



ISSUE 26: July 2016 ***Board, AGM and beyond***

Introduction

The IHBC has concluded its very busy Spring programme of events that are tied to our IHBC+ programme for developing our governance. Trustees met as the IHBC's Board - our 'Finance and Resources+' (F&R+) Committee – just once since our last member eletter in April, and this time using our 'tele-conference' facilities, in effect our Council. Many trustees also attended the other key meeting of the period, that of our 'Council+'. This is the extended national platform – and corporate resource – currently being developed to improve links to IHBC members of all categories across the UK.

Through a wonderful hosting by our West Midlands Branch, many trustees also joined in for at least a part of our hugely successful Annual School in Worcester, which of course also framed the key moment in our cycle of governance, the IHBC's Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Recent achievements

- [The Memorandum of Understanding with the Cifa](#) has been signed off and arrangements for free 'reciprocal memberships' are now in place and linked from the 'Join' sections of our respective websites.
- We hosted a successful '[Council+](#) meeting' in Derby on 3 May, creating innovative introduction strategies to our national Committees using breakout sessions and mobile digital communications.
- [IHBC's 2016 Annual School](#) was successfully led and enjoyably hosted by our West Midlands Branch.
- New officer appointments for 2016-17 were agreed in line with those indicated in our [AGM papers](#) and our previous [eletter](#), with new faces (for some) in officers' posts to include: James Caird as our Chair; Bridget Turnbull, Education Secretary; Roy Lewis, as Policy Secretary, and Past Chair Dave Chetwyn as Communications Secretary
 - The '[Annual Report](#)' and [accounts](#) for 2014-15 were approved at the AGM
- The School also saw the launch of two new major resources supporting the IHBC's leading place in the theme for the 2016 Annual School: 'People Power':
 - [IHBC's Conservation Wiki](#), an open source for gathering and disseminating built and historic environment conservation practice and issues
 - 'IHBC's [Caring for your Home](#)' website, our online support for non-specialist roles that involve looking after the built and historic environment
- The [IHBC-supported Awards](#) also were presented at the School, with many of those successful candidates who could take up the offer of free

places at the School able to receive their awards at the Annual Dinner, including:

- [Marsh Christian Trust](#), for 2016
- [IHBC Gus Astley Student Awards](#), for 2015
- Our new BES Support Officer, [Carla Pianese](#) has circulated her introductory letter to Branch committees and officers, and welcomes invitations, queries and related requests for assistance from Branches. As well as leading on our stand at events such as the recent ICON conference in Birmingham, her other particular success to date is to have led in generating what is now more than 1600 likes on our Facebook page, which can be found by using the link from our [home page](#).
- Our LETS Officer, Kate Kendall, has commenced her maternity leave, and we all wish her the very best and look forward to hearing more good news and to her return next year.

AGM 2016:

At the IHBC's 2016 Annual General Meeting, on 24 June 2016, chaired by IHBC President David McDonald, James Caird has been elected IHBC Chair, succeeding Mike Brown who literally 'passed the baton' to James. New faces leading the national committees include Roy Lewis, as Policy Secretary and Bridget Turnbull as Education Secretary, as well as the more familiar Dave Chetwyn, IHBC past chair, returning now as Communications and Outreach Secretary.

Other returning chairs and officers include Richard Morrice, Treasurer; Jo Evans, IHBC Secretary; Kathy Davies, Vice Chair, and David Kincaid, now Membership Secretary though previously Policy Secretary. Nominated Branch representatives have been appointed in accordance with Branch recommendations. Outgoing officers were thanked warmly for their substantial contributions.

Annual School 2016

The [IHBC's 2016 School in Worcester](#) was warmly welcomed by officers, delegates, and speakers, while the feedback forms already indicate high levels of satisfaction across key hosting, networking, CPD and sponsorship priorities.

The IHBC's new Chair, James Caird, said: 'As well as being very enjoyable, the entire programme offered top-quality content and ideas.'

'It also explored and encouraged important critical thinking and reflection on the theme of 'People Power'.'

'Particularly helpful was that the challenging content reinforced for many the sense that the IHBC is not only leading in the exploration of these issues, through this and recent Schools. For, with our new Wiki and Caring websites launched in Worcester, and our new Marsh Awards, presented at the School, your institute is also playing a central role in progressing 'people power' as a boost for professional standards, and not a barrier or alternative to them'.

[Conservation Wiki launch](#)

In a bold move to put building and historic environment conservation at the forefront of digital collaboration, the Institute of Historic Building Conservation

(IHBC), at its 2016 Day School, has launched `a knowledge-sharing platform for built and historic environment conservation that builds on the conservation-friendly `Wiki` philosophy.

(http://www.designingbuildings.co.uk/wiki/Conservation_wiki)

Caring for your Home launch

The IHBC's 2016 School also saw the [launch](#) of the institute's accessible guide to anyone seeking help in looking after their home. While still undergoing development as a Beta test site – and offers of illustrations are always very welcome – there is a huge amount of help available already.

IHBC's Technical Committee, led by Janice Gooch, helped shaped the distinctive style of this resource, and Janice said in the NewsBlog notice: 'This is a modern day resource that replaces the much respected publication of `Stitch in Time`, which we produced with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB). This website sets out the core principles and forms a strong starting point for further development and progression, like any good conservation document.' (<http://ihbconline.co.uk/caring/>)

Awards: Marsh and Gus Astley Student Awards

The Annual Dinner of the IHBC's 2016 School in Worcester concluded with the [presentations of awards](#) prizes and certificates to a range of winners across the IHBC's renowned Gus Astley Student Award and the first year of the IHBC's two new Marsh Awards, for Community Contribution and for Successful Learning.

Marsh Christian Trust trustee Nick Carter, presented Sam Tinsdeall, of the National Trust, his IHBC Marsh Award for 'Successful Learning'. Sam was able to take up his free place at the Annual School, courtesy of the IHBC, and receive the £500 cash award at the dinner. Unfortunately Chris Hall, former conservation officer at Scarborough, who received his award for 'Community contribution' could not attend.

As the 2015 Student Award judge, Prof May Cassar, could not attend the School, Gus Astley Fund Trustee and IHBC Research co-ordinator Bob Kindred MBE spoke to the successful Student Award submissions in advance of the presentations for the 2015 Award cycle. The presentations celebrated the Awards to:

- Winner, awarded £500: Samantha Stones, for 'Exploring the value of heritage: Urban exploration and the historic environment'
- Commended, and awarded £100 each:
 - Anna Shelley, for her work on 'Anne of Denmark as an Architectural Patron, 1603-19'
 - Andrew McBride, for his work entitled 'Amongst the Ruins of Slains Castle – Is there a Future for Scotland's 'Dracula Castle?'' and
 - Rob Ward, for his 'Assessment of Large Drystone Structures on the Ffestiniog Railway'.

All were able to take up free places for at least part of the School, which the IHBC considers to be a key part of the educational benefits of this annual

award.

CifA-IHBC FREE reciprocal 'taster' memberships in place following MoU

The IHBC and CifA have announced the first major outcome of the newly signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two organisations: free 1-year 'taster' memberships to help new members experience our respective disciplines and support at first hand.

IHBC's then-Chair, Mike Brown, and CifA Chair Jan Wills, issued a joint statement saying: 'We are absolutely delighted that our new Memorandum of Understanding is already delivering a great new deal for all our members. Our free 1-year reciprocal 'taster' memberships offer just the sort of value, benefit and capacity building our hard-hit heritage sector so badly needs.' [read more....](#)

Online listing of IHBC representation on other bodies.

In the June meeting of Trustees the Board – IHBC's Council, operating under the operational title of 'F&R+' - agreed to progress development of the provisional online listing of IHBC representatives on other bodies and organisations, with supplementary protocols and guidance to be linked to these, including on feedback procedures to the relevant committee or Branch.

IHBC Enterprises draft business plan

A first draft business plan for the IHBC's trading arm, IHBC Enterprises, has been agreed by trustees with a more finished draft anticipated in September. The production of this plan is a key action in our current Corporate Plan, 'CP20'. IHBC Enterprises is a separate company that is wholly owned by the IHBC charity, and as a commercial organisation its aim is to make a profit that is then donated to the IHBC charity.

New members

A new round of members came to the virtual round-table of trustees at the F&R+ meeting in June, and was approved on the recommendation of the Membership Secretary in line with constitutional procedures. All were welcomed and congratulated on their appointment to the corresponding membership categories and Branches below:

Upgrade to Full members

Samantha Allen (SO), Nick Doyle (NW), Fiona Knox (LO), Andy Pearson (WM)

Affiliate membership

Kenny Andrews (NI), Leslie Cornell (SW), Richard Crooks (YO), Paul Drinnan (NW), Adam Dyer (SW), Charlotte Evans (LO), Justin Fenton (SC), Gillian Ferguson (SC), Camilla Gersh (LO), Simon Goodhugh (SE), Mark Goodwill-Hodgson (EM), Megan Hari (LO), Philip Harris-Jones (SE), James Harrison (WM), Tara Hayek (SW), David Hughes (WA), Nigel Jowsey (SW), Eloise Limmer (EA), Joe Picalli (YO), Amy Saunders (EA), Gillian Scott (NO), Bryony Taylor (WM), Helen Walker (YO), Norry Welch (EM), Laura Williams (LO), James Wright (LO) Sahra Campbell (LO), Jodie Hodgson (YO), David Houltyby (YO), Jill Lovett (WM), Antony Lowe (WM)

Events etc

The IHBC's learning and outreach also included, among many other activities

- IHBC Scotland Branch was represented at the [Historic Environment Summer School](#) on 9 June in Stirling
- IHBC's Vice Chair and officers attended a number of [Civic Voice Parliamentary events](#), including the APPG debate asks 'Is the Planning System working
- The IHBC helped support the [Traditional Building Skills and Materials public events & CPD](#), Edinburgh, 6-7 June which prompted a [Scottish Parliamentary motion](#) on 'Traditional Building Skills and Materials.

And if you would like your efforts to be recognised here, please be sure to send the details and links to our Support Officer Carla at support@ihbc.org.uk

Branch updates and reports at F&R+

F&R+ meetings focus on statutory duties as well as corporate and regulatory oversight, including finance and risk. Branch updates are noted as papers circulated under AOB where appropriate, as current details should be posted on the relevant Branch pages on the IHBC's website.

Branches, or their representative trustees, may pass reports and updates to the IHBC's IT consultant, Peter Badcock, at it@ihbc.org.uk for posting on the Branch pages of the IHBC's websites.

NB: All Branches are especially encouraged to announce their activities and publications on the IHBC's LinkedIn Group, and take advantage of this open network to advertise their achievements across our digital networks.

IHBC Volunteering & Governance: A reminder

A cover note from our Chair James Caird:

As we all know, the strength of the IHBC lies in the willingness of its members to contribute to its activities. The Institute is always pleased to hear from members willing to contribute their skills, time and experience, either at local or national level.

It is easy to become informed about the IHBC and involved in its processes through our [NewsBlogs](#), [Membership eletter](#) and our in-house publications, [Context](#) and our [Yearbook](#) all of which offer opportunities for comment and feedback.

A starting point for active involvement for IHBC members of all classes of membership may be at national and regional Branch levels, where we offer programmes of meetings and CPD that many will wish to attend, participate in and contribute to. There are opportunities, too, to contribute to the governance of our Branches. Details may be obtained from Branch contacts and secretaries listed at <http://www.ihbc.org.uk/branches/index.html>.

Our Annual School gives members the opportunity to meet members from other regions as well as the the Institute's national officers, who use this event to keep in contact with the wider membership.

Those with particular expertise or interest in aspects of conservation or development of policy might like to consider joining one of the national panels or committees. Participation in a committee or panel can lead to further responsibility in that area or in the general governance of the Institute.

The IHBC has recently reviewed its corporate structure and introduced a mechanism for developing interest in the governance of the Institute through an expanded half-yearly meeting called 'Council+' which gives access to a wider regional representation to policy development. Participation in Council+ is one way of tasting the responsibilities of the the Institute's Body of Trustees, our constitutional Council. This is a part of the process that any self-perpetuating body must go through to ensure its long-term future. In line with our current Corporate Plan we will embed in any revised constitution the lessons learned from this and other aspects of this 'experimental evolution' of our governance, as our Past President Trefor Thorpe titled the process.

The IHBC is a charitable trust company whose Board of Trustees, called the Council, is responsible for its management. It comprises the nationally elected officers, including officers that chair our national committees, and the members nominated by the Branches. Any full member wishing to become a trustee needs to be well acquainted with the Institute's policies and ways of working. This can be achieved by any or all of the ways already mentioned, and by reference to our Yearbook and our website links from www.ihbc.org.uk.

Details of the legal duties and obligations of trustees and the various roles of the Institute's officers also may be obtained from the current chair or the IHBC Secretary, Jo Evans, email: ihbcsecretary@ihbc.org.uk.