



## IHBC Member Eletter ISSUE 30 – December 2017

### IHBC's '5 minute member survey'

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### **CONNECTIONS, COUNCIL+, SCHOOLS, SURVEYS AND MORE Introduction**

These include new-format Course Connection Day and the Branch survey and support strategy, led by Carla Pianese, our training support programme, including our Membership Assessment Training Event (MATE) sessions for Branches and the private sector, led by Kate Kendall, and closing off with our Council+, led by Fiona Newton, as well as some looking ahead to another busy year for us, with a current focus on the 2018 Belfast Annual School in June.

Hopefully, as the sector continues to face rapid change, contractions and risks, as well as opportunities, we hope there is some comfort in having the IHBC here to support you with your specialist interests or career ambitions.

And if you think we can make better use of our resources, please be sure to let us know: staff, officers or representatives as suit.

### **Headline updates: From surveys and events to advisors, our joint *Conservation Principles* and early career support**

- We have also launched our [5-minute member survey](#) with a free copy of BS 7913 for one lucky responder – for background see the [NewsBlog](#).
- We have completed both our [Course Connection Day](#), on 23 November and our [Council+ December programme](#), discussed further below.
- Sadly, our [search for an IHBC 'Policy Adviser'](#), intended to extend our consultations expertise and capacity into a more pro-active leadership role for IHBC policy development, has not yet identified a candidate or service. We are continuing to work on that, but if you have ideas or suggestion, do please let the National Office know.
- However our joint '[Conservation Professional Practice Principles](#)' – the new practice standard for the sector that we have developed in a partnership with Civic Voice and the Historic Towns and Villages Forum (HTVF) – is powering ahead, as we have already circulated copies to the Urban Design Group members, and plan to circulate more to the members of the Chartered Institute of Archaeologists (CIfA) by the middle of next year.
- [Our offer](#) of 1 year of fee-free IHBC membership for new students on IHBC-recognised conservation courses, is – anecdotally at least – drawing a lot of extra interest in our support for early career.

### **International Strategy and Council+**

Progress on the developing our 'International Strategy' - in part developed following concerns raised by Council+ delegates – has progressed well, culminating - to date - in discussions at our most recent [Council+ event](#), led by our Chair James Caird and organiser and IHBC Operations Director Fiona Newton.

The more informal and discursive sections of the Council+ meeting offered a perfect forum to outline the myriad connections between the IHBC membership and international issues, as discussions covered:

- What IHBC might do for conservation practitioners outside the UK and how to widen membership to include them

- How the IHBC and its members might get involved in international projects
- How the IHBC might assist in support for areas in crisis affecting their heritage
- How the IHBC might assist members and others to gain CPD or take their own part in heritage tourism abroad.

After gathering these thoughts, we aim to consolidate all into objectives for our next Corporate Plan, scheduled for approval in, or before, 2020.

### **IHBC Awards: Late and early careers**

We have launched the [Marsh Awards for 2018](#) - to celebrate retired IHBC members and successful learners in heritage practice, with prizes that include £500 and a free place at the IHBC's 2018 Annual School, and with a closing date of 28 February 2018. So please to start thinking early about who you, or your Branch, might nominate. Our dedicated [website](#) has all the details.

Our [Gus Astley Student Award](#) is always open for entries, with the current closing date set, as ever, at the end of this coming July.

### **IHBC Board developments – surveys and outlines!**

Having, as appropriate, noted, elected and appointed officers and trustees in September, our most recent Board meetings have seen:

- The [draft strategy for Branch support](#) has been supported, with Carla Pianese noting that the '...main findings of the Branch Survey showed challenging issues faced around capacity, geography and recruiting new members... However overall, the situation is not as bad as it can seem, and we are listening and planning what we might be able to do to help. In practical terms... the main proposal includes the development of a monthly Branch Newsblog & Events, which will be launched in January 2018.
- A new trustee survey, to evaluate the skills available to the board and inform progress on governance, has been concluded
- Trustees have approved Branch Business Plans, notably for the East Midlands Branch
- Following developments shaped by our new Communications and Outreach Plan, template documents for the 2018 School and *Yearbook* have been agreed, with delivery well under way
- Project bids to [Historic England's Capacity Building funds](#), tied to online resources and non-specialist training initiatives, have been submitted

- A refinement of our [Disciplinary Procedure](#) has been agreed
- We have supported [Civic Voice research](#) on 'Impacts of conservation service deficit'.

Remember we are always very keen to get new volunteers – Branch representatives and board members especially – and the best way to prepare your skills for these roles is to join your Branch or National Committees as a volunteer, as discussed below.

### **News updates: From Annual Schools to 'Flipping Books'**

- Our Belfast Annual School 2018 ([belfast2018.ihbc.org.uk](http://belfast2018.ihbc.org.uk)) [keynote speakers](#) have been confirmed as Bill Drummond, 'artist provocateur', and Jukka Jokilehto, architect and internationally renowned conservation policy adviser.
- [The Judge](#) for the 2017 Gus Astley Student Award has been appointed: Carole Souter CBE, Master of [St Cross College, Oxford](#) and former Chief Executive (CE) of the [National Heritage Memorial Fund](#) and [Heritage Lottery Fund](#)(HLF)
- The [IHBC's South East Branch](#) has offered to host the 2020 Annual School, a decision formally welcomed by trustees at our December meeting
- Our 2018 Belfast School is now formally an event in the [European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018](#)
- Thanks not least to Bob Kindred, we secured very useful promotion of local authority capacity issues in [Country Life](#)
- Our 'Floorscape' issue of Context has been circulated, which included the School 2018 flier, with additional c.1000 copies under circulation including to partner contacts in Northern Ireland
- Our own Local Authority [conservation service capacity statistics](#) have been issued where we noted that 'capacity drops again despite rise in work'
- We are in discussions with the Listed Property Owners Club (LPOC) on taking a stand at their [London show](#) on 24-25 February, as well as CPD space
- Our [2018 School sponsor](#) is in place, Heritage Collective, while the website is also under development at [belfast2018.ihbc.org.uk](http://belfast2018.ihbc.org.uk) – [download the flier](#)
- We co-sponsored the [annual COTAC conference](#) with Ramboll, on BIM in heritage works, in London on 8 December
- New Research and Guidance Notes have been issued on our [Toolbox](#), including on new National Amenity Societies consultation procedures in England, among many others, with drafting led by Bob Kindred, our research consultant
- A '[Memorandum of Understanding](#)' (MOU) with COTAC has been agreed by both bodies, and is awaiting formal signing

- Our end of year accounts, taking us end of September 2017, is ready for examination by our accountants
- And many of our Branches have been active in running, leading and partnering in CPD events, the details of which are too numerous to not her, but should be available on the [Branch webpages](#) linked.
- Finally, the complete range of [Context](#) is now available online as flipping books.

### **New members**

New rounds of members have been approved in October and December, on the recommendation of our hard-working Membership Secretary David Kincaid, in line with constitutional procedures. All have been welcomed and congratulated on their appointment to the corresponding membership categories and Branches below.

#### Full Members (*December meeting of trustees only*)

Louisa Davidson (WM), James Edwards (SW), Alice Eggeling (LO), Spencer Hall (LO), Jessica Jones (SW), Elizabeth Martin (EA), Rosamund Worrall (EM)

#### Associate membership (*December meeting*)

Ben Smith (Evaluation) (EM)

#### Affiliate membership (*October and December meetings*)

Nabeela Ameen (EA), James Archer (YO), John Assael (LO), James Bailey (LO), Alexandra Berezina (SW), Tom Bosence (LO), Robert Buchanan (SO), Sarah Burdis (EA), Andrew Butt (LO), Frederique Caillat (LO), Amarjit Devsi (SE), Johnathan Djabarouti (NW), Ultan Donagher (RI), Gary Dowthwaite (YO), Cerys Edwards (NW), Elizabeth Feakes (SE), Mike Fox (LO), Paul Furniss (YO), Lorna Goring (WA), Helen Harris (LO), Saskia Huning (LO), David Lane (SE), Marilyn Leonard (LO), Martin Lewer (SE), Michael Lobb (SO), Lorna Magee (NI), Heidi Mattei (YO), Florence Maxwell (SW), Janet McDougal (LO), James O'Donovan (SE), Justin Packman (SO), Alex Parry-Jones (LO), Hannah Robertson (SE), Michael Wakerley (EM), Stephen Walker (YO), James Webster (NW), John Craig Wilson (SC), Simon Wright (LO), Lucy Wyatt (LO), Anna Zucchelli (LO), Patrick Cashman (SW), Camilla Prizeman (SE), Amjad Abu Aleneen (EA), Grace Campbell (EA), Stella Fox (LO), Paul Gwilliam (YO), Ken Hamilton (EA), Elli Winterburn (YO), Emma Ackroyd (SO), María Lucía Baños Castañeda (LO), Alexandra Blades (SO), Emily Brown (SE), Marisha Browne (WA), Jennifer Craig (NW), Rob Dempster (SE), Eirini-Christina Dimerouki (YO), Gavin Duffy (YO), Joseph

Empsall (YO), Richard Flynn (NW), Andra-Maria Franciuc (WA), Matthew Glasgow (WM), Neil Golding (SW), Anthony Gwynne (SW), Sanjana H Y (YO), Camilla Hassan (LO), Alannah Hogarth (YO), Alison Hollings (NW), Tim Horne (LO), Jo Horton (EM), Charlotte Howe-McCartin (YO), Lin Hu (WA), Apoorva Iyengar (YO), Ruth Jennings (WM), Maria-Marina Koliowska (LO), Athena Kreiger (SE), Eunice Valerie Lim (SC), Richard MacDonald (NW), Luke Mckevitt (NW), Annika McQueen (LO), Alison Moyle (LO), Roshini Muralidhara (YO), Roisin Murray (LO), Andrew Owen (SW), Ashley Paul (EA), Chris Plyming (WM), Roxanne Porter-Robinson (LO), Preethi Radhakrishnan (YO), Amy Reeves (SW), James Alexander Rennie (EA), Louise Roberts (YO), Camilla Rooney (SW), Laura Russell (SW), Hannah Sharp (NW), Mark Simmonds (EM), Karoline Soisalo de Mendonc (LO), Graham Tait (WM), Sonny Tatlock (NW), Richard Thompson (YO), Vasilina Timofejeva (LO), Jenna Tinning (YO), Amy Ward (YO), James Watkinson (LO), Samuel Woodford (YO), Lila Angelaka (SC), Adele Arthur (LO), Jan Bakewell (WM), Richard Batt (EM), Giorgio Bowler (EA), Scott Brookes (LO), Elliott Brotherton (SE), Janine Buckley (EM), Richard Bullows (WM), Paula Burbicka (YO), Emilie Carr (EM), Sophie Cattier (EA), Athina Chrysostomou (SC), Kathy Clark (LO), Darren Collings (LO), Nafsica Constantinou (SC), Charlotte Curtis (LO), Nicola Davies (WA), John Edwards (SC), Gillian Elliott (EM), James Ensell (WM), Tatiana Farcas (LO), Stephen Forde (SW), Trevor Gaunt (SW), David George (SW), Audrey Gerber (SW), Tim Howson (EA), Samie Iqbal (LO), Nishigandha Karpe (WA), Claudia Keal (LO), Robert Lewis John Klinck (EA), James Kon (LO), Marcin Krzewicki (WA), Jill MacMahon (LO), Rebecca Madgin (SC), Rosemary Meara (SW), Charlotte Mecklenburgh (LO), Maryla Michel (WA), Shiva Mohan (WA), Nathan Morrow (NI), Andrew Murray (EA), Simon Parkin (NO), Frances Maria Peacock (EM), Daniel Pegg (EM), Cosmo Phillipps (LO), Nicholas Pond (LO), Richard Pougher (YO), Owen Raybould (NW), Catherine Renfrew (SW), Peter Rice (YO), Morgan Roberts (NW), Josephine Roscoe (LO), Gaby Rose (YO), Oliver Sharpin (SO), Emily Sheen (SW), Melanie Smith (SW), Nathan Smith (SE), Poppy Smith (LO), David Smith (LO), Mounika Sri (SC), Bob Sydes (YO), Stuart Taylor (LO), Andrew Tizzard (SW), Boris van der Ree (LO), Angela Weate (NW), Amy Weston (LO), Julia Williams (SE), Stephen Willmore (LO), Will Woodward (LO), David Worthington (SW).

### **Branch updates and reports**

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', with current details 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](mailto:it@ihbc.org.uk) for posting on the Branch pages of the IHBC's websites.

As noted above, we are of course reviewing how best to support Branch operations in line with our survey noted above, and will update members on progress there as soon as we can.

*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 Institute's national officers, who use this event to help 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 (this needs better wording). Participation in Council+ is one way of tasting the responsibilities of 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 officer 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](http://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 of the IHBC Secretary, Jo Evans, email: [ihbcsecretary@ihbc.org.uk](mailto:ihbcsecretary@ihbc.org.uk).