



IHBC EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH COMMITTEE

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Dear colleague,

We are pleased to bring you the latest edition of the IHBC East Midlands Branch Committee bulletin and the following updates from the Branch on:

- Member Survey results – What You Said
- CPD Event – Understanding Buildings: Structure and Condition
- Branch Bursary for the IHBC Annual School
- April Branch Committee meeting and visit to Haddenstone works

MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS

As part of our Branch Business Plan review, we asked you for your views on the type of events we organise to provide CPD and opportunities for socialising. What you said was:

- Two thirds of respondents were willing to pay, themselves if necessary, for appropriate CPD events. Numbers were divided on how much to pay, but generally, 13% were happy to pay more than £50 if the content of the event was really good, 7% willing to pay up to £30, and a further 7% willing to pay up to £20.
- About a third of you are willing to travel up to 50 miles for an event, and a further third willing to travel up to 35 miles.
- Type of events you would like to see (in order of popularity):
 - a) technology, building construction, care, repair and alteration;
 - b) building and area history;
 - c) legislation and policy;
 - d) conservation philosophy;
 - e) research and recording, survey and analysis;
 - f) design and presentation;
 - g) wider professional practice.
- A very high number of respondents (94%) would also like to attend courses to learn from other conservation professionals, such as conservation engineering, almost two thirds felt that hand on sessions such as lime plastering would be useful.

The final part of the survey asked members for suggestions about interesting projects and sites that they are involved with that could form the basis of future CPD events and you gave us a smashing response with many excellent suggestions.

In light of this feedback, Branch Chair, Liz Mayle, said, “Thank you to all who responded to our recent survey to find out whether our ‘cheap and cheerful’ CPD events are of use to members, and how these might be improved. Just under a quarter of you responded, with some very positive

feedback. All respondents consider the CPD events we hold to be good value, from both a monetary and quality of learning perspective, and that the events we organise are valued by our members. Furthermore, the suggestions we have received for projects and sites that could form the basis of future CPD events have already been used to inform a programme of CPD events for 2016 so read on. Finally, we are also planning to circulate any suggestions that we cannot take advantage of through the Branch, but would perhaps be useful to the conservation officer forums to consider so look to your County representative for more information.”

CPD EVENT – UNDERSTANDING BUILDINGS

About this event

This event has been organised by Rose Thompson, Assistant Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas at Historic England for the East Midland Region, as part of her contribution to the Branch following her bursary to last year’s IHBC Annual School.

The event is to be held on 4th March at Nottingham Trent University and will draw upon some of the staff at Historic England, the University and leading practitioners in the field of building recording and structural assessments. This should all help you if you deal with Heritage at Risk cases, either at a local authority on preparing or enforcing Urgent Works Notices or preparing building assessments for clients.



Programme for the day

1.30pm	Meet at Nottingham Trent University (NG1 4BU) for refreshments
2pm	Introduction from Rose Thompson
2.05pm	Building Pathology and Historic Buildings: Dr. David Watt, Associate Director (Eastern) Hutton and Rostron
2.45pm	Structural Engineering and Historic Buildings: Stuart Ellis, Head of Civil and Structural Engineering Team Historic England
3.15pm	Discussions / Questions
3.30pm	Recording Techniques: Speaker TBC
4pm	Tours of University and of 3D Suite (two groups)
5pm	Close

Practicalities

Full personal protective equipment, i.e. footwear, hi-vis vest and hard hat are not required, but sensible footwear is recommended.

Booking

Attendance at this event is free to our members but bookings are required and on a first come-first served basis. To book, please click on the following link and complete the [online booking form](#).

BRANCH BURSARY

The East Midlands Branch is pleased to announce that once again it is able to offer a Bursary for the IHBC Annual School, which this year will take place in Worcester, between Thursday 23rd June and Saturday 25th June, 2016.

The subject of this year's Annual School is *People Power* and will focus on how communities are integral to the conservation and regeneration of historic places. The speakers are drawn from a range of backgrounds including communities and conservation professionals and all will be demonstrating the power of the people in historic building conservation.

This year the Branch's Bursary will cover the costs of a day school place for two Branch members at the Annual School, although the successful candidates will be expected to pay their own travel expenses. We will be emailing out the Branch's Bursary eligibility criteria shortly so keep an eye out for this as the deadline for entry submissions is likely to be early March.

APRIL BRANCH COMMITTEE MEETING

As you'll probably be aware by now, the Branch looks to use its April meeting as a chance to bring the Branch Committee meeting out to its members, given that whilst Newark is relatively central to the region it can mean long journeys for those in certain parts of the East Midlands. In addition, we try to coincide this with one of our cheap and cheerful CPD events to maximise the benefit for our members.

This year is no different and based on the feedback from the Member Survey we have tried to complement the Understanding Buildings event in March with a visit to an important regional supplier of cast limestone, Haddonstone in Northamptonshire.

The date for your diary is Thursday 28th April and whilst the programme for the day is still being developed, it is likely to be along the following lines:

- A morning tour of the factory to see how the cast limestone is made
- Branch meeting at the Red Lion Haddon (followed by a buffet lunch)
- Afternoon tour of the Haddonstone gardens to see their products and how they weather

More details to follow.

Yours,
The East Midlands IHBC Branch Committee