



IHBC e-letter

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Introduction

This fifth issue of our Members' e-letter covers the period to our Council meeting on 29 April 2010.

Update & Corporate Plan 2010-15

Corporate duties were, naturally, the focus of the Council's last meeting before the AGM, as it agreed the *Annual Report* and the draft of the new *Corporate Plan 2010-15*. These are proposed for approval at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. Subject to approval, the new Corporate Plan will form the basis for the more detailed planning by Council in September. The *Corporate Plan 2010-15* is linked from our website's Home Page, or is available on request from the IHBC's National Office.

PPS 5 publication

The key event in England for the period was the publication of the new Planning Policy Statement 5, covering planning for the historic and built environment. The Government Response on the consultation, summarised in Annex D of the Impact Assessment (<http://www.communities.gov.uk/documents/planningandbuilding/pdf/1514290.pdf>) confirmed its acceptance of many of the concerns registered in the joint IHBC RTPI response to the draft. The substantial work by English Heritage and Communities and Local Government staff to create the new document was recognised and welcomed. IHBC's continuing role in identifying, understanding and interpreting key issues also was emphasised by Council, and this will begin with an introductory article in the next Context.

Annual School 2010: London, 10-12 June 2010

Booking for the 2010 Annual School, led by IHBC's London Branch with the National Office, has been very busy. IHBC members are encouraged to consider attending, especially given the practical opportunities it provides to explore changes in our rapidly evolving sector. The School is supported by English Heritage with the principal sponsor Montagu Evans. Opportunities for circulating literature to delegates are also still available. Places and other services can be booked through the website at <http://www.ihbc.org.uk/gold2010/>.

'Branch Connection Days', November 2010

The 2010 Branch Connection Day will explore financial management for Branches, and include consideration of resource needs for Branches, in line with the Object A.2 in our forthcoming *Corporate Plan*, to 'Maintain and develop support for Branches'. The event

will again take place in Birmingham in November. Details will be released when available, and members and Branches are asked to communicate to the National Office any related issues that they think could be covered at the event.

HESPR update

The ongoing expansion of the IHBC's professional services register, Historic Environment Service Providers Recognition (HESPR) was noted. At the time of writing, 18 companies are now featured in the IHBC's trade listing. The National Office continues to encourage members, national heritage agencies, commissioning bodies and private clients to look to our web listing of HESPR businesses, so as to secure services operating to the conservation priorities of the IHBC. HESPR is being promoted across a wide range of publications and events, including the Listed Building Owners Club Property Show, the ASCHB AGM and Conference, the UK Green Building Maintenance Conference and Exhibition, CIOB's conference in Cardiff, and the 'Edinburgh Group', the pan-professional forum supporting accredited conservation standards. As usual, HESPR members also will be listed in our forthcoming Yearbook. The HESPR website is linked from our Home Page, and can be found at <http://www.ihbc.org.uk/hespr/index.html>.

Joint international conference: Investing in the past

The IHBC, with the UK Association of Preservation Trusts and the Glasgow City Heritage Trust will soon launch booking for our joint international conference 'Investing in the Past - *Funding Heritage Projects: Global & Local*'. Taking place in Glasgow, over 18-20 November 2010, with major venues including the Fruitmarket and Lighthouse there, it will be a key event for UK and international conservation professionals as well as for interested practitioners from all parts of the sector. Glasgow City Council is a key supporter of the initiative, sponsoring the civic reception on the first evening. Early booking is recommended. The event is also supported by ICOMOS UK and Historic Scotland. Details, booking and updates alerts are linked from www.investinginthepast.co.uk.

IHBC Gus Astley Student Awards website & update

The 2009 winners of the Gus Astley Award, selected by Roger Bowdler, Head of Designation at English Heritage, will be among the speakers at forthcoming IHBC Annual School in London. The 2010 awards are now open. The IHBC has also launched a dedicated website for the Award, developed by outgoing Membership Services Officer Devon DeCelles. This is an innovative introduction to the awards, and can be explored at http://www.ihbc.org.uk/gus_new/index.html.

2011 Annual School: Wales Branch - Llandudno

Arrangements are in place for the 2011 School, to be hosted by the IHBC's Wales Branch. It will take place over a 3-day period at the St George Hotel in Llandudno, from Thursday 16th June to Saturday 18th June. The hotel will function as both the conference venue and principal accommodation provider. The School will explore current practice in regeneration and conservation, though details are still under discussion.

NewsBlog archive launched

Following the success of the IHBC's NewsBlog, and extensive testing of different web systems, our IT team have finalised the searchable NewsBlog database. This can be found at <http://ihbconline.co.uk/newsarchive/>. Users with any suggestions or problems are encouraged to feedback to our IT team, led by Peter Badcock, at it@ihbc.org.uk

Disciplinary procedures update

The Institute's finalised disciplinary procedure has been launched on our web site, at <http://www.ihbc.org.uk/disciplinary.htm>. The procedure had been received by the IHBC Council in 2003, and a new, more accessible version has been created to encourage wider understanding, awareness and use. A motion to welcome the publication of the procedure on the web has been presented to the forthcoming AGM.

AGM Papers circulated

The National Office has circulated the papers for the Annual General Meeting on 11 June, to take place at 17.00 in the Wolfson Theatre of the Royal College of Physicians, London.

Personnel changes in the National Office

The IHBC's first Membership Services Officer, Devon DeCelles, is to leave the IHBC's National Office and join the National Trust for Scotland. She will be sorely missed, in particular for her unique combination of wide-ranging administrative and organisational skills and her unerring interest in the sector, including her dedication to the IHBC's cause. Happily she will continue a formal association with us through supporting our social networking (for which see our Home Page for Links). Council thanked her for her outstanding efforts on behalf of the IHBC, noting in particular her close involvement with the remarkable growth in IHBC membership over recent years, and wished her the very best in her new and exciting role with the NTS.

As the National Office is reviewing staffing arrangements following this change, and Joanna Theobald, who already supports our web work, has been good enough to offer to carry forward Devon's administrative workload. This will minimise disruption for our members, as Jo can be contacted at Devon's former email address, membershipservices@ihbc.org.uk

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IHBC ANNUAL SCHOOL 2010: LONDON

Going for Gold: Delivering excellence in conservation

Royal College of Physicians & site studies, 10-12 June

See: <http://www.ihbc.org.uk/gold2010/>