

# IHBC Yorkshire - Historic Environment Forum

## Representative: Rebecca Thompson

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### Background

*“The Historic Environment Forum (HEF) brings together senior members of staff from public and non-government bodies to work collaboratively on strategic matters for the historic environment sector.”* The Heritage Alliance

Lianna is keen to reinvigorate the group and has contacted members to review the objectives and ensure that we have the correct representative for each group. No further update on the group objectives

### Information

A new Heritage Counts research report was released today by Historic England on behalf of the National Historic Environment Forum.

The full report is available online at Historic England.

New report: “Greening” historic homes could save up to 84% in carbon emissions

Report shows carefully retrofitting our historic homes could reduce carbon emissions by up to 84% in a detached Victorian home, 62% in a Georgian terrace home, 58% in a 1900s terrace, 56% in a Victorian semi-detached and 54% in a Victorian terrace

New research shows modelled regional weather patterns have direct impact on homes’ carbon emissions, with a building in North West England generating 14% more emissions than an identical building in the South East

Report demonstrates impact of various options for historic homeowners to carefully reduce carbon emissions, from small behaviour changes to adding insulation and draught proofing

Buildings, including homes, are the third largest producers of carbon emissions in the UK today and homes alone account for 13% of all the UK’s carbon emissions. As England has one of the oldest building stocks in Europe, with a fifth of all homes being over a century old, we need to reduce the carbon emissions from our historic homes. But this is a complex process as every building is different and how they function is affected by a range of elements, from size and number of occupants, to the impact of regional weather patterns.

This year’s Heritage Counts report aims to support and empower the people who look after our historic buildings. It shows the value of good custodianship, the power of small behaviour changes and the need to recycle and reuse our buildings first to reduce carbon emissions.

Duncan Wilson, Chief Executive of Historic England said: “The scale and urgency of climate change requires people to take action now to reduce carbon emissions. Our buildings are important sources of embodied carbon, so we know we must reuse them, rather than demolish and rebuild, but as buildings are the third largest carbon emission producers in the UK after transport and industry we must also address their daily emissions. From small behavioural changes to larger energy efficiency improvements this new research demonstrates that we can greatly reduce the carbon footprint of our precious historic homes, whilst maintaining what makes them special.”

Adrian Olivier, Chair of the Historic Environment Forum said: “Urgent action to combat climate change is among the 2030 United Nations Global Sustainable Goals. To be effective, action must be taken at every level and by everyone, not just Governments - we are all responsible and we can all contribute - collectively and individually. Historic buildings are more than 20% of the total building stock in England and too often they are seen as a block to carbon reduction. The Historic Environment Forum is proud to support this Heritage Counts Research which shows a range of

efficiency improvements that can be implemented relatively easily and cost-effectively. Empowering people to retrofit their home in a more sustainable way with effective energy saving measures will be a major step on our collective journey to net zero.”

Lianna Francis-Kelly

## EVENTS

### **The Victorian Society's Summer Lectures**

The Architectural Dynasties Series continues and other topics will be explored including a tour of Saltaire and a look at Victorian pubs. <https://www.victoriansociety.org.uk/events>

### **Eco Church Festival with Churches Count on Nature**

Saturday 12th June, 9:30am-1:30pm - including sessions for all ages.

This online festival, run by Sheffield Diocese but open to all, supports your Eco Church journey with a wide range of interactive workshops/panels, and celebrates churchyard wildlife during Churches Count on Nature. The day will be opened by a keynote from Harriet Carty (Chief Officer of Caring for Gods Acre). [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eco-church-festival-with-churches-count-on-nature-2021-tickets-146787807283?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc\\_cid=1b3f2cca87&mc\\_eid=798056a8a3](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eco-church-festival-with-churches-count-on-nature-2021-tickets-146787807283?aff=odeimcmailchimp&mc_cid=1b3f2cca87&mc_eid=798056a8a3)

### **A Jewish Jesus: Art and Faith in the Shadow of World War II**

by St John's Waterloo on 16th June

How did a German-Jewish refugee artist come to be responsible for more murals in Church of England churches than any other artist in its entire history? Who were the other Jewish artists employed by the Anglican and Catholic Church or using Christian iconography in the post-war period? <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-jewish-jesus-art-and-faith-in-the-shadow-of-world-war-ii-registration-128521672783>

### **Saving the Gable Working Party**

SPAB Scotland in helping to save the surviving gable of a 15th-century church in Moffat, Dumfries and Galloway. Working with experts you'll learn how to remove cement pointing and vegetation, consolidate and re-point the gable and churchyard's boundary wall. 25-27 June. Book your place.

<https://www.spab.org.uk/whats-on/regional-groups-events/saving-gable-working-party>

### **Worlds of Faith: Sculpture and Faith at St Paul's Cathedral, c.1796-1916**

Online, 6 July 2021

This is the first conference of the UKRI-funded research project 'Panthéons: Sculpture at St Paul's Cathedral, c. 1796-1916', a collaboration between the Department of History of Art at the University of York and St Paul's Cathedral. The conference will be object-focused, on individual monuments or small, related groups of monuments, with presentations by key scholars in the field as well as clergy. The papers will be organised into three panels: Empires of Faith: Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sikhism, and Buddhism / Sculpting the Bible / The Victorian Church. Full details and booking (which is free) <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/worlds-of-faith-sculpture-and-faith-at-st-pauls-cathedral-c1796-1916-tickets-151220497579>

### **The SPAB: Tour of St Anne's Church, Limehouse, London, with a talk by architect Julian Harrap**

7 September 2021, 18:00 - 20:00

Join the SPAB and the Betjeman Society for a visit to the remarkable church of St Anne's, Limehouse, one of the five churches designed by Nicholas Hawksmoor under the Fifty New Churches Act of 1711.

NB: this event was originally scheduled for April and has now been postponed.

<https://www.spab.org.uk/whats-on/events/tour-st-annes-church-limehouse-london>

### **Leeds Minster: 'noblest among the noble' of the early-Victorian churches**

Saturday 11 September 2021, 10.30am - 5.15 pm

A one-day Conference hosted by the Ecclesiological Society, with support from Leeds Civic Trust. The Minster is the most important church erected in England around 1840, at that 'heady' moment when Anglicanism was moving in a Higher direction thanks to the Tractarians, and Gothic authenticity was being promoted energetically by the Cambridge Camden Society. And it remains almost entirely unchanged. For further details of the event and to book your ticket, please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leeds-minster-noblest-among-the-noble-of-the-early-victorian-churches-tickets-146768397227>

### **The Churches Conservation Trust lunchtime lectures**

A series of online talks every Thursday at 1pm. JUNE includes talks on Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral:

History and Conservation. <https://www.visitchurches.org.uk/what-we-do/online-lectures/upcoming-lectures.html>

### **HEF member organisations:**

- ALGAO (Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers)
- Architectural Heritage Fund
- British Property Federation
- Chartered Institute for Archaeologists
- Church of England Cathedrals & Church Buildings Division
- Council for British Archaeology
- Country Land and Business Association
- DCMS [observer]
- English Heritage
- The Heritage Alliance
- National Lottery Heritage Fund
- Historic England
- Historic Houses
- Historic Religious Buildings Alliance
- ICON – Institute of Conservation
- Institute of Historic Building Conservation
- Joint Committee of National Amenity Societies
- The National Trust
- Natural England
- Royal Institute of British Architects
- Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors
- Royal Town Planning Institute

### **Regional Historic Environment Forums**

The RHEFs – reflecting former Government Regions – have an ongoing role, and provide a degree of co-ordination for larger-than-local issues that has been lost elsewhere.

- East Midlands Heritage Forum
- Yorkshire & Humberside Historic Environment Forum
- North East Historic Environment Forum
- North West Historic Environment Forum
- West Midlands Historic Environment Forum
- South East Historic Environment Forum
- South West Historic Environment Forum
- London Historic Environment Forum
- East of England Historic Environment Forum

**The Heritage Alliance** (2020) Historic Environment Forum <https://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/historic-environment-forum/>