



IHBC Member Eletter ISSUE 33 – January 2019

Advancing our infrastructure and services – Operations, resources, awards and more

This IHBC membership Eletter offers updates following on from our two recent meetings of trustees, both online, in October and December. Being online, these meetings can only advance a limited range of business, ideally that supported by full papers: usually our financial updates – critical for effective trustee oversight – and similarly specific material notified to trustees as far as possible in advance.

Recent activities include the work of IHBC Chair James Caird and IHBC President David McDonald, who continue plans for our locally-based governance discussions; more familiar core operations – such as Annual Schools, and our 'Council+' meetings ([see the NewsBlog](#)) – that continue to occupy office time; and miscellaneous services and advocacy such as our work on the evolving issues of apprenticeships, led most recently by David McDonald with David Chetwyn and Education Secretary Andrew Shepherd.

Our evolving plans for an international strategy are also taking shape and bringing benefits in terms of outreach and profile, while the training and education support – including linked resources such as our ToolBox - have, as ever, remained to the fore. At the other end, of our operations, we have opened nominations for the 2019 IHBC Marsh Awards ([see the NewsBlog](#)).

Finally, we have also issued our call for volunteer trustees for the 2019 AGM ([see the NewsBlog](#)), noting in particular that Chair James Caird and Vice-Chair Kathy Davies are standing down as they come to the end of their respective terms, alongside a call for a new volunteer Membership Secretary to lead on the work of the Committee as current Secretary David Kincaid plans to stand down from his post in 2020.

Trustees' business

General trustee business over the period has included:

- Agreeing the AGM call for trustees, which took the form of the NewsBlog as noted above.
- Noting an advice and guidance paper to inform Branch and national operations entitled '*IHBC and lobbying – review and advice*' which had been circulated. This had initially been raised at a board meeting some time ago, and concluded that, while a charity, IHBC can make 'political' comments, as long as it is within the charity's remit. Formal publication will be notified in a forthcoming NewsBlog.
- Further updates on the evolution of our international strategy, including an informal invitation to explore a partnership agreement in Shanghai in April.

- Progress in the long-term planning of our Annual Schools, with enhanced targeting of member CPD priorities and linked outreach to new audiences and sponsors.
- Publications, including two issues of [Context](#) and new content for our [ToolBox Guidance Notes](#), offering support for smaller operators ([see the NewsBlog](#)).
- Regular reports from the National Office and Committees on the delivery of our current Corporate Plan, 'CP20', such as periodic papers on recent Membership Applications and an update on progress with our [Communications and Outreach Strategy](#).

And as ever, if you think we can make better use of our resources, please be sure to let us know.

IHBC Schools: Programming and Planning, from Nottingham to Wales, via Brighton, Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire

We reported extensively on progress with the new approach to planning Schools both in the last *Eletter* and on our NewsBlogs, and that has been continuing well, underpinned by our ['Communications and Outreach Strategy 2016-19'](#).

- The 2019 School in Nottingham (nottingham2019.ihbc.org.uk), the School highest on our agenda, will explore 'Heritage, Risk & Resilience: *Confronting conservation calamities*', with the Full School on Thursday 4 – Saturday 6 July, and the Day School on Friday 5 July, while the Day School Keynote has been announced ([see the NewsBlog](#)).
- Plans are well under way, for the 2020 School in our [South East Branch](#), with Brighton as the venue, and the School hotel - The Hilton Metropole –booked for Thursday 18 to Saturday 20 June, to include the Day School, on Friday 19 June 2020.
- For 2021, trustees have endorsed the [Scotland Branch](#) offer to host the School across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire, following the initiative of an energetic group of members in the area.
- Similar trustee endorsement and thanks have been offered to the [Wales Branch](#) which has generously agreed to host the School in 2022. Very preliminary discussions on that are under way, with the broad theme to address current CPD priorities around technical practices.

IHBC Awards: Marsh and Gus Astley Student Awards

Awards are a critical part of the IHBC's celebration of conservation-related activities. We have recently launched the search for nominations for the 2019 [IHBC Marsh Awards](#) ([see the NewsBlog](#)), celebrating in parallel both the community contributions of retired IHBC members and successful learners in heritage practice.

With regular prizes that include £500 and a free place at the IHBC's Annual School, these annual promotions of conservation support go far beyond simple celebration; they are the outcome of substantial investment in support of our wider charitable objectives.

So, do please start thinking early about who you, or your Branch, might nominate well in time for the closing date of 28 February.

The IHBC's own annual [Gus Astley Student Award](#) is always open for entries, and the next closing date is the end of July 2019. The Award should need no more introduction here, while its prestige is well represented in the succession of judges, including, serving for the 2018 award, Ingval Maxwell OBE, Chair of COTAC ([see the NewsBlog](#)).

Additional sector support and outreach

Trustees also have agreed or noted a range of updates on other core activities linked to our ongoing support for and outreach beyond our core sector:

- For students, as well as the standing support for low-earners – we have renewed our one-year IHBC 'taster' free for students on IHBC Recognised Conservation Courses. Our free student membership 'taster' offer for such courses has been extended to 2018-19. Students can simply [JOIN ONLINE](#) for free, while more detail is available ([see the NewsBlog](#)).
- We have continued our CPD partnering with the Listed Property Owners Club (LPOC), including free places for members and an IHBC stand planned for the public, all on offer at the [2019 London Listed Property Show](#), on 9-10 February in the Olympia, with arrangements to be finalised for the Scotland Show on 26 October in Edinburgh ([see the NewsBlog](#)), following our successful partnership there in October ([see the NewsBlog](#)). The forthcoming London show will offer free CPD sessions from our President David McDonald (*'Tablets of Stone: dealing with heritage statements'* and *'Conservation and Change: new language, law and significance'*), and Research Consultant Bob Kindred (*'What could possibly go wrong - heritage enforcement'* and *'Dealing with Listed Buildings at Risk'*).
- New journals have been issued, with *Context* 156 – our 'Belfast School' issue ([see the NewsBlog](#)) – and 157 on European Perspectives ([see the NewsBlog](#)) sent to members. This last issue represents a major step forward in upgrading our graphic design, as we are giving more emphasis to pictorial content. As ever additional copies printed for circulation under our current free distribution of boxes to targeted audiences are also being circulated, with the European issue going to contacts even beyond Europe, such as Turkey, Iran, Asia and beyond as well as across the UK.
- Our new monthly NewsBlog updates on Branch Events and our *Jobs etc.* service reviews continue, and as these are often reposted on our [Conservation Wiki Home Page](#) we get additional reach.
- Formal consultations responses have continued too, notably in our response to apprenticeship proposals ([see the NewsBlog](#)) while current consultations occupying our team include, for England, contributing to Matthew Saunders' report for Historic England on *'Developing a strategy for the future of the National Heritage List for England (NHLE): the sector's perspective'* and, for Scotland, [Designations and Scheduled Monument Policy Consultation](#). As usual, details, links and many responses to be found on our [Consultations webpage](#).

- Of course many of our Branches have been hugely active in running, leading and partnering in CPD events over the period, mostly documented in our new UK-wide monthly [NewsBlog update](#).
- To support membership accreditation, our TeamStarter-linked MATE sessions programme is continuing, generating substantial positive feedback ([see the NewsBlog](#)), and now even has its own dedicated webpage mate.ihbc.org.uk, compiled by our office lead here, Kate Kendall.
- Programme planning for our next Council+ meeting Spring 2019 also is under way, and will look at processes for accreditation and training support, using demonstrations and tests. As we aim to get a record attendance here, and as attendance - as ever - counts as CPD, if you have anything to contribute please let Kate Kendall know of your interest at LETS@ihbc.org.uk.

New and newly accredited members

New rounds of members have been approved in October and December as follows, in line with constitutional procedures, recommended by our hard-working Membership Secretary David Kincaid.

Full members

Tom Brooks (LO), Edwina Coward (SE), Jonathan Djabarouti (NW), Peter Grills (SW), Sarah Leete-Groves (SW), Ciaran MacCullagh (EA), Frances Peacock (EM), Stuart Taylor (LO), Ben Williscroft (WM)

Associate

Anthony Lowe (Evaluation) (WM), Emma Critchley (Evaluation) (EA), Marc Pearson (Management) (YO)

Affiliates

Scott Abercrombie (SC), Susie Adams (WA), Anna Allison (EA), Elizabeth Ashworth (SE), Frank Atkins (SW), Robert Beavis (SW), Stuart Bedford (WM), Victoria Bellamy (LO), David Benjamin (OV), Sarah Bone (SO), Julian Boswell (SO), Sian Bradley (WA), Paul Branford (WA), Holly Brown (SC), Richard Brunero (SE), Natalia Burakowska (SC), Melanie Campbell (NW), Eric Carter (YO), Peter Chana (WM), Susan Chandler (SE), Nick Chapple (EA), Felix Charteris (YO), Simon Chiou (EM), John Cocker (NW), Richard Coleman (LO), Vivienne Cooling (YO), Jill Cowgill (NW), Richard Craig (LO), Charlene Cross (EM), Robert Duggan (SE), Jennifer Edwards (SE), Scott Enders (EA), Deborah Evans (SW), Lisa Fisher (SE), Gareth Fleming (NW), Rhona Fleming (SC), Andrew Ford (WM), Huw Francis (WA), Michael Garber (EA), Adam Gardner (EA), Brendan George (NI), Cheryl Green (SW), Stephanie Hammer (EA), Bethany Harris (LO), Emma Harrison (SO), Alexandra Harwood (SW), Emma Healey (EA), Zoe Herbert (SC), Rod Heyes (LO), Rupert Hilton (SW), Chris Horner (LO), Martin Howarth (NW), Rod Hughes (NO), Debra Inston (SE), Laabiyah Iqbal (EM), Anna Jacka (EA), Jasmine Jennings (SE), Laura Johnson (LO), Roxane Jones (SW), Rory Joyce (LO), Jim Kempton (SW), Fiona Kosinski (SW), Mark Lidster (SW), Nicola Mason (SE), Amy McAuley (OV), Richard McConnell (SW), Sophie McIlwaine (SW), Kathryn Melhuish (SW), Gary Melling (NW), Penelope Middleton (NO), Lisa Mullan (LO), Andrew Neal (YO), Alun Newby (EM), Helen Newman (SW), Tim Nicholson (WA), Stephen O'Connor (SE0, Shón

O'Keeffe (RI), Charlotte Palmer Craggs (YO), Fiona Anne Park (Z), Natalie Penrose (NW), Alastair Phillips (NW), Eleanor Pitt (YO), Lucia Polignano (EA), Jake Powell (EM), Simon Revill (YO), James Richards (WM), Steven Roberts (NW), Kim Rogers (WA), Vanessa Ruhlig (SW), Joanna Saady (SE), Philip Scorer (SW), Alma Sigurdardottir (SC), Chloe Smart (SW), Laura Smith (EM), Matt Storey (SE), Antonia Thomas (SC), Eleni Triantafyllidou (LO), Andi Troci (LO), Polly Upton (WM), William Voaden (SE), Angela Warner (SE), Stephanie Weinraub (SC), Aaron West (SE), Paul Westbrook (SE), Jackie Whelan (NW), Adam Williams (SW), Nicholas Philip Williams (WA), Emma Winder (SO), Alexa Woodward (WM), Caroline Yates (SW), Karolien Yperman (EA)

All have been welcomed and congratulated on their appointment to the corresponding membership categories and Branches above.

Branch updates, reports and our new Branch Events Update NewsBlog

Trustee meetings necessarily focus on statutory duties, including corporate and regulatory oversight of finance and risk. Consequently, and due to capacity, Branch updates are now noted under 'AOB'.

Recognising these limitations, our new 'Branch Update' NewsBlog is an especially welcome addition to our member support information network, with all such news to be passed to Branch and Events Support Officer Carla Pianese, at support@ihbc.org.uk.

Further Branch details can be posted on the relevant Branch pages on the IHBC's website, so they should pass more formal reports and updates to the IHBC's IT consultant, Peter Badcock, at it@ihbc.org.uk for posting there.

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.

Getting involved

Remember: The IHBC is always very keen to secure, support and of course benefit from new volunteers – Branch representatives and board members especially – and the best way to prepare your skills for these roles is to join your Branch or National Committees as a volunteer, as discussed below.

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.