

Welcome Message

Hello everyone, and welcome to the 2023 edition of the newsletter. This year has been busy, and those of you who work in planning will have noticed some changes in local authorities, particularly in North Yorkshire and some new faces in post. This has come at a time when many local authorities are battling with establishing design codes and planning legislation changes, both agreed and proposed. From speaking with members, there seems to be a shortage of practitioners across the various sectors, so if you are reading this and are new to conservation, all I can say is get involved!

We have several long-standing committee members who are or have retired since the last newsletter, and I'd like to take this opportunity to give them a special mention here—many thanks to Andrew Shepherd, Andy Graham, Keith Knight, Rebecca Thompson and Stan Driver.

There are far too many projects to mention here. However, of particular note are the eleven Heritage Action Zones across Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire running this year, with many completing recently or imminently. Their officers, specifiers and craftspeople have been relentlessly beaver away, resulting in many historic buildings being better conserved, understood and protected.

Whilst I hopefully all have your attention, I would also like to highlight the current [#IHBCPetitionforCharter](#). Many of you will be aware of this already, but for those of you who are new or have been too swamped to read your updates from IHBC, please note this now. The IHBC is undergoing a period of consultation regarding the chartership of the organisation. The first phase of this would be for the institution to become chartered. A later stage would be for individual members to become chartered, akin to other professional membership bodies. This process, if successful, will take place over several years. I think this is a significant move to promote conservation, the expertise of members, and regulate the sector. Mike Brown, IHBC President, is coming to our AGM on the 14th October in Hull to speak with branch members about chartership, so if the free lunch wasn't enough to get you there, hopefully this is!

If you have any questions or comments for me as Chair, please drop me a line at yorkshire@ihbc.org.uk or come and speak to me at the AGM.

Many thanks, Maria

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*Recently restored 6-8 Silver Street, Wakefield HAZ
(Photo Credit Paul Gwilliam)*

EVENTS

Upcoming branch events

IHBC YORKSHIRE AGM 2023: HULL REVISITED - GRANT FUNDING & REGENERATION



This year's AGM will take place on **Saturday 14th October** at Jubilee Hall, Hull.

The day will begin with the branch AGM, followed by a talk from Hilary Byers on the community-led restoration of the National Picture Theatre, which has needed repair since it was bombed in World War II.

In the after-lunch session, Mike Brown, IHBC president, will discuss the petition for IHBC's petition for chartership and the day will formally conclude with a walking tour by Andrew Richardson of the recent

Heritage Action Zone projects in the city.

Following the success of last year's post-AGM social, we have reserved a room afterwards at [Ye Olde Black Boy](#), Hull's oldest pub. We hope to see you there.

Please book your tickets here: <https://ihbcyorkshire2023hullrevisited.eventbrite.co.uk>

Other upcoming events

IHBC CPD LISTINGS AND NOTIFICATIONS

Listings for CPD and events can be found on the IHBC website: [Upcoming Events \(ihbc.org.uk\)](https://ihbc.org.uk)

Also, if members opt in, you will also be sent notifications by central IHBC on events – therefore please do notify us of any changes to your email address so that all notifications are received.

VISIT TO HERBERT HOUSE AND LADY PECKETT'S YARD, YORK WITH YORK CONSERVATION TRUST

This is a unique opportunity to visit Herbert House and Lady Peckett's Yard, as conservation plans and surveys are currently being devised. Come and see what the YCT have planned and learn more about the building and its history. The official visit will be followed by an informal social in the Golden Fleece next door. More details to follow.

Date / time: **Saturday 9th December at 10.30 am**

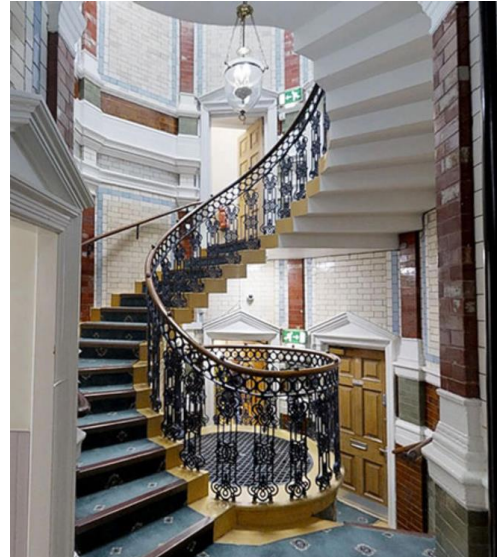
Booking available from 30th October 2023 <https://IHBCHerbetHouse.eventbrite.co.uk>

Branch events of the last year

YORKSHIRE BRANCH AGM AND LECTURE, 19TH NOVEMBER 2022

Towards the end of last year, we held our AGM in Sheffield. Based in Channing Hall in the heart of the city, the day included a fascinating talk by Dorian Proudfoot (Donald Insall Associates) entitled 'Wentworth Woodhouse: A New Life'. After a tasty buffet lunch, we learnt of some of the interests of the city centre on a walking tour guided by Valerie Bayliss of Joined Up Heritage Sheffield. It was a packed day, finished off with a social gathering in one of the city's hostels.

Image, right: Impressive staircase of Channing Hall, which was built in 1881 for 'religious, educational and social purposes' and is named after the 19th Century American Unitarian minister Dr. William Ellery Channing (source: www.upperchapelsheffield.org.uk)



WENTWORTH WOODHOUSE - CAMELIA HOUSE VISIT

On 29th March this year, a small group of branch members were treated to a guided tour of the then live construction project at the grade II* listed Camellia House at Wentworth Woodhouse. Thanks to Daniel Elkington of Donald Insall Associates for hosting.

Left: Branch members and four-legged friend enjoying the visit to Wentworth Woodhouse.

REGIONAL NEWS

YORK MINSTER – PV PANEL ARRAY GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSION

On 9th March 2023, York City Council granted planning permission for a Photovoltaic panel array to be installed on the south side of the quire roof (ref. 22/02392/FUL).



With minimal physical impact on building fabric (matters such as fixings and cabling having been carefully designed) and structural capacity evidenced, the main issue was the visual impact of the array in some views of the Minster. Matters for consideration included the extent to which the parapet wall hides the panels (especially in close range views), the contrast of the panels against the lead roof and the reflective qualities of the panels.

Left: Visual of approved PV panel array – view of quire roof from tower (taken from Planning and Heritage Statement by Caroe Architecture Ltd).

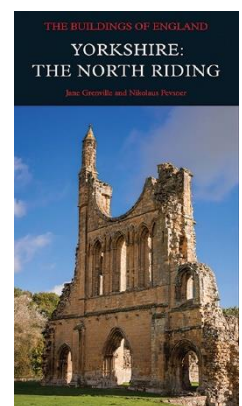
The overall conclusion by the council was that the array resulted in a modest level of harm to the Minster and the conservation area (equating to 'less than substantial' under the terms of the NPPF) but that the public benefits outweighed the harm – these being the carbon reduction resulting from the use of a renewable energy source (in the context of the climate emergency)

and the cost savings for the Minster (which relies entirely on its own income for its upkeep).

This type of installation is not the first in Yorkshire. In 2010, Bradford Cathedral was granted permission for PV panels on its south aisle roof. This was the first such example on a cathedral in the country. Other examples include Chester Cathedral (approved February 2023 – more information here: [Donald Insall Associates | Chester Cathedral - A 'green' retrofit - Donald Insall Associates](#)), Salisbury Cathedral (2020 - on the cloister roof) and Gloucester Cathedral (2016 - nave roof).

NORTH YORKSHIRE PEVSNER

The new and revised Pevsner architectural guide for 'Yorkshire: The North Riding' is now available to buy. This is the first complete revision of the original, completed by Dr Jane Grenville, honorary professor of the Department of Archaeology at York University. The branch were delighted to hear an engaging talk from Jane at our 2021 AGM.



HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW 2022-23 PUBLISHED

This year's national annual audit of the historic environment is now available, produced by the Historic Environment Forum with support from Historic England and the National Trust. It is available here:

[Historic Environment Overview 2022-23 \(historicengland.org.uk\)](https://historicengland.org.uk)

HULL AREA PHONE BOXES LISTED

Earlier in the year, Historic England recognised the rarity of nine K8 phone boxes in Hull. They were designed by architect Bruce Martin in 1965-66 and have a modern and minimalist appearance. Most K8's are in the Hull area as they are part of the only independent public phone network in the country (and were not replaced as the others were by BT). The phone boxes are distinctive in being painted in cream, not the standard red. More information can be found here:

[Rare Phone Boxes Listed | Historic England](#)

(Photo © Historic England Archive)



REBECCA THOMPSON ELECTED AS DEPUTY CHAIR

We were delighted to hear that Rebecca, former Yorkshire branch committee member, has been elected as IHBC Vice President – Congratulations! Rebecca is a full IHBC member and has recently been appointed to the post of Director of Property at St Paul's Cathedral in London. She has a wealth of experience including being past president of the Chartered Institute of Building, an organisation she is still actively involved with, including helping to deliver the annual Heritage Conference.

PLANNING PERMISSION GAINED FOR COLE BROTHERS DEPARTMENT STORE, SHEFFIELD



Following the closure of the Cole Brothers department store (John Lewis) in 2021, planning permission has been granted for its re-use. The scheme will see Urban Splash working with architects Allford Hall Monaghan Morris to provide a mixed-use space, much of it open to the public (*image, left: from AHMM's website*).

John Lewis took over the Cole Brothers business in 1940, it having had an established city centre

presence since 1847. The partnership moved the business to a brand new store which opened in 1963. The store closed in 2021 and was grade II listed in August 2022. The listing can be found here: [Former Cole Brothers' Department Store, Non Civil Parish - 1480895 | Historic England](#)

More information on the history can be found here: [Cole Brothers \(Sheffield\) Archives - John Lewis Memory Store](#)

FOCUS ON.....A trip to the Seaside

Although the summer has passed, the weather is still fine and there is much to enjoy on a trip to our coast. In any case, a mandatory (in the author's view!) portion of fish and chips will warm the soul on the coldest of days. Therefore, this edition's 'Focus On...' section highlights a selection of heritage assets relating to the enjoyment of the seaside.

Travelling to the Seaside

RAVENSCAR.....In Ravenscar, a tiny village high up on the cliffs, can be found a former railway station. The 1885 station was on the Scarborough & Whitby Railway line between the two towns. Originally called 'Peak,' it was renamed as Ravenscar in 18997 due to the planned development of a new seaside resort; Over 1,000 plots were sold, but plans stalled and it was never completed.

The station was closed in 1965 as part of the Beeching cuts, which saw much of the railway services along the East coast removed. Many lines, such as this line, are now designated walking / cycling routes.



Left: Ravenscar former railway station with converted station buildings set around Station Square (© Stephen Walker)

Right: Ravenscar Station before 1908 (© John Alsop collection)



More information can be found on this engaging website:
[Ravenscar. The Town That Never Was.](http://Ravenscar.TheTownThatNeverWas.com)

SCARBOROUGH....At existing seaside resorts, to deal with the mass influx of holiday makers now able to access resorts via this affordable means of travel, railway stations added 'excursion' platforms. At Scarborough, an excursion station was added in 1883, to give additional capacity to the earlier provision added to the main station. This example is grade II listed. Facilities originally included public conveniences, ladies and general waiting rooms, staff offices and a cabman's shelter.



A notable inclusion is the continuous wooden and cast-iron bench running the length of the retaining wall to the platform (*see image, left, © Emma Gibbens*). This is said by some to be the longest railway bench in the world. It was renovated circa 2020.

BRIDLINGTON....Bridlington also had an excursion platform, added in 1912 when the station was rebuilt. The station is grade II listed, partly because 'it is a good example of the North Eastern Railway seaside stations built for the greatly increased excursion traffic in the early C20.' The curtilage listed structure had fallen into disrepair with associated buildings demolished in the past. In 2015, partial demolition was approved to allow for highways improvements but in 2020 demolition of the rest was approved to allow for redevelopment

of the land. A scheme of interpretation was required as a condition of the approval so that the history of the excursion platform can be told.

Sea fronts and Piers



WHITBY....Whilst enjoying your walk, taking in the sea air, one may wish to rest and enjoy the view. On Whitby's north cliff are located two delightful grade II listed Edwardian Shelters, constructed with turned wood columns and ornate cast iron brackets and finials. Seats are provided on all four sides.

Left: Grade II listed Edwardian Shelter, Whitby (© Emma Gibbens)

CLEETHORPES....In 1885, improvements were made to the promenade and pier gardens in Cleethorpes by the Manchester, Sheffield and Lincolnshire Railway Company. This grade II listed castle folly, called Ross Castle, marks the top of the original height of the cliffs which at the time were being eroded by the sea.



Left: Old postcard showing Ross Castle in context with the sea front promenade and pier.

Right: Old postcard showing the 1905 pavilion, with site of original pavilion beyond. The pier beyond the pavilion was removed during WW2 (source: www.nelincs.gov.uk).



Cleethorpes Pier is the only surviving pier of the Yorkshire branch area - according to the National Piers Society, there are three lost piers within the branch area - Scarborough, Hornsea and Withernsea (see more on Withernsea, below). The pier has a long and varied history having been originally opened in 1873. A new pavilion, housing a concert hall, was built nearer the shore in 1905 after fire destroyed the original (shops and cafes built on the original site). This new pavilion is the part that now remains, with the rest of the pier removed during WW2 for defence purposes, shortening it from 1200 to 335 feet.



WITHERNSEA.... The pier has been lost but Withernsea retains its entrance towers and there are plans to rebuild the pier in stages by the Withernsea Pier and Promenade Association.

Above: The remaining entrance towers to Withernsea Pier (source: www.piers.org.uk)

BRIDLINGTON.... The grade II listed Floral Pavilion is a rare example of an Edwardian (built 1904) seafront pavilion which was for the purpose of public entertainment. It was particularly noted for its orchestral concerts. Now, its main function is still for public entertainment, albeit somewhat different from its original purpose - it is as a restaurant / bar, together with facilities such as an indoor soft play area for children. Much of the decorative cast iron structure remains though there have been alterations and extensions over time, including the infilling of previously open fronted shelters.



Image, left: 1985 image of the Floral Pavilion (© Historic England Archive)



Image, right: View of the Pavilion recently, taken from the North pier (source: www.thescarboroughnews.co.uk)

Gardens

SCARBOROUGH.... Within Scarborough sits an impressive range of gardens and seaside and cliff walks, dating from the mid-19th century to the 1930s. Their special interest is recognised



in the grade II entry as a registered park and garden entitled 'Valley Gardens and South Cliff Gardens'. Giving opportunity for promenading, the features of the gardens also gave plenty of options for entertainment – for example, an entertainment complex at the Spa (ballroom, restaurant and bandstand), tidal swimming pool and a putting green.

Above: Cliff walks

overlooking the Spa complex below (source: www.visitscarborough.com)

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Article compiled by Emma Gibbens, with thanks to Stephen Walker for his contributions.

MEMBERSHIP AND COMMITTEE MATTERS

Affiliates

The IHBC provide virtual Membership Application Training Event (MATE) sessions. The sessions are designed to assist those looking to apply for full membership by breaking down the application process so that attendees understand the process and how best to complete their application. Sessions last approximately 3 hours and are led by the IHBC team (Ramona Usher/Sean O'Reilly/Fiona Newton). The MATE session will be delivered through the GoToMeeting platform.

Upcoming dates are posted on the IHBC Events page and further information on MATE sessions can be found here: [IHBC MATE](#)

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Yorkshire Branch Committee and Members

New members, affiliates and supporters

Since the Autumn 2022 Newsletter, the following have joined and we wish them a warm welcome:

Elaine Worthington, Timothy Brown, Claire Chapman, Cian Glasheen, Diane Wilson, Paul Brown, Duncan Marks, Sacha Langdale-Smith, Gati Shah, Alice Dammary-Quigley, Andrew Asquith, Vitoria Hellewell, Joe Raper, Aishwarya Trivedi and Victoria Flintoff.



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Summary of Current Elected Members

Chair	Maria-Elena Calderón Senior Building Conservation Advisor, Technical Conservation Team, Historic England
Secretary	David Rawlins IHBC Retired Historic Buildings Specialist & Chartered Surveyor, IHBC
Treasurer	Eric Carter IHBC Chartered Building Surveyor at NPS Leeds,
Branch Representative	Vacant
Membership Secretary	Naiomi Kempton IHBC Planning Inspector ,The Planning Inspectorate
North Yorkshire Representative	Stephen Gandolfi Senior Estate Manager North, English Heritage Trust
East Yorkshire Representative	Stephen Walker Principal Conservation Officer, Hull City Council
South Yorkshire Representative	Ruth Masood Principal Development Officer, City Regeneration and Major Projects, Sheffield City Council
West Yorkshire Representative	Vacant
Events Secretaries:	Tom Brommet Accredited Conservation Architect, Donald Insall Associates 2 x posts vacant
Newsletter Editor	Emma Gibbens IHBC Heritage Consultant, Wolds Heritage Consultancy
Branch Media Officers	Illan Santos Senior Designer and Conservationist, Heritage & Conservation Architecture, Arup

Other members: Ally Lu, David Houltyby, Victoria Flintoff and Claire Chapman.

For a summary of the roles and responsibilities of the committee members, of if you are interested in joining the branch committee, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the branch secretary yorkshiresecretary@ihbc.org.uk

Future Newsletters

Can you help? We are looking for articles and contributions for the next edition of the newsletter. If you have any ideas for future articles or discussion topics you would like to share with members in future newsletters, please get in touch via yorkshiresecretary@ihbc.org.uk