



IHBC Member Eletter ISSUE 28 - March 2017

From communications and Schools to AGMs and elections

Introduction

This issue serves as a timely update on progress, following our meeting of Trustees on 2 March, as we look towards the AGM at our Annual School on 23 June, at 5.15, in the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI), Liverpool Rd, Manchester M3 4FP.

Achievements update: from our 'Action, Report Monitor' (ARM) update to trustees

- Annual School 2017 launched. Book now for early bird prices at: manchester2017@ihbc.org.uk
- [IHBC's Marsh Awards](#) closing on 31 March, so nominate retired IHBC members and new heritage learners now!
- [IHBC's Conservation Areas 50th Anniversary Fund](#) has been fully allocated and is now closed
- Our next 'Council+' meeting is scheduled for 18 May in Birmingham
- The IHBC's training programme supporting Diocesan Advisory Committee staff in the Church of England has been successfully completed for now, with 11 delegates at the latest event. See the [NewsBlogs](#) for background and [IHBC Twitter](#)
- A new Committee-Branch partnership event linked to our 'IHBC+' strategy is now in place with the Education Committee working with the IHBC's North Branch. It will explore heritage project management issues across developments at Bishop Auckland and Auckland Castle, on 18-19 October 2017.
- [HESPR](#), IHBC's heritage business listing, has 2 new members and now totals 30 members
- A dedicated '[IHBC benefits](#)' web page has been posted, conveniently highlighting some of the more tangible advantages of IHBC membership.

Branches (and others!): Celebrate your locally active retired Branch member, or a successful learner in heritage, through the IHBC's Marsh Awards! It can take only 10 minutes, with rewards worth up to £1000 each

The [IHBC's new Marsh Awards](#) programme is a great opportunity for a Branch (or anyone else) to celebrate retired IHBC members volunteering locally or any learning achievements in the heritage sector!

Awards on offer are £500 and a free place at the IHBC's Annual School, while the closing date is 31 March 2017.

The Awards are:

- The IHBC *Marsh Award for Community Contribution (Retired Member)* is offered to celebrate the contribution of a retired IHBC member to the community (e.g. through BPT involvement, neighbourhood planning, civic and local trusts with heritage interests).
- IHBC *Marsh Award for Successful Learning in Heritage Skills* is designed to recognise the contribution of an individual for their significant learning in traditional building activities and craft skills.

To find out more, see the [website](#), and to nominate simply complete the online form [RETIRED](#) or [LEARNING](#) giving details of the nominee and covering the following points:

- a brief description of the activities contributed or the skills mastered
- how the individual made a difference to the benefit of the historic environment and/ or community through these activities or skills
- supporting information, such as a pictures, documents or website references relating to the nomination, which can be uploaded to the online form or included with the postal form.

If you would like further guidance please contact support@ihbc.org.uk.

Annual School 2017 and after... and bursaries too!

The most exciting development is of course the launch of the Annual School, hosted by the North West Branch, which will take place in Manchester on 22-24 June.

Its dedicated website is now live at manchester2017@ihbc.org.uk. Here you will find the full programme, all details of the School and the booking form.

If you are concerned about cost – or know anyone who might be - please remember that bursaries are available both through many local Branches as well as from the national body which has a £5,000 fund supported by income from previous Schools.

IHBC trustees are also calling for notes of interest from Branches keen to partner the national body in delivering future Schools – 2018 will be in Belfast, but 2019 and after are open to offers.

So if you have any interest in a local School, let your Branch Committee, trustee, or any national officers know direct.

IHBC Annual Report

Trustees have also now approved the IHBC's 'Annual Report' for 2015-16, and so recommend it for adoption at the next AGM. This will be summarised in our AGM papers, which will be issued in good time for the School, while copies are available to members on request by emailing Lydia Porter at admin@ihbc.org.uk.

IHBC Trustees and the AGM: Nominations close 20 April

In line with the guidance below from our Chair, James Caird, at each AGM

the IHBC elects or re-appoints trustees and officers through election by Full members. This year not only are there a number of Branch posts likely to be open – these being managed through Branches - but both Treasurer Richard Morrice, as previously noted, and Education Secretary, Bridget Turnbull, have decided not to go forward for re-election. Suitable thanks and credits will be offered to them at the appropriate time, but in the interim we would like to remind all Full members of these and other opportunities to contribute as trustees in line with the advice offered by James. **Closing date for nominations is 20 April** and anyone interested should contact the national office or current post-holders at treasurer@ihbc.org.uk and education@ihbc.org.uk accordingly.

New members

A new round of members has been approved on the recommendation of the Membership Secretary in line with constitutional procedures. All have been welcomed and congratulated on their appointment to the corresponding membership categories and Branches below. There was no assessment for accreditation at this stage – those will be presented at the meeting of trustees in April – so all members here are Affiliates.

Affiliate membership

Naomi Archer (SW), Susan Burness (SC), Nairita Chakraborty (LO), Tegan Chenery (EA), Yvonne Clark (SC), Marcus Clark (LO), Matthew Cooper (LO), Ali Davey (SC), Janine Dykes (EA), David Girling (SO), Melanie Goode (LO), Paul Gowers (EM), Hebe Hicks (LO), Oliver Jessop (EM), Val Juhasz (SC), Meredith Macbeth (SC), Becky Mills (NW), Chris Perkins (EM), Louise Priestman (SE), Lloyd Rockall (SE), Frank Rogers (LO), Gemma Smart-Wright (WM), Della Stavropoulou (LO), Ralph Taylor (NW), Helen Warren (SW), Rebecca Whewell (LO), Joe White (WM), Chris Whitfield (NW), Fiona Williams (LO), Helen Williams (WM), Robert Adams (SC), Ataa Alsalloum (NW), Calum Maclean (SC), Samantha Stockley (WM), Martin Wilson (SO), Simon Buteux (EA), Jenny Hatton (WM), Laurence Hayes (NW), Kirsten Holland (YO), Pete Owen (NW), Huw Sherlock (WM)

Branch updates and reports

F&R+ meetings focus on statutory duties as well as corporate and regulatory oversight, including finance and risk. Branch updates are noted as papers circulated under 'AOB', with current details posted on the relevant Branch pages on the IHBC's website.

Branches, or their representative trustees, may pass reports and updates to the IHBC's IT consultant, Peter Badcock, at it@ihbc.org.uk for posting on the Branch pages of the IHBC's websites.

NB: All Branches are especially encouraged to announce their activities and publications on the [IHBC's LinkedIn Group](#), and take advantage of this open network to advertise their achievements across our digital networks.

IHBC Volunteering & Governance: A reminder

A cover note from our Chair James Caird:

As we all know, the strength of the IHBC lies in the willingness of its members to contribute to its activities. The Institute is always pleased to hear from members willing to contribute their skills, time and experience, either at local or national level.

It is easy to become informed about the IHBC and involved in its processes through our NewsBlogs, Membership Eletter and our in-house publications, Context and our Yearbook all of which offer opportunities for comment and feedback.

A starting point for active involvement for IHBC members of all classes of membership may be at national and regional Branch levels, where we offer programmes of meetings and CPD that many will wish to attend, participate in and contribute to. There are opportunities, too, to contribute to the governance of our Branches. Details may be obtained from Branch contacts and secretaries listed at <http://www.ihbc.org.uk/branches/index.html>.

Our Annual School gives members the opportunity to meet members from other regions as well as the Institute's national officers, who use this event to help keep in contact with the wider membership.

Those with particular expertise or interest in aspects of conservation or development of policy might like to consider joining one of the national panels or committees. Participation in a committee or panel can lead to further responsibility in that area or in the general governance of the Institute.

The IHBC has recently reviewed its corporate structure and introduced a mechanism for developing interest in the governance of the Institute through an expanded half-yearly meeting called 'Council+' which gives access to a wider regional representation to policy development (this needs better wording). Participation in Council+ is one way of tasting the responsibilities of the Institute's Body of Trustees, our constitutional Council. This is a part of the process that any self-perpetuating body must go through to ensure its long-term future. In line with our current Corporate Plan we will embed in any revised constitution the lessons learned from this and other aspects of this 'experimental evolution' of our governance, as our Past President Trefor Thorpe titled the process.

The IHBC is a charitable trust company whose Board of Trustees, called the Council, is responsible for its management. It comprises the nationally elected officers, including officer that chair our national committees, and the members nominated by the Branches. Any full member wishing to become a trustee needs to be well acquainted with the Institute's policies and ways of working. This can be achieved by any, or all, of the ways already mentioned, and by reference to our Yearbook and our website links from www.ihbc.org.uk.

Details of the legal duties and obligations of trustees and the various roles of the Institute's officers also may be obtained from the current chair of the IHBC Secretary, Jo Evans, email: ihbcsecretary@ihbc.org.uk.