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Annual General Meeting



**Friday, 2nd September 2011
at Creswell Crags Visitor Centre,
near Bolsover**

Programme of Events

- 2.00 pm Meet at Creswell Model Village for Guided Walkabout
- 3.00 pm Drive to Creswell Crags for Guided Tour (including a visit to the caves, so flat soled shoes please)
- 5.00 pm Buffet Tea at the Visitors Centre
- 6.00 pm Branch AGM
- 7.00 pm Close

The Branch AGM and the events beforehand are open to all Members, without any charge. If you are coming along or want to send your apologies please fill in and return the attached booking form or send details by e-mail. An early response would be appreciated so that we can gauge the level of interest to book the buffet.

If you are interested in attending please let us know and...

please turn up if you book!

If you book and do not attend without good reason the Branch will have to invoice you for £8.50 to cover the costs.

Creswell Crags and Creswell Model Mining Village

This year's AGM will be held at Creswell Crags, a dramatic limestone gorge occupied during the last Ice Age, which is now on the UK Tentative List for World Heritage Site status. Our visit will start with a tour of the Creswell Model Mining Village to see the successful results of a major Townscape Heritage Initiative to rescue this historic settlement. We will then move onto Creswell Crags, which promises to be an excellent venue for our visit and AGM providing the opportunity for Branch members to see how this internationally significant site is being used to continue the renewal of the local area. We will also have behind the scenes access to the caves (so appropriate footwear please), the new museum and interpretation centre and see its artefacts back together in one collection. More information on the venue can be found at: www.creswell-crags.org.uk

Directions to the Venue: Creswell Village and Creswell Crags are located about 5 miles east of M1 junction 30 (Barlborough), off the A616 Barlborough to Ollerton road. For those with Sat-Nav, try: SH80 3LH, and for those without, a map showing the directions and the location of Creswell Crags can be seen on the website (www.creswell-crags.org.uk).

For the more intrepid traveller, Creswell is also accessible by train on the Robin Hood line from Nottingham and Worksop. The village is 5 mins from the station and transport to the Crags from the village can be provided.

AGM Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting
3. Officers' and Other Reports and Financial Statement
4. Election of Officers

Chair

Vice Chair

Secretary

Treasurer

Branch Representative to Council

Membership Officer

Education Representative

5. Election of Branch Committee Members & County Reps
6. 2011-12 Business Plan - see separate document
7. Any Other Agreed Business:
IHBC Annual School Bursary Award

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on Friday, 3rd September 2010 at Cusworth Hall, near Doncaster

The attendance list was signed by the following Members:

Anthony Gimpel, Arthur Ward, Chris Edwards, Chris McKinney, Christopher Smith, Elizabeth Bryan, Fiona Newton, Jane Roylance, Robert Walker, Roy Lewis, Sara Crofts, Stephen Bradwell, Rose Thompson

Apologies:

Allan Morrison, Chris Collison, Christopher Brooke, David Boyson, David Trubshaw, Dorothy Wade, Elizabeth Campbell, Elizabeth Mayle, Graham Cadman, Jason Mordan, Jill Vernon, Jim Crane, Jonathan Biggadike, Karen Tomlinson, Kim Wyatt, Mark Fennel, Martin Tincknell, Prof Peter Swallow, Rachel Booth, Richard Spooner, Rob Lawton, Rosalind Willatts, Phillip Grover, Peter Billson



Minutes of the 2009 AGM

The Minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Elizabeth Bryan and seconded by Robert Walker and carried unanimously.

Officers and County Reps Reports

Jane Roylance welcomed the Branch members to the AGM and stressed the importance of members maintaining the CPD events in these present economic times with tight budgets and asked for new ideas to promote 'cheap and cheerful' CPD events.

Robert Walker took the opportunity to welcome new members to the IHBC Branch and thought it important for the Branch to



formally welcome new members into the Branch.

Stephen Bradwell noted that Liz Mayle had now submitted copy of her County Reps report and ran through the key points.

Roy Lewis however raised concern about the lack of some reports and noted that there was no feedback from Charles Glenn as the IHBC rep on the Derby Conservation Advisory Committee. Roy felt that it was vital for Branch members to submit an annual report to the AGM if they were attending meetings on behalf of the IHBC, otherwise we should stop their attendance at these meetings.



Fiona Newton added that both Leicester City and Derby City had requested IHBC representation on their respective conservation advisory panels and both benefited from having IHBC representation. However similar panels in Lincoln and Nottingham had now been disbanded.

Elizabeth Bryan noted that we should clarify the situation and see whether people are still attending these groups on behalf of the IHBC.

It was agreed that the Branch should contact Chloe Oswald at Derby City to see whether there was still a need for IHBC representation on their conservation advisory panels and if Charles Glenn was unable to attend to seek new nominations.



David Boyson had tendered his resignation as Membership Secretary. In his absence Jane thanked David for his contribution over the years to the Branch where he had served on the Branch Committee and acted as the Chair.

Fiona explained the role of the Membership Secretary and nominations were invited

from the AGM to take up the post.

It was also agreed that the Philip Grover be asked to continue as the Education rep.

Election of Officers

Stephen Bradwell read out the nominations received for the Officer posts, these were:

Chair - Jane Roylance	(nominated: Arthur Ward & seconded:
Rose Thompson);	
Vice Chair: Robert Walker	(Liz Mayle/Stephen Bradwell);
Treasurer: Rose Thompson	(Roy Lewis/Jane Roylance);
Secretary: Stephen Bradwell	(Rose Thompson/Chris Edwards);
Branch Representative: Roy Lewis	(Jane Roylance/Stephen Bradwell);
Membership Secretary: VACANT	

Election of General Committee Members

Stephen Bradwell then read out the nominations for the following:

General Committee Members:

Fiona Newton (Stephen Bradwell/Chris Smith);
Chloe Oswald (Chris McKinney/Robert Walker);

County Representatives:

Lincolnshire County rep: Elizabeth Mayle (Robert Walker/Stephen Bradwell);
Nottinghamshire County rep: Jason Mordan (Stephen Bradwell/Chris McKinney);
Derbyshire County rep: Chris McKinney (Allan Morrison/Adam Lathbury);
Northamptonshire County rep: Rachel Booth (Peter Aiers/Jenny Ballinger);
Leicestershire County rep: Jenny Timothy (Chris McKinney/Sara Crofts);

The Election of the Officers, Committee Members and County representatives was approved by the Meeting, nominated by Elizabeth Bryan and seconded by Anthony Gimpel.

Business Plan

Rose Thompson then moved to discuss the Branch Business Plan, reviewing the year's main expenditures, (the Summer School Bursary Award and donation to the Gus Astley fund), and the budget for the forthcoming year.



She also invited suggestions as to how the Branch could spend some of its Annual School surplus in the forthcoming year. Robert Walker proposed that the Branch should continue with the Annual School Bursary although this year, given the distances involved in travelling to Llandudno, that it be restricted to a single

person for the whole of the Annual School as opposed to the previous year where it had funded two places at the Day School.

Roy thought that it was a good to support the bursary as a means of encouraging younger members and agreed that it was not practical for someone just to attend the day school.

There were no objections to Robert's suggestion and this change to the Annual School Bursary was agreed by the AGM.

Robert also noted that the reserves of the Branch had gradually diminished over the past few years and as it was difficult to reduce the Branch expenses as these were so limited in the first place, it was perhaps time for the IHBC to review its £500 subsidy to the Branches.

Rose did point out that the estimated closing balance was set out in the AGM papers and the Branch had spent less on the AGM than was projected so some savings had been made.

Roy agreed to raise the issue at IHBC Council but queries as to how long the subsidy had been running for, which was clearly reducing in value each year as a result of inflation.

Fiona noted that in addition to the direct subsidy, the IHBC also funded the consultation responses which all Branches were able to contribute to and benefit from.



Elizabeth Bryan asked whether all Branches received the same amount and Fiona was able to tell the AGM that all English Branches received the same amount while the national Branches received more.

Any Other Business

Sara Crofts as a regional rep on the HLF noted money was available for grant funding conservation activities and projects and applications for funding would be most welcome. She also noted that at a time when the most local authorities were struggling to provide match funding the HLF was happy to accept contributions in kind.



Arthur Ward noted that funding had been made available to fund a THI in Lincoln and that the Townscape Assessment had been posted onto the internet, which had generated a considerable interest and was used to promote tourism.

Jane closed the meeting by thanking all those attending the day's event and the AGM and in the absence of any further business the meeting was closed at 7.00pm.

IHBC East Midlands Branch Committee 2010 - 11

Chair

Jane Roylance

Vice Chair

Robert Walker

Secretary

Stephen Bradwell

Branch Representative to IHBC Council

Roy Lewis

Treasurer

Rose Thompson

Membership Secretary

VACANT

County Reps

Derbyshire Chris McKinney

Leicestershire Jenny Timothy

Lincolnshire Liz Mayle

Northamptonshire Rachel Booth

Nottinghamshire Jason Mordan

Education Rep

Philip Grover

General Committee Members

Fiona Newton

Chloe Oswald

Officers' Reports 2010 - 11

Chair's Report

The last 12 months has seen a continuation of the devastation of Local Authority conservation provision nationally, as Local Authorities continue to re-organise to meet the cuts in budgets. From 2010 to early 2011 the staff working on conservation in East Midlands Local Authorities fell by 11.25 full time equivalents. This is a percentage fall of 14.59%. But this is not an isolated reduction, but one, which is happening year on year as, since 2006, the region has lost 28.49% of its conservation staffing. This, obviously, has impacted greatly on those of our members who are Local Authority employees, both those who have lost jobs and those left behind to cope with the aftermath. Private practice is no more stable, although the rate of redundancies appears to have slowed. It would be no surprise if morale were low. However, the Institute has always thrived on the grass roots contribution of its members and perhaps now is the time to turn their energy, enthusiasm and expertise inwards towards 'self-help'. We cannot create jobs but we can help those wishing to enter the profession gain the competencies required, we can ensure that our membership keep at the forefront of good practice by sharing our experiences and expertise, and we can continue to 'fly the flag' for conservation by raising the awareness of the general public.

The Annual School was held in Llandudno this year, titled 'Navigating the Shallows', and focused on finding alternative methods of conserving the built heritage in these cash-strapped times. As usual, the presentations were excellent: the discussion and the company lively.

Those of us from the East Midland Committee, who were fortunate enough to be able to attend, had the opportunity to meet Catherine Dove, who was the recipient of this year's bursary, funded from the surplus from the East Midlands School in 2009. This was agreed at last year's AGM and we have the opportunity to offer a bursary place to next year's Annual School. This is being hosted by the South Branch and will be held in Winchester. It is likely, therefore, that this would need to be for the full school again because of travel constraints. This is something I would like the members to review at the forthcoming AGM.

In addition to funding the bursary place from the surplus of the Buxton School, the Branch also made the £500 donation to the Gus Astley Award agreed at the last AGM. The Award rewards excellence in those starting out in the profession.

One of the consequences of the current economic climate has been the almost complete disappearance of CPD funding for members from their employers. The Branch has for a number of years promoted 'cheap and cheerful' CPD visits to assist in breaching the gap. These have been successful, informative and enjoyable. Earlier this year, in a bid to increase the opportunities for CPD, I wrote to the County reps to ask the County Conservation Officer Groups to consider allowing the membership to attend the visits they organise following their meetings. The response has generally been positive and I am pleased to report that the first COGs visit open to the members took place on the 13th July 2011 at the Old Magnus Buildings in Newark. I have great hopes for this, as it will provide CPD opportunities

on a county basis. This does not mean the Branch will no longer be organising other visits, but we need you as members to let us know of any interesting projects, conservation techniques or technologies being used.

A core of dedicated individuals who are prepared to give up some of their free time runs the Branch Committee. Some have been involved from before we became an Institute. We need to ensure younger members join the committee so we have a succession strategy in place, and younger members can learn about the work of the committee before having the reins handed to them. The Branch has many younger members and the Committee should reflect the diversity of the membership. This is an appeal for new committee members who are interested in helping shape the Institute at both a regional and national level. We don't want to throw you in at the deep end, but if you feel you could volunteer we would be pleased to hear from you. Likewise we would be happy for any member to attend the Branch Committee meetings, which are held in Newark at 7pm at the Fox and Crown on Appleton Gate. The dates are available on the website. **WE NEED YOU!**

JANE ROYLANCE

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Branch Secretary's Report

The past year has again been relatively quiet for the Branch and unfortunately much time has been spent mulling over the impact of local authority cuts in conservation services and the redundancy of IHBC members.

In response to these difficult economic times it has been interesting to see the resources now provided by the IHBC to show the importance of conservation advice in the planning and development process and to see new initiatives being discussed at the Branch meetings to promote CPD events for our members and increasing the opportunities to mix with colleagues in other counties.

The Branch meetings have been held on a regular basis at The Fox & Crown in Newark but they do not seem to be as well attended as in the past, I am not sure whether this is a consequence of rising fuel prices or the result of a general low morale resulting from pressures at work as cuts take a hold and Councils try to get more out of less. But it seems to me that it is even more important to have regular well-attended Branch meetings so that news and information can flow between the national IHBC and the Branch.

Over the past year the Branch has held a very interesting AGM at Cusworth Hall near Doncaster with bright blue skies and sunshine – I always thought that it was grim up north! - and a trip to the Old Magnus Buildings in Newark. Hopefully more visits will follow in the forthcoming year.

Finally I would like to re-iterate the comments I made last year that stressed the importance of the involvement of Branch members in the Branch. This is essential if we are to maintain an active Branch and promote its activities. The Committee is always open to suggestions to improve the way the Branch operates and if necessary make changes if it helps to improve communications and involvement.

STEPHEN BRADWELL

Branch Representative's Report

This is my fifth year as the East Midlands Branch Representative. The main duty is to attend meetings of IHBC Council, to act as a trustee and director of the Institute, and to provide a link between the centre and the branch.

I provide a summary of the proceedings of the meetings I attend at the next branch meeting and the notes are appended to the branch minutes. These are now available on the IHBC website branch pages. I have attended four Council meetings since last year's Branch AGM. Three of these were held in London and one in Newcastle. The next meeting will be in Manchester on 22 September 2011. A large amount of business is conducted at each Council, including reports from all the Institute's committees and branches. The April 2011 meeting was preceded by a very useful trustee training session provided by the institute's solicitor.

During the last twelve months, the impact of the Coalition Government's policy of reducing public sector spending has resulted in significant job losses in local authorities. A number of conservation officers have taken voluntary redundancy and others have been moved into planning policy and development control functions. Not surprisingly, there is a general air of despondency with many members under ongoing threat. There are very few grant-aided pro-active conservation schemes currently in operation in the East Midlands – the general focus seems to be on development control. Advertisements for conservation specialist posts are at an all-time low and other branches have provided dismal reports of a similar situation across the whole country.

A key IHBC response has been the carrying out of a research project on local authority conservation capacity, part funded by English Heritage, to accurately identify the effects of the cuts on service provision. This has confirmed the national picture and has provided firm evidence to support the case for an adequate conservation service. The research has not only identified the current level of service provision and losses but has also highlighted other insidious changes. The latter include a number of cases where departmental reorganisations have resulted in mainstream planners being given conservation specialist posts, giving a false impression that the service is being maintained. During the year, the Institute has made further representations regarding accreditation of conservation specialists, which mostly relates to professionals that implement grant-aided work. There would seem to be a need for standards to be adopted for those that provide specialist advice within local authorities.

The Branch has continued the annual school bursary scheme in 2011. This year, a single place for the whole school was provided rather than two day school places, due to the impracticality of getting to Llandudno and back to attend the day school in a single day. Annual school bursary schemes are now being adopted by other branches – once again, the East Midlands Branch has led the way.

The Branch has stated an intention to produce a technical pamphlet on gypsum plaster floors, modelled on the successful *Peg Tiles in the South-East* pamphlet produced jointly by the South-East branch and SPAB. More work needs to be done

on this. Volunteers to help advance this useful and interesting initiative would be most welcome.

All members will have become more familiar with the intricacies of the government's PPS5 planning policy document during the year. The Institute is keeping a close eye on its imminent demise and integration into the proposed National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). As ever, James Caird is the person to contact to feed any individual concerns back through the institute. If you are not receiving notifications of consultations by e-mail and would like to be on the circulation list, please contact Steve Bradwell, Branch Secretary. The Institute's responses are available on the IHBC website.

In my view, the Institute continues to be run on an efficient and business-like basis. In the forthcoming year, the Institute will be carrying out a review of how the organisation is governed.

Notwithstanding a large number of resignations from IHBC, many resulting from redundancies and early retirements, I have been able to report back that the institute's total membership has actually increased slightly, and that the institute's finances are in good shape. It is hoped that any members whose employment is threatened in the current difficult economic climate will appreciate the benefits of retaining institute membership. If you have colleagues at work who are not members but have the appropriate qualifications and experience, or are in the process of obtaining the same, please encourage them to join. And of course, new volunteers on both the Branch and the national committees are always welcome.

ROY LEWIS

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Membership Secretary's Report

In the absence of a permanent Membership Secretary, I have been trying to manage the membership applications and over the past year 6 applications for full membership have been dealt with.

STEPHEN BRADWELL

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County Representatives' Reports

Derbyshire

The Conservation Officers in Derbyshire Group (CODS) has met four times this year under the experienced stewardship of Allan Morrison and Jo Brooks. In these financially austere times, this year's CODS meetings have sought to provide free CPD to the Derbyshire conservation officers and local conservation consultants, with presentations from Selectaglaze on their range of secondary glazing products and from Mark Womersley on Lime Products (including insulating plaster and breathable floors).

Other highlights include a visit to the splendid Derbyshire Ecocentre near Wirksworth: the County hub for courses and activities focussing on education for sustainable development, where the Group got to hear about the Ecocentre's excellent work in this field. For those interested in preserving and promoting

traditional craft skills, the Ecocentre has amongst its range of courses Working with Stone, Dry Stone Walling, Building with Lime and Hedgelaying. For more information, go to www.derbyshire.gov.uk/ecocentre.

Given the central role of Historic Environment Records, there has also been good partnership working between the County and District conservation officers to widen the coverage of the buildings records on the HER and also to develop the Historic Landscape Character Assessment. In particular, this work has identified a need to add records for the non-conformist chapels in the county as these were poorly represented previously.

In addition to this, the initial phase of a major digitisation of images project for the County of Derbyshire has been completed seeing over 5,000 photographic transparencies of buildings and sites being scanned and placed on the public web site 'Picture the Past' www.picturethepast.org.uk. The images were captured by the various members of the County Conservation and Design Team from 1969 to the present, including some buildings which have been demolished or altered almost beyond recognition...some times for the better...as the county archive includes photos of buildings both before and after grant funded works from the past 30 years or so. The next phase of this project is to begin the digitisation of the remaining 25,000 photographic prints and adding them to the website. In addition to freeing up space at County Hall, this project will make this remarkable record of Derbyshire's built heritage much more accessible to the public and conservation professionals.

Whilst this resource can be preserved for future generations, the retirement of experienced conservation officers is likely to deplete the county of a number of significant heritage assets. Already lost but not forgotten are Harry Hopkinson from Derby City and Marilyn Hallard from South Derbyshire, although more are likely next year. Other notable goings are Debbie Maltby also from Derby City, although we welcome Neil Robertson in her place, and Chris McKinney on a secondment to Bolsover's Planning Policy Team.

ALLAN MORRISON & CHRIS McKINNEY

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Leicestershire

REPORT AWAITED

JENNY TIMOTHY

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Lincolnshire

There has been a healthy attendance at the Lincolnshire Conservation Officers Group throughout the last year. Three meetings have been held with Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire hosting the September meeting. The East of England Heritage Protection team from English Heritage attended giving a very valuable update on listing work. A meeting was held in March in Caistor hosted by West Lindsey District Council. Dr. Beryl Lott and her team presented the very impressive HER 21 project. In the afternoon the group were given a presentation about the Caistor THI followed by a tour of the restored buildings in this delightful little market town. North East

Lincolnshire Council hosted the June meeting which was followed by a trip to Cleethorpes to consider heritage led regeneration potential/issues. As a group LCOG have responded to the HLF consultation in May of this year to state the case for much needed heritage led regeneration in our County, supported IHBC comments of the NPPF (albeit the leaked draft!) and agreed that afternoon CPD events could be extended to other IHBC members.

A round up now (alphabetically) of the Districts and the sterling conservation work and major projects undertaken despite threats of reducing services to several authorities (where this has not already been undertaken).

Boston Borough Council – no report - still without dedicated conservation staff in house.

Arthur Ward, City of Lincoln Council reports that their heritage service is under review. The Lincoln Townscape Assessment (LTA) is now almost complete. Implementation phase commences shortly to address how the LTA integrates into Development Management and is recognised in planning policy (EH funded). CofLC has now adopted an Asset Management Plan for its property portfolio; the Heritage Team has advised on the many historic assets the city own. Other community work with the Diocesan Advisory. However a worry is, with a senior workforce (all 60+), who will take up the batten for Lincoln's heritage in future years?

Rob Walker, East Lindsey District Council reports no staff changes and no major projects but many large applications are received for wind farms and supermarkets. Some funding has been secured via Section 106 to continue historic building grants building on success schemes in Tattershall.

Dr Beryl Lott and her team at Lincolnshire County Council have been busy with HER 21 project whereby all conservation officers in the East Midlands part of Lincolnshire now have access to an excellent HER database to which they can add photos, info, etc. This County team have lost two members of staff as a result of cuts to service.

Liz Mayle at North East Lincolnshire Council reports that there are no changes to staff, hefty industrial buildings at risk are a problem but work has commenced with the Princes Regeneration Trust in association with Great Grimsby Ice Factory Trust (GGIFT) on discussions for the future of the grade II* listed Ice Factory and the historic Kasbah area close by.

Eddie Rychlak at North Lincolnshire Council reports there is no change to the built conservation provision at North Lincolnshire with one and a half full time posts as part of a council environment team. This has recently expanded with two full time posts for the HER. Work is taking place to enhance the HER data availability on the heritage gateway. The additional resource has allowed the planning of a local list, to be compiled imminently. Article 4 coverage has also been reviewed in all Conservation Areas and new article 4 directions are now being made as a result.

North Kesteven District Council – no report

South Holland District Council currently has no full time Conservation Officer as this post was deleted following recent departmental restructure and the introduction of shared management arrangements with Breckland Council. The Planning Manager is aiming to redress the situation in combination with the local fee-setting. The very successful PSICA scheme has been extended for two years with funding for grant aid and is managed by a dedicated conservation professional (2 days per week).

Ian Wright (South Kesteven District Council) reports that Karen Tomlinson's contract has been extended until August and she may now be made a permanent member of conservation staff after working hard to produce conservation area appraisals for the District. Together, Karen and Ian are submitting a stage 1 bid for a THI for Grantham. A shop front enhancement scheme has met with success in Grantham and will now be rolled out to the rest of the District and Grantham Townscape Character Assessment has now been adopted.

Rob Lawton reports they retain the same staff complement with Sarah Harrison, development work centres on the Caistor Neighbourhood Plan vanguard, and policy formulation for the Central Lincolnshire LDF incorporating "localism" and the new National Planning Framework (draft). The success of the Caistor THI has generated discussions for THI 2. BBC1 airs the documentary on the heritage hub Caistor Methodist chapel conversion at 8pm August 24th.

Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire report another very successful year with the Heritage at Risk project where some excellent training has been given to many volunteers and many heritage assets have now been surveyed in the County. A major project for this very active building preservation trust is that of repairs to a grade II* listed house, 116 High Street Boston which is now enshrined in a covered scaffold whilst full repairs and adaption to a new use is carried out with funding from English Heritage, HLF and the ERDF programme. A further BPT project is underway in Boston at Hussey Tower, a SAM and Grade II* listed building. Repairs will improve the condition of the building and allow improved access for visitors.

ELIZABETH MAYLE

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Northamptonshire REPORT AWAITED

RACHEL BOOTH

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Nottinghamshire

The Conservation Officers Forum meetings occur on a quarterly basis. The meetings are usually followed by a site visit and occasionally a presentation. The most recent meeting was hosted at by Newark & Sherwood DC at Kelham Hall and was followed by a tour of the Magnus Building in Newark and presentation of the HLF scheme with Jane Roylance (PMT) and Bryony Robins (N&SDC). The tour was opened to EM IHBC and attended by 3 members in addition to the Conservation Officers. In April we met at the DH Lawrence centre, Durban House in Eastwood and visited Kimberley Brewery B@R with the new owners. In January we met at Nottingham City Council and visited the Grade II* Council House with Nottingham Civic Society. In

September 2010 we met at Rushcliffe Borough Council and toured the Trent riverside with Tom Woodcock, British Waterways heritage officer.

Staff levels:

Three districts continue to have no permanent in-house CO provision. Tony Player (IHBC) provides conservation planning advice alongside urban design input to Gedling and Ashfield. The County Council historic buildings section provides conservation advice to Broxtowe Borough. Cuts and re-organisations have affected staff particularly acutely at Newark & Sherwood DC.

Funding schemes:

Bassetlaw DC PSiCA in Tuxford is continuing. EH funding support for H@R sites in 2010/11 includes: King John's Palace; Flintham mud dovecote.

The number of buildings at risk in the county has remained relatively constant (at just over 7%). There have been some successes but also some new buildings have come on the register. The County online database of BARs was updated in 2010, go to:

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/buildingsatrisk.htm

In September 2010 the County Council ran its fourth annual training event for listed building owners at Ruddington Railway Heritage Centre. SPAB sponsored two events in June at Tuxford, a gypsum plaster floor training day and a conservation fair. Both were well attended and supported.

Some new conservation areas were designated in Bassetlaw since the last report. BDC adopted guidance for identification of non-designated heritage assets and heritage impact assessments and officers were invited to London to give a presentation on these at an RTPI training event. James White (Erewash BC) provided the input on behalf of COs into the Nottingham Aligned Core Strategy heritage policy being developed by Gedling BC.

JASON MORDAN

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Treasurer's Report 2010-11 REPORT AWAITED

ROSE THOMPSON

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Other Reports

ALGAO

I have been unable to attend any of the ALGAO meetings during the past 12 months and consequently there is nothing to report.

JASON MORDAN

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Derby City Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Due a change in jobs I have only managed to attend one CAAC meeting this year and consequently there is little to report on the year's activities of the Derby City Conservation Area Advisory Committee.

I can report changes to staffing levels Derby City Council with the retirement of Harry Hopkinson, Team Leader for the Built Environment Team, and the departure of Debbie Maltby, Conservation and Built Environment Officer, who moved to another part of the country. Both Harry and Debbie were major contributors to the work of Derby's CAAC and will be sorely missed. However a new full time officer has now been appointed, Neil Robertson who is an IHBC member and he works alongside Chloe Oswald, who works part time.

In terms of the CAAC Ian Woodhead the Development Control Team Leader has now starting attending with Chloe Oswald and this additional more DC involvement is a positive move.

CHARLES GLENN

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Leicester City Conservation Area Advisory Panel

Meetings of Leicester City Council's Conservation Advisory Panel are still attended, although the frequency of the meetings has been less than in previous years, probably reflecting a downturn in the number of applications being received by the council and also a downturn in staff availability to service the meetings.

A range of proposals have been considered over the past year, although the clamour for residential conversion of historic buildings of four or five years ago has seemingly been replaced by demand for student accommodation. Several other hard-negotiated conversion proposals have not been implemented. Among the more interesting schemes considered this year has been a well-researched and sympathetic conversion of a grade II listed, 1960s Leicester University Halls of Residence designed by Leslie Martin and Trevor Dannatt, which was a welcome improvement on schemes previously viewed when the writer worked for Leicester City Council!

DAVE TRUBSHAW

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NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH COMMITTEE

I would like to nominate the following person for the post of

Nominee Name:.....

For the Post of:.....

(Chair, Vice Chair, Branch Representative to Council, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, County Representative, Education Representative, or General Committee post)

Address of Nominee:.....

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I have approached the person nominated above who is prepared to stand for election.

Proposed by: (Print Name).....

Signature of Proposer:

Seconded by:.....

Please send or e-mail completed nomination form by 1st September 2011 to:

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