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## HISTORIC RELIGIOUS BUILDINGS ALLIANCE (HRBA) OCTOBER 2017 E-NEWSLETTER

Please continue to let us know what is happening to help secure the future of historic religious buildings, so we can share it with others. **The deadline for information to go in the next e-newsletter is Friday 27 October 2017.** Please email: [hrbeditor@theheritagealliance.org.uk](mailto:hrbeditor@theheritagealliance.org.uk)

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### HRBA

#### **1. NOW BOOKING: Launch event for the revised and expanded Crossing the Threshold toolkit on 3 November 2017 in Birmingham from 10.00am to 4pm**

The Historic Religious Buildings Alliance and the Diocese of Hereford are pleased to announce that the new edition of this resource – entitled *Crossing the Threshold: a step by step guide to developing your place of worship for wider community use and managing successful building projects* will be launched at this event. This is being made possible by the award of a £12,000 grant from the Allchurches Trust to HRBA.

The day will also highlight the range of resources available for places of worship wishing to developing community projects.

If you would like further information please contact, Becky Payne [hrb@theheritagealliance.org.uk](mailto:hrb@theheritagealliance.org.uk) You can see the current version here <https://www.hereford.anglican.org/Crossingthethresholdtoolkit/>

Please book using Eventbrite here <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/crossing-the-threshold-launch-of-the-updated-and-expanded-toolkit-tickets-37447582728?aff=es2>

## **2. Now BOOKING: The 2017 HRBA's BIG UPDATE is taking place on Wednesday 6 December 2017 at St Albans Centre, Holborn, Central London**

The Historic Religious Buildings Alliance's BIG UPDATE is your chance to keep up to date with what's happening to secure the future of historic religious buildings, and to chat to others with similar interests and concerns. The only event of its kind, it's friendly, lively, and informal, combining short talks with time for questions and discussion. This year's topics will be as wide ranging as ever including:

- updates on what is happening in Scotland and Wales
- an update on the Cathedrals and Churches Sustainability Review
- The Big Lottery
- The latest on digital resources to help providing interpretation to visitors for churches
- Stir to Action who offer resources on developing community projects
- Stories from Liverpool churches

Booking details <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/historic-religious-building-alliance-big-update-tickets-37450596743?aff=es2> We look forward to seeing you there!

## **3. Some places still left for the 'Managing Major Buildings Projects' training day, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Oxford – Booking CLOSERS ON 5TH OCTOBER**

We are running our 7<sup>th</sup> training day on 'Managing Major Building Projects in Places of Worship', in partnership with Purcell UK. It is taking place at the Wesley Memorial Church in the centre of Oxford.

The day covers the management of all stages of a building project in a place of worship, from start up through to making sure benefits are achieved over the long term. Presentations will include developing your vision, engaging with the wider community, fundraising, working with your architect and managing works once on site. We will also be hearing from three case studies that will tell us how it 'really was' and reflecting on lessons learnt. There will be a session from the Heritage Lottery Fund as well as lunchtime surgeries where individual cases can be discussed.

Anyone thinking about or starting to plan a major building project for their place of worship will find it invaluable <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/managing-major-building-projects-in-places-of-worship-tickets-35720522043>

All are welcome, you don't have to be based in the south-east.

If you would like further information please contact Becky Payne on [hrb@theheritagealliance.org.uk](mailto:hrb@theheritagealliance.org.uk)

#### **4. The Government's English Churches Sustainability Review**

The work of the Government's English Churches and Cathedrals Sustainability Review, on which we have previously reported, has been delayed by the General Election and subsequent events. We now understand it hopes to report to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and DCMS with the aim of publishing the report sometime before

Christmas <http://www.hrballiance.org.uk/consultations-2/cofe-buildings-sustainability/>

#### **5. HRBA update on the HLF grants for repairs to places of worship (GPOW)**

As you will know from our previous emails, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) is closing the ring-fenced Grants for Places of Worship (GPOW) scheme, after the final round of GPOW applications this autumn. Grants will instead be awarded through two existing HLF schemes, which are already open now to applications from places of worship. In these two schemes, places of worship (which need not be listed) will be in competition with other types of applicant. HRBA met with the HLF at the end of June, to discuss the concerns raised by HRBA members and also to look forward to ensuring the new arrangements will work as effectively as possible.

Full details are on our website at <http://www.hrballiance.org.uk/consultations-2/hlf-closure-of-gpow/> which will continue to be regularly updated. We are also sending out occasional emails dedicated to the topic.

## **EVENTS**

#### **6. The Catholic Church's Historic Churches Committees Conference in Salford on 5th October 2017**

This year's Patrimony Committee Conference for Historic Churches Committees will be held in Cathedral House, Salford Cathedral. The theme for this year is *Meeting the Challenge: change and regeneration* and will focus on regeneration and grants.

For more information on the content for the day and booking information email: [patrimony@cbcew.org.uk](mailto:patrimony@cbcew.org.uk)

#### **7. Friends of Essex Churches Study Day 7th October**

Led by Dr Christopher Starr, the Study Day will visit Fobbing, Corringham, Horndon-on-the-Hill and North Ockendon. <http://www.foect.org.uk/events.php>

### **8. Ledgerstones: A Workshop (York), 7 October**

Discover how to record valuable archives in our churches in a workshop in St Martin-cum-Gregory run by the Ledgerstone Survey of England and Wales. Speakers include **Julian Litten FSA**, Chair of the LSEW, and the day features a tour of the church and demonstrations of recording and uploading data onto the web. Email Jane Hedley for details at

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### **9. Churches Visitor and Tourism Association Annual Conference, York, 13<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

The theme is welcoming pilgrims and visitors in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and is being run in partnership with Christianity and Culture, University of York. Join us for our friendly, informative and fun annual conference.

For churches: meet other volunteers and clergy from churches open and wanting to open, share stories, get great ideas and learn from the experience of those working in church tourism across the UK. For professionals: meet others in the sector, inspire joint working or new projects and ideas. <http://cvta.org.uk/annual-conference-agm/>

### **10. Magna Maufe II on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017 10.00am to 6pm**

A study visit to the churches and memorial buildings of Sir Edward Maufe in London and Surrey led by Robert Drake. <https://secure.c20society.org.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=62&EventId=534>

### **11. BRICK- Giving to Heritage Workshop: Funding & Fundraising for Heritage Carpenters' Hall, London, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017 930am – 4:30pm**

The first half of the workshop will offer guidance from the Institute of Fundraising on how and where to look for funds, and in particular the crucial issues of 'making the case for heritage' and 'how to measure and communicate heritage impact' in order to convince donors, and remain ahead of any competitors.

In the afternoon, there will be a focus on social investment by CAN Invest, exploring whether social investment funds are suited to your heritage organisation, where to look for them and how to apply. <https://brick-work.org/events/brick-workshop-32-london/>

### **12. Crossing the Threshold tool being updated and relaunched**

The Historic Religious Buildings Alliance and the Diocese of Hereford are pleased to announce that work has started on updating and developing a much expanded version of the 2013 *Crossing the Threshold: a community development approach to the use of church buildings* toolkit.

This is being made possible by the award of a £12,000 grant from the Allchurches Trust to HRBA.

The work is being undertaken in partnership with the Diocese of Hereford who published the original edition in 2005 which has become a highly valued and well-known publication throughout the church sector. The Diocese are contributing £2,000 towards the initiative.

HRBA and the Diocese of Hereford are working alongside an alliance of interested parties to develop the content including the Churchcare (Cathedral and Church Buildings Division) and Parish Resources, Church of England, National Churches Trust and representatives of other denominations.

SAVE THE DATE: the revised and expanded toolkit will be at launched on 3rd November 2017 at St Martin in the Bullring

If you would like further information please contact, Becky Payne [hrb@theheritagealliance.org.uk](mailto:hrb@theheritagealliance.org.uk)

You can see the current version here

<https://www.hereford.anglican.org/Crossingthethresholdtoolkit/>

### **13. Christian Resources Exhibition 17th-19th October, Sandown Park**

Exhibitors will include organisations which specialise in the maintenance and development of church buildings. <http://creonline.co.uk>

### **14. The Tale of Three Spiritual Cities: the Churches Conservation Trust's Annual Lecture on 23 November 2017**

Acclaimed historian Dr Bettany Hughes will deliver the 2017 Candida Lycett Green Lecture telling the story of the city with three names - Byzantium, Constantinople, Istanbul - which stands as the gateway between the East and West, this city has served as the capital of the Roman, Byzantine, Latin and Ottoman Empires. <https://www.visitchurches.org.uk/what-s-on/annual-lecture-2017.html>

### **15. Ecclesiological Society's Annual Dykes Bower lecture on 5 December 2017 in central London**

A talk by Janet Gough former Director of the Church Buildings Council, on 'England's unique church heritage and why it's worth fighting for'. Further details <http://ecclsoc.org/events/lecture-englands-unique-church-heritage-and-why-its-worth-fighting-for/>

## **NEWS**

**Items in this section are for information only, and probably do not require any action**

### **16. VAT RECOVERY (LISTED PLACES OF WORSHIP GRANT SCHEME)**

The reply from DCMS mentioned in the previous section gave the very welcome assurance that the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme will continue until 2020. The date had been linked to the expected five-year election cycle, so there was concern that having an early election might have put the scheme at immediate risk. The scheme is hugely important to listed places of worship, not least in raising money from donors. <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/about-us/campaigns/news/1062-listed-places-of-worship-grant-scheme-to-continue-to-2020>

### **17. 2017 Top 10 Endangered Buildings List from the Victorian Society**

The Victorian Society's Top 10 Endangered Buildings List has been revealed! This is the tenth year we have been running this campaign, which recognises the plight of threatened Victorian and Edwardian buildings in England and Wales in the hope that increased publicity will help save

them. This year it includes one church and two chapels. You can see the complete list [http://www.victoriansociety.org.uk/news/victorian-society-marks-10-years-of-endangered-buildings-campaign-with-new-/](http://www.victoriansociety.org.uk/news/victorian-society-marks-10-years-of-endangered-buildings-campaign-with-new/)

## **OF INTEREST**

Items in this section may lead to action on your part

### **18. 2017 Church Architecture Awards**

The shortlists have been announced for the 2017 National Churches Trust and Ecclesiastical Architects and Surveyors Association Church Architecture Awards -

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/how-we-help/2017-architecture-awards>

### **19. Government Announces Further Funding Commitment for Neighbourhood Planning**

The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) says it plans to provide funding of around £5.5 million each year from 2018 until 2022 to support local neighbourhood planning groups who want to have more of a say over development in their area. Further information about the current programme can be found on the Locality-My Community website <https://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/neighbourhood-planning/>

### **20. Visit my Mosque Day 2018**

Visit My Mosque Day 2018 was launched last month at the Houses of Parliament. Building upon the most recent Visit My Mosque Day in February 2017 — which saw over 150 mosques across the UK open their doors to their neighbours of all faiths and none – the next Visit My Mosque Day will take place on 18th Feb 2018

[http://www.visitmymosque.org/?utm\\_source=FaithAction&utm\\_campaign=185aad0e66-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2017\\_09\\_14&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_4bcfde0ce2-185aad0e66-146225469](http://www.visitmymosque.org/?utm_source=FaithAction&utm_campaign=185aad0e66-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_09_14&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_4bcfde0ce2-185aad0e66-146225469)

### **21. A Church Near You to get a new look**

The Church of England is going to update their A Church Near You website site, following a report earlier this year by the Digital Communications team at Church House in London. To be launched in November it will enable key new features including:

- Churches will be able to add extra information to events and services, such as a location other than the church, times, accessibility and contact details. This will enable churches to showcase their one-off services out in the community or parish away days outside the church building.
- Space to include information about the facilities the church has, from a post office to a foodbank or Alpha.

Churches will be able to see the number of page views their profile gets each week, month and year thanks to a new analytics feature built into the logged in view <https://www.facebook.com/notes/church-of-england/the-new-a-church-near-you/10155179290523143/>

## **22. Revealed - Wales' favourite church or chapel**

Tabernacle Chapel in Morriston, Swansea, was chosen as Wales' favourite place of worship in our Sacred Wales - Cymru Sanctaidd competition. This magnificent building is known as the Cathedral of Welsh Nonconformity <http://www.sacredwales.org.uk/>

## **23. Woodland Trust's Tree of the Year**

The Woodland Trust is on the hunt for England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland's best-loved trees. You can vote in their shortlists, including the historic yew at St George's church, Crowhurst, in Surrey. <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/visiting-woods/tree-of-the-year/>

## **24. Do you know anyone who deserves a national honour? If so, DCMS want to hear from you!**

They are looking for people whose community or organisation thinks that they are doing something extraordinary for heritage. It is important that Honours lists reflect the diversity of UK society so it is key that we include both men and women, older and younger people, individuals from our many different ethnic backgrounds, people at various points in their careers and individuals from the length and breadth of the UK.

Anyone can nominate anybody! (With one exception: You cannot nominate yourself...)

The nomination form and guidance can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/honours-nomination-form-department-for-culture-media-and-sport-sectors>

## **25. Are you a Craftsperson?**

A research project is being carried out into the best ways of learning conservation architecture. The project would like to hear the views of craftspeople on the links between conservation, craft and learning.

Please take a few minutes to complete the Craftspeople survey, *Learning Through Doing* here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CraftspeopleSurvey>

## **26. No Religion Survey**

More than half UK population has no religion, finds survey <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/sep/04/half-uk-population-has-no-religion-british-social-attitudes-survey?CMP> British Social Attitudes survey shows generation gap on religious affiliation is widening with only 3% of adults under 24 describing themselves as Anglican

## **27. The Victorian Society criticises evangelical group for keeping churches 'shuttered and barred'**

An article in the Daily Telegraph quotes criticism from the Victorian Society of an evangelical group who keep their churches closed outside of services times. This is contrasted with the advice from the Diocese of London which aims to encourage and support churches to be open more. [http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/09/02/victorian-society-criticises-evangelical-group-keeping-churches/?WT.mc\\_id=tmg\\_share\\_fb](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/09/02/victorian-society-criticises-evangelical-group-keeping-churches/?WT.mc_id=tmg_share_fb)

## **RESOURCES AND COURSES**

### **28. DONATE**

DONATE provides a mobile and contactless platform to help small etc charities fundraise when visitors don't have cash on them. On 23rd October, they are launching a contactless giving product which you can see here <http://www.nationalfundingscheme.org/tap-donate/>  
See what else they have to offer on their website <http://www.nationalfundingscheme.org/>

### **29. Discounts on LED lighting**

Available for all CofE churches, dioceses and cathedrals, the Parish Buying Service have a new lighting supplier 'LED Hut'. They are giving phenomenal discounts on bulbs to Parish Buying members. We encourage all churches to replace their old-style halogen bulbs with LED's because they use up to 90% less energy than traditional lighting sources, with 90% less heat for the same light output.

To use the discounted pricing, churches (and cathedrals or dioceses) simply need to register for FREE with the Parish Buying Service. They can then create a LED Hut account to view the products and seek advice, if needed, on what to buy <https://www.parishbuying.org.uk/>

### **30. Contactless Donation Points**

The National Funding Scheme, under the DONATE brand, provides a range of free mobile fundraising tools for charitable organisations to maximise fundraising campaigns. This October DONATE launches contactless donation points. These can be rented or bought by charities and allow donors to tap their debit or credit card on the device to give a fixed donation. A chip+PIN slot allows for larger amounts to be given and each unit can be branded. <http://www.nationalfundingscheme.org/>

### **31. Register for donations on Facebook**

To make it easier for charities to raise money on Facebook, it will now allow charities to collect donations and enable supporters to fundraise for your charity. <https://www.facebook.com/fundraisers/>

## **COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS**

None this month



## PUBLICATIONS

None this month

## VACANCIES

### Paid

#### **32. Cathedral and Church Buildings Division, Church of England: Digital Projects and Outreach Manager**

The Division is looking for someone to take responsibility for expanding the Online Faculty System (OFS) with integrated Church Heritage Record. Deadline 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

Full details <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/about-us/campaigns/news/1063-recruiting-for-digital-projects-and-outreach-manager>

#### **33. Director of Friends of Friendless Churches**

FofFC is a small London based charity which saves beautiful historic churches and chapels throughout England and Wales from demolition, decay or inappropriate conversion. They currently own 50 churches open to visitors and they also encourage their use by the local community.

The Friends are now seeking a new full time Director to further develop the charity. The deadline is 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

For further information and application form <http://friendsoffriendlesschurches.org.uk/recruitment/>

#### **34. Estate Officer, North**

2 years fixed term contract (with the possibility of extension)

Full Time: 36 Hours

£20,825 - £24,500 per annum, plus pensions and benefits

Location –Homebased with regular attendance at our Leeds office

We are looking for someone enthusiastic about the care and conservation of historic buildings who will ensure the delivery of the maintenance programme at over 100 grade I and II\* listed churches in the North of England. Working alongside the conservation projects manager, you will be the main point of contact for all maintenance related issues, liaising closely with contractors and volunteers and developing volunteer training programmes in church maintenance reporting and conservation cleaning.

Please note this is a re-advertisement and previous applicants need not re-apply. To apply, please download a job description and application pack from:

<http://www.visitchurches.org.uk/jobs>.

If you require any additional information please contact [HR@theccct.org.uk](mailto:HR@theccct.org.uk)

Closing Date: 6 October 2017, 12 noon

Interviews: 18 October in Leeds

## Voluntary

### 35. Cathedral Projects Support Panel: Expressions of interest

The Association of English Cathedrals, the representative body for the 42 English Anglican cathedrals, would like to hear from those with an interest in cathedrals and the time and relevant specialist skills and experience to serve as volunteer expert members on this newly created Panel.

Cathedrals often respond to their growing popularity by taking on large development projects to provide additional facilities and improved visitor experiences. Some cathedrals struggle with the process of developing these major projects because of the extreme resource constraints under which they operate and because of the wide range of technical and management skills needed.

Panel members will help these cathedrals to scope out projects and identify project elements, point out potential problem areas and recommend how to overcome them, share wisdom and contacts, and advise on need for specialist advice and input, with a view to enabling cathedrals to become better clients. Allchurches Trust has provided funding for an initial two year pilot project

Expressions of interest are invited by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017

<http://www.englishcathedrals.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/PanelMemberAdvertisement.pdf>

The deadline for information to go in the next e-newsletter is Friday 27 October 2017 though earlier submissions are encouraged! Please email: [hrbeditor@theheritagealliance.org.uk](mailto:hrbeditor@theheritagealliance.org.uk)

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