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**IHBC SCOTLAND EVENTS**

Welcome to Issue 12 of the IHBC Scotland Newsletter for summer 2018.

**Save the date, 29 November 2018 for the IHBC Scotland AGM in Dundee, UNESCO City of Design.** The AGM will follow a CPD day on the theme of Design. As we have already had two CPD days in SE and SW Scotland our last CPD day this year will be in East Central (or NE?) Scotland. We expect to visit the new V&A and to discuss the ways that members interface with design issues on a daily basis: design review, design awards etc. Bring an example to share of good/ bad/ ugly design on an A4 page. More info will follow soon confirming the time, location, programme and agenda. This is your chance to consider joining the committee!

**50 years of Conservation Areas in Scotland** was marked on the precise day of 19 April 2018 at Carlops and Penicuik. The next newsletter will include reports on our CPD day in May at Ayr and Maybole and on the June Summer School in Belfast.



Penicuik (Rachel Kacir)



Penicuik (Mark Watson)



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*"On 19th April 2018 members of IHBC Scotland branch visited Penicuik and Carlops as part of a training day to celebrate fifty years of Conservation Areas in Scotland.*

*In Penicuik we were welcomed by Rod Lugg and Elaine Richardson of Midlothian Council with a presentation about the Penicuik Townscape Heritage and Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme. This partnership between the Heritage Lottery Fund,*

*Historic Environment Scotland and Midlothian Council, supported by Penicuik Community Development Trust and Penicuik First (BID), aims to enhance the historic core of the town. Rod and Elaine explained the pivotal role community engagement and opportunities for local people have played in gaining support for the scheme.*

*We then embarked on a tour of some of the scheme's priority projects. We stopped to admire Park End, designed by maverick gothic architect FT Pilkington. We also called in to the Penicuik Papermaking Heritage Centre, with its printing press and vintage stationery stop.*

*Another bus journey brought us to Carlops, where we were met by Mark Douglas and Ranald Dodds of Scottish Borders Council. Mark and Ranald provided a tour of the village. The group inspected a row of weavers' cottages, laid out in 1784, and a recently completed patio garden project at Carlops Parish Church. This has improved access and is a visually pleasing space for events opposite 'Carlins Lowp', or Witches Leap: two rock faces about 20m in height facing each other. Folklore has it that witches would leap from one to the other for entertainment of an evening!*

*The group retired to the Allan Ramsay Hotel to celebrate fifty years of Conservation Areas in Scotland at the very first to be designated. The Edinburgh Gazette notice for Carlops and Skirling conservation areas was published on 19 April 1968.*

*Thanks to those from Midlothian and Scottish Borders Councils who so generously gave of their time and knowledge and made it a very enjoyable and informative day."*

Rachel Kacir, Glasgow City Heritage Trust

### **Membership Application Training Event (MATE) in Glasgow:**

Co-organiser and membership Secretary Sarah Kettles reported back on a well-attended afternoon event, held on 7 June at Glasgow City Heritage Trust's office's conference room. 17 affiliates attended. There was much positive feedback and a welcome strong representation of delegates from HES. The committee thanks all involved in making it happen, especially Kate Kendall (IHBC Learning, Education, Training & Standards officer) who facilitated the event. One attendee noted there was absolutely nothing to hold him back from making an application for full membership of IHBC, now having a better understanding of how and where to start. Useful tips included: demonstrating CPD in practice; being reflective on past projects; having perspective on the particular 'areas of competence' related to the candidate's experience; as well as highlighting dos and don'ts along the way. Five full Members from Scotland Branch assisted at the event, and together with the facilitator helped identify candidates' personal strengths as well as imparting procedural guidance. We soon hope to repeat the event in Scotland.

## **IHBC SCOTLAND NEWS**

**Online branch members' survey:** Our Education Training & Standards officer and moderator of the survey Zinnie Denby-Mann has compiled results from your feedback. The branch will use this very worthwhile info to help develop its annual CPD programme. Thanks to those who took part in the anonymously conducted

survey. In summary:

- Half of respondents were affiliates, who would expect to get most from CPD.
- Geographical coverage: Inverness to Dumfriesshire. Someone asked for less central-belt centric activity
- Location of events: first choice was Edinburgh (49%), followed by Glasgow 29% and Stirling 23%, then Dundee, Aberdeen and Perth.
- Timing: weekdays (67%) and during the day (51%) is favoured.
- Type of event: visits came to the top (45%) followed by hands on practical skills, economics, new design, conservation philosophy and legislation. Some other good ideas came forward.
- Evening events are for networking, visits and lectures
- Purpose: to gain work-related knowledge/skills was well to the fore (67%)

**Twitter:** IHBC Scotland now has 1669 followers. Join them at [@InstHistBdgConScot](https://www.instagram.com/InstHistBdgConScot) [@Ihbcscotland](https://twitter.com/Ihbcscotland)

**IHBC Council+ 2018 at Peterborough:** Zinnie Denby-Mann represented our branch, with members Tom Hunter (conferring remotely - he has left Orkney for the Netherlands) and Kevin Toner to report back on the proceedings. 'Reverse mentoring' was the theme hoping to glean direction from early career members (canvassed from across the UK). Candidates were grouped with senior peers into teams of mentors and mentees and an arbitrator. Six groups shared thoughts and concerns with a view to informing the institute's support for conservation professionals, with lots of feedback, fresh perspectives and recommendations. The findings are to be distributed to delegates and the membership as a whole. A taster video was released in the interim on You Tube. [Further details....](#) Younger delegates in return gained an insight into the governance of the IHBC.

**IHBC Toolbox** is a useful resource to reference IHBC's latest technical publications, and more, online. [Further details....](#)

**BEFS:** IHBC Scotland branch membership Secretary Sarah Kettles now represents us at BEFS as Torsten Haak has completed his service, for which, many thanks.

**Other branch representations this quarter** include written responses to the Planning Bill, HLF strategy, and on the tightening of building standards reliant on EPC. A) the Building Conservation Professionals Forum was attended by branch Secretary Barbara Stuart: accreditation was explored; B) a Climate Change Risk Assessment management tool released by HES, attended by Terry Levinthal; C) Our Place in Time Climate Change Working Group and Crossing Borders, both attended by Consultations Secretary Charles Strang; D) the SHED Board (data mapping, curtilage etc) has been attended by Dave Sutton, who steps down in favour of Mark Douglas.

**The Scottish Listed Property Show** comes to Scotland in Edinburgh on 27 October (listed below with a link to the event website). IHBC Scotland is partner with the IHBC National Office and the Listed Property Owners Club (LPOC) who run highly successful shows in London. [Further details....](#) CPD and exhibitor opportunities are expected once again. Please be in touch if you would like to assist with presenting (the IHBC slot is at 3.30-4.30pm) or to help staff our stand. IHBC members can request tickets free of charge by email to [chloe@lpoc.co.uk](mailto:chloe@lpoc.co.uk), confirming they are a

member, their full name, email and address and how many tickets. These will be sent out in October.

**IHBC Annual School 2018 highlights from Belfast** had a focus on community engagement and a diverse range of speakers. A report will be carried in the next issue of the newsletter. We are delighted to reveal that **Aberdeen** has volunteered to be the venue for the Annual School in 2021! A working group is forming.

## OTHER NEWS; & EVENTS

**BEFS** has invited expressions of interest for its new Chair. [Further details....](#) The BEFS website is linked via our Branch pages on the IHBC website under the 'References' tab. [Further details....](#)

### **Making Places initiative 2018-2019 application form, and prospectus:**

Applications for Making Places 2018-19 for community-led design (the evolution of the Charrettes fund); and the Place Standard Conversations Fund are now open. Please note that the closing dates are 28 September (for Community-Led Design); & 31 October (for Place Standard Conversations) respectively. [Further details....](#)

**SURF Annual Awards** is open to all community regeneration projects in Scotland currently in place or completed within two years of the closing date for applications. The Awards recognise and reward best practice and innovation in community regeneration; promote best practice in sharing knowledge and experience in respect to enhancing future policy and practice; highlight the role that regeneration has in improving the wellbeing of individuals and communities. Regeneration projects of all sizes can demonstrate value to funders and partners, support team-building and develop a national profile. Winners receive additional showcase opportunities through SURF activities throughout the following year. The SURF Awards celebrate a 20th Anniversary this year. The next closing date is 17 September. [Further details....](#)

**Highlands & Islands Traditional Building Forum** invites you to join their annual conference on 21 September 2018 (listed below). The agenda highlights a need to ensure a supply of traditional building materials and skills to meet the repair and maintenance needs of half a million pre-1900 buildings in Scotland. The conference will include presentations and exhibitors on traditional building materials and will conclude with an in-depth study of Inverness town house. For further information, send your e-mail address to [training@inverness.uhi.ac.uk](mailto:training@inverness.uhi.ac.uk)

**Traditional Plasterwork Questionnaire:** The Adams Napier Partnership has been commissioned by HES to carry out research to inform a review of its guidance on conservation of traditional and decorative plasterwork. An online questionnaire seeks views from Scotland, with feedback from further afield also welcomed. The questionnaire takes around 5 minutes. See [Further details....](#) to complete it or pass on to others who may be interested. For more information, email [technicalresearch@hes.scot](mailto:technicalresearch@hes.scot) or [wnapier@adamsnapier.co.uk](mailto:wnapier@adamsnapier.co.uk)

**The Engine Shed** offers a wealth of CPD and exhibit events. See the website's calendar. [Further details....](#) The venue, an award winning conservation project, also holds certified post graduate courses. [Further details....](#)

**ICE** celebrates its bicentenary this year. See engineering events here:  
<https://www.ice.org.uk/news-and-insight/latest-ice-news/ice-200-draws-near>

**Date for diaries:** A joint conference by Scottish Civic Trust (SCT) and the AHSS on Wednesday 7 November 2018 on the theme of the high street. Refer to the list of events below for details and a link.

**AHSS tours talks and visits:** across Scotland <https://www.ahss.org.uk/events/>

**Glasgow School of Art** blogs on the progress of current stabilisation work. See [Further details....](#) for a recent example.



Ballet Station, Aberdeenshire, reinstated after destruction by fire, shortly before it re-opened in August 2018 (©Historic Environment Scotland)



**Doors Open Days:** The 2018 programme is now online [Further details....](#) A great time to explore and celebrate architecture, culture and heritage this September, thanks to the SCT as its coordinator. 2018's focus is the Year of Young People and the European Year of Cultural Heritage: the Art of Sharing. SPAB Scotland will host craft demonstrations for the Edinburgh Doors Open Day weekend. Glasgow Doors Open Days Festival is also running, now in its 29th year. [Further details....](#)

**Note: Summary links to forthcoming events by others. These links may be broken at the whim of the host website.**

### **SPAB Burns Monument Tour**

**Saturday 1 September 2018** (from 10.30am)

**Alloway** (meet at Robert Burns Birthplace Museum, Murdoch's Lone, Ayr KA7 4PQ)  
Morning lecture and tour. [Further details....](#)

### **Development Trusts - Driving Positive Change in Communities!**

**Sunday to Monday 2-3 September 2018** (from 10.30am)

**Aberdeen** (Ardoe House Hotel, South Deeside Road, Blairs, Aberdeen AB12 5YP)  
DTAS two-day annual conference. [Further details....](#)

**Fife DOCOMOMO Modernist Architecture Tour**

**Sunday 9 September 2018** (9.30am to 5pm)

**Fife** (meet at 15 Rutland Square, Edinburgh EH12BE at 9.30am; or 10.15am at Markinch Station, High Street, Markinch, Fife KY7 6DH)

Day minibus tour. [Further details....](#)

**Community Heritage Scotland - Going Forward**

**Saturday 15 September 2018** (10am to 4pm)

**Oban** (The Rockfield Centre, (former school on) Stevenson Street, Oban, PA34 5NA)

Day discussion, workshops and talk. [Further details....](#)

**Contemporary Approaches to Sustainability in European Cities**

**Thursday 20 September 2018** (1pm to 6.30pm)

**Dundee** (West Park Conference Centre , 319 Perth Road, Dundee DD2 1NN)

Half-day conference. [Further details....](#)

**Traditional Buildings : Materials and Skills**

**Friday 21 September 2018** (18.45am to 4pm)

**Inverness** (Smithton Church, 1 Murray Rd, Smithton, Inverness IV2 7YU)

HITBF annual day conference. [Further details....](#)

**Communities for a Changing Population**

**Thursday 27 September 2018** (9.20am to 3.40pm)

**Glasgow** (Saracen House, 139 Saracen Street, Glasgow G22 5AZ)

Day conference. [Further details....](#)

**History and Conservation of Ceramic Tiles**

**Thursday 27 September 2018** (10am to 1.30pm)

**Glasgow** (Kelvin Hall, 1445 Argyle Street, Glasgow G3 8AW)

Half-day seminar. [Further details....](#)

**The City Talks: What's the point of Listing Buildings?**

**Thursday 27 September 2018** (6.30pm to 8.30pm)

**Glasgow** (venue TBC)

Evening panel debate. [Further details....](#)

**RIAS: Conserving the Assets of Our Past**

**Tuesday 2 October 2018** (1pm to 5pm)

**Edinburgh** (The Scottish Storytelling Centre 43-45 High Street Edinburgh EH1 1SR)

Afternoon seminar. [Further details....](#)

**CIOB: Understanding Building Conservation**

**Wednesday to Thursday 3-4 October 2018** (9am to 5pm)

**Glasgow** (check with contact on further details for venue, Glasgow G2 6NL)

Two day course. [Further details....](#)

**Maintaining Traditional Buildings**

**Friday 5 October 2018** (10am to 3pm)

**Fife** (SLCT, Charlestown Workshops, 2 Rocks Road, Charlestown, Fife KY11 3EN)

Seminar by SLCT. [Further details....](#)

### **The Scottish Listed Property Show**

**Saturday 27 October 2018** (9am to 5.30pm) Free entry for IHBC members.  
**Edinburgh** (Assembly Rooms, 54 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 2LR)  
Day conference, exhibition and CPD. [Further details....](#)

### **AHSS AGM 2018**

**Saturday 27 October 2018** (1.30pm to 5pm)  
**Glasgow** (Mackintosh at the Willow, 217 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow G2 3EX)  
Afternoon talk and AGM. [Further details....](#)

### **Confessions of a Listed Building Inspector**

**Saturday 3 November 2018** (2.15pm to 4.30pm)  
**Castle Douglas** (Gordon Memorial Hall, St. Ninian's Episcopal Church, Whitepark Rd, Castle Douglas, Kirkcudbrightshire DG7 1EX)  
AHSS lecture. [Further details....](#)

### **Destination High Street : Restoring Vibrancy to Scotland's Towns**

**Wednesday 7 November 2018** (times, tbc)  
**Glasgow** (Royal Concert Hall, 2 Sauchiehall Street, Glasgow G2 3NY)  
Joint AHSS/ SCT one day conference. [Further details....](#)

### **Heritage Trust Network annual conference**

**Monday to Tuesday 19-20 November 2018** (from 9.15pm to 5.15pm; & 4pm)  
**Stirling** (The Engine Shed, Forthside Way, Stirling FK8 1QZ)  
Two day conference, and optional visit. [Further details....](#)

### **Comper: Brilliant Architect or Flawed?'**

**Thursday 22 November 2018** (12.30pm to 3pm)  
**Aberdeen** (Society of Advocates, Concert Court, Broad Street, Aberdeen AB10 1BS)  
AHSS lunch and talk. [Further details....](#)



IHBC at former Ayr Academy and in Maybole, said to need a by-pass (©Mark Watson)

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