

INSTITUTE OF HISTORIC BUILDING CONSERVATION

EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH

Annual General Meeting



**Friday, 3rd September 2010
at Cusworth Hall, near Doncaster**

Programme of Events

- 2.30 pm Meet at the main entrance followed by a short introductory talk by the Curator in the Education Room
- 3.00 pm Tour of the Hall (which houses South Yorkshire's social history collection) and restored landscaped garden
- 5.00 pm Buffet tea in the café
- 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 would like to come along and have not yet booked please fill in and return the booking form that was sent in the post or use it to send your apologies. 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.

Cusworth Hall and Park, Cusworth Lane, Doncaster, DN5 7TU

We are going just outside of our region to visit Cusworth Hall, a grade I listed country house built between 1740 & 1744 and set in acres of historic parkland. The site offers an excellent venue for our visit and AGM providing the opportunity for Branch members to hear about and to see the results of the extensive restorations undertaken with HLF funding between 2003 & 2007, transforming the Hall and its surrounding parkland. More information on the Hall and gardens and can be found at:

www.doncaster.gov.uk/Leisure_in_Doncaster/Museums_and_Galleries/Cusworth_Hall_and_Park/Cusworth_Hall/Cusworth_Hall.asp

Directions to the Venue

Cusworth Hall is located 2 miles north of Doncaster, off the A638 Doncaster to Wakefield Road. It is signposted from the A1 and A638.

For those with Sat-Nav, try: DN5 7TU, and for those without, a map showing the directions and the location of the Hall can be seen on the website

AGM Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2009 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. 2010-11 Business Plan - see separate document
7. Any Other Agreed Business

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at Harlaxton Hall, Harlaxton Friday, 4th September 2009

Present:

Alf Sharman, Anthony Gimpel, Chris McKinney, Christopher Smith, Elizabeth Bryan, Fiona Newton, Jane Roylance, Jenny Timothy, Liz Mayle, Paul Clarke, Peter Swallow, Robert Walker, Rosalind Willatts, Rose Thompson, Roy Lewis, Sara Crofts, Stephen Bradwell, Susan Dobby & Robert Stewart

Apologies:

Chloe Oswald, Chris Collison, David Boyson, Diana Evans, Jill Vernon, Jim Crane, Martin Tincknell, Michael Stokes, Michael Taylor, Rachel Booth, Ramona Usher, Richard Spooner, Jason Mordan, James Edgar, Alan Morrison, Karen Tomlinson, Jacob Amuli, Philip Grover, Kim Wyatt, Debbie Maltby, David Bullen & Sudipta Ghosh

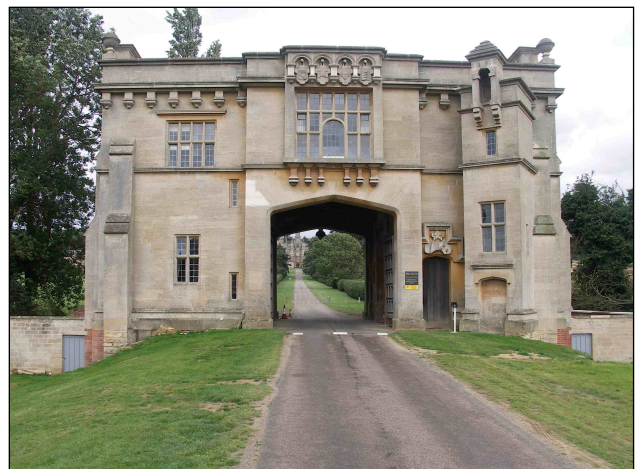
Minutes of the 2008 AGM

The Minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting, proposed by Chris McKinney and seconded by Elizabeth Mayle and carried unanimously.

Officers and County Reps Reports

In adding to his report Robert Walker began the meeting by thanking Liz Mayle for organising the venue and day's events and James Edgar for his informative tour of the gardens at Harlaxton, explaining much of the history and the recent works to restore the gardens.

Rob also noted the success of the Buxton Annual School and thanked all of the volunteers for their help; particularly as the early feedback highlighted the organisation as excellent. Rob also mentioned the sad news of the death of Sir Martin Doughty who had been due to



be the key note speaker at the School.

Stephen Bradwell commented on the efforts that had been made to update the Branch's IHBC web page and hoped that this was now a useful source of information about Branch meetings and future events.

In addition to his report, Roy Lewis commented on the continuing growing membership and the high profile of the IHBC at national level. Roy also commented on the work of James Caird who was responsible for preparing the IHBC responses to various Government consultations and also Fiona Newtons' efforts to ensure that the IHBC was able to successfully argue its VAT case against the HMRC.

He also noted that Fiona was also very much involved in the establishment of IHBC Enterprises as a 'stand alone' company responsible for organising the Annual Schools and the business activities of the IHBC at arms length from the charitable status of the IHBC.

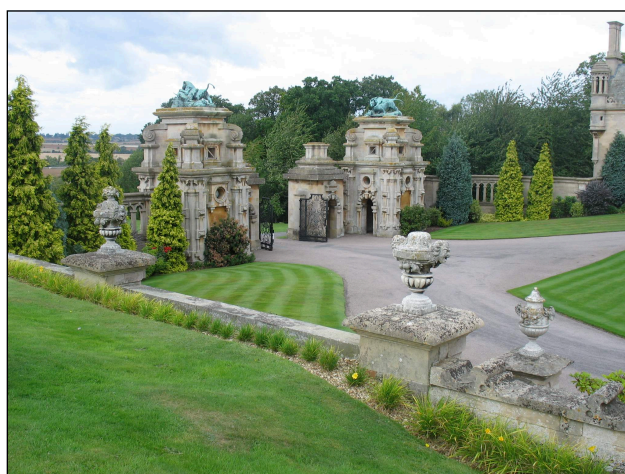
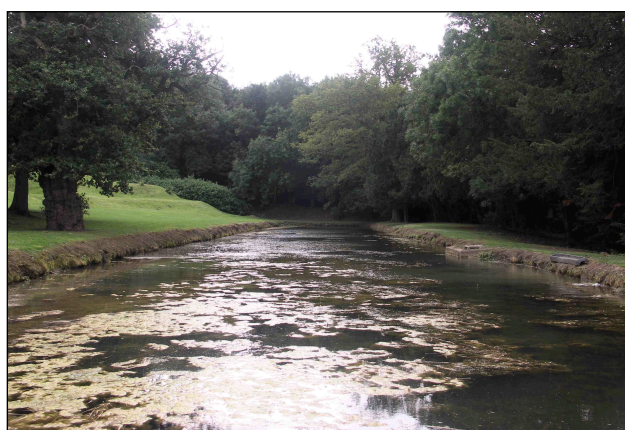
Chris McKinney re-iterated his thanks to his fellow Derbyshire colleagues in arranging the Buxton Annual School. Rob endorsed the thanks of the Branch as a whole to the Derbyshire members who had committed a great deal of time and effort towards the Annual School.

Adding to her report Liz Mayle offered the positive news that North Kesteven had created a new conservation officer post.

Treasurer's Report

Rose Thompson presented her report but noted that the figures were liable to change by the end of the accounting year in September.

Rob added that the Branch could expect to receive in the region of £4,000 from the Annual School surplus which effectively reflected the hidden costs of using volunteers, and it was now up to the Branch to decide how this should be



spent. Fiona noted that this money would be held by the IHBC and could be drawn by the Branch as and when it was required.

Election of Officers

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

Chair - Jane Roylance (nominated: Rose Thompson & seconded: Jenny Timothy);
Vice Chair: Robert Walker - (Steve Bradwell/Liz Mayle);
Treasurer: Rose Thompson (David Bullen/Amy Schofield);
Secretary: Steve Bradwell (Roy Lewis/Rose Thompson);
Branch Representative: Roy Lewis (Rose Thompson/Steve Bradwell);
Membership Secretary: David Boyson (Sue Dobby/Steve Bradwell).

The Election of the Officers was approved by the Meeting, nominated by Chris McKinney and seconded by Sue Dobby.

After election of the Officers Jane Roylance took over the Chair from Robert Walker.

Election of General Committee Members

Stephen Bradwell then read out the nominations for the following:

General Committee Members:

Jenny Timothy (Rachel Booth/Alex Stephenson);
Chloe Oswald (Debbie Maltby/Rose Thompson);
Fiona Newton (Sue Dobby/Steve Bradwell);

County Representatives:

Lincolnshire County rep: Elizabeth Mayle (Robert Walker/Stephen Bradwell);
Nottinghamshire County rep: Jason Mordan (Stephen Bradwell/Roy Lewis);
Derbyshire County rep: Chris McKinney (Roy Lewis/Rose Thompson);
Northamptonshire County rep: Rachel Booth (Jenny Timothy/Alex Stephenson);
Leicestershire County rep: James White (David Boyson/Richard Spooner).

The Election of the Committee Members and County representatives was approved by the Meeting, nominated by Sue Dobby and seconded by Bob Stewart.

Business Plan

Rose Thompson then moved to the Business Plan, reviewing the year's past events and looking forward to the forthcoming year.

It was important for the Branch to continue to hold events – particularly our 'cheap and cheerful' events.

Two suggestions were also made as to how the Branch could spend some of its Annual School surplus:

(i) To make a one-off contribution to the Gus Astley Award, which had been set up to support students on conservation related courses – this was proposed by Jane Roylance and seconded by Liz Mayle and supported unanimously;

(ii) To set aside money to sponsor a Branch member to attend the next Annual School. It was agreed that whilst the details would need to be worked out later, it

was necessary to agree the principle so that it could be included in the Business Plan. Jenny Timothy suggested a contribution to a number of people instead of a single payment to one person. Roy noted that he felt it important that any selection procedures should encourage younger members to attend the Annual School. Fiona noted that other Branches operated a similar bursary scheme with open competition between potential applicants.

After discussion the principle of a bursary award was agreed and proposed by Chris McKinney and seconded by Jenny Timothy and supported unanimously.

Ros Willatts noted that consideration should also be given to the promotion and sponsorship of crafts skills related to conservation.

Any Other Business

In the absence of any other business Jane Roylance, thanked Robert Walker for his work for the Branch both as outgoing Chair and before that as Treasurer.

Thanks to all those attending the day's event and the AGM.

In the absence of any further business the meeting was closed at 7.15pm.

IHBC East Midlands Branch Committee 2009 - 10

Chair

Jane Roylance

Vice Chair

Robert Walker

Secretary

Stephen Bradwell

Branch Representative to IHBC Council

Roy Lewis

Treasurer

Rose Thompson

Membership Secretary

David Boyson

County Reps

Derbyshire Chris McKinney

Leicestershire James White (& Jenny Timothy)

Lincolnshire Liz Mayle

Northamptonshire Rachel Booth

Nottinghamshire Jason Mordan

Education Rep

Philip Grover

General Committee Members

Fiona Newton

Jenny Timothy

Chloe Oswald

Officers' Reports 2009 - 10

Chair's Report

This is the first year I have served as Chair to the East Midlands Branch, having previously served as Vice Chair and general committee member.

I would like to thank Rob Walker, the outgoing Chair for all his hard work in the three years of his tenure, culminating in the Annual School at Buxton in 2009, which was the most successful school to date. I would also like to extend my thanks to the organising committee for the School, for all their hard work on our behalf.

The Buxton School made a substantial financial surplus, of which almost half is being held centrally for the Branch's benefit. At last year's AGM at Harlaxton there were long discussions as to what use the Branch might want to put the monies to. The main themes of these discussions were that there should be a perceived benefit for all, and to promote excellence by acquiring new skills and Continuing Professional Development. The attending members asked the Branch Committee to investigate making a donation to the Gus Astley Annual Student Award and creating a bursary to provide the opportunity for members not receiving funding from their employers to attend the 2010 Annual School. I am pleased to be able to report that the Branch has made a donation of £500 to the Gus Astley Award, which promotes excellence in student research projects, and funded two bursaries, enabling two of our members to attend the Day School in London in June of this year.

The recipients were

- Lynda Tomkins, a full time student
- Liz Bates, who works for Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire, a charitable organisation.

Both recipients have produced articles for the Annual School edition of Context due out in September. The branch anticipates being able to make a similar offer for next year's Annual School which will be held in North Wales.

The theme of providing excellence in conservation continues in the Branch's 'cheap and cheerful' CPD events. In June the Branch visited the Hathern Terra Cotta works in Shepshed, Leicestershire. We were given a talk about the history of terra cotta production and the technicalities of production, followed by a tour of the factory. The event was well attended and received some very positive feedback.

In the current economic climate, it is becoming increasingly difficult to secure funding for acquiring new skills and Continuing Professional Development. The East Midland Branch is committed to providing CPD visits at no cost or at an absolute minimum. At present the Branch manages to organise one or two events during the year, and I would like to see this develop to be enable members to have access to adequate CPD at a minimum cost. So, if you are dealing with a project with complex technicalities, unusual material issues, or just a significant regional project, which you think would make a good CPD visit, please contact the Branch Secretary, and we will do our best to provide a programme of visits which reflects the member's interests and concerns.

The Branch continues to meet at The Fox & Crown in Newark, and is well attended by Committee members. We would like to extend an invitation to the meetings to all our members (we'll even provide sandwiches). Your views and contributions are valued by the Committee and it would be reassuring to know that the Committee's work reflects them.

Finally, I would like to thank all the serving members of the Committee for their hard work over the past year. I have appreciated their support in a year where I've felt very much a 'rooky' taking over the reins!

JANE ROYLANCE

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Branch Secretary's Report

The past year has been relatively quiet following the Buxton Annual School.

The Branch meetings have continued to held on a regular basis at The Fox & Crown in Newark. I have tried hard (not always successfully) to ensure that the Branch meeting agendas and minutes appear promptly on the Branch page of the IHBC web-site and hopefully the range of topics that are debated comes across in the minutes that I scribble down throughout the meetings.

I think over the past year that I have managed to crack the e-mail database of Branch members and all members should now be receiving fairly frequent e-mails about Branch events, new developments and IHBC consultation papers. Let me know if these are passing you by, I am always happy to add new addresses to the database and, to keep the system as up-to-date as possible, it is also useful if you could keep me posted of any changes of e-mail address.

Even in the quiet post-Buxton period the Branch has maintained its activities with an excellent visit to Hathern Terra Cotta and with what promises to be an interesting trip to Cusworth Hall for the AGM. These venues came about because Branch members were involved in various projects and they show that if we are to keep an active Branch then we all rely on our fellow members to get involved and promote the Branch and its activities.

STEVE BRADWELL

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Branch Representative's Report

This is my fourth 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.

Most meetings are held in London. I provide a summary of the proceedings 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 three of the four Council meetings that have been held since last year's Branch AGM. The next Council meeting will be in Newcastle on 23 September 2010. A large amount of

business is conducted at each Council, including reports from all the Institute's Committees and Branches.

As my notes of the Council meetings are on the website, it is not necessary for me to repeat the information here. The year started well with election of the 2000th member at the September meeting – a landmark that we have been seeking to reach for some years. The Institute's HESPR register of specialist historic environment private practices has become established and continues to grow. However, the built environment conservation profession should not be complacent. Bob Kindred's ongoing weekly analysis of conservation jobs adverts, which he has maintained for many years, identified only 43 adverts for conservation posts during 2009 – less than half of the previous year's total and a quarter of the 2003/4 totals. Furthermore, the impact of the Coalition Government's intention to reduce public sector spending is yet to be felt and could result in significant job losses.

At the same time, there is no indication that the statutory requirements for conservation functions are to be diminished. Members will not need reminding that the year saw the introduction of PPS5: *Planning for the Historic Environment*, replacing the longstanding PPGs 15 and 16. This was hurriedly introduced prior to the May election, without the consultation that had been promised on the re-write of the heavily criticised draft PPS15. Members may not be aware that a group of IHBC members and staff, along with representatives of the RTPI, and other organisations were invited to a meeting by the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) to discuss the revised draft immediately prior to publication of the final document. The published version showed that IHBC had managed to secure some significant last minute amendments to the text. Notwithstanding this, there is general agreement on Council that the document is far from perfect, and that there are some serious omissions.

The CLG invitation to input into PPS5 before it was finalised reflects the high profile that the Institute has established in Government circles. This is reinforced by the constant flow of thoughtful and professionally presented IHBC responses to a wide range of consultations on matters that impact on the historic environment. These are efficiently co-ordinated by James Caird. The Branch sends notifications of consultations out by e-mail to offer all East Midlands members the opportunity to respond, so most members will be aware of the excellent service that James is providing. If you are not receiving them 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. Please try and find the time to respond to James if you can make a constructive input.

In my view, the Institute continues to be run on an efficient and business-like basis. The AGM at the London Annual School adopted a Corporate Plan that will guide the Institute's activities up to 2015. The Institute's successful development is in no small part due to its dynamic Director, Sean O'Reilly, who found time to attend the Branch Meeting on the 18 March 2010. A variety of matters were discussed, including the role and relationship of the national IHBC and the Branches, and Sean answered some searching questions about the value of the annual peripatetic Council meetings in comparison to their cost. Sean is keen to foster good links

between the Branches and the national office and a Branch Connection Day is now part of the annual calendar of activities.

Each year sees new issues come to the fore as key concerns for Council. Local authority conservation staffing may well emerge as a major concern as the implications of Government policy become clearer. The IHBC is not a trade union but you can be assured that it will mount a robust defence of the need for specialist conservation advisors within local authorities. 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

This is the third annual report in which the membership data has been analysed as below. The data used was supplied by national office in early August.

With 172 members, we remain the fourth largest branch behind the South West (286), London (267) and East Anglia (210). For comparison, the other branch numbers are North (74), North West (144), Northern Ireland (36), Eire (11), Scotland (172), South (152), South East (151), Wales (109), West Midlands (148) and Yorkshire (132).

The headline figure is that we have a net gain of 9 members since this time last year, an increase of 5.5 %. The big growth in Affiliate membership is worthy of note and reflects the Institute's push to broaden the membership nationally.

	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	% change over previous year
Total membership	145	163	172	+5.5
Work Sector:-				
Private	45	51	59	+15.6
Public/ Voluntary	80	89	94	+5.6
Retired	5	9	10	+11.1
Not specified	15	14	9	-35.7
Membership Type:-				
Full	112	118	113	-4.2
Associate	3	5	5	0
Affiliate	30	40	54	+35

Work Address:-				
Derbyshire	31	32	40	+25
Leicestershire	20	20	22	+10
Lincolnshire	23	26	33	+26.9
Northamptonshire	16	19	24	+26.3
Nottinghamshire	18	28	31	+10.7
Rutland	3	2	2	0
Other	34	36	21	+38.5

DAVID BOYSON

County Representatives' Reports

Derbyshire

The Conservation Officers in Derbyshire Group (CODS) has met four times this year under the continued direction of Allan Morrison and Jo Brooks.

In a quieter year, the CODS meetings have focussed on the changing policy framework with the transition from PPG 15 to PPS 5 and the emergence of the Local Economic Assessments / Partnerships. Diversions from this changing landscape have been visits to the new visitor centre at Creswell Crags and a presentation on the benefits of the Ventrolla window system.

Key changes within the Derbyshire Conservation world during the last year or so have been the appointment of a Conservation Officer finally at North-East Derbyshire - welcome Lisa Walton - and the arrival of James White as Conservation and Design Officer at Erewash ensuring a full complement of conservation officers at the District and Borough level. Other changes have been the departure of Helen Bower from the High Peak THI Officer role.

Aside from these changes, key items of work within the County have been:

- progress on Heritage at Risk, particularly the high profile action being taken at the Derby Hippodrome, the completion of the repairs and conversion of the Creswell Schools and the preparation of a Heritage at Risk Strategy for Bolsover District; and
- a focus on World Heritage Sites, through the continued implementation of the Derwent Valley WHS Management Plan and the submission of Creswell Crags for inclusion on the UK's reviewed Tentative List.

Quite how the wave of austerity measures will affect us in Derbyshire is not yet fully clear but no doubt things will get harder. However, if we can continue to demonstrate to national and local policy makers and budget holders how our management of the historic environment helps to deliver the agendas of localism and coping with climate change, we might avoid the worst of the cuts.

CHRIS McKINNEY

Leicestershire

It's been a funny old year in the world of building conservation with major policy changes, economic crises and a new government agenda. Leicestershire has not been immune to all these new challenges and mixed in with the old challenges, which haven't gone away, it's made for an interesting year.

The biggest change this year has been the introduction of PPS5 and all the supporting documents to go with it. The document itself was parachuted in with little fanfare on Tuesday 23rd March, the day after the Leicestershire Conservation Officers Forum was assured by English Heritage that it was unlikely to see the light of day until the Autumn. After a whirlwind of reading, digesting and attending various training seminars PPS5 seems to be settling into everyone's day to day working. It has already been used at Leicester City Council to save one locally listed building, where it has become an integral part of a larger redevelopment scheme and has allowed North West Leicestershire District Council to identify a local heritage asset during the course of an application where previously there would have been little chance of reprieve. There is still little case law with the new policies which we await with bated breath, along with the myriad of supporting documents and the pretty new front cover for the Historic Environment Planning Practice Guide promised on the release of the policy.

The economic climate has had a knock on effect within the region with much restructuring going on within the public sector. This has resulted in the loss of building conservation posts, following on from the loss of the Conservation Officer post in Market Harborough last year, Leicester City Council is now down to two building conservation officers from four earlier in the year. It appears that the majority of lost posts has come through recruitment freezes rather than any direct job losses which in one way is a good thing, although with further cuts promised throughout the public sector who knows what the next couple of years will hold.

On the plus side there is evidence that the private sector is starting to recover with application numbers up in a number of authorities, along with more developers entering into pre-application discussions.

The new government has already made its presence felt in cutting regional development agencies and belt tightening with financial help for the sector becoming more and more scarce. However this hasn't stopped Melton Borough Council's PSCiA scheme. In 2007 MBC in partnership with English Heritage and Leicestershire County Council, embarked on a 3 year partnership scheme to finance repairs to historic buildings and undertake environmental enhancements schemes within the town centre conservation area. Total partnership funding amounted to £100,000 (EH £50K, LCC £35K and MBC £15K) per annum for the three year period.

A schedule of eligible buildings was prepared and certain improvements were targeted with the replacement of inappropriate shop fronts, many of which had been installed in the 1960's, as a major theme together with the reintroduction of traditional hand painted signage etc.

In the first three years 27 town centre properties have benefited from grant assistance and 9 more have registered an interest in grant funding. Some £386K worth of repair/restoration work has been generated.



P & M Fruits – Before



After

Improvements to the town centre during the initial three years of PSICA have clearly had an impact. English Heritage are suitably impressed with the achievements to date but acknowledged that further work needed to be undertaken to build on early successes. Subsequently EH have agreed to renew the PSICA potentially for another three year period.

In a similar vein Leicestershire County Council Chief Executive Dept. is running a County wide shop front improvement scheme called Inspire Leicestershire. It is hoped that this could continue Melton's success throughout the region.

Leicestershire County Council has also completed the Historic Landscape Character analysis, in conjunction with the local authorities in the area. This was launched at Bosworth Battlefield in July, with the website being available from May. This is now being rolled out across the region and will become an invaluable tool in dealing with the challenges the historic environment has to throw at us. Along with this the County Council has also produced Design Guidance for the region which is currently at consultation stage.

It's hoped that over the next year Leicestershire will be able to continue with these successes and be allowed to build on them despite the promise of even more trying circumstances. Watch this space!

JENNY TIMOTHY

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Northamptonshire

The Northamptonshire Conservation Officers Forum has met regularly throughout 2009-10. At the end of last year we visited Althorp House (Daventry District), the grade I listed home of Earl Spencer, where an extensive programme of repairs to the fabric of the main house commenced in 2008. A tour of the site was given by estate staff and Boden & Ward Stonemasons. The works include stabilisation and repair of mathematical tiles, replacement of delaminated magnesium limestone window surrounds, and refurbishment of roof coverings – all of which have raised their own fascinating conservation issues.

At the March 2010 meeting, hosted by Northampton Borough Council, there was renewed interest in engaging the County Highways team in closer working with LPAs and local communities within conservation areas – in response to Heritage at Risk 2009, which identified highway works (street and public space maintenance) as one of the main threats to the character and appearance of conservation areas.

Progress on the production of a Heritage Framework as part of the county-wide culture and sport strategy was reported on. In June, the English Heritage regional office hosted a training forum on PPS5 and its accompanying planning practice guide, filtering information down from the national series of presentations.

We are pleased to be able to report that the Heritage Protection Working Party, a collaborative effort between Northamptonshire County Council, the local planning authorities and English Heritage, has been successful in securing additional archaeological planning advice for the county. The majority of LPAs have committed to joint funding the new posts, which will be based in the county heritage services team and will provide comprehensive planning advice and project monitoring and assist in maintaining/updating the local HER.

Inspired by this success, a new Archaeological Archives Working Group comprising planning and heritage staff from within each LPA has been tasked with investigating existing arrangements for and capacity of archives and appraising options for future acquisition, storage and access. This is within the context of PPS5, and the growth agenda for Northamptonshire, which presents challenges in terms of new material requiring archiving but also the potential for Section 106 funding. The short and long-term issues/objectives that need to be addressed include; secure safe storage, effective curation of collections, public accessibility (promotion through understanding) and capacity for future expansion.

RACHEL BOOTH

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Nottinghamshire

The Conservation Officers Forum meetings continue to occur on a quarterly basis. In late summer 2009 we met at Rufford Abbey (hosted by Notts CC), in February 2010 at Bestwood Winding Engine, (hosted by Notts CC), in early summer we met at

Tuxford Mine of Information (hosted by Bassetlaw DC) and in September we are meeting in Rushcliffe area (to be hosted by Rushcliffe Borough Council).

The forum meetings have continued to be well attended although representatives from the DAC, NT, and BPT, no longer attend. The meetings usually include a site visit and occasionally a presentation. In October the forum was attended by Selecta Glaze. In February we met at we had a tour of the recently completed HLF colliery winding engine project in the afternoon. In May the forum meeting was followed by a discussion of the upcoming Tuxford PSiCA.

Staff levels:

Three districts continue to have no permanent in-house conservation officer provision. Gedling and Ashfield Districts rely on a private contractor to provide conservation planning advice while the county council historic buildings section provides conservation advice to Broxtowe Borough. Suzanne Dempsey was appointed to the role of Conservation and Design Manager at Rushcliffe Borough Council and Michael Tagg joined the conservation officers at Bassetlaw. Dave Bullen retired from Newark and Sherwood DC after a long and distinguished career.

Funding schemes:

Bassetlaw DC has set up a PSiCA with EH and Notts County Council funding Tuxford.

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 June 2010, go to:

www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/buildingsatrisk.htm

In September the County Council will run its fourth annual training event for listed building owners at Ruddington Railway Heritage Centre. This year was targeted at Rushcliffe district. The interest in the event has not been as good as in the past.

Twenty or so new conservation areas were designated in Bassetlaw since the last report. Mansfield DC adopted a list of local interest buildings during the past 12 months and BDC is consulting on guidance for identification of non-designated heritage assets.

JASON MORDAN

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Treasurer's Report 2009-10

Following the AGM, details of the Branch's income & expenditure over the IHBC's financial year (1st October 2009- 30th September 2010), will be submitted to Council. We will also submit our Business Plan for approval, this will include an estimate of the Branches income & expenditure for 2010/2011.

At the beginning of this financial year (1st October 2009), the bank balance of the East Midlands Branch of the IHBC stood at £297.12 (current account: £189.67 & reserve account: £107.45). At the time of preparing this report (end July 2010), the Branch's bank balance stood at £610.68 (current account: £420.95 & reserve

account: £189.73). The cost of refreshments for the Branch meetings came to £190.00.

Following the success of the Buxton Annual School 2009 the Branch received 40% of the financial surplus, this amounted to £4869.17 and is held in an account at Head Office for us to claim in installments. We have currently claimed £1000.00 to date which has been used to fund two bursary places plus travel expenses (£496.50 in total) and also to make a donation to the Gus Astley Memorial Fund (£500 in total) making the total expenditure £996.50.

No claim has been made to date for computer sundries or printing. A sum in the region of £400 (plus postage and printing costs) will be spent on this year's AGM at Cusworth Hall and Gardens, the costs of which will be paid out of this year's budget. I will hopefully have the final costs for this by the time of the AGM.

I will present an up to date balance at the AGM showing all the Branch transactions. I will also present a budget for 2010-2011 based on a draft Business Plan which the Branch can consider and amend if desired prior to its submission to Council.

ROSE THOMPSON

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Other Reports

ALGAO

I was unable to attend any of the ALGAO meetings during the past 12 months and will not be able to attend the forthcoming meeting on 15th September as it clashes with a meeting on the East Midlands Heritage Skills Training Group.

JASON MORDAN

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Derby City Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Report Awaited.

CHARLES GLENN

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Leicester City Conservation Area Advisory Panel

The meetings of Leicester City Council's Conservation Advisory Panel are attended on a regular basis. The number of applications and the scale of the proposals considered by the Panel is somewhat reduced compared to the peak of regeneration activity in the City four or five years ago.

Whilst this may not necessarily be a bad thing given the impact on the historic environment of some of the proposals considered in the past, it has meant that several hard negotiated conversion schemes have not been implemented, leaving vacant buildings more vulnerable than ever.

However one positive note has been the renovation of the Silver Arcade following earlier plans to refit and modernise the internal shop fronts and galleries.

DAVE TRUBSHAW

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 completed nomination form by 1st September 2010 to:

Stephen Bradwell,
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