



NEWSLETTER

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Future events

SE Branch Annual School and 2025 AGM, Reigate – 28th March 2025

Next IHBC SE Branch Meeting, online – 13th May 2025

Watts Gallery & Chapel – May 2025 (exact date tbc)

Pevensey Castle Visit – 26th July 2025 (tbc)

Sussex Group Visit to LQH – 30th August 2025

Sydney Little in St Leonards/Hastings and Marine Court: Conservation of Concrete – July 2025 (exact date tbc)

CPD Event: Fire Safety in Heritage Buildings, Tunbridge Wells – 19th September 2025, 9:30-15:30

Purcell Follow-up Talk – tbc

Recent events

CPD Event: Updates in Climate Change Policy, Retrofit and Renewable Energy, Eastbourne - 1st November 2024 – Retrofit

Christmas Get Together, Chequers Inn, Battle - 10th January 2025

Most recent IHBC SE Branch Meeting, online – 5th February 2025, 17:30-19:00

Word from our chair

A belated Happy New Year to all at the South East Branch.

Well, the last six months have been reasonably quiet on the IHBC South East

Branch event front but our dedicated and fun packed committee(!) has still been busy behind the scenes preparing to organise lots more events for a packed calendar this year.

It was always very difficult, as our region covers Surrey, West and East Sussex to Kent to find venues that will suit everybody and therefore we tend to move around. Last year we had events at Eastbourne Eco Hub and Canterbury University for our AGM. This coming year we are planning on moving around again with our AGM and Day School, March 28th, planned in Reigate on the subject of stone. I really urge people to book this because it's a great way of getting your CPD hours up and also sharing stories among peers.

We are also looking to organise more online events to supplement our in-person events so that this will enable people to access more personal CPDs connected to our region.

I know that for me, being in private practice, getting to know conservation officers has been invaluable, driving the standard of my work up and helping me understand the other side from the local authority, and hopefully this acts vice versa. At the end of the day, we are all on the side of heritage and strive for the best we can achieve despite difficulties with client's expectations, tight budgets and driven timescales.

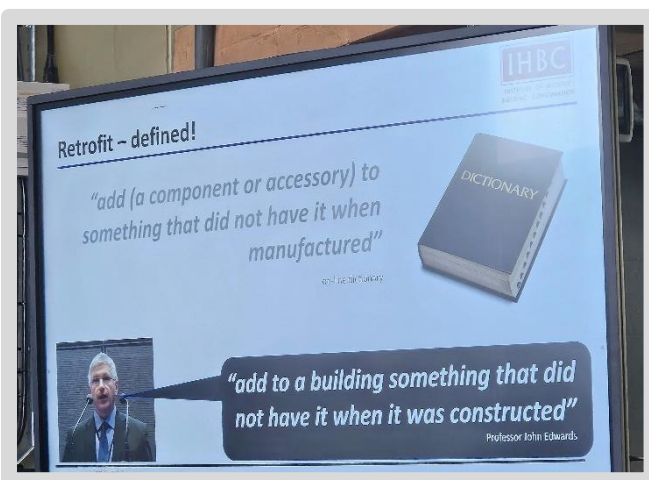
I look forward to seeing you soon, and thank all members for their support.

Please do get in touch at SEBranch-chair@IHBC.org.uk



Climate Change Policy, Retrofit and Renewable Energy - Eastbourne College Training Centre

This CPD event, 'No longer just hot air: updates in climate change policy, retrofit and renewable energy', provided an insight into East Sussex College's leading training hub, one of five new decarbonisation academies across Sussex. Supported by experts such as Professor Johnathan Edwards, the experience supported the development of retrofitting and green energy installation skills via IHBC accredited CPD training on energy efficiency and the retrofit of traditional and historic buildings.



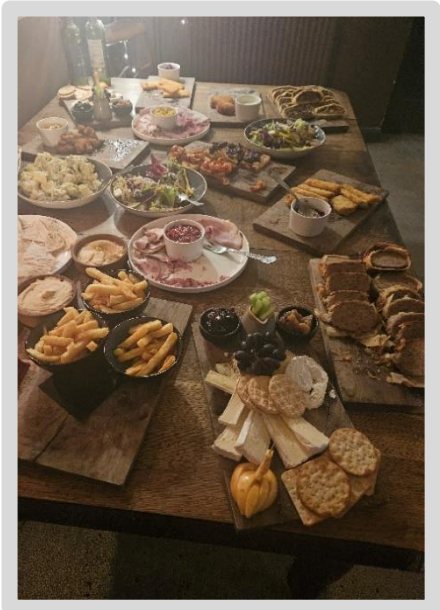
Whilst traditionally constructed historic buildings offer the opportunity to reduce energy use and utilise their low embodied carbon, training in their proper retrofit ensures avoidance of issues such as decay to the building's structure/fabric as well as heat loss through damp and mould. This event provided the opportunity for such proper training.

The day included various events, including presentations on policy and guidance as well as the opportunity to browse displays of renewable energy systems.



IHBC Christmas Get Together

This year our IHBC Christmas get together ended up being, as last year, after Christmas, as finding a date we could meet together before Christmas proved not to work out. Nevertheless, it was an enjoyable event, with plenty of good food followed by an interesting exploration of Battle.



We were led on a splendid tour of Battle by Stephen Grey, who pointed out highlights in the buildings up and down the high street. Stephen is a trustee of Battle Museum so we were treated to a personal tour of the museum and adjacent historic house, with its amazing Medieval history, complete with burn marks over the mantelpiece to ward off evil spirits.



Save the Date - Upcoming Annual School and AGM

On the 28th of March 2025, we will hold our next annual school and AGM in Reigate. Focusing on the CPD discipline of technology/engineering, the day will provide insights into materials selection, Reigate stone, sand mining and restoration work at Madeira Terrace in Brighton. These topics will be presented by a range of knowledgeable speakers, including architects, heritage consultants and stonework restorers.

There will also be the unique opportunity to explore the Reigate tunnels and caves, as well as the option for networking and a free beer, at the Pilgrim Brewery, to end the day.

Booking information and further details will be publicised soon.

Welcome Darron Carver to the IHBC South East Branch Committee



We are pleased to welcome new member Darron Carver, Head of Collections and Site Operations at the Weald and Downland Living Museum, as the newest member of the IHBC Southeast Branch Committee. Darron

brings a strong background in heritage conservation, with extensive experience in managing collections and overseeing site operations at the museum. His role involves ensuring the care, preservation, and public engagement of the museum's historic buildings and collections, making his expertise particularly relevant to our committee's work.

Darron's experience and practical knowledge of heritage preservation will be invaluable in supporting the branch's activities and initiatives. His approach to managing and conserving historic sites will provide valuable insight as we continue our efforts to support conservation professionals in the region.

We look forward to Darron's contributions and encourage you to meet him at our upcoming AGM in Reigate, *Let's Get Stoned!* on March 28th. It will be a great opportunity to connect with Darron and learn more about his work at the Weald and Downland Living Museum. We hope to see you there!

Introducing Claire Hegarty in her new Role as Branch Consultant

Claire Hegarty recently joined us for a committee meeting, and we are excited to welcome her into her role as Branch Consultant. In her position, Claire will be offering regionally-based guidance and support to our branch, helping us connect with the IHBC's National Office services, resources, and networks. Her role is crucial in assisting volunteers and ensuring we have the tools and knowledge to effectively carry out our activities.

Claire Hegarty, an architect and director at Butler Hegarty Architects since 2009, specialises in conservation and has a deep interest in

heritage and community engagement. She has just recently started as a part-time Branch Liaison and Support Consultant for the IHBC.

Claire's professional experience includes chairing the Peckham Heritage Regeneration Partnership, which combined local communities, businesses, and cultural organizations to deliver heritage projects alongside cultural activities. Personally, she's excited to connect with a broad network now that her youngest child has left for university.