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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.*2300 members in public, private & 3rd sectors, and growing **(Chart 1)**
- *c.*13,000 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 as an integrated part of placemaking
- Mix of dedicated conservation specialists, in public, private and not-for-profit sectors, and mainstream built environment, regeneration & urban design professionals with substantial conservation interests
- Help deliver hundreds of millions of pounds of projects, contributing to economic growth and sustainable development around the UK
- Operate at the cutting edge of modern practice in sustainable development, with local neighbourhoods & communities, stakeholders, developers, regeneration bodies, community-sector organisations and other partners, helping transform local places and deliver sustainable growth.

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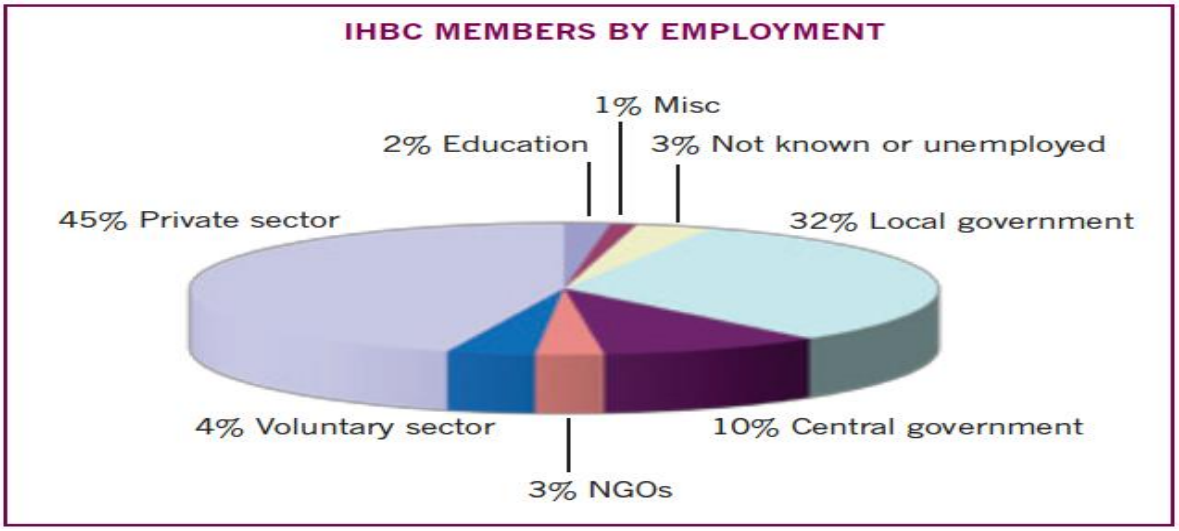
CHART 1



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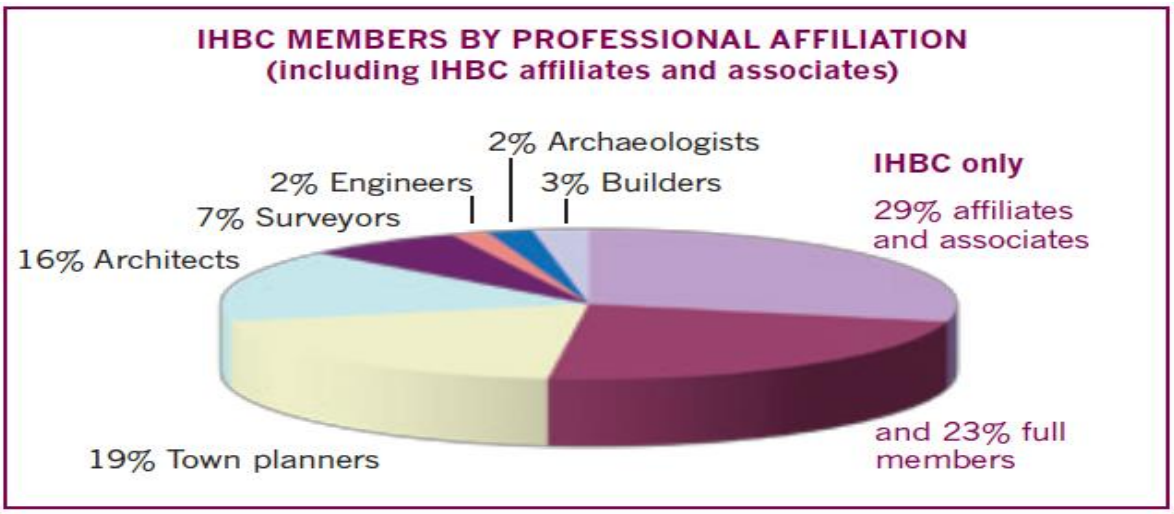
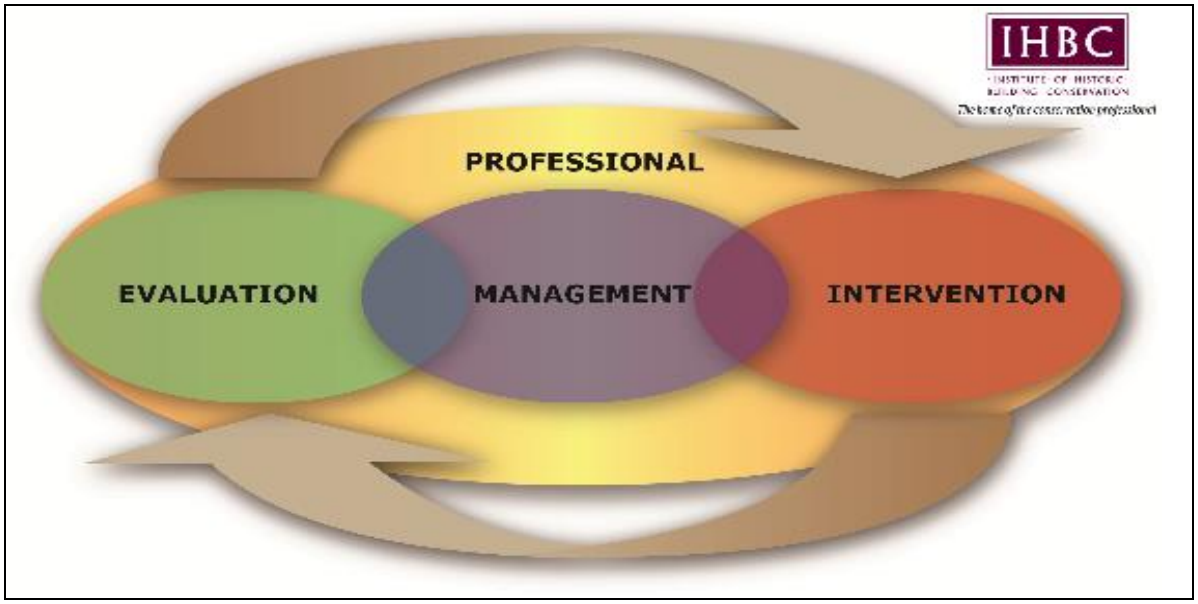
CHART 3: IHBC skills sets: The Areas of Competence & the Conservation Cycle