



IHBC EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH COMMITTEE BULLETIN: August 2021

Dear Colleague,

We hope everyone has been keeping safe and well and enjoying the summer. We're pleased to bring you the latest edition of the IHBC East Midlands Branch Committee Bulletin, which includes.

- Forthcoming branch events and dates for your diary
- East Midlands conservation news
- Other local events of interest

Diary dates and forthcoming branch events

- **East Midlands IHBC Branch AGM**

Tuesday 7th September 5.30pm, online

If you haven't already received joining instructions via email please email the Branch Secretary, Emilie Wales at ejravenscroft@hotmail.co.uk

- **IHBC East Midlands Virtual Membership Application Training Event (MATE)**

Wednesday 13th October 2.00pm prompt, lasting approximately 3 hours. Free to branch members.



This MATE will be led by Ramona Usher, with a similar format to the familiar in person MATE, helping you to understand the IHBC Application process and how best to complete your application.

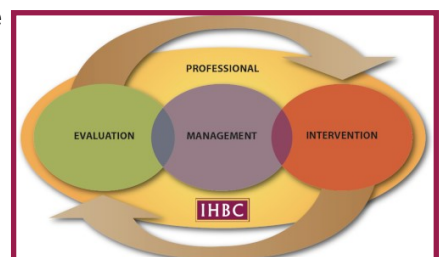
The session will be delivered through GoToMeeting, which is similar to many meeting platforms you may already be familiar with.

All delegates will be encouraged to raise issues specific to their experience and application and all online discussions are without prejudice to any future application.

A good internet connection is needed.

Some preparation is required in advance of this event, and all preparation and event hours qualify as IHBC CPD hours.

For further details, or to register for this free branch event, please email Ramona Usher at professional@ihbc.org.uk



East Midlands News

• Leicestershire news **Paul Grundy**

The Hinckley High Street Heritage Action Zone is progressing well, with architects/surveyors assisting with the delivery of the Building Improvement Scheme, Public Realm Projects and a Vacant Space Feasibility Study. Two grants for building improvements incorporating window repairs and reinstatements have been offered with works undertaken. Concept ideas for transforming the Church Walk Car Park, which overlaps the Hinckley Castle Scheduled Monument are being prepared and are soon to go to public consultation.



Hinckley, courtesy of Paul Grundy



Bradgate Stables, courtesy of Paul Grundy

Council approval has been given to prepare and serve a S.54 Urgent Works Notice on the At Risk grade II* listed Bradgate Stables, Groby. A grant from Historic England has been accepted to provide support.

A planning appeal for the erection of a 62ha solar farm application within the immediate setting of the Registered Bosworth Battlefield was dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate. This would have been a huge development, with some significant public benefits, so it was an interesting case. Further details are available in a recent edition of The Planner:

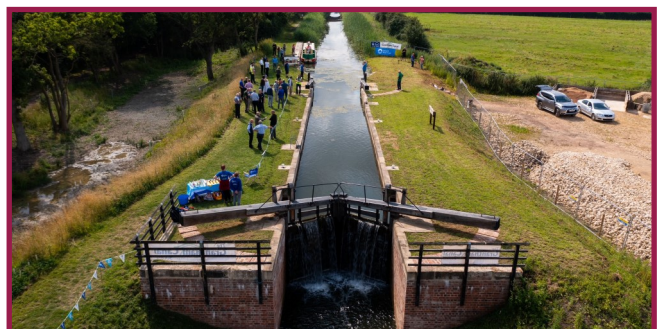
<https://www.theplanner.co.uk/decision/appeal-solar-park-would-harm-bosworth->

East Midlands News

• Lock 14, Grantham Canal Restoration

A huge milestone has been achieved for the Grantham Canal Heritage Initiative with the restored Lock 14 on the Grantham Canal being used for the first time in almost a century.

Grantham Canal Heritage Initiative is a partnership between the Canal & River Trust, Grantham Canal Society and Waterway Recovery Group. The project received an £830,800 grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, with the total project spend at just under £1.5 million. Having completed a similar restoration of Lock 15 between 2015 and 2019, volunteers took down the walls of Lock 14 and rebuilt by hand. The Locks were designed by William Jessop in the 1790s and are unique because they have many of their original features intact. The canal was closed to navigation in 1929 and both locks had gradually fallen into dereliction with water levels maintained by concrete weirs. Across the two restorations of Locks 14 and 15, 441 individual volunteers contributed 9,085 days of time, which is the equivalent of 41 full time working years. The Grantham Heritage Initiative is now seeking further funding to restore Lock 13 and 12.



New oak gates hand-crafted in at CRT's Joinery work-shop; Stanley Ferry, Wakefield, courtesy of CRT

East Midlands News

- **The Old King's Head, Kirton, Lincolnshire nears completion**

Heritage Lincolnshire's most recent Building Preservation Trust project at Grade II Listed The Old King's Head in Kirton is close to completion. The 16th century inn, formerly positioned along an important route from London to Boston, has been saved from potential irreparable damage and restored into a 4* 9-bedroom B&B, café and community room, all due to open soon. A loan from the Architectural Heritage Fund allowed the purchase of the building in 2016 and was followed by fundraising and contributions from numerous funding partners including a substantial National Lottery Heritage Fund grant. Contractors Splitlath Building Conservation Ltd began work on site in 2019.

Read more at:

<https://www.heritagelincs.org/projects/the-old-kings-head>

Or book a stay at: <https://theoldkingshead.com/>



Before and after views, courtesy of Heritage Lincolnshire, Work in progress view V Mellor

East Midlands News

- **Nottingham Castle Reopens**

Nottingham Castle, reopened on June 21 2021. The historic landmark has undergone a £30m conservation, and redevelopment programme, The Castle site includes twenty listed buildings and two Scheduled Monuments, situated on the historic 'Castle Rock'. The renovation includes a new contemporary visitor centre and the refurbishment of the 17th century Ducal Palace and medieval Gatehouse alongside re-landscaping to enhance the understanding of the significance of this iconic site, opening views and improving visitor experience. This is a fantastic asset for the Nottingham and the East Midlands, and we hope it will help to promote our region's heritage to a wider audience. We wish the Nottingham Castle Trust all the best for its first summer season!

Visitors must pre-book their tickets via the Nottingham Castle

<https://www.nottinghamcastle.org.uk/>



Entrance to the Grade I Ducal Palace, with curved Tuscan colonade and new glass curtain wall., K Walmsley

East Midlands News

- **New IHBC East Midlands Affiliate member reflects on Traineeship as Historic Environment Skills project draws to a close *Katherine Briggs***

I graduated from my MA in archaeology in September 2020, still in the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. With my essays behind me I was raring to get going and dive into the working world of the heritage sector, thinking it could not be too long before something came along. But the landscape looked bleak. I now see I was hopeful but woefully naïve in my estimation. Despite knowing that I wanted to work with and save historic buildings I realised my degree had focused on the purely academic which, although I would not change that for the world, meant I did not have the practical toolkit needed to do this.

Disheartened, I wondered if I would have to go back to university immediately and retrain in a conservation specific degree or pigeonhole my goals for a while. However, in March 2021 I came across the Historic Environmental Skills Bursary Scheme.

The HES project is a 4-year scheme funded by the Heritage Lottery, to offer 21 bursary placements which would provide trainees with opportunities to gain a heritage related skill. These skills spanned areas associated with traditional buildings from slating, mud and stud work and joinery to archaeology and heritage conservation. These skills would be developed through time spent with a relevant placement mentor.

I was lucky enough to be offered a six-month Conservation Trainee bursary in April, where I would be reporting to Heritage Lincolnshire and developing skills pertinent to the work carried out by a Building Preservation Trust.

Now in my fourth month I'm astounded by how much I've been able to do and try. It is amazing the difference hands-on learning can have. The bursary has provided me with an opportunity to grow at such an early stage of my career by giving me a comprehensive overview of the heritage sector, from the conception of a project to working with architects and surveyors, to working with the public on research. Already I have helped with a statement of significance, been given the chance to write a Conservation Management Plan and apply for Listed Building Consent. Documents and processes which four months ago I knew nothing

about, let alone things I thought I could write!

I have also contributed to major funding bids, collaborated with the public on community research projects, and been involved with several public events and festivals and the creation of digital content and video production.

Rather than looking at what you don't know, my bursary has removed my earlier worry of not having enough specific knowledge by allowing me to transfer the skills I already have and simply repurpose them to new situations.

From my perspective, the bursary matches my learning style of learning through doing. But beyond this, by having a placement in an active Buildings Preservation Trust it gives purpose to what I am working on. I am having an impact on live projects. There is a reason to everything I'm learning, and yes, I have made some mistakes but, again, as these have occurred in real situations where they have real implications, I have the chance to rectify them and I'm likely to never make them again. I am gaining the experience to make informed decisions about project conception and management, things that cannot be taught in isolation.

I am so grateful for the introduction into a career I know I want to explore and progress. My fellow digital engagement trainee at Heritage Lincolnshire and I are the last two trainees to be funded by this project as it ends this year, but after seeing what a scheme like this can do for someone breaking into a new career in such a short space of time, I hope that many new projects can fill the gap that it leaves behind.



Making and testing a rammed earth wall, courtesy of Historic Environment Skills Centre

East Midlands News

- **Lincolnshire Local Listing Project underway *Felix Mayle***

The Lincolnshire Local Listing Campaign commenced in April this year, running for twelve months there is a lot to fit in.

The project aims to set a baseline for the extent of Local Listing within the county; establish a framework for a unified approach to Local Listing across the county; test the framework by identification and assessment of candidates in test areas and to put in place a strategy to ensure Local Listing does not become a static and unusable process after the initial project has finished. The framework for Local Listing is beginning to take shape. Assessment Criteria have been developed in collaboration with local and county council staff, though creating criteria for local listing when “local” can vary greatly between districts has been a challenge.

Local communities engaging with the project have been extremely positive, some have already prepared lists of candidate sites, often the result of an active heritage group or the Neighbourhood Planning process. One of the most interesting developments has been the range of heritage assets local people feel are important and deserving of preservation within the planning process.

The next phase of the project is the release of an online project hub that will contain information about the project, local listing, the process and most importantly, the mechanism for people to

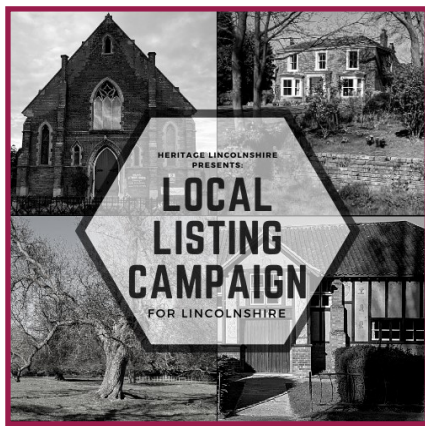


Image courtesy of Heritage Lincolnshire

nominate a candidate for Local Listing using a simple online form and an interactive map.

The next few months will be exciting as the project moves further into the identification and assessment stage of Local Listing and we begin to test the project framework and see what the impact of Local Listing will have within the planning system and the conservation of non-designated heritage assets.

To keep up to date with the project you can follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter on Lincolnshire Local Listing Campaign. More information about the project can be found here:

<https://www.heritagelincnshire.org/projects/local-heritage-list-campaign>

CPD and general interest events

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- **IHBC** https://events.ihbc.org.uk/?tribe_events=ihbc-cpd-conservation-engineering
Conservation Engineering with Ian Hume, online, 10.00am-1.00pm Tuesday 28th –

Wednesday 29th September, £20

Check out the IHBC CPD Circular email and https://events.ihbc.org.uk/?post_type=tribe_events for other forthcoming IHBC-listed events

- **Heritage Trust Network** <https://www.heritagetrustnetwork.org.uk/events/>

At the Heart of the Community: A Future for your Church, Session Three: Finding New Uses, online, 10.00am – 11.30am Wednesday 1st September, free

Rendered Invisible: Telling LGBTQ Stories from the UK's Built Heritage, online, 10.00am-12.30pm Monday 13th September, £0-£5.98

Open High Streets – High street regeneration: Finding the right strategy, discussions & workshop, networking lunch, visit to Greyfriars and a tour of Lincoln's High Street Heritage Action Zone, Lincoln, 10.00am – 5.00pm 24th September, £0-£5.98

- **SPAB** <https://www.spab.org.uk/whats-on/online-learning>

CPD and general interest events

- **Heritage Lincolnshire** <https://www.heritagelincs.org/events>

History of Maps, online, 7.00-8.30pm Thursday 2nd September, £5.98 -£8.14

Build for the Future: East Midlands, Lincolnshire Showground, 10.00am – 3.00pm Thursday 16th September 2021, free

IHBC East Midlands Branch, MATE event.

- **Heritage Open Days** <https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/> 10th – 19th September, numerous events across the region including:

The Old Savoy – The home of The Deco Theatre, Northampton, 10.00am – 4.00pm Friday 10th, Saturday 11th, Thursday 16th and Friday 17th September

Atkins Building – Then and Now exhibitions, factory restoration to creative business centre, Lower Bond Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire, 9.00am – 5.00pm, Friday 10th, Monday 13th – Friday 17th September

Heritage Building Skills. Demonstration and Participation, Nottinghamshire Buildings Preservation Trust, Newark Civic Trust and High Streets Heritage Action Zone team at NSDC, Newark Market Place, 10.00am – 4.00pm, Saturday 11th September

CWGC Tour – Cottesmore St Nicholas Churchyard Extension, walking tour and work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, Rutland, 11.00am, Saturday 11th September

Discover the Secret Cold War Bunker on your Doorstep – guided tour of Holbeach Bunker, Lincolnshire, various times Friday 10th September – Saturday 11th September, free

Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust, including bell casting, Freehold Street, Loughborough, 11.00am – 4.00pm Saturday 11th September, 11.00am – 3.00pm Sunday 12th September

Destitution & Despair: The early years of the Claypole Workhouse (Newark), online, 7.30pm – 9.00pm Monday 13th September, £5.98 -£8.14

Engineering History in the Making – guided tour of Black Sluice Pumping Station, Boston, Lincolnshire, various times, Wednesday 15th September, free

The History of Victoria Hall – Where it all began, talk on the history and heritage value of the building, Glossop, Derbyshire, 7.00 – 9.00pm, Thursday 16th September

LGBT+ Plaque Unveiling at The New Foresters Arms, St Anns Street, Nottingham, 3.00pm, Friday 17th September

Sacheverell-Bateman Mausoleum, Grade II* mausoleum and Grade I church, Morley, Ilkeston, Derbyshire, 10.00am – 16.00pm Saturday 18th September

Leicester Synagogue, informal tours and Heritage Lottery funded visitor centre, Highfield Street, Leicester, 10.00am – 4.00pm, Sunday 19th September

- **Carrington Street Townscape Heritage Project / Heritage Lincolnshire** <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/heritage-lincolnshire-20095110961>

Challenges of Working with 20th Century Buildings, 38 Carrington St, Nottingham, 10.00am – 3.00pm Monday 13th September, free

Keep in touch!

We'd love to hear from you if you have project updates, news or CPD opportunities you'd like to share with colleagues in the branch via our bulletin or twitter.

Thanks for reading and stay safe.

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