



## IHBC EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH COMMITTEE BULLETIN: March 2021

Dear Colleague,

We hope everyone has been keeping safe and well during the current lockdown and enjoying the hopeful signs of spring.

### Date for your diary – The Iron Giant – branch meeting and CPD event



Kieran Lee from the Friends of Bennerley Viaduct will be delivering an online talk '*The iron giant that survived*'. Bennerley Viaduct was entirely fabricated in Derby and it is one of only two wrought iron viaducts left standing in the country. The story includes the reasons for building it, the ingenuity of its engineering, the working life of the viaduct, the Zeppelin bombings and the exciting plans to bring the structure back into use later this year.

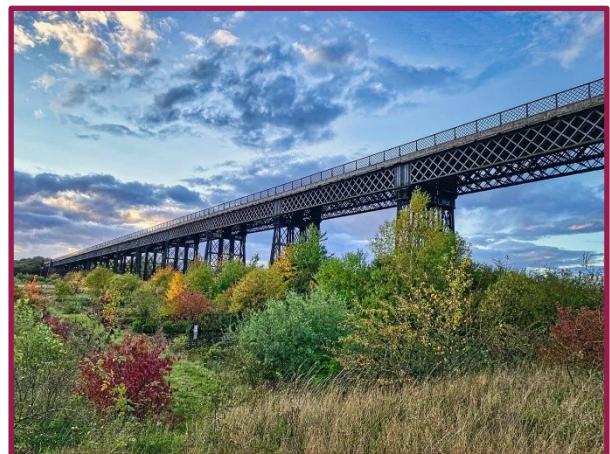
More information on the Iron Giant can be found at  
<http://www.bennerleyviaduct.org.uk>

The Grade II\* Listed viaduct was included in the 2020 World Monuments 'Watch List' and recently benefitted from the Government's Recovery Fund. Following on from an introduction to the building delivered by Kieran last year, the presentation will give members further insight into various aspects of this unique project, including links between heritage and wellbeing. We hope we may be able to test out the effects on wellbeing for ourselves via a real-world branch social visit to the viaduct later in the year.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021**  
**1.30pm - 4.00pm prompt finish**  
**via Microsoft Teams**  
**Free event for Branch members**

- Branch meeting (c. 1 hour) ● Comfort break ●
- Presentation (c. 1 hour) ●
- Q & A●

To book please email the Branch Secretary,  
Emilie Ravenscroft [ejravenscroft@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ejravenscroft@hotmail.co.uk)



## Brighton IHBC Annual School 2021

The postponed 2020 Brighton Annual School has moved online and rebranded '*Historic Places – People Places: Making the best of the places we have today for those who live with them tomorrow*'. The event will now take place on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021 and early bird booking is now open. <https://brighton2021.ihbc.org.uk/>



### Bursary

The East Midlands Branch is pleased to announce that once again it is able to offer Bursaries for the IHBC Annual School. This year the branch is offering to fund several virtual places for branch members to attend the full two-day school or a single day. This is a great opportunity for members who are perhaps early on in their career, are affiliates or would benefit from the additional CPD to support their full application.

Priority will be given to early career professionals, full time students on a conservation course, those on a low wage or in financial difficulty or where employers are unwilling or unable to fund attendance. If you're not sure if you might qualify, please do get in touch to find out.

To be considered for a bursary please provide a short outline of your circumstances, along with your preference for days to attend the School, **by 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021**. In return we would ask that you attend a branch meeting or write a short piece for our website – perhaps on an aspect of the day school or a branch CPD event. If you have alternative ideas as to how you might help out the branch do let us know. Please email your application to the Branch Secretary, Emilie Ravenscroft: [ejravenscroft@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ejravenscroft@hotmail.co.uk)

## Events and CPD

### Heritage Trust Network Midlands Branch events

<https://www.heritagetrustnetwork.org.uk/events/>

#### Midlands Branch Network Natter

12.30-14.00, Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021, online, Free

#### Open High Streets: What's next?

10.30-12.30, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021, online, £0-£5.98

### Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days – Organiser support sessions

<https://www.heritagelincolnshire.org/heritage-open-days/organisers/digital-workshops-for-organisers>

#### Hosting a Digital Event

19.15-20.30 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, online, free

#### Promoting Your Event

19.15-20.30 Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April, online, free

#### Using HODS in Funding Bids

19.15-20.30 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, online, free

## East Midlands News

- Lincolnshire successful in local heritage list funding bid

Lincolnshire is one of 22 areas chosen to take part in a national scheme to help better understand and enhance existing records of locally important buildings, monuments and places. The Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government are funding the scheme which will now be rolled out in all 10 authorities in Greater Lincolnshire.

Ian George, historic places manager at Lincolnshire County Council, explains: "*This is such an important project - enabling us to have a record of all the locally important heritage assets across Lincolnshire.*

*"So, it is capturing information about buildings, structures, monuments, sites, places, areas or landscapes which residents think are important, but which don't have national 'listed' status and legal protection. It might be a village pump, or an old village smithy or unique bridge across a local beck.*

*"This list will have real power in planning and development, and will also feed into the national 'Build Beautiful' Commission - helping to protect our historic environment and ensure that new developments are created in keeping with local character through design codes."*

*"Over the coming months, we will begin to work with local residents, parish councils and local authorities to develop a local listing criteria, which will help us build up a picture of what people think should be included in the local list."*

Find out more here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-heritage-list-campaign-call-for-expressions-of-interest>

<https://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/article/16747/Protecting-Lincolnshire-s-local-heritage>



## More diary dates – forthcoming branch committee meetings

Tuesday 6th July 2021 7pm (venue TBC)  
AGM – September 2021 (date and venue TBC)

## More East Midlands News

- Guidance on Alterations to Listed Buildings

East Midlands Branch Committee member Roy Lewis (also the IHBC Policy Secretary) has been busy producing new addition to the IHBC online toolkit, "Guidance on Alterations to Listed Buildings", published in January 2021.



The document identifies detailed issues faced day-to-day by professional heritage advisors, and aims to fill an identified gap in the suite of authoritative detailed guidance available. It also aims to help achieve greater consistency when alterations to listed buildings are under consideration. It is intended as good practice guidance, at a level of detail which was not previously available elsewhere. The alterations covered relate to walls, openings, roofs, other external factors, interiors, shops and commercial buildings, and modern fixtures, fittings and services.

It is intended that the guidance note is a living document under ongoing review and that it will be amended periodically, to ensure that it remains up-to-date and relevant. Some comments have been received already pointing out specific omissions and these will be addressed in subsequent updates. The authors would be very pleased to receive further feedback. Please email your thoughts to [policy@ihbc.org.uk](mailto:policy@ihbc.org.uk).

Further details will be available soon on our branch website <https://ihbc.org.uk/branches/emids/index.html>, and a copy of the Guidance on Alterations to Listed Buildings can be downloaded free of charge from the IHBC website Toolbox section at:

<https://ihbconline.co.uk/toolbox/docs/IHBC%20Guidance%20Note%20on%20Alterations%20to%20Listed%20Buildings%20GN2021%20v010121.pdf>



## Keep in touch!

Let us know if you have project updates, articles or CPD opportunities you'd like to share with colleagues in the branch via our bulletin or twitter. We'd love to hear from you, especially whilst site visits are few and far between.

Thanks for reading and stay safe.

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