

## Forward by Simon Revill, Chair

Since joining the IHBC's Yorkshire Branch in late 2018 then first attending the Branch's committee meeting in January 2019, I only knew a few faces, but nevertheless, received a really warm welcome. One familiar face was Keith Knight, but when Keith announced he was to stand down at our 2019 AGM, I thought – well why not, let's give it a go and stand for Chair.

One of the great things about the IHBC, is being part of a wider and varied network of those involved with the conservation of our historic environment. Being part of, expanding and receiving the support of our network at this time, is more important than ever. As a conservation architect I know that our work is a team effort, and that listening is a key attribute to being a team member. Therefore, in the coming weeks, we'll be sending out a questionnaire to consult our Branch members, to inform our 2020-21 business plan.



*To be voted in as Chair at the 2019 AGM within a year of joining this Branch, feels a bit surreal. However, the same warm welcome extends to any branch member who wishes to participate and contribute – and we encourage you to do so, in any way.*

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*We'd love to know what Heritage Activities you have been getting up to, please tweet us or facebook us your pictures with a caption!*

*Also, please do join and contribute to our groups. Contact our Regional Social Media and Newsletter Editors with any contributions or articles*

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## Recent Events

### 2020 AGM, Virtual Conference



Our first on-line AGM was, after some initial technical hiccups, was a success and well received by the attendees. An interesting turn of events was the warm conversation and introduction to everyone attending, by everyone attending – something not always achieved at real networking events.

The AGM saw election of the Branch's committee (see the end of this newsletter) and welcome interest from others wishing to participate.

Andrew Shephard finished off the evening with a fascinating talk about the conservation of Gjirokastra's vernacular heritage (Albania), including some challenges, success stories and shallow pitched, loose laid, triple lap – stone slate roofs!

### Hotmix Lime and Pozzolan Day, Rosedale

A full day of talks and practicality on the use of Hotmix Lime and Pozzolans at the workshop buildings at Rosedale East Mines (Scheduled Monument). This was undertaken as part of a NHLE funded Land of Iron Landscape Partnership with additional funding from the Anglo American Woodsmith Project.

The day was delivered by Nigel Copsey (Stonemason, Earth, Stone and Lime) and hosted by Maria-Elena Calderón (Conservation Officer, North York Moors National Park Authority). It went well with lectures during the morning, self-supplied lunch, and hands-on afternoon

#### **Good to know:**

#### **The Heritage Alliance:**

#### **Heritage & Wellbeing Report**

*The Heritage Alliance have published a Heritage and Wellbeing Report, which explores the positive impact heritage can have on individual and community wellbeing.*

*The report showcases more than 30 case studies to demonstrate the power of heritage to help people 'feel good'.*

*Examining these case studies, and the experience of the heritage sector more widely, the report makes recommendations to the heritage sector, the health sector and to government.*

[https://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Heritage-Alliance-AnnualReport\\_2020\\_Online.pdf](https://www.theheritagealliance.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Heritage-Alliance-AnnualReport_2020_Online.pdf)

**The  
Heritage  
Alliance**

The lecture included a thorough historical narrative of the use of lime in the UK, Europe and beyond which formed the topic of Nigel's MA thesis at the University of York; at <http://etheses.whiterose.ac.uk/25523/> or, in a rearranged form via [www.hotmixedmortars.com](http://www.hotmixedmortars.com)

The practical involved mixing and pointing following appropriate demonstrations. The historic mortars had been previously analysed by Bill Revie (CMC Stirling) and were found to be pure quicklime (binder) and calcine dust, a waste product of calcining ironstone (aggregate), this produced a tough and durable mortar (due to the pozzolanic reaction of the iron) but one which was still very porous and capillary active (due to the high free lime content). Calcine dust was harvested from areas of disturbed ground and used as aggregate to authentically replicate the historic mortars. A wide range of Architects, Surveyors, and Students came, including many non-members. Positive feedback and good (distanced) attendance. Glad for no rain!





### **Conservation & Stabilisation of Historic Fabric**

September 2019, Naomi Kempton and Simon Revill arranged a day seminar discussing conservation of structural fabric. The day commenced with talks by Robert Thorniley-Walker and Alice Bowers (CARE registered engineers from Civil and Structural Consultants) and David Cattell (conservation accredited architect from Rodney Melville and Partners).

The afternoon saw a walk around York's City Walls, discussing the works completed, then informal networking in an historic pub, to finish the day. The day was well received with over 30 attendees.



### **2019 AGM at The Kings Manor, York**

The 2019 AGM was held at The Kings Manor in York. Preceding the AGM, Jane Grenville gave a fascinating insight about the work of Pevsner on the North Riding of Yorkshire, and her experience updating his book. There was a good turn out from professions as diverse as local authority planning, heritage consultancy, architecture, surveying and conservation contractors.

Since the last Newsletter was sent out at the end of 2019, there have been some changes to the IHBC Yorkshire Branch Committee. Most notably, longstanding committee members: Keith Knight and Stan Driver stood down from their positions as Chair and Treasurer respectively. A big thank you to all past and present for your time and contributions to the work of our Branch.

***IHBC Chair Highlights opportunity from TV producer looking for restoration projects.***

*IHBC Chair David McDonald is drawing the attention of IHBC Members to opportunities linked to 'brand new TV documentary series focusing on the restoration and maintenance of historic British landmarks'.*

*(Article taken from IHBC Newsblog October 2020)*

## Upcoming Events

### Affiliates

We were also due to hold a training day for Affiliates during March 2020. Of course, with the onset of Covid-19, this day had to be cancelled.

But there is good news: with so many staff in the built heritage sector furloughed, many are taking advantage of this time, to further and submit their Full and Associate membership applications.

The IHBC are now developing a 'Virtual' [MATE](#) (click link) This will be delivered through a "GoToMeeting" with Ramona Usher [professional@ihbc.org.uk](mailto:professional@ihbc.org.uk) and IHBC Director, Seán O'Reilly, alongside additional support as available, including, potentially, membership assessors. These sessions last approximately 2hrs 30mins.

The format is similar to the familiar 'in person' [MATE](#), but as an online event, it requires more preparation and more discipline. Equally, as this is an evolving model, we are conscious the service may need some improvement, and feedback from delegates will be an important part of that development process.

Attendees will be required to prepare and supply in advance of the event:

- A brief CV or link to an online profile, such as on LinkedIn, this will provide us with background understanding of our attendees.
- An equivalent of an A4 representation of an example of work that you may use in your application. The work should reflect a significant part of any of the four 'Areas of Competence', or their underpinning competences, as described in the application forms or online. This is required so you are able to effectively describe the example to MATE delegates, outlining how it may represent your conservation skills, knowledge, and/or experience during the 'competence surgery' discussions in the MATE session.

### Event Notes

- Numbers will be strictly limited
- Priority will be given to applicant profiles that help address development issues in our new 'Virtual' format
- All online discussions are 'without prejudice' to any future application
- Not all work examples will be reviewed but, as in traditional in-person MATE sessions, all delegates will be encouraged to raise issues specific to their experience and application
- Only IHBC leads (including technical support) and event delegates will participate in online MATE sessions
- A good internet connection is required, while other technical issues will be addressed as part of the event planning
- All preparation and event hours qualify as IHBC CPD hours

### **Next MATE session:**

*Wednesday 21 October 2020, but keep this newsletter in a safe place for info about future sessions, to be announced. Please contact **Ramona Usher**, at central IHBC for more information or to book a place: Tel. 01747 873133; email: [professional@ihbc.org.uk](mailto:professional@ihbc.org.uk)*

## Other Selected Events

### Historic England – Online CPD Sessions

Historic England are currently running numerous webinars including their Technical Tuesdays series. These are available either to attend live, or watch as a recording.

The webinars are available from this link:  
<https://historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/training-skills/online-training/webinars/>

### SPAB – Online CPD Sessions

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings have been running online sessions for their members on a weekly basis, more information and booking details can be found through this link:

<https://www.spab.org.uk/whats-on/courses>

### Listed Property Owners Show

Harrogate on 6th March 2021.

This event has been cancelled until further notice.

### Virtual Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days are featuring a number of virtual events on their website.

Visit [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)



Historic England

(Historic England Logo)



(S.P.A.B Logo 2020)



(The Listed Property Owners Club Logo 2020)



(Heritage Open Days Logo 2020)

### ***IHBC Yorkshire: The Big Debate Newsletter debate question ...***

***'Are we folding into Bifolds?'***

*Bifold doors have become a prominent feature in today's homes,  
but does the potential for harm to a historic building, outweigh the benefits?*

*From one side of the spectrum they are thought to support the continued use of historic buildings that meet today's living standards and expectations, and from the other, they are seen as creating a modern, potentially intrusive and large opening into the historic fabric – with loss to historic fabric and limited scope reversibility.*

*Please send us your thoughts and any heritage related debate questions to  
Twitter @IHBC\_Yorkshire or Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/IHBCtweet/>*

***We'll report back on consensus in the next newsletter***



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## IHBC Yorkshire Branch **Newsletter** Autumn 2020

### Yorkshire Branch Committee Members 2020

#### Departing Members

Matt Bentley, who was the Yorkshire Branch Representative on the Council, Kim Miller formally our Events Secretary and also Penelope Whitworth, who have all stepped down from the Committee. We would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication.

#### Elected and Re-elected Members

Chair	Simon Revill AABC Senior Architect at Rodney Melville + Partners <a href="mailto:Simon.revill@rmpuk.com">Simon.revill@rmpuk.com</a>
Secretary	David Rawlins IHBC Retired Historic Buildings Specialist & Chartered Surveyor, IHBC <a href="mailto:rawlinsd@icloud.com">rawlinsd@icloud.com</a>
Treasurer	Eric Carter Chartered building surveyor at NPS Leeds,
Branch Representative	Stan Driver IHBC Retired town planner
Branch Representative (Council +)	Maria-Elena Calderón Conservation Officer at North York Moors National Park Authority
Membership Secretary	Liz Humble IHBC Heritage Consultant at Humble Heritage
North Yorkshire Representative	Naiomi Kempton IHBC National Heritage Policy Advisor at Canal and River Trust
East Yorkshire Representative	Hilary Byers IHBC Heritage Consultant at Hilary Byers Heritage Conservation
South Yorkshire Representative	Andrew Shephard IHBC Architect and IHBC National Training & Standards Officer
West Yorkshire Representative	Andy Graham IHBC Urban Designer at Urban Glow Design & Heritage



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#### **Elected and Re-elected Members – Continued**

Events Secretary:	Emma Gibbens IHBC Harrogate Borough Council, Principal Conservation Officer
Events Sub-Committee	Louise Winrow Heritage Specialist at Woodhall Planning and Conservation Stephen Walker Senior Conservation Officer at East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Newsletter Editor	Annabel Longfield-Reeve Conservation Officer at East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Branch Media Officers	Stephanie Jenkins National Project Manager at English Heritage Supported by Tom Bromet Accredited conservation architect at Donald Insall Associates
Education Officer	Keith Knight IHBC Semi-retired conservation accredited architect
Heritage Alliance Representative	Rebecca Thompson IHBC Heritage Consultant at Thompson Heritage Consultancy

*For a summary of the roles and responsibilities of the committee members, please contact the Branch Secretary.*

**Most recent new affiliate members within the Yorkshire region:  
Since Oct 2019 – welcome!**

#### **Future Committee Meetings**

*Branch Committee meetings normally take place on a Monday, every quarter. Pre-Coronavirus, the meeting was normally held at the Brigantes public house on Micklegate, York. However, these are now being held virtually online, members will be updated should anything change. If you would like to participate, please contact the branch Secretary.*

#### **Future Newsletters**

*Can you help? We are looking for articles and contributions for the next edition of the newsletter and for the Twitter account. 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.*

Matthew Thompson  
Glen McCowan  
George Bogojevic  
Joshua Hunter  
Robert Hook  
Joseph Critchley  
Stewart Wright  
Robert Sharples  
Sean Rawling  
George Passey  
Emily Greenaway  
Robbie Brentnall  
Caroline Strudwick  
Jennifer Oliver  
Andrew Hawthorne  
Robin Copeland  
Paul Gwilliam  
Tristan Wilson  
Susan Chan