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Annual General Meeting



**The Old Hall Hotel, Buxton
at 4.00pm on Friday,
4th September 2015**

AGM Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2014 Annual General Meeting - **see separate document**

(available on the Branch Archive web page at:
http://www.ihbc.org.uk/about/branches/east_mids/east_mids.html)

3. Officers' and Other Reports
4. Treasurers Report: Financial Statement 2015-16 & Business Plan - **see separate documents**

5. Election of Officers

Nominations Received:

Chair - Liz Mayle

Vice Chair - Robert Walker

Secretary - Stephen Bradwell

Branch Representative to IHBC Council - Roy Lewis

Treasurer - Rose Thompson

Membership Secretary - Neil Robertson

Communications Officer - Chris McKinney

Education Rep - Philip Grover

6. Election of Branch Committee Members & County Reps

Committee Members:

Fiona Newton

Jane Roylance

Rosamund Worrall

County Reps:

Derbyshire - Becky Waddington

Leicestershire - Liz Blood

Lincolnshire - Kelly Appleton

Northamptonshire - No Nominations

Nottinghamshire Jason Mordan

Others:

Derby City Conservation Advisory Panel Rep: Neil Robertson

Leicester City Conservation Advisory Panel Rep - No Nominations

7. IHBC Annual School Bursary Award

8. Any Other Agreed Business

IHBC East Midlands Branch Committee 2014 - 15

Chair

Liz Mayle

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Leicestershire Liz Blood

Lincolnshire Robert Walker

Northamptonshire Rachel Booth

Nottinghamshire Jason Mordan

General Committee Members

Fiona Newton

Jane Roylance

Rosamund Worrall

Sara Crofts (now resigned)

Simon Revill (now resigned)

Eva Long (now resigned)

Officers' Reports 2014 - 15

Chair's Report

My second year as chair has, just as last year, flown by. The East Midlands Branch Committee has had a busy but reflective year. The East Midlands Branch Business Plan has four key objectives. These are:

- Supporting Members
- Building Partnerships
- Maintaining an Active Branch
- Fund one bursary place to the IHBC Annual School.

Once again, thanks to the effort and dedication of the Branch, all of the above, and more, have been successfully achieved through regular meetings in Newark. Branch members disseminate information to a wider forum of county groups and members and we provide excellent CPD events.

With ever diminishing local authority budgets, the increase of members who work in private practice, and the large geographic coverage of the East Midlands region, we decided earlier this year that a short survey would be a beneficial way to gauge how best we organise CPD events. In the past, these have always been the 'cheap and cheerful' events. We would like to know from our members, what kind of CPD events you would like to attend, what these should cost, and what topics you would like to see. If you haven't already, please complete this survey (no more than two minutes) so we can strive to provide appropriate and affordable CPD events for all members.

We were particularly pleased to host the peripatetic meeting of the IHBC's Council on September 11th last year. This was followed by a social gathering, with a hot buffet and wine, for members to meet with national Council after the AGM in Derby. The following day, Friday 12th September, the East Midlands Branch hosted a highly successful special training event ***Building Skills for IHBC Membership*** held at the Roundhouse in Derby. This was the first of a series of training events rolled out across all regions as part of a national IHBC project to increase membership. This was attended by more than 80 heritage professionals from the East Midlands and beyond.

For a number of years, in April, we hold a meeting and CPD event away from Newark (our usual meeting place). This year was no exception, with a tour of the former Rolls Royce buildings in Derby, now the subject of a major regeneration scheme. A buffet reception followed the branch meeting at the Brunswick pub. Events such as this provide opportunities for all levels of membership and experience to gain valuable CPD, with much knowledge to be gleaned not just from the buildings and the issues that such major projects inevitable raise, but also from lead professionals involved in the projects. I would encourage everyone to attend our CPD events. I would also be pleased to hear about any suggestions for future events in the region.

Rose Thomson, our dedicated and hardworking Treasurer for some years now, was the successful recipient of the East Midlands Branch bursary awards for a full place at the Annual School in Norwich. It has been possible to support this bursary with funding income from the very successful Buxton Annual School and other national funding provision. Our funds from the Buxton Annual School are beginning to dwindle, and we

will need to consider whether we can support a place at the 2016 Annual School. We require all recipients of our award to give something back to the Branch, and we will be taking up Rose's offer, to assist in organising a CPD event for the Branch, with specialist staff from Historic England.

Although the IHBC nationally have seen unprecedented levels of posts advertised on the IHBC jobs page, it is still the case that many LPA's in the East Midlands have reduced, or insufficient levels of specialist conservation provision, and in some cases, nil provision. Through feedback from county representatives who attend conservation officer group meetings, I hear regularly about the loss of experienced local authority staff throughout the region, to retirement, restructure and private practice. Some LPA's are finding it difficult to recruit experienced staff. The work of the IHBC demonstrates that our members have, or are gaining, the necessary skills and experience to fill these vacancies. One of the ways that affiliates can readily demonstrate that they have the skills and experience to fill these posts is to upgrade to full membership, or the recently introduced associate level of membership.

This year, we are returning to Buxton for our AGM. Following that we have invited our colleagues in the NW branch to join us for a tour of the magnificent grade I listed Crescent, by John Carr. We will also be joined by Dr Kathryn Davies, the new Vice Chair of the IHBC. A peek behind the scenes before works commence will, no doubt, be a valuable experience. Following on, a joint social event in the adjoining Old Hall Hotel (itself grade II* listed).

We need a County Representative for Lincolnshire and for Northamptonshire. This involves attendance at the branch meetings and representation at the Lincolnshire Conservation Officer Group (LCOG). If you could give up a small amount of time, and would be prepared to help us, I would be pleased to hear from you.

Alternatively, feel free to join us at one of our regular meetings in Newark. The East Midlands covers a large geographic area, and we know that it is not always easy to attend meetings or events, but we would welcome some new faces on the Branch. Newark is our base for all but one of our meetings, and this is because it is just about central in terms of travelling from most parts of the region. Sandwiches and coffee are provided.

Although we have welcomed new members this year, there is a concern at branch meetings about a large number of retiring members. There is a move nationally to remove the CPD requirement for retired members; we hope this will encourage retired members to stay with the Branch.

Finally, I am sure you would all join me in offering thanks to the small but dedicated branch committee members for their unfailing enthusiasm and contribution to the work of our branch.

LIZ MAYLE

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Branch Secretary's Report

Over the last year the main Branch activities have either been in Derby or Newark.

A well attended Branch AGM was held in Derby in September last year to coincide with a visit to the region by the IHBC Council and it was followed by a national IHBC event, **Building Skills for IHBC Membership**, that was held at the Derby Roundhouse to help IHBC affiliate members, and those joining the IHBC, to develop and demonstrate their skills ready for Full IHBC membership.

Then in spring of this year the Branch organised an away-day to Derby to visit the Grade II listed Marble Halls, to see the 'in progress' restoration works of the former Rolls Royce building that is being converted into a community hub. This visit was followed by a Branch Committee meeting at the The Brunswick Inn in Derby.

Then throughout the year Branch meetings have been held in The Fox & Crown in Newark and recent meetings have been well attended by the Committee members, but there is always room for more and Branch members are very welcome to come along.

As always, the Branch relies on its members to operate and this year a number of Committee members have had to resign for various reasons and there are also vacancies for County reps in Northamptonshire and Lincolnshire. I would encourage Branch members to come along to the various events and meetings and get more involved in the running of the Branch.

STEPHEN BRADWELL

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Branch Representative's Report

This year has seen major changes to the arrangements for governance of the Institute under the banner of *IHBC+*. The meeting of Council on 4 December 2014 was the last of the old-style Council meetings. Since that time, Council business has been handled by Finance and Resources Committee Plus (F&R+). There have been three meetings held on the 26 February, 16 April and 3 June 2015, two of which have been 'virtual meetings' i.e. members attend by teleconferencing and telephone. The first virtual meeting in February was dogged by various technical problems but things gradually settled down and we have learned how to communicate effectively at distance.

Routine business of F&R+ includes approval of Committee Business Plans, Branch Business Plans, and giving final approval to acceptable membership applications. During the year, the Institute has adopted a new Corporate Plan.

The next F&R+ will be a traditional face-to-face meeting in London on 8 September 2015. In recent years the September meeting has been a peripatetic meeting requiring overnight accommodation for most attendees. The financial saving from the changes has enabled the first Council+ to be held in Norwich on Sunday 21 June, immediately after the Annual School. A second Council+ will be held in London in December.

Council+ enables an enlarged group of about 40 people made up of Council members plus branch nominees and Council nominees to discuss a wide range of relevant issues facing the Institute. I raised my concerns over the increasing over-emphasis on archaeological considerations in national planning and heritage policy and guidance at the expense of traditional architectural and design concerns.

The general response to the new arrangements from those who attended the inaugural Council+ seems to be very favourable. The virtual F&R+ meetings have been quite challenging but great credit goes to Mike Brown who, as Chair has made them work. The new arrangements have been introduced on an experimental basis but I suspect are likely to become permanent.

The organisation’s finances remain sound. Members will have noticed a considerable increase in the number of jobs advertised through the Institute and this is producing a healthy income stream. Retirements are being balanced by a steady flow of new members.

As part of the actions being taken to address the concern over the disproportionate number of affiliate members, an interim form of ‘associate membership’ that recognises proficiency in some but not all of the required competences has been established. The first associate member was approved by the June F&R+.

The Institute continues to monitor conservation staffing provision, in conjunction with English Heritage and ALGAO and to lobby nationally for appropriate staffing levels. James Caird continues to make well-considered responses to a large number of consultations.

During the year, the Institute’s website has been enhanced with an *IHBC Toolbox* section, which gives easy access to research notes, guidance notes, consultation responses, and standards.

PLACE (a new multi-disciplinary professional and voluntary sector national group) has emerged to fill the void left by the now defunct Urban Design Alliance but so far has been very London-centric.

Another successful and well-attended Annual School was held in Norwich. The East Midlands Branch provided a delegate place under the branch annual school bursary scheme. The 2016 School will be held in Worcester.

Kathy Davies has been elected as the new Vice-Chair of the Institute.

ROY LEWIS

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Membership Secretary’s Report

Shortly after the last AGM there was one of the biggest changes in IHBC membership in recent years with the introduction of a new category of membership. The major change has been to ensure that the membership works to try and help affiliates move forward and become full members.

A new half way point has been created with the introduction of associate membership. This allows full membership to be gained in a stepped process rather than proceeding straight from affiliate to full membership. Submission to become a full member can be made at any time, but to ensure that this progression is continued associate membership can only last for 5 years before it must either be renewed or full membership is applied for.

Associate members are those who have the experience within their specific area of conservation but perhaps due to experience or time served have not attained the experience to become a full member. It can also be seen as a useful way to tackle the application rather than completing the entire membership application process in one go which can appear daunting.

It should however be noted that the application is a rigorous process and applicants for associate membership must still demonstrate competence in both the Practical and Professional Areas of Competence. In addition they need to be capable and aware in other areas.

More information on these changes can be found on the IHBC web pages.

With regards to the East Midlands region, despite a number of new members joining including 2 new full members and 8 new affiliates within the region this has not been able to offset the slow decline in the membership numbers. This has dropped from the mid 163 to 158 members as of July 2015. This is the biggest drop since 2010/11-2011/12 see below. No particular reasons would appear to be causing this although a number of people have reached retirement age or have relocated and are no longer members of the East Midlands Region. The on-going issues with funding cuts to local government have also resulted in the loss of officers in local government or posts not being filled when they become vacant.

2009-10: 172; 2010-11: 173; 2011-12: 167; 2012-13: 166; & 2013-14: 163 2014-15: 158 members.

NEIL ROBERTSON

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Treasurer’s Report

Following the AGM, details of the Branch’s income & expenditure over the IHBC’s financial year (1st October 2014- 30th September 2015), will be submitted to Council. We will also submit our Business Plan for approval, this will include an estimate of the Branches income & expenditure for 2015/2016.

At the beginning of this financial year (1st October 2014), the bank balance of the East Midlands Branch stood at £1487.47 (current account: £1297.39 & reserve account: £190.08). At the time of preparing this report (end August 2015), the Branch’s bank balance stood at £1414.56 (current account: £1224.39 & reserve account: £190.17).

Following the success of the Buxton Annual School the Branch received 40% the surplus made, this amounted to £4867.19 and is held in an account at Head Office for us to claim in instalments. We currently have £1067.19 left in the account having drawn down £3800.00 in total. This year no claim has been made.

No claim has been made to date for computer sundries or printing. A sum will be spent on this year’s AGM and joint event with the NW Branch at Buxton.

A summary of all the Branch accounts will be presented at the AGM showing all the Branch transactions. The budget for 2015-2016 will be presented based on a draft

Business Plan which the Branch can consider and amend if desired prior to its submission to Council.

ROSE THOMPSON

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Communication Officer's Report

Apologies for not being able to make it to the AGM this year, I hope you all will enjoy the presentation and tours of the fantastic Buxton Crescent. As you will probably know, I enjoy the social aspects of the IHBC and love chatting to fellow enthusiasts about what's going on in their patch and life in general and so I will equally miss the social with our friends at the North-West Branch. Have one for me!

Anyway, back to business. The year's flown by but I hope you will have liked the small development of the Branch bulletin, with its three editions in November, March and August.

We've used these mainly to promote our CPD events and most recently our Member Survey – which I hope you have filled in – but if there are subjects you'd like to hear about, let us know.

Apart from this, I've tried to keep the website ticking over and adding information as and when it is provided by the County representatives on what's going on in their patch. If there's something you think we should give more prominence to, please let me know

CHRIS MCKINNEY

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County Representatives' Reports

Derbyshire

The Conservation Officers in Derbyshire (CODs) group continue to hold quarterly meetings at the Gothic Warehouse in Cromford. These meetings include discussions about conservation activity, covering items such as legislation and guidance updates; grants and other funding; and appeal decisions. Most meetings include a presentation from a conservation related body or company. Minutes of the meetings can be found on the Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust's website, www.derbyshirehistoricbuildings.org.uk/.

At the September 2014 CODs meeting, Sarah Gibson (Historic England) gave an informative overview on the role of Historic England's Designation Team. At the same meeting the County Council announced that Derbyshire Historic Buildings Trust have started developing a county-wide Heritage at Risk survey and are investigating potential funding sources.

In April, Robin Holgate, from the Archaeological Research Service, reported on a project to survey Grade II listed buildings in North East Derbyshire. The main objective of this scheme was to trial the effectiveness of an App devised, by Historic England, for volunteers to use when surveying historic buildings.

Bolsover District Council received Stage 1 HLF approval of a heritage grant for the New Bolsover Model Village. Derby City had a Stage 2 HLF Townscape Heritage grant approved. South Derbyshire District Council received Stage 1 HLF approval for Swadlincote Townscape Heritage grant scheme and is expecting a decision on its Stage 2 bid (submitted in May) in September or October this year. Derbyshire County Council's bid to HLF for funding towards a scheme to bring Elvaston Castle back into active use was unsuccessful.

Derbyshire County Council and High Peak Borough Council have been successful in securing additional Heritage Lottery funding for the restoration of Buxton Crescent.

Concerns were raised about a recent case relating to the removal of 19th century render from the front of a semi-detached Grade II listed building in Ticknall (south Derbyshire). The listed building consent application for the proposed work was refused and the applicant appealed. The Planning Inspector upheld the appeal, allowing the render removal. After two letters of complaint the Planning Inspectorate sent an apologetic response acknowledging that in this instance a poor decision had been issued. Derbyshire Dales District Council also received an apology from the Planning Inspectorate concerning an appeal decision on Churchfields Farm, Brailsford. The Inspector for this case was the same that had dealt with the Ticknall appeal.

Over the past year, there have been a number of changes in the county's Conservation Officer provision. Scott Nicholson was appointed Conservation Officer at Chesterfield Borough Council. Neil Robertson moved from Derby City Council to South Derbyshire District Council replacing Philip Heath. John Sewell, Historic Buildings Architect, retired from the Peak District National Park Authority in July.

Despite cuts in budgets and resources, a great deal of positive conservation work has been carried out throughout the county over the past year.

BECKY WADDINGTON

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Leicestershire

A THI has begun in Leicester. This is in the Greyfriars Conservation Area, near the Cathedral, which has become a focus in light of the discovery of the remains of Richard III. The project is just getting off the ground, with no applications finished yet, but with exciting prospects for some redundant buildings in the area.

The Conservation Officers' Forum is now taking place more regularly. Meetings took place at Market Harborough (02/12/14) where some conservation work had recently been carried out to the Old Grammar School, and at Oakham (01/07/15), where we had a presentation about their HLF project to conserve the site, reveal more of the castle walls and engage the public in its history.

During the year, there were CO resignations at North West Leicestershire and the City Council, and a retirement at Melton. All three posts were re-advertised (some revised) and should be in place now or shortly.

Leicestershire County Council is preparing for an Extensive Urban Survey, now likely to begin in 2016. It continues its war memorials grants scheme into 2016/17, and is

coordinating the shop front improvement scheme on two streets in Coalville (NWL). There are no other historic building grants schemes in the county.

The University of Leicester is now host to Historic England’s Heritage Practice Programme.

Along with Roy, I attended first IHBC Council+ meeting at Norwich following the Annual School. Ros Worrall was also nominated to represent the branch, and will attend the next meeting (we are experimentally sharing the role).

I communicate with members of the Conservation Officers Forum regularly and have been encouraging non-IHBC members to consider joining. With potentially 3 new COs arriving in the County, and several non-IHBC members of the existing Forum, we have organised for our branch Chair to speak to the next COF in December 2015 about IHBC membership benefits.

It has also been great to represent Kate Kendall at University of Leicester Heritage Practice Programme session on WW1 assets, and to write up one of the Day School talks from Norwich for Context.

LIZ BLOOD

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Lincolnshire

The Lincolnshire Conservation Officers Group (LCOG) continued with its customary four meetings last year. Although North East Lincolnshire and North Lincolnshire are actually in the Yorkshire Region, for LCOG and Historic England purposes they operate as part of the East Midlands and are therefore included in this round up.

The first meeting of LCOG following last year’s IHBC EM Branch AGM was hosted by Ian Wright, South Kesteven District Council on 26th September 2014 at Browne’s Hospital Stamford

The Hospital was founded by William Browne, a rich wool merchant of Stamford, and built in 1475 in the reign of Edward IV. The Hospital or Bedehouse — a name by which it was also known — was established as a home and a house of prayer for 10 poor men and 2 poor women, and it featured as “Middlemarch Hospital” in the film adaptation of George Eliot’s novel, “Middlemarch”, much of which was shot in Stamford.

Amongst the matters discussed by LCOG was an idea being considered by East Lindsey District Council to link the introduction of an Article 4 Direction in Woodhall Spa Conservation Area to control harmful permitted development to a Local Development Order (LDO) which would allow beneficial development in the conservation area to proceed. The idea, at this point still at its early stages, was thought by LCOG to be novel and well worth pursuing.

In the afternoon the Group visited All Saints Church to climb the tower for a panoramic view of Stamford.

Next up for LCOG was a trip to East Lindsey and the Petwood Hotel, Woodhall Spa on 12th. December 2014 where it was my turn to host the meeting.

Although the Article 4 Direction and LDO being considered for Woodhall Spa Conservation Area were again raised, the main item for discussion was the role of the Lincolnshire Historic Buildings Committee. The Committee provides comments on a number of listed building and conservation related applications and a representative of the Committee attended the meeting. The constitution and the consistency of comments received were among issues raised.

In the afternoon LCOG went to look at the Petwood Hotel gardens and a scheme to restore the Harold Peto gardens funded in part by enabling development.

This was followed by a short journey down the road to the Spa Baths – the place which in effect gave birth to Woodhall Spa. A deep shaft had been sunk in the hope of finding coal. Following its abandonment the shaft filled with water found to be rich in iodine and bromine. The original spa buildings were built between 1834 and 1838 by local landowner Thomas Hotchkin. However with the coming of the railway in 1855 the spa buildings were taken over by a syndicate and enlarged with, in 1886, the addition of the pump room – the building most associated now with the spa building. The almost unique interior of the pump room survives although the original Hotchkin buildings have been much altered and in part hidden behind a later façade.

The Spa buildings have been vacant and deteriorating ever since 1983 when a substantial part of the spa complex collapsed. New owners have spent the last few years undertaking feasibility studies and putting together a viable scheme and are about to submit a planning application to restore the pump room and re-open the spa.

Beryl Lott (Lincolnshire County Council) hosted the next meeting of LCOG held on 13th March 2015 at Lincoln Castle.

There had been feedback from the Lincolnshire Historic Buildings Committee (LHBC) following on from the discussion in December and it was agreed that LCOG would write to LHBC and suggest that representatives of LCOG meet with them on an informal basis. This has now been arranged for the 19 August in Lincoln.

In the afternoon there was a presentation by Rob Green of Arrol and Snell on the work that has been done at Lincoln Castle which was followed by tours of the buildings led by Rob Green and Mary Powell.

Finally in June Liz Bates of Heritage Lincolnshire hosted the meeting of LCOG held at Kirton Town Hall. This was followed by a visit to the Old Kings Head in Kirton. The former pub, then house, is now vacant and LCOG discussed Heritage Lincolnshire's proposed project. A grant application has been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

There are now two new names on the LCOG circulation list: Emilie Ravenscroft has taken over as Conservation Officer from Liz Mayle at North East Lincolnshire Council while Kelly Appleton is the new Buildings Conservation Officer at Heritage Lincolnshire and is doing BPT projects and the PSICA area grant scheme in Boston.

Interestingly for both, an application for a THI scheme for Cleethorpes (NELC) is currently being worked on while in Boston, Heritage Lincolnshire is putting together a bid for a THI scheme.

Kerry Walmsley, South Kesteven District Council Lincolnshire County has now returned to work from maternity leave. However, despite West Lindsey District Council twice advertising for a conservation officer to replace Sarah Harrison who has now moved to Lincoln City to fill the post vacated last year when Arthur Ward retired - there is still no full time permanent officer at West Lindsey. The work is being covered temporarily by agency consultants.

And finally, like many other parts of the region, a significant number of wind and solar farm applications have been made in Lincolnshire. This has impacted on the workload of many conservation officers and been the subject of much discussion at LCOG meetings. Many applications have affected heritage assets and been the subject of public inquiries. However recently a proposal for 20 wind turbines 150 metres high at Nocton Fen in North Kesteven District - which also affected Lincoln City, West Lindsey and East Lindsey - has been withdrawn the applicant citing the impact of proposed changes to planning policy by the UK Government. At least one other more modest windfarm in East Lindsey is also now not proceeding apparently for similar reasons.

Is this the wind of change?

ROBERT WALKER

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Northamptonshire

RACHEL BOOTH

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**Nottinghamshire
NCOF**

The Nottinghamshire Conservation Officer’s Forum is attended by LPA COs from around the county and the minutes are circulated more widely. The forum now meets half yearly, in winter 2014 we met at Nottingham Trent University and this summer we met in West Bridgford and Rushcliffe Borough led a tour of the project to renovate the Hall, recently awarded HLF Heritage Enterprise funding. The next NCOF is planned for October.

Staffing levels

Over the past 12 months staffing levels within the LPA conservation services have changed at Mansfield, with a pending reduction from two posts to one, while at Newark and Sherwood District the service sharing arrangement with neighbouring Bassetlaw has changed and the post made full time and permanent at Newark and Sherwood. Ashfield District continue to utilise Simon Britt (Bassetlaw) one day per week and Erewash provide locum development control advice to Broxtowe. The situation at Gedling Borough is unclear.

Funding schemes (non-ecclastic)

HLF funding round 2 submission for Beeston Lock Cottages ‘Canal-side Heritage Centre’ (Li) was successful; Highfields Park in Nottingham (RPG grade II) is

progressing; Bishops Palace Southwell (SAM, grade I) – repair works were completed in 2014. Bingham Manor House (grade II, B@R) HLF stage 1 submission was initially turned down; The Old Church Tower, Bramcote has recently received a stage 1 pass and development grant.

English Heritage have offered grants to assist on H@R projects: St James Chapel, Haughton; Remains of Cloisters at Priory Church Worksop.

Heritage At Risk

Notts County Council are continuing to survey the listed buildings and have completed three quarters of Newark and Sherwood and begun Rushcliffe. The council's B@R website has not been updated in anticipation of the HECS (Historic England Condition Survey) project website becoming available in September. It is hoped that new data for B@R across the county will be posted on this in due course.

The table below details the number of listed buildings (LBE) and the rate of buildings at risk (B@R), excluding Nottingham City. The number of listed buildings has been taken from Historic England on-line National Heritage List, <https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>. The B@R figure is generated from a NCC database which is maintained by the council through information gathered in the field by colleagues at the district councils and volunteers recruited by the county council. Some B@R data has not been updated since 2010, in other cases (indicated) there are more recent survey results, these figures also include the data for 'places of worship' gathered by Historic England.

In all the cases where recent surveying has been undertaken (Mansfield; Newark and Sherwood and Rushcliffe) there has been an increase in the number and rate of Buildings At Risk. The reason for the increase is readily identifiable in some cases, for instance in Rushcliffe a rare group of 18 WWII pill boxes at Tollerton airfield were recently individually designated grade II, and are all in a poor state of repair. Also in Rushcliffe, West Bridgford Hall has come onto the register of Buildings At Risk due to its recent redundancy, but is expected to come off the 'at risk' status in due course, following the award of Heritage Lottery Funding for a proposed scheme of re-use. In Mansfield the in-house resurvey by local conservation officers has been particularly rigorous and in-depth, turning up new information. Newark and Sherwood has the lowest rate (percentage) of buildings at risk, despite having the largest number of designated listed buildings, this is very likely due in part to the relatively high provision of dedicated conservation resources within the local authority. The national average for grade I and II* listed buildings is provided by Historic England and presently quotes a rate of 4.7% for 2014, in its official Governmental statistics.

Numbers of listed buildings and buildings at risk in Nottinghamshire, 2015 Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) figures			
Area	B@R	LBE	NCC % at risk
Ashfield	7	78	9%
Bassetlaw	74	1075	7%
Broxtowe	23	151	15%
Gedling	19	189	10%
Mansfield	25 (updated)	246	10%
Newark & Sherwood	84 (partial update)	1387	6%
Rushcliffe	57 (partial update)	673	8.5%
TOTAL	289	3799	7.6%

JASON MORDAN

Other Reports

Derby City Conservation Area Advisory Committee

Since the 2014 Branch AGM I served as Branch representative on the Derby City Council Conservation Area Advisory Committee until 28 May 2015 when I was appointed as a co-opted member and elected as Vice Chair. This change has enabled the Branch to be represented by Neil Robertson since that date.

Members of the Conservation Area Advisory Committee are held to be Members of the Council subject to the Members Code of Conduct and required to maintain a standing declaration of interests.

Since my last report up to 28 May 2015 there were ten meetings of the Conservation Area Advisory Committee and I was able to attend nine of those. At those meetings approximately 100 applications for development have been considered and recommendations made for consideration by the determining Planning Committee.

These have included some major schemes including the Agard Street proposals with implications for Friar Gate bridge; the Marble Hall scheme; and 'Our City Our River' proposals which include works in many of the historic parts of the City. Other matters considered have included the formulation of pre-application advice, public realm improvements, and a Townscape Heritage Initiative update. I also attended a visit to the Magistrate's Court scheme and a local awards ceremony.

The Conservation Area Advisory Committee continues to perform a valuable role, not least in supporting the Conservation Officers of the City Council and offering specialist heritage input to assist decision making of the Planning Committee. I consider it is appropriate that the IHBC Branch should continue to be represented on the Conservation Area Advisory Committee and I am that Neil Robertson should continue in that capacity.

CHRIS COLLISON

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Leicester City Conservation Area Advisory Panel

Meetings of Leicester City Council's Conservation Area Advisory Panel are attended whenever work commitments allows.

The meetings now take place at the refurbished, unlisted City Hall, a 1930s building, formerly the Municipal Building that has been excellently restored and refurbished by Leicester City Council as their new headquarters. The interest in the historic environment (and often attendance at the meetings) of the elected City Mayor appears to have raised the profile of the Panel and meetings are usually well attended by a wide representation of professional bodies.

Interesting schemes considered this year was the proposal to redevelop the site of the demolished New Walk Centre for offices, reduced in scale and more complimentary to the setting on New Walk.

DAVE TRUBSHAW

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ALGAO Representative:

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NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH COMMITTEE

I would like to nominate the following person for the post of

Nominee Name:.....

For the Post of:.....

(Chair, Vice Chair, Branch Representative to Council, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, County Representative, Education Representative, or General Committee post)

Address of Nominee:.....

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I have approached the person nominated above who is prepared to stand for election.

Proposed by: (Print Name).....

Signature of Proposer:

Seconded by:.....

Please send or e-mail completed nomination form by 3rd September 2015 to:

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