.org and www.capitalgardens.co.uk [Back](#)

UK Landscape Award 2010: apply now

The European Landscape Convention (ELC) is dedicated to the protection, management and planning of landscapes across Europe. It aims to encourage the integration of landscape into all relevant areas of policy, including cultural, economic and social policies. The ELC established its Council of Europe Landscape Award last year to recognise quality stewardship of landscapes; with member states running competitions to identify national winners, which are then put forward to the European Level competition. 2010 is the first year the Award will be run in the UK, and entrance is now open for applications. To find out more and / or to apply, visit www.uklandscapeaward.org or email uklandscapeaward@landscapeinstitute.org. Entries must be received by 27 August and the winner will be announced on 8 November. [Back](#)

The Historic Buildings, Parks and Gardens Event 2010: register now

The annual Historic Buildings, Parks and Gardens Event 2010 will take place on 16 November at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London, and organisations wishing to exhibit are encouraged to register now. Held in parallel with the Historic Houses Association (HHA - a member of The Alliance) Annual General Meeting, the event is an exhibition of products, services and organisations involved in the care, repair, restoration and conservation of historic buildings, their contents and surrounding landscapes. It is designed to attract owners, guardians and management staff of historic buildings, parks and gardens – and their professional advisors (architects, surveyors, curators, conservators, conservation officers, planners, policy staff). Chair of English Heritage Baroness Kay Andrews will be Guest Speaker at the event, followed by an address by the HHA's President Edward Harley. The HHA/Smiths Gore Lecture will be given by the Marquess of Cholmondeley, owner of Houghton Hall in Norfolk. Spaces are limited - to book a stand on a first-come-first-served basis contact Geoff Connelly on 01462 89 66 88 or email geoff@hall-mccartney.co.uk [Back](#)

2010 National Railway Heritage Awards launched

The Heritage Railway Association (a member of The Heritage Alliance) launched officially the 2010 National Railway Heritage Awards in an April edition of *Sidelines*. The awards, now entering their fourth decade, are designed to encourage the restoration and reuse of the wide range of historic railway buildings and structures than can be found throughout Britain. The Awards are open to entries from both the commercial and NGO / charitable sectors, however large or small the project. For more information and an entry form visit www.nrha.org.uk. Entries must be received by 31 May and the winners will be announced at a ceremony in London on 1 December. [Back](#)

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British Library: Promoting good handling of library and archive collections, 17 May

This training day is aimed at library and archive staff with responsibility for writing, implementing or promoting handling and use policies. The day communicates the role of good handling practices in the

preservation of library and archive collections, outlines methods of promoting good handling practices within organisations and to users, and provides information that supports library and archive staff with the implementation of handling policies. It is led by Jane Pimlott and Sarah Hamlyn of the British Library. Cost is £95 + VAT (including lunch and refreshments). For full programme details and to book, visit www.bl.uk/blpac/handling.html 17 May 2010, British Library Centre for Conservation, 96 Euston Road, London NW1 2DB.

North of England Civic Trust (NECT): Principles of Conservation, 19 May

This free evening lecture, organised by NECT as part of the Heritage Skills Initiative, will focus on the principles of conservation and why the “why” is more important than the “how” in approaching intervention in historic buildings. Speaker Alan Gardner is a lecturer, chartered surveyor and a SPAB Lethaby Scholar and the lecture will be of interest to those who work, or aspire to work, in the historic environment and particularly useful to students wishing to enter the sector. The lecture is free of charge. Anyone interested in attending please email Skills@nect.org.uk to find out more and to book a place – with your name, email address and a contact number.

GEM: Sounding Out Your Heritage Best Practice Conference, 25 May

The Group for Education in Museums (GEM) is holding a free one-day conference, *Sounding Out Your Heritage*, to pass on its knowledge and experience of informal learning projects with older people to others working in the housing, care and heritage sectors. At the conference GEM will launch a best practice tool kit, a training programme and other resources designed to inspire, encourage and support others to run similar projects. The conference will be held at Chatham Maritime on May 25 and welcomes anyone interested in improving older people’s health, confidence and quality of life through heritage learning. Bookings can be made online at www.gem.org.uk, by email at office@gem.org.uk or by calling 01634 853424.

Deadline for Sustainable Heritage MSc scholarship, 26 May

The scholarship deadline for the Sustainable Heritage MSc at University College London is 26 May. The scholarships, supported by Ecclesiastical Insurance, are for the academic year 2010/11 and are for £15,000. The one year MSc in Sustainable Heritage is an innovative, inter-disciplinary course for building surveyors, conservators, curators, anthropologists and architects, to become the next generation of leaders in heritage. The course begins on 27 September. For more information visit http://www.ucl.ac.uk/sustainableheritage/ecclesiastical_studentships.htm

Historic Towns Forum: The role of retail development in economic regeneration and its impact on historic city centres, 27 May

There are a number of impacts made by large retail developments that must be carefully balanced, and impacts are magnified in historic towns and cities that may have particularly sensitive environments. Economic regeneration must be balanced with local distinctiveness and local trade. This event will explore how the Local Authority / Developer partnership, with a significant investment in the public realm, has underpinned regeneration in Cardiff. The issues will be examined together with analysis of the St David’s 2 case study. There will be speakers from HTF, Land Securities, CADW, Cardiff Council, Turley Associates and Powell Dobson Architects and the conference will carry CPD certification. Prices start at £35. For further details and to book visit http://www.historictownsforum.org/bkg_cardiff10?utm_source=newsletter Land Securities plc, St David’s Dewi Sant Centre Management offices, 2nd Floor, Eastside, St David’s Dewi Sant, Cardiff, CF10 2DB.

Anglo-Sikh Heritage Trail: Day-trip to the battlefields of Northern Europe, 29 May

Organised by the Anglo-Sikh Heritage Trail in conjunction with Anglia Battlefield Tours, this guided day-trip will visit the battlefields of Northern Europe to explore the contribution made by Sikh soldiers during the Great War. Departures from Birmingham, Leamington Spa, Maidstone Services and Beaconsfield Services. £85 per person, spaces are limited. Book here <http://www.asht.info/events/1219/battlefield-tour-2010.html>

University of York&ICOMOS: Conservation Philosophies – Global or Local? 3-5 June

Join international speakers from China, India, Japan, Algeria and the UK at this three-day conference to explore the conjunctions and differences between conservation philosophies and principles across the globe. Is there such a thing as a global conservation philosophy for cultural heritage? Should cultural heritage conservation reflect cultural diversity? The conference will consider these thoughts through exploring conjunctions and differences between conservation philosophies and principles in the UK, India and China. The conference will take place 3 – 5 June at the King’s Manor in York. For details of the programme and / or to book visit <http://blog.icomos-uk.org> or email camillamassara@icomos-uk.org

EMHSTG has joined forces with Moulton College, CSCS, Master craftsmen Brad Steele and Gerard Lynch, CSkills and the NHTG to bring you a

HELM: Historic Characterisation and Spatial Planning, 3 June

HELM training is aimed at all local authority staff and elected members whose work has an impact on the historic environment. This HELM training course on Historic Characterisation and Spatial Planning will provide specialist training for Local Authority staff who are involved in local development frameworks and in assessing the appropriateness of planning applications in a historic context. It will also be of benefit to those working on regeneration projects. The course is free of charge and will take place in Luton. Please contact Sam Channer on 01793 44 5029 or HELMbookings@english-heritage.org.uk to reserve a place.

The Institute of Conservation (Icon): Conservation Internships, closes 7 June

Icon is pleased to advertise the fifth year of its scheme for broadening access to careers in heritage conservation and diversifying its workforce. Icon offers 12 full-time paid internships, starting this September as part of a six-year scheme supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Many of these placements are aimed at new entrants to conservation from arts, sciences, crafts or wider heritage-related backgrounds. Venues include private and public sector conservation workshops across the UK, offering a range of experience including conservation of archives, stone, textiles, stained glass, furniture, frames and leather as well as collections care. Closing date is 7 June. Information on all placements and details of eligibility can be found on the Icon website www.icon.org.uk

Heritage CSCS Card Managed Industry Accreditation Workshop, 8 June

This workshop offers those in the heritage crafts skills sector the chance to find out why and how to apply for the Heritage CSCS card through Managed Industry Accreditation; before the deadline of 1 September. The workshop will run at Moulton College in Northamptonshire on 8 June. There will also be the option to take the Health & Safety CSCS touch screen test on the day – an integral part of any CSCS card application - for £20 (normally £34), but attendees must book this before 25 May to allow time for registration with CSCS. For details on the Heritage CSCS card and attending the course / to register, visit <http://www.emcbe.com/heritage/heritage-cscs-card.htm> or email louise.saxton@emcbe.com

Mayor of London's draft Cultural Strategy: consultation event, 8 June

The London Voluntary Service Council, Toynbee Hall and London Mayor's Office are holding a consultation event for the Mayor's draft Cultural Strategy. This event will provide a chance for the voluntary sector to hear in detail the Mayor's priorities and plans for supporting culture in London, and to respond to them. Munira Mirza, the Mayoral Advisor on Arts and Culture, will present the Strategy, followed by a question and answer session which will directly inform the final Strategy. Those working in cultural education, community arts, heritage, capacity building, enterprise support or any other aspect of the not-for-profit cultural sector, are invited to go along to make sure their views are heard. The event will take place at 6,00pm on June 8 at Toynbee Hall in Whitechapel, London, with refreshments served afterwards. Places are limited; register at culturalstrategy@london.gov.uk asap.

Historic Towns Forum: A Historic Core Zone – the solution to traffic management in a historic town? 10 June

A visit to the proposed Historic Core Zone in Bradford on Avon will explore the issues of traffic management and the potential for applying the principles of the HCZ projects. Wiltshire Council, Bradford on Avon Town Council, Colin Buchanan and the Historic Towns Forum are working together to find a solution to managing heavy traffic in the town centre, and the feasibility study for the creation of a Historic Core Zone will be shared with others facing these challenges. Prices start at £45 per person. For further details and to book visit http://www.historictownsforum.org/bradford_on_avon_10

Historic Chapels Trust: The repair of Georgian buildings in London, 10 June

Stephen Bull, carpenter and Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) committee member, will give this presentation on 10 June at 6.30pm at St George's German Lutheran Church, 55 Alie Street, London, E1 8EB. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. Tickets are £5 on the door email chapel@hct.org.uk or ring 020 7841 0533.

SPAB Mills Section: Courses 2010

The SPAB's Mills Section, which protects hundreds of traditional windmills and watermills each year from proposals to demolish or damage them, runs a series of courses and workshops throughout the year.

These include Practical Flour Milling (a one-day hands-on course on 21 May), Promoting Your Mill to the Public (a one-day course on 25 June) and Maintaining Your Mill (a one day course on 15 October from the country's top experts in the field. Topics to be covered will include creating a work plan, recording the past and present, spotting problems, making materials last, environmental issues and health and safety). For further details of the courses visit <http://www.spab.org.uk/spab-mills/courses-and-events> or contact Simon Hudson at the SPAB Mills Section on 020 7456 0909 / millsinfo@spab.org.uk.

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English Heritage: Historic Environment Adviser (Buildings and Areas) Newcastle

This is a rare and exciting opportunity to gain experience both in working with area-based regeneration and grant schemes, and providing detailed advice on works to some of the country's most important historic buildings. The successful candidate will liaise with owners, developers, local authorities and other agencies to promote effective conservation practice within the region, and ensure that the historic environment is valued and integrated into strategies and development affecting historic areas and buildings. The successful candidate will take an active part in promoting the value of the historic environment of the North East to economic and social regeneration, and in finding innovative ways to tackle heritage at risk. Salary £32,000. Based in Newcastle upon Tyne. Closing date 16 May; interview date 24 May. To find out more and apply, visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs Minicom for text-phones 0800 0150516. EH is unable to accept CVs.

English Heritage: Historic Environment Traineeship Scheme

The English Heritage Historic Environment Traineeship (HET) Scheme is a highly sought after initiative that offers up to ten two-year professional work placements, within EH's planning and development teams. Trainee Historic Environment Managers will be based in regional offices across the country and will gain work experience and training in the application of professional conservation management skills in a planning and development context. Deadline 21 May. Two-year work placement on fixed-term contract. Nationwide. Salary from £18,000 pa to £23,000 pa depending on experience, skills and location. To find out more and apply, visit the EH website at www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs If you do not have access to the internet, please telephone 01223 582745. EH is unable to accept CVs.

The All Souls Crompton Community Centre Bolton: Development Manager

The All Souls Crompton Community Centre is a new charity set up to manage a multi-million pound community, conference and heritage centre in Bolton, due to open in 2012. The centre is looking for a dynamic, enthusiastic self-starter to drive the development of the ASCCC in the lead up to All Souls opening in spring 2012. In this exciting role the postholder will help create an effective Board of Trustees, implement the business plan and promote All Souls to the local community. The successful candidate should have a track record in setting up and developing new projects, building teams and meeting objectives, in a community, voluntary or social enterprise organisation. Closing date 21 May. 18-month fixed term contract (funding currently being sought for additional 6-month extension) 36 hrs per week. £30,000 per annum. Download an application pack and apply at www.allsoulsbolton.org.uk

Welsh Religious Buildings Trust: Development Officer (part time)

The Welsh Religious Buildings Trust requires a Development Officer to help develop its buildings-based projects across south Wales (Aberdare, Maesteg, Sennybridge, Llandeilo and Llandysul); assisting with the development and management of building repair projects, and working to develop close links with the local community to maximize participation and support. Closing date 28 May. Three days a week, home based. Salary £23,708 pro rata (£14,225 pa) Initially funded until 31 March 2011. For further details email post@yacwrwt.plus.com or ring 01286 881365.

Twentieth Century Society: Caseworker

The C20 Society campaigns to protect and promote the best of our architecture and design in the last 100 years. It is currently looking for an enthusiastic and interested Caseworker to take up the challenge of tackling some of the most controversial aspects of conservation. The position is offered on a full or part-time basis at the Society's offices in Farringdon, and will include desk and on-site assessment of listing proposals and alterations to post 1914 buildings. The person selected will need excellent research,

communication and advocacy skills and be able to present the views of the Society with confidence and clarity to a range of audiences. Salary in the region of £19,000 per annum /pro rata for part time. Closing date 8 June. For more information and to apply email George@c20society.org.uk

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The Greenwich Foundation: Trustee vacancies

The Greenwich Foundation is the charity responsible for the buildings and grounds of the Old Royal Naval College, a magnificent group of English Baroque buildings. The College is a major visitor attraction as well as a university campus. The Foundation wishes to appoint a number of new Trustees to its Board. Experience in the Naval service, heritage and / or tourism sectors would be advantageous. Following a hugely successful decade since its formation and the recent public launch of its new Discover Greenwich centre, the Foundation meets a number of challenges including a programme of major repairs, improving visitor facilities and access, and an active education programme which draws on the rich and remarkable history of the place. Candidates are invited to send in their CV to Maris Hakman, PA to the Chairman, The Greenwich Foundation, 2 Cutty Sark Gardens, London, SE10 9LW. Posts are for an initial term of 4 years and are not remunerated; although reasonable expenses are paid. Closing date is 1 June.

The Heritage Alliance: Short-term Public Affairs intern

Are you looking to gain experience in the heritage sector? Interested in public affairs and advocacy? The Heritage Alliance has a short-term placement opportunity for an intern who will research parliamentary contacts and map heritage interests within Westminster, to create a database to complement The Alliance's advocacy work. The successful candidate will work from The Alliance's office in Westminster, London, on a full-time basis between 1 – 4 June (possibility of extension into the following week depending on availability). The successful candidate will be educated to degree-level (or currently undertaking academic study), have a proven knowledge of the heritage sector and will be reliable and highly IT literate. Interested candidates who are available on the dates stated are invited to send their CVs and a short covering email explaining their interest in the placement to [Emma Robinson](mailto:Emma.Robinson@heritagealliance.org.uk) by midday on Monday 24 May. The placement is voluntary but The Alliance will cover reasonable travel and lunch expenses.

North Pennines AONB Partnership: placement opportunities

North Pennines AONB has two week-long placement opportunities on offer, working with Historic Property Restoration Ltd, as part of the North Pennines AONB Partnership's Living North Pennines project. The placement will involve working on the Grade II Listed Shildon Engine House near Blanchland, Northumberland, and will provide an opportunity to gain first hand experience of monument consolidation techniques; including the use of lime mortars, stone fabric repairs and soft capping techniques. The placements are open to anyone but will be most useful to those with some building experience. For an application form contact Claire Parker on 01388 528801 or via email claire@northpenninesaonb.org.uk

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