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IHBC SCOTLAND EVENTS

Welcome to Issue 20 of the IHBC Scotland Branch Newsletter.

25 November, 5pm **IHBC Scotland Branch AGM**. A zoom invitation will go to all members. Please consider whether you can join the committee, which meets on-line for the time being, and bring it some pizzazz.

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Membership: As at the middle of September 2021 the Scottish Branch had 200 members. However, this number is likely to drop as a large number of subscriptions were still outstanding, and this despite reminders from Head Office. For those who aren't already aware, IHBC does have a fee support option, so it may be worth contacting HQ to see if you qualify for a fee waiver for your subscription: <https://www.ihbc.org.uk/join/feesupport/index.html>

It's worth noting that the membership subscription year for the IHBC is from 1 April to 31 March each year. Subscriptions are due on the 1 April and can be paid by direct debit or by cheque. Cheques should be made payable to the 'Institute of Historic Building Conservation'. All subscriptions must be paid by 1 May. If subscriptions are not paid by 1 July, membership benefits terminate automatically. Membership is formally terminated after that. Therefore, if your membership is terminated, unfortunately this means that you will have to reapply for membership if you fail to renew your subscription in the timescale set out above.

Members are reminded that if there are any changes to contact emails and details, these need to be shared directly with IHBC HQ, with this form:

<https://ihbc.wufoo.eu/forms/ihbc-membership-details-update-form/> You could lose out on important information, including subscription reminders. As a branch, we do like to circulate the occasional electronic newsletter, and without receiving updated information from IHBC HQ we find that some of our emails come bouncing back.

Sarah Kettles, Membership Secretary, Scotland branch

Scotland branch is developing ideas for an in-person event in the spring of 2022 in the East End of Glasgow, and the summer will be focussed on the **Annual School 2022 in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire** [Aberdeen School, 2022](#). Save the date and offer your services! 16-18 June 2022, with a Day School on Friday 17 June in Aberdeen and online.

11 Nov **IHBC Branch connection day**. Scotland branch can send 3 reps on-line. Contact scotland@IHBC.gov.uk if you would like to attend that day from 1.30pm.

Twitter: IHBC Scotland branch now has 2,165 followers. Follow [@ihbcscotland](https://twitter.com/ihbcscotland)

IHBC will be on line dispensing advice and discussing topics from 3pm daily at the [IHBC@COP26 Conservation Helpdesk - Climate Fringe](#). Do drop in!

OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

COP26 will bring the world's attention to Glasgow and the important matter of saving the planet. Built heritage has a part to play, so for #ClimateHeritage, see <https://www.cultureatcop.com/>. Many of the activities will be on-line or at the old fire station now part of Edinburgh College of Art in Laurieston Place, Edinburgh. For SpACE architecture see: <https://www.space-edinburgh.com>

Wed 3rd November from 11-12 AM a walk takes place in Glasgow seeking to look at embodied energy saved by adaptive re-use of buildings in part of the Merchant City. Start and finish will be the Scottish Civic Trust at 42 Miller St, Glasgow, which the SCT has made available to community groups for two days, and SPAB in Scotland will have a residency there. SPAB takes bookings, and numbers are limited, hence the £5 fee for this public event jointly with IHBC. Bring a mask, and dress for outdoors if you book. <https://www.spab.org.uk/whats-on/events/cop26-energy-saving-glasgows-merchant-city>.

Obituary: **John Andrew Clare**

John had a massive impact on building conservation in Scotland in the 1980s and 1990s. His background was in the Civil Service and, after taking early retirement, he sought to pursue his interest in the historic environment, taking on the role of Secretary for The Scottish Historic Buildings Trust. This was no simple task and the Trust was soon busily engaged in acquiring and seeking to rescue a number of high profile properties, mostly in areas where there was no local trust. SHBT's Office and headquarters in those days was John's own workshop at Saltcoats, Gullane, initially intended as a base for John's other interest in repairing pipe organs. The number of properties that John was directly instrumental in saving is lengthy and includes Strathleven House, Auchinleck, 339 High Street Kirkcaldy (Law's Close), The Spa Pavillion, Strathpeffer, The Hippodrome, Bo'ness, 22 Sandgate, Ayr, Greenlaw Town Hall, Drumlanrig's Tower and Tower Mill, Hawick and Liberton Bank House. He was an astute and persuasive negotiator and brought his diplomatic skills to the Trust, achieving much often in spite of opposition or intransigence from owner's or the seemingly irreversible deterioration of buildings with no apparent future. John was a firm proponent of the theory that *there are no problem buildings, only problem owners* and he would often repeat this when advising enthusiastic groups, keen to establish their own building preservation trusts. John was also a Director of The Cockburn Conservation Trust and a supporter of the Association of Conservation Officers. He eventually decided to retire for a second time and to the surprise of many he took this decision seriously, withdrawing almost completely from the field that he had once been so prominent in. John died on 27th March this year, aged 76.

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