



## IHBC SCOTLAND BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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### IHBC SCOTLAND EVENTS

Welcome to Issue 17 of the IHBC Scotland Branch Newsletter.

**December 10 Thursday at 15.30 IHBC Scotland branch online AGM follows Conservation and CoVid19:** sharing stories of overcoming or succumbing to the challenge of the pandemic with fellow IHBC members in Scotland branch on Zoom: How has it hit planning services? Has development slowed, has High Street regeneration been dealt a mortal blow, or is the New Normal a new opportunity? All Members, Associates and Affiliates are welcome to speak, question or to listen in.

Dawn McDowell (Historic Environment Scotland): Designation during CoVid-19

Jane Jackson (Historic England): challenges of setting up and managing regeneration programmes during lock down and a summary of Elsecar HAZ, ambitions v outputs

Shona Simpson (DRS Glasgow City Council): Conservation Area Management Plans for Character Areas of Glasgow Central CA, and the High Street Area Strategy

Frances Swanston (Aberdeenshire Council): the impact of the pandemic on work at Aberdeenshire Council in relation to the historic environment

Anna Grant (City of Edinburgh Council): the impact of the pandemic on work at the Place Directorate in City of Edinburgh Council

Your Branch AGM will follow on at 16.30, approximately (possibly a little later, if we still have a lot to discuss). Email [scotland@ihbc.org.uk](mailto:scotland@ihbc.org.uk) to obtain the zoom link.

A **MATE (IHBC Member Application Training Event)** took place on 25 November that was tailored for affiliates in Scotland Branch. A **MAGE (IHBC Member Application Guidance Event)** is proposed to follow this early in 2021, for people looking for guidance at an earlier stage in the process. Our thanks to Dr Ramona Usher for presenting, and to Fiona Newton for her insights into the assessment of portfolios. See <https://www.ihbc.org.uk/mate/#resources>

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**Annual School 2022 in Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire.** Given a first airing just before the UK-wide AGM a video presented by Douglas Campbell promotes the North East. See the recorded introduction to the [Aberdeen School, 2022](#) as well as that to Brighton in 2021: [Brighton School, 2021](#).

It is likely that both of these will have an on line element, but we know that there is no substitute for real buildings and places, which the Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire team will want to promote, and also for interaction between people at that place. We must hope that the vaccine offers a way to achieve that by then.

**Congratulations to our new Full Members:** Brigit Luffingham, Frances Swanston, and Shona Simpson: fully deserved!

And to new Accredited member Agustina Solassi (in Intervention)

### In Memoriam



With great sadness we relay news that Dave Sutton, a longstanding IHBC member who served until the last AGM on the IHBC Scotland Committee, died on 26th May 2020. Dave had worked in North Lanarkshire and South Gloucestershire Councils, private practice, community and voluntary roles; he served Bristol Civic Society, and as a Bristol City Councillor, and Cambuslang Community Council. Dave brought a wealth of knowledge, experience, commitment and energy to historic environment causes. Originally from Belfast he trained in architecture in Sheffield University, and worked and lived in Western England until he moved to North Lanarkshire in 2007.

He was trustee and secretary of Glasgow Building Preservation Trust and he was active as a mentor in Planning Democracy.

Fellow IHBC Scotland Branch Committee members have described Dave as another of us who chose to be the grit in the oyster, a good team leader, persistent, often irascible, an exceptionally strong practitioner and encourager in getting things done. He recently represented us in the SHED (Scottish Historic Environment Data) programme board, defending the responsibility of local authorities in such matters as curtilage, and he observed interminable NPF4 consultations. He made a difference in the realms of built heritage, the wider environment, and communities. Dave had a great love of life, music, art, people and travel, and in the last 5 years during retirement could enjoy more time at his holiday home in Crete and his stained glass design hobby. We will certainly miss him, and our thoughts and condolences are with his wife Nancy and other family at this sad time. Former colleague Richard Cartwright, and all of the Scotland Branch Committee of IHBC.

We are also sad to note the death of David Lovie, past President of IHBC. He had cut his teeth in developing community activism in Northumberland, as is set out in the obituary in *Context*.

**Twitter:** IHBC Scotland branch now has 2091 followers. Follow [@Ihbcscotland](https://twitter.com/Ihbcscotland) for the latest news in building conservation.

## **IHBC News**

**Damp, masonry decay and sustainability**-the first of two events organised by Historic England and IHBC South West (England) branch. Access to recordings of the first sessions is available online [here](#). Each session was posted for one week, replaced the following week by the next session, and so on. Once the final session has been up for a week, Historic England will upload separate recordings of all the individual presentations, which will stay on its website indefinitely (although those are likely to be in a different to the above link). The second, to be held in March 2021, will focus on damp in timber structures.

**IHBC Toolbox** is a growing online reference resource. [Further details...](#) And see '**Context**' journal for your CPD see IHBC online back-catalogue of all issues [HERE](#)

**'Conservation, People and Places':** Tell your MP! An APPG in the Westminster parliament has been launched, its aim to support built / historic environment conservation as the means to deliver successful places which are economically, environmentally and socially sustainable. This includes using heritage to help places adapt to the diverse needs of current and future communities, whilst supporting enterprise, transport connectivity, health, climate change efforts and quality of life". IHBC is lending administrative and professional support. See [Conservation Places and People APPG - All Parties Parliamentary Group](#) and its start on the Planning White Paper in England. [Parliamentary 'Conservation, Places and People' APPG launches first briefing document: Parliament-wide exploration of England's White Paper | IHBC NewsBlogs](#) The Scottish parliament elections are sooner. What would we want to see in manifestos?

The IHBC's 2020 AGM on 3 December approved important new resolutions on modernising governance and corporate planning. The UK AGM documents are these:

- [AGM PAPERS](#)
- [ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION](#)
- ['CP 25'](#)

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

Wednesday **16th December two online presentations from Glasgow:**

13-14.30 **The Vanishing Monument: the conservation of Monteath Mausoleum at Glasgow Necropolis.** In collaboration with the [Friends of Glasgow Necropolis](#). The speakers are lecturers and former students of the [MSc in Architectural Design for the Conservation of Built Heritage](#), University of Strathclyde. Tickets (£5) can be purchased [HERE](#)

18.00 **James Miller, architect** lecture by Fergus Sutherland for GCHT in memory of Helen Cargill Thompson (1933-2020) [Info here](#)

### **New Publication from the Engine Shed:**

[Energy Consumption and Behaviour Profiles](#) Technical Paper 34 provides the gas and electricity consumption of eight traditional dwellings. This includes a comparison between these buildings in terms of size and occupation. The analysis includes user behaviour and comfort analysis.

### **Awards, Placements, Bursaries & Scholarships, and Calls for Papers (channelled through IHBC website)**

Scottish Lime Centre Trust (SLCT) [Traditional Building Skills Bursary Scheme](#) reduces the cost of [Scottish Lime Centre Trust courses](#) listed to March 2021. For example:

[The Structural Repair of Historic Buildings | Scottish Lime Centre Trust \(scotlime.org\)](#)  
SUBLime – [Open PhD Positions in European Training Network](#)

Call for Papers – [Heritage Special Issue – Energy Efficiency in Historic Buildings](#) – closes 31 Mar 2021

Churches Conservation Trust Travel Award [Grant Scheme](#)

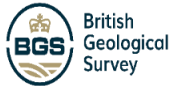
Journal of Urbanism: ['The Design of the Public Realm: Emerging Theories and Practices'](#) – Due 26th March 2021

**Edinburgh World Heritage:** Farewell to Adam Wilkinson (off to Saudi Arabia) and welcome to Christina Sinclair, Director of Edinburgh World Heritage.

"2020 - A great disruption or 'plus ça change'?" on 26 November our Conservator friends in **Icon** held online its annual **Harold Plenderleith Memorial Lecture**. It was given by Euan Leitch, BEFS, on CoVid-19 impacts. IHBC Scotland, SPAB in Scotland, and Museums and Galleries Scotland formed an invited panel to discuss experiences of their members in these extraordinary times.

**Building Stone Database for Scotland (BSDS).** This ambitious project aims to define and describe all of the building stones of Scotland, and for each one provide details of the quarries from which the stone was sourced, the built sites in which the

stone has been used, and any samples of the stone held in publicly-accessible reference collections. IHBC has been asked by the partners BGS and HES to put to its members in Scotland the chance to 'Beta test' out the new database of building stone, still being populated. The database currently records approximately 200 building stones, 4,400 quarries, 600 built sites and 1,000 samples. Clicking [this link](#) will take you to the landing page of the BSDS web portal. After using the portal, browsing and searching information, please fill in the form (see attached word document), before 12 January 2021 and return it to [ali.davey@hes.scot](mailto:ali.davey@hes.scot). She will be pleased to answer queries and to supply other copies of the questionnaire.



## Building Stone Database for Scotland

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The next issue will aim to cover the statues debate, and whatever else is current.