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Culture and Heritage split in DCMS: John Penrose is new Heritage Minister

The surprise announcement that heritage is to be separated from culture in the new DCMS ministerial portfolios sent shock waves through the heritage sector last week.

John Penrose, Conservative MP for Weston Super Mare and newly appointed Minister for Tourism and Heritage, takes on heritage and the built environment. His new portfolio also covers the National Lottery, Royal Parks and Royal Household and Licensing and Gambling. The reason, the press speculates, is that John Penrose could not be given responsibility for media and the digital economy because of a 'conflict of interest' arising from his marriage to Dido Harding - the managing director of the Talk Talk telecom company. Ed Vaizey, Conservative MP for Wantage and Didcot, who served as shadow culture minister since 2006 up until the election - and was expected to take the heritage brief - retains responsibility for arts, media and libraries, museums and galleries. He takes on additional responsibility for telecoms, broadband and the creative industries working in tandem with the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

Before being elected to Parliament in 2005, Mr Penrose was a publisher. He was Shadow Business Minister 2009-2010, is Joint Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Further Education & Lifelong Learning and has served on the Work and Pensions Select Committee. Weston Super Mare, famous for its Grand Pier destroyed in 2008 and due to reopen this year, is one of the coastal towns in the CABA programme Sea Change, which aims to drive cultural and creative regeneration and economic growth in seaside resorts.

So, the message to the heritage sector is mixed. The economic value of heritage in tourism is recognised, but - useful as those statistics are - the heritage portfolio covers heritage protection reform, regeneration, education and training, citizenship, social cohesion, volunteering and community engagement. Putting it in a box with tourism does not do justice to its multiple functions and values. For more on John Penrose see http://www.culture.gov.uk/about_us/our_ministers/7051.aspx [Back](#)

Coalition's Programme for Government: culture conspicuous in its absence

Last week the Prime Minister and his Deputy launched the Coalition's *Programme for Government*, setting out their administration's commitments. Finding overt references to heritage and arts issues was about as successful as seeking needles in a haystack, but The Alliance has identified the 'highlights' from the document that the sector will need to keep a watchful eye on...

"We will examine the case for moving to a 'gross profits tax' system for the National Lottery, and reform the National Lottery so that more money goes into sport, the arts and heritage."

"We will take forward the Marine and Coastal Access Act and ensure that its conservation measures are implemented effectively."

"We will create a presumption in favour of sustainable development in the planning system."

"We will promote the radical devolution of power and greater financial autonomy to local government and community groups. This will include a review of local government finance."

"We will rapidly abolish Regional Spatial Strategies and return decision-making powers on housing and planning to local councils, including giving councils new powers to stop 'garden grabbing'."

"In the longer term, we will radically reform the planning system to give neighbourhoods far more ability to determine the shape of the places in which their inhabitants live, based on the principles set out in the Conservative Party publication *Open Source Planning*."

"We will abolish the unelected Infrastructure Planning Commission and replace it with an efficient and democratically accountable system that provides a fast-track process for major infrastructure projects."

"We will publish and present to Parliament a simple and consolidated national planning framework covering all forms of development and setting out national economic, environmental and social priorities."

"We will maintain the Green Belt, Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and other environmental protections, and create a new designation - similar to SSSIs - to protect green areas of particular importance to local communities."

"We will promote 'Home on the Farm' schemes that encourage farmers to convert existing buildings into affordable housing."

See the Programme in full here http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/media/409088/pfg_coalition.pdf

See the IHBC's very useful commentary on the specifically planning-related reforms here <http://www.ihbc.org.uk> [Back](#)

EH launches National Heritage Protection Plan online survey

English Heritage has issued an article regarding its National Heritage Protection Plan as follows:

English Heritage is running a web based survey as part of consultation on the National Heritage Protection Plan (NHPP). The NHPP will govern a substantial part of the work that English Heritage undertakes to protect the nation's heritage. It is also intended as a basis for developing a more co-ordinated and collaborative approach to protection on the part of the whole heritage sector.

This will not be the only opportunity for the sector to comment, as English Heritage hopes that the published Plan will itself elicit comments and advice, and shall ensure that each annual revision of the Plan is influenced by further consultation.

This survey goes live on Tuesday (1 June) and will run until 30 June. Please follow the link to the website which contains background information on the NHPP and the survey www.english-heritage.org.uk/nhpp. [Back](#)

Departmental savings: where the axe will fall

Of the £6.243 billion cuts announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on Monday (24 May), the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs will contribute £162 million to the Government's overall savings in 2010-11; Culture, Media and Sport: £88 million; Communities and Local Government: £780 million; Local Government DEL (Departmental Expenditure Limit): £405 million and the Department for Education: £670 million.

In recognition of the fact that £1.16 billion of these savings are from grants that go to local authorities, the Chancellor and Prime Minister have agreed with the relevant Secretaries of State to remove the ring-fences around over £1.7bn of grants to local authorities in 2010/11 to help them deliver these savings. This will give local authorities much greater flexibility to deliver on their priorities, and it is consistent with the government's intention to devolve more powers to local government. See the Chancellor's full speech here <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/10130719.stm?ls> [Back](#)

Cuts: Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)

The DCMS website sets out how £61 million will be cut from its budget, plus savings of £27 million from the Olympics budget.

There is a 3 per cent cut to all bodies in the DCMS sector, and a 3 per cent cut to the Department's own core budget, with an additional reduction in Arts Council England's (ACE) budget of £5 million (4%) by the end of March 2011. DCMS is discussing with ACE the use of historic reserves that it has been hitherto unable to access, which may allow extra spending this year to mitigate the overall reduction to the arts sector.

The Guardian reports <http://www.guardian.co.uk/politics/2010/may/25/arts-sport-facing-budget-cuts> that it means cuts for museums: Tate will be cut by £2.1m; the British Museum will lose £1.8m; and the Science Museum £1.476m. English Heritage is set to lose £4.8m.

Jeremy Hunt, the Culture Secretary, commented: "I understand that this will involve some difficult decisions, but the reality is that we face an incredibly tough public spending environment. Putting the economy back on its feet and restoring the nation's finances are in the interests of all our sectors, particularly the arts and culture sectors which receive significant amounts of private finance." He continued "I will be doing all I can to help our sectors through the next few difficult years, and want to do all I can to ensure that never again are our sectors as vulnerable to sudden booms and busts in public funding. I am also looking to see how and where we can boost other sources of income to the sectors and make fundraising easier." Visit http://www.culture.gov.uk/news/news_stories/7081.aspx [Back](#)

Cuts: Local and regional Government

More detail on the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) contribution to the savings

break down is given on Regeneration & Renewal's blog <http://regenandrenewal.blogspot.com/2010/05/live-blog-osborne-unveils-6-billion-of.html> : "Of the £740 million CLG is contributing, £268 million will come from 'cutting waste and inefficiency', including £186 million from the Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) and £82 million from cutting waste and inefficiency in the department and its quangos. A further £150 million will be saved from the Labour government's housing pledge, while £362 million "will be delivered through reducing grants to local government". A further £405 million of savings will be delivered from CLG's spending on local government, including £160 million from PFI underspends, £41 million from unallocated funds, £29 million through scrapping quangos (including the Audit Commission) and £175 million by reducing grants to local government."

Regional Development Agencies will have to cut back on spending that has the lowest economic impact. The £270 million cut to the RDAs' budgets is being shared by four departments: CLG; Business Innovation and Skills; Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA); and the Department for Energy and Climate Change. £74 million of cuts will be from the business department's contribution.

£1.165 billion of local government savings break down by department is: -£362m from CLG DEL (Departmental Expenditure Limit); £175m from Local government DEL; £311m from Dept for Education DEL; - £309m from Dept for Transport DEL; and £8m from DEFRA DEL. See http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/8700342.stm [Back](#)

Ed Vaizey's farewell to the sector and priorities for new Heritage Minister

In a speech at the Heritage of London Trust conference in Westminster on 20 May, Culture / BIS Minister Ed Vaizey (who no longer holds responsibility for the heritage and built environment) went "off piste" to bid farewell to the sector, praising the heritage world's "huge amounts of passion and expertise on the ground". Vaizey stated it had been a "great pleasure" being shadow heritage minister, but said his colleague John Penrose was "an excellent man for the job" and that the two main priorities for the new heritage minister would be "looking closely" at the work of English Heritage, and the future of the Heritage Protection Bill.

On the question of heritage protection reform Vaizey confirmed "officials have not given up hope for the Bill" and that although it would not feature in the Queen's Speech, this would not represent the entirety of the Coalition's legislative programme for what will be a long session, hinting that there may be a possibility of inclusion further down the line; possibly linked to a Joint Museums Bill, which is still on the table. He also said it is likely there would be an opportunity for the sector to revisit the draft Bill before it went to Parliament. He concluded by saying DCMS is keen to "put as much as possible into practice that doesn't need legislation."

With regards to English Heritage, Vaizey referred to its core functions and stated "it will be important to examine the work that English Heritage does" and "whether more coherence can be brought into that environment". The idea of an English Heritage / HLF merger, discussed by Jeremy Hunt in the past, was not dismissed. [Back](#)

Consultation on National Lottery Shares

This consultation was noted by Culture Secretary Jeremy Hunt in his arts speech on 19 May see http://www.culture.gov.uk/news/ministers_speeches/7069.aspx As part of the new Government's Lottery reforms, it seeks views on the draft Order to enact a change to the shares going to the National Lottery good causes of arts, sport, heritage and charitable expenditure, health, education and the environment.

At the heart of the Government's intention to restore the National Lottery to its original purpose is the restoration of the shares of the National Lottery Distribution Fund to 20% for each of the good causes of sport, heritage and the arts. Changes would be effected by means of a Statutory Instrument made under Section 28 of the National Lottery Act 1993.

To ensure that the levels of grant available to the voluntary and community sector are protected, it is proposed to make the change in two stages: on 1 April 2011 to increase the share apportionment for arts, heritage and sport to 18 per cent each of the Lottery and reduce the Big Lottery Fund to 46 per cent; and on 1 April 2012, to increase the shares for arts, heritage and sport to 20 per cent each of the Lottery and to reduce the apportionment share for the Big Lottery Fund to 40 per cent.

Views are invited on the advantages and disadvantages of these changes for Lottery distributors and for voluntary and community organisations, and if the change would have any adverse or positive impact on particular groups.

The Heritage Alliance is one of the bodies being consulted formally, and will respond accordingly. The Alliance's response will be posted on its website and noted in Update. The consultation documents can be found at <http://www.dcms.gov.uk/consultations/7070.aspx> with a closing date for responses of 21 August. All responses should be sent to lottery@culture.gsi.gov.uk [Back](#)

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[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 21 June.

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

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

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HLF announces £14m to regenerate eleven town centres across the UK

Eleven town centres across the UK are set to share a £14m regeneration pot from the Heritage Lottery Fund, through its Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI). The scheme encourages partnerships of local organisations to carry out repairs and other works to a number of historic buildings, structures or spaces, with grants ranging from £500,000 to £2m.

The places benefiting are: Whitechapel Market High Street 2012 Historic Buildings Scheme, Tower Hamlets, London (first-round pass of £1,387,500 including £40,000 development funding); Pontmorlais, Merthyr Tydfil (first-round pass of £1,637,500 including £50,000 of development funding); Cefn Mawr THI, Wrexham (first-round pass of £870,600 including £8,400 of development funding); Middleton and Edgar Wood THI, Greater Manchester (first-round pass of £2,085,200 including £50,000 of development funding); Bedford High Street, Bedford (first-round pass of £850,000); Wellingborough Heritage Regeneration Scheme, Northamptonshire (first-round pass of £1,475,100 including £50,000 of development funding); Central Stockton THI, Cleveland (first-round pass of £1,784,900 including £44,500 of development funding); Portaferry THI, County Down (first-round pass of £1,282,700 including £49,100 of development funding); Anstruther THI, Fife (first-round pass of £945,000 including £30,000 of development funding); Camborne, Roskear and Tuckingmill Regeneration, Energy and Skills THI, Cornwall (first-round pass of £520,000 including £20,000 of development funding); and Lower Kirkgate THI, Leeds (first-round pass of £1,051,800

including a development grant of £43,800).

For more information on the THI scheme visit www.hlf.org.uk [Back](#)

EH and HLF pledge £7m for England's historic places of worship

On Monday (24 May) English Heritage (EH) and the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) announced funding of £7 million to help restore 68 historic Grade II listed places of worship in England. Places of worship from a range of faiths and denominations are set to benefit from the grants as part of the organisations' joint Repair Grants for Places of Worship programme, which supports urgent repairs to the fabric of listed places of worship, with priority given to single repair projects costing less than £250,000.

In total this year, £22.7 million of funding has been made available to 222 of England's Grade I, II* and II listed places of worship. For a list of all grants across the country and more information about the scheme, contact Rachel Tooby, English Heritage Communications, on 0207 973 3252 or email

rachel.tooby@english-heritage.org.uk. For the news release visit <http://www.hlf.org.uk/news/Pages/7millionforplacesofworship.aspx> [Back](#)

Heritage Lottery Fund earmarks £17m to help communities look after their landscapes

It's been a busy fortnight for HLF! On 20 May, HLF announced 10 earmarked first-round passes totalling £17m made through its Landscape Partnership (LP) programme (an 'earmarked first-round pass' means that money has been set aside by HLF for the scheme in question. The applicant then progresses to the second round and submits a further, fully-developed application to secure the full award.)

The programme helps conserve areas of distinctive landscape character and supports schemes that provide long-term social, economic and environmental benefits for rural areas. Through the LP programme, key partnerships between public and community bodies are being forged, enabling people to tackle the needs of their local landscapes in a co-ordinated and practical way. The landscapes receiving HLF support are: The White Cliffs of Dover, Kent; The mid Tees Valley, between the Yorkshire Dales and North Pennines; Druridge Bay, Northumberland; the Belfast Hills, Northern Ireland; the Mourne Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, County Down; the Staffordshire Moorlands, bordering the Peak District National Park; Meres and Mosses, north Shropshire and south Cheshire; Clyde and Avon Valleys, Lanarkshire; Avalon Marshes, Somerset; the Solway Plain, Cumbria.

For more information, visit <http://www.hlf.org.uk/news/Pages/LovingourLandscapes.aspx> [Back](#)

New CBA research reveals voluntary archaeology has more than doubled since 1987

A new report from the Council for British Archaeology (a member of The Heritage Alliance) found that 2,030 voluntary groups and societies are active in archaeological heritage throughout the UK, representing approximately 215,000 individuals. This figure indicates the voluntary archaeology sector has more than doubled since a similar survey was carried out in 1987.

Relationships between voluntary archaeologists and the c 7500 professional archaeologists in the UK are generally good, but the report identifies some problems; such as a need for more training for professional archaeologists to work with and support volunteers; local conditions; availability of grants; the decline in continuing education departments; and the closure/downsizing of many archaeological organisations. The CBA will be acting on these conclusions, with ambitious plans to train a new generation of professional community archaeology facilitators to help groups make the most of their activities. The CBA will also be expanding its suite of advice and guidance facilities, and focusing on raising the standard of work carried out by volunteers. For more information on the report, visit <http://www.britarch.ac.uk/news/100430-community> [Back](#)

Vic Soc launches campaign to find the UK's ten most endangered 1837-1914 buildings

An appeal to find the ten most endangered Victorian or Edwardian buildings in the country has been launched by the Victorian Society (a member of The Heritage Alliance). The Society is calling on historians, enthusiasts and local campaigners across the country to nominate buildings that are at risk in their local area. Buildings don't have to be listed to be nominated, but they should be at risk - perhaps of demolition, from insensitive development or simply neglect - and they need to have been built between 1837 and 1914. Speaking of the campaign, Director of Vic Soc Dr Ian Dungavell said: "People expect us to be

obsessed with the past, but the reality is we are obsessed with the future. We want to ensure that the best examples of Victorian and Edwardian architecture are still there for future generations to enjoy”.

The nominations will be considered and a Top Ten will be published in the autumn. To nominate a building, visit www.victoriansociety.org.uk, email katie@victoriansociety.org.uk or post to 1 Priory Gardens, London, W4 1TT. [Back](#)

SAVE's Live or Let Die catalogue will hit the mats from 1 June

Every year SAVE Britain's Heritage (a member of The Heritage Alliance) sets out to find a selection of architectural 'sleeping beauties' across England and Wales, to feature in its annual catalogue of Buildings At Risk. Any building type can qualify, so long as it is curious, interesting, unloved and crying out for a new owner or new use. Over two decades, SAVE has seen an impressive number of successful rescues of those buildings on its 'books'.

This year's report, *Live or Let Die*, lifts the veil on over one hundred alluring properties. Remote farmhouses and crumbling country mansions vie for attention with Georgian townhouses, mills, redundant churches, town halls, schools, libraries and post offices. Some of these buildings have been empty for years, whilst others are newly abandoned as the result of the recession. As well as these gems, *Live or Let Die* also features reports on successful restorations, scandalous demolitions, pubs at risk and spotlights looking at individual towns. For the first time this year's report also looks at examples of buildings at risk in Scotland and London - areas not covered in the full list.

This register is the only national source of information on Grade II listed and unlisted buildings at risk from all around England and Wales. Access to the online register (featuring over 1,000 properties) costs £25 for a year's subscription as a Friend. To become a Friend of SAVE or to order a hard copy of *Live or Let Die*, which is available from 1 June, contact the SAVE office directly on 020 7253 3500 or email Rhiannon.tracy@savebritainsheritage.org [Back](#)

The Building Act 1984: Circular 06/2010 guidance documents published

This Building Regulations Circular from the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) sets out and explains the approval and publication of six new Approved Documents (Ventilation, Combustion appliances and fuel storage systems, Conservation of fuel and power – new dwellings, Conservation of fuel and power – existing dwellings, Conservation of fuel and power – new buildings other than dwellings, and Conservation of fuel and power – existing buildings other than dwellings); the publication of three new compliance guides; the approval of a number of the circumstances, procedures and manner of recording of results required by the Building Regulations and the AI Regulations; how the transitional provisions in S.I. 2010/719 apply to these approvals and publications; and the correction of an omission in Circular 02/2010. For the full information on this circular visit

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/circular062010> [Back](#)

New historic house recruitment website launched

Historic House Recruitment www.historichouserecruitment.com is a newly formed specialist recruitment and advertising agency, focusing on permanent and interim vacancies within the historic houses environment. HHR covers all aspects of recruitment, offering a comprehensive selection of jobs from Estate Managers, Collections Managers, Chief Executives and Hospitality positions to estate recruitment, such as Land Agents and Gamekeepers. HHR also has a section for internship positions and volunteer opportunities. HHR advertises positions for both the independent sector and other organisations such as English Heritage and The National Trust; acting as a traditional recruitment consultancy to find the right position for its candidates. The jobs page is updated weekly with the latest jobs, and HHR is also currently looking to take on candidates. To advertise, to register as a candidate or to browse the jobs section, visit www.historichouserecruitment.com or ring 01509 646885. [Back](#)

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New English Heritage website launched

Last week English Heritage launched its new website, organised into two main sections; one aimed at visitors and members, and the other intended for heritage professionals. A third section, 'About us', has information on governance, funding, vacancies and contact details. The new website aims to provide a clearer, more user-friendly browsing experience. Visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk> and see what you

think. To let EH know your thoughts, visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/about/news/survey> to fill in the online feedback form. [Back](#)

Third annual Learning Outside the Classroom Awards launched

This week the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (CLOtC) launched the 3rd annual LOtC Awards for Excellence & Innovation. The Awards, sponsored by TUI-Student Division, recognise the commitment of educational establishments providing valuable and positive learning experiences for young people (0-19yrs) beyond the classroom – such as visits to heritage sites, museums, art galleries, farms or simply outdoor lessons within the school grounds. This year the panel of judges is looking for nominations that showcase establishments that are working hard to create novel, innovative and inspirational approaches to learning beyond the classroom. If you'd like to nominate an establishment or be in the running for the top national award and a trip to TUI Student Division's Chateau du Molay, visit <http://www.lotc.org.uk/News-and-events/LOtC-Awards-2010> to find out more and to apply. [Back](#)

EH's National Monuments Record online archive goes live

From now on the public will have online access to more than a million historical photographs and documents relating to England's historic buildings and archaeological sites, held by the National Monuments Record (NMR), English Heritage's public archive.

The material – images, plans, drawings, reports and publications covering England's archaeology, architecture, social and local history – is held on a database at www.englishheritagearchives.org.uk. Until now, these searches had to be done in person at the NMR's public search rooms in Swindon. Using a range of search terms, users can discover whether English Heritage holds any items in its archive relevant to the topic they are interested in, mainly photos, but also including maps, plans or reports. Users can even search for a type of building, or for an exact address. Each catalogue item consists of a description and users can place orders online.

Registration is free, but users will be charged for the documents they order (price varies). Alternatively, users can contact Enquiry and Research Service on 01793 414 600 or email nmrinfo@english-heritage.org.uk to place an order or ask for help if they cannot find what they are looking for. [Back](#)

Latest Building Faith in our Future e-Bulletin published

On 18 October 2004, the Church Heritage Forum launched *Building faith in our future*, a 'green paper' celebrating church buildings and the achievements of the volunteers who maintain them. The paper outlined the daily challenges facing the Church of England and its members in caring for and developing the nation's rich treasury of church buildings, and set out a number of key recommendations for national, regional and local bodies; along with good practice for local churches and an Action Plan for the national Church. The thirteenth Building Faith in our Future e- was published last week; setting out developments to date since the publication of the paper, and seeking feedback as the Cathedral and Church Buildings Division at the Church of England continues to move the campaign forward. Download the supporter's e-bulletin no. 13 here or email Becky Payne at rebecca.payne@c-of-e.org.uk to register as a Building Faith Support to receive future e-bulletins directly to your inbox. [Back](#)

Connections through Culture: India-UK

Following the success of its Connections through Culture: China-UK programme, the British Council has now developed a similar programme for India. Connections through Culture: India-UK aims to seed and support collaborative working between the UK and India in the arts, to generate long term partnerships. Following a successful pilot programme, Connections through Culture: India-UK will continue for the next three years. The programme will include creative networking opportunities, development support and a development grant scheme to enable cultural organisations to develop relationships and develop collaborative work. Applications for the next round of the CtC: India-UK development grant scheme are now open. Applications need to demonstrate commitment towards developing a specific project or relationship and should come jointly from an organisation in the UK and in India. Grants are available between £500 and £5000 or the equivalent in Indian rupees. For an initial discussion, please contact Tanima Maniktala tanima.maniktala@britishcouncil.org. Further details can be found at <http://www.britishcouncil.org/india-arts-developmentsupport.htm>. The closing date for applications is 30 June. [Back](#)

MLA Workforce Skills Development Programme is open for applications

A range of development opportunities for professionals working with children and young people have been

announced by the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) and Engage. 88 funded placements are available through the Learning Links programme for museum and archive staff who wish to develop their learning offer for schools, children, young people and families, and learning professionals to work in partnership with museums and archives-

http://www.mla.gov.uk/what/programmes/commissioning/Learning_Links_2009-11; 1,000 placement opportunities are available for trainee teachers in a museum or archive setting, through the Initial Teacher Training grants programme -

http://www.mla.gov.uk/what/programmes/commissioning/Initial_Teacher_Training and over 2,000 funded places are available on training courses provided through the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme to enable the cultural sector to deliver quality programmes for children and young people - <http://www.mla.gov.uk/what/programmes/commissioning> [Back](#)

The Community Channel is now on Freeview 24 hours a day

The Community Channel, which was previously only available 24 hours a day on Sky and Virgin, has launched on Freeview channel 87. Community Channel is the UK's only national TV platform solely for programming related to communities, their stories and the organisations that support them. Tell your story and that of those you work with, be involved in the programming and add a unique dimension to your campaign. Find out more by visiting <http://www.communitychannel.org>, email adamp@communitychannel.org.uk or ring 020 7217 3642. [Back](#)

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Building of Bath Collection: Re-using Historic Churches and Chapels, 11 June

This conference will examine architectural and conservation issues relating to the reuse of churches and chapels. The day will feature a range of case studies from Bath and beyond, and highlight creative approaches to the challenges of working in unique and important spaces. It will also feature practical solutions for organisations that have churches and chapels in their care who are seeking to redevelop their buildings. Delegates will be presented with a range of case studies providing a valuable insight into the conservation, creative reuse and reinvention of churches and chapels. Speakers will contribute different perspectives and participants should leave with new ideas for how to take their projects forward. Cost is £50 per delegate including lunch. For more information or to book contact Jill Hunter on 01225 333895 or email jhunter@bptrust.org.uk.

Scottish Lime Centre Trust: The Structural Repair of Historic Buildings, 21 – 22 June

SLCT will welcome Ian Hume (Conservation Accredited Engineer) to Inverness to present this popular two-day masterclass, suitable for anyone involved in the structural repair of historic buildings. Aimed at architects, conservation officers, surveyors, engineers, site managers and other professionals who work with historic buildings, the course will consist of lectures, case studies and group activities. The aim of this masterclass is to provide professionals with a sound understanding of the philosophy of conservation; and a better understanding of the relationship between structural engineering and conservation, of safety issues and of the aesthetics of conservation based structural repairs. All delegates will also receive a hardcopy of Ian's comprehensive notes for this event. The masterclass will take place at the Ironworks, 122b Academy Street, Inverness, Scotland, IV1 1LX at a cost of £195.00 + Vat per delegate (inclusive of lunch, refreshments). To book or check availability phone 01383 872722 or e-mail admin@scotlime.org. For the full programme visit <http://www.scotlime.org>

Growth Funding for Built Environment Businesses: free breakfast seminar, 22 June

This free breakfast event has been organised for Built Environment Businesses to explore current opportunities to see how innovation and higher level skills can improve their business. There will be presentations on funds, grants and support, case studies and information market place, to make it as easy as possible to access everything on offer. The event will take place at Walkers Stadium, Leicester City Football Club, Leicester, LE2 7FL between 8.00am and 11.30am. Spaces are limited. To find out more, for a full programme, and to reserve your place, contact Louise Saxton on 01509 225800 or email louise.saxton@emcbe.com.

FAME/ALGAO: 2020 Vision: a new era in British archaeology? 2 July

The annual meeting of the Federation of Archaeological Managers and Employers (FAME) will consider the future of British archaeology, following the publication of PPS5 and similar planned reforms across the UK. Held in association with ALGAO, it will include views from both organisations, together with those of the CBA and the IfA. Speakers will include Dave Barrett, Stewart Bryant, Mike Heyworth, Peter Hinton, Alan

Leslie and Adrian Tindall. The meeting will take place on Friday 2 July, at Merchant Taylors Hall, York. Admission is free to FAME and ALGAO members and £40 to non-members; including lunch, morning coffee and afternoon tea. Advance booking is essential – for a booking form contact Hilda Young on 01722 343444 or email h.young@wessexarch.co.uk.

AIA / CBA Industrial Buildings Day School: 5 July

This regional industrial heritage day school will focus on rural industrial sites in relation to legislation and the planning process, concentrating on the important water-powered industries of charcoal and paper production. An afternoon site visit will be made to sites in the Chilworth area. The day school, including lunch, is free of charge to CBA historic building volunteers and CBA and AIA members who comment on listed building applications. A fee will be charged to professional delegates. For further details, or to reserve a place on this day school, please contact Brian Grimsditch at the University of Salford on 0161 295 3821 or B.Grimsditch@salford.ac.uk. Please contact Brian as soon as possible as places are limited.

Transfer of Heritage Assets: Guidance for Local Authorities and Community Groups, 12 July

With cutbacks in resources and pressures to use property more effectively, many local authorities are considering how best to deal with their heritage assets. Yet coming up with viable new uses, and the resources to manage them properly, can be very difficult; particularly in the current and foreseeable climate. Drawing on a range of research studies and practical experience, this half day symposium will take place at Shoreditch Town Hall in London, an example of successful transfer. The event, which is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Asset Transfer Unit of the Development Trusts Association, will enable participants to understand the key factors for success, with practical tips; learn from projects that have overcome the barriers; discuss checklists for handling the risks involved; and find out about useful tools and sources of advice and help. Places are free of charge, but delegates should indicate which workshops they are interested in. Also, all those who register for a place will receive a draft copy of guidance. Places are limited; register for your place now by calling 0114 281 6130 or visit <http://heritageassets.wordpress.com>

Community Development Approach to the use of Church Buildings: 30 September

The South East Second National Conference focussing on a Community Development Approach to the use of Church Buildings will be held on 30 September at Christ Church in Woking. The speakers will include Helen Cameron, Oxford Centre for Ecclesiology & Practical Theology; Diana Evans, English Heritage; Wendy Coombey, Diocese of Hereford; Jill Hopkinson, National Rural Officer; David Rayner, Communities & Local Government; Susan Rowe, Susan Rowe Associates; and South East Rural Community Councils. To book a place or find out more, email crossingthethreshold2010@googlemail.com. Some inspirational case studies are available to view on www.churchcare.co.uk

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Craig Stirrat appointed as new Director of BEFS

The Built Environment Forum Scotland (BEFS) has appointed Craig Stirrat as its new Director. BEFS is The Heritage Alliance's close equivalent in Scotland; it is an independent body that brings professional and voluntary organisations under one umbrella to enhance Scotland's built environment. Within this broadly based membership, BEFS represents the interests of 21 historic and contemporary built environment NGOs in Scotland; also providing a channel for the work of a further 500 local Scottish organisations and 300,000 individuals to contribute to national policy development. Craig will take up the reins in June, having built up considerable experience over 26 years working in the Scottish local authority built environment sector. For further information about BEFS and Craig's appointment, visit: www.befs.org.uk

British Waterways appoints new Regeneration Director

British Waterways has appointed Steve Dunlop to the role of Regeneration Director, responsible for overseeing the breadth of canal-led regeneration projects across the UK.

In his new role Steve will oversee British Waterways' regeneration directorate, which works alongside UK regeneration agencies and partners to encourage long term strategic waterway alliances. For more information visit <http://www.britishwaterways.co.uk/newsroom/all-press-releases/display/id/2694>

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Roman Maryport: Board Members needed

Roman Maryport is seeking applications for Board Members for its exciting heritage development, which will showcase the existing Netherhall Collection of Roman Army religious dedications and create a continuous programme of live archaeological excavation to encourage many more people to understand and enjoy the wider World Heritage Site. Roman Maryport needs to establish the Charitable Company that will operate the site and are seeking a Chairman and two Board Members for a five person shadow Board (which will have representatives from Hadrian's Wall Heritage Ltd and the Senhouse Museum Trust). Applications are invited from people with demonstrable knowledge and experience in capital project development, legal, public sector funding and the management of attractions. The closing date is 11 June. For further information please visit www.hadrians-wall.org/vacancies

Heritage Lottery Fund: Committee members for HLF Committee for Wales

HLF is currently recruiting for three new Committee Members for the Heritage Lottery Fund's Committee for Wales. HLF welcomes interest from people with a range of backgrounds and experiences who can demonstrate that their knowledge, skills and enthusiasm for heritage can be applied to the role. Applications are particularly welcome from individuals with knowledge/ experience in one or more of the following areas: learning and heritage skills, community working, the built environment and natural heritage. Applications from Welsh speakers would be welcome. HLF would also welcome applications from people with experience of engaging with black, Asian and minority ethnic communities. Closing date is 5 July. For more information or to apply email decisionmakers@hlf.org.uk or visit <http://www.hlf.org.uk/news/Pages/CommitteeforWales.aspx>

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University of Glasgow: Reader / Senior Lecturer in Textile Conservation

The successful candidate will undertake high-quality research in the field of textile conservation and textile studies, to teach at postgraduate and undergraduate level in line with the Department's teaching programme. They will also contribute to departmental administration and participate in the department's overall contribution to the University. The Senior Lecturer would be expected to make a particular contribution to the administration and leadership of the Department by acting as Programme Leader of the MPhil in Textile Conservation and also, for instance, by formulating and managing funded research projects (including advising colleagues), or leading postgraduate development, or leading curriculum development or acting as Head of Department. Closing date 4 June. For further information, visit http://www22.i-grasp.com/fe/tpl_glasgow01.asp?s=PyAxDfSgHTyVvHqn&jobid=34069,2359365612&key=5335979&c=823423349554&pagestamp=sehohvwofohoveikpf

Society of Antiquaries: General Secretary

The Society of Antiquaries is seeking a new General Secretary and CEO in succession to Dr David Gaimster, who is taking up the Directorship of the Hunterian Museum and Art Gallery at Glasgow University from September. A dynamic General Secretary is sought, with the stature, experience, vision and drive to provide strategic leadership and operational management during a period of ambitious development. As the chief executive the General Secretary will be responsible for all aspects of the Society's operational management, together with the development and implementation of its longer term strategy. He / she will also lead the Society's capital development programme. Closing date is 14 June, with interviews on 15 and 16 July. For further information, visit www.sal.org.uk/vacancies

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