What is the IHBC and what do we do?

- A professional body & registered charity operating across the UK, with global links
- Represent interests of conservation specialists in the built & historic environment
- c.2200 members in public, private & 3rd sectors, and growing (Chart 1)
- c.10,000 users of social and digital networks; website with c.400,000 visits/month.
- Support conservation outcomes as we help:
  - People: promoting built and historic environment understanding, enjoyment & access
  - Conservation: supporting conservation for its delivery of public benefit
  - Help conservation specialists: enabling IHBC members to deliver conservation.

How does the IHBC Work?

- A cross-disciplinary professional body, promoting inter-disciplinary skills
- Members in key place-making professions: town planners, architects and surveyors (c.40%) with engineers, educators, architectural historians, urban designers, archaeologists, garden historians & landscape architects etc. (Chart 2)
- Volunteers add equivalent of c.10 posts (c.£0.25m) to sector investment
- Generates capacity by linking across heritage, construction and voluntary sectors
- Runs a trading arm, IHBC Enterprises, delivering research & projects etc.
- The IHBC does not do casework.

How does the IHBC help deliver conservation?

- Promotes interdisciplinary conservation skills for valuing, managing and changing historic places, in line with our ‘Conservation Cycle’ and wider standards (Chart 3)
  - Full members (IHBC): Demonstrate interdisciplinary practice standards mapping to ICOMOS conservation and World Bank project management models. Identified by the letters ‘IHBC’ after their name, they may be listed on our online register
  - Associates (AssocIHBC): Demonstrated standards equivalent to Full Members, but in a single area of practice, and with mandatory online registration
  - Affiliates: Aspiring to IHBC accreditation, but with no testing or registration
- Standards maintained through Code of Conduct, mandatory CPD, & peer review.

Who are IHBC members & what benefits do they bring?

- Interdisciplinary practitioners with wide-ranging specialisms & skills, contributing to & delivering conservation, integrated placemaking and sustainable outcomes as:
  - Dedicated conservation specialists, in public, private or charity sectors, and/or
  - Mainstream built environment, regeneration & urban design professionals with substantial conservation interests, often operating in design & conservation teams
- Help deliver hundreds of millions of pounds in regeneration & enhancement, contributing to social, economic and physical development around the UK
- Operate at the cutting edge of modern practice in sustainable development, with local neighbourhoods & communities, stakeholders, developers, regeneration agencies, 3rd sector organisations and other partners, helping transform local places and deliver sustainable and community-aware heritage regeneration.

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CHART 1: IHBC Members by Employment

- 45% Private sector
- 32% Local government
- 10% Central government
- 1% Misc
- 2% Education
- 3% Not known or unemployed
- 3% NGOs
- 4% Voluntary sector

CHART 2: IHBC Members by Professional Affiliation (Including IHBC affiliates and associates)

- 16% Architects
- 7% Surveyors
- 2% Engineers
- 2% Archaeologists
- 3% Builders
- 19% Town planners
- IHBC only: 29% affiliates and associates
- and 23% full members

CHART 3: IHBC skills sets: The Areas of Competence & the Conservation Cycle

- Professional
- Evaluation
- Management
- Intervention