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Welcome to the BEFS e-Bulletin.

Latest- in this edition BEFS welcomes the publication of the Historic Environment (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill, but highlights additional issues; A+DS appoints a new Chief Executive; the Government publishes guidance on standards for delivering spatial data; a project promoting a National Parks Strategy; and upcoming events on the European Landscape Convention; and place-making and health.

Upcoming meetings:

19th May: BEFS Historic Environment Bill Taskforce Meeting

3rd June: BEFS General Meeting

8th July: BEFS Historic Environment Working Group Meeting

2nd September: BEFS AGM and Congress

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## Consultation

**Consultation on Planning Obligations and Good Neighbour Agreements Regulations 2010** (SG 30/04/10) Consultation on Regulations regarding planning obligations and good neighbour agreements. Consultation period 30 April - 30 July 2010. [Read more](#)

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## Publications

**One Scotland: One Geography: One Information Network: Creating Scotland's Spatial Data Infrastructure: Cookbook 1 - How to serve a Scottish SDI and INSPIRE conformant Web Map Service** (SG 06/05/10)

This Cookbook is the first of a series of guidance manuals/toolkits which will define the appropriate standards for delivery of spatial data as web services, and provide guidance on the technology options that are currently available to deliver these services. These guidance manuals are being developed by Scottish Government in partnership with the British Geological Survey. [Read more](#)

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## News Release

### **Scots jet out to digitally document Mount Rushmore in 3D** (HS 06/05/10)

A team of heritage conservators and digital design experts from Historic Scotland and the Digital Design Studio at the Glasgow School of Art have travelled to the Black Hills of South Dakota to digitally record the international heritage landmark, Mount Rushmore. The project, expected to last two weeks, is the first international site the team will scan with 3D laser scanners as part of the Scottish 10 - an ambitious five-year project to use cutting edge technology to create exceptionally accurate digital models of Scotland's five UNESCO designated World Heritage Sites and five international sites. [Read more](#)

### **Historic Environment Protection** (HS 05/05/10)

Culture and External Affairs Minister Fiona Hyslop has introduced the Historic Environment Amendment Bill (Scotland) 2010 to parliament. The Bill, published on 5 May 2010, will amend provisions in the existing Listed Building and Conservation Areas (Scotland) Act 1997, the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 and the Historic Buildings and Ancient Monuments Act 1953. [Read more](#) and [documents](#)

### **Ensuring the Care of Scotland's Historic Environment** (BEFS 05/05/10)

Stakeholders welcome and strongly endorse proposed amendments to heritage legislation introduced to Parliament; however, seek additional legislative provisions which will bring the management and protection of Scotland's unique and irreplaceable historic environment into the 21st century. [Read more](#)

### **A+DS Appoints New Chief Executive** (A+DS 30/04/10)

Mr Jim MacDonald, Deputy Chief Inspector, Historic Scotland, has been appointed Chief Executive of Architecture + Design Scotland (A+DS). [Read more](#)

### **The Value of Resilient Places** (A+DS 22/04/10)

A recent Academy of Urbanism event entitled 'The Value of Resilient Places', co-sponsored by Architecture + Design Scotland, advocated the benefits of proactive urbanism in enabling places to be more economically and socially resilient, particularly in a recessionary climate. [Read more](#)

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## Recent Parliamentary Questions

### Parliamentary Questions

Questions marked with a (^) are initiated by the Scottish Executive in order to facilitate the provision of information to the Parliament.

Questions in which a member has indicated a declarable interest are marked with an "R".

S3W-33479 David Stewart: To ask the Scottish Executive what guidance has been issued on the proposed use of the Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation for charitable organisations. (SP04/05/10)

S3W-33406 Elaine Murray: To ask the Scottish Executive how an owner-occupier of a C(S)-listed building can apply for it to be delisted. (SP 29/04/10)

S3W-33374 Karen Gillon: To ask the Scottish Executive what progress has been made in relation to Scotland's contribution to the 2012 Cultural Olympiad. (SP 27/04/10)

S3W-33375 Karen Gillon: To ask the Scottish Executive when Historic Scotland last met representatives of the Local Authorities World Heritage Forum to discuss the 2012 Cultural Olympiad. (SP 27/04/10)

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## Recent Parliamentary Answers

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Q S3W-33374 - Karen Gillon (SP 26/04/10): To ask the Scottish Executive what progress has been made in relation to Scotland's contribution to the 2012 Cultural Olympiad.

A Answered by Fiona Hyslop (05/05/10): Scotland is involved in all four elements of the 2012 Cultural Olympiad: Ceremonies (we are working with London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) to develop the route and content of the Torch Relay through Scotland); Inspire Mark (two Scottish cultural projects have so far received the Inspire Mark, making them an official part of the Olympiad); Open Weekends (we are actively engaging with a wide cross section of the Scottish cultural sector to encourage participation in Open Weekend 2010 in July), and Major Projects (including Scottish artist Craig Coultard being commissioned to create the Forest Pitch under the Artist Taking the Lead strand; two Scottish disability arts companies receiving commissions under the Unlimited strand and Scottish composers and ensembles being commissioned to create new musical works for 2012, under the Sounds strand). In addition, The Legacy Trust UK has co-funded, with the Scottish Arts Council, Scotland's five cultural strands collectively known as the Scottish Project. The Creative Programmer, based at the Scottish Arts Council, is working closely with LOCOG to determine how Scotland's cultural organisations can be profiled within the finale of the Cultural Olympiad. In late 2009, Scottish Ministers mandated the Scottish Arts Council to co-ordinate cultural activity across all cultural sectors in Scotland in the context of both London 2012 Cultural Olympiad and Glasgow Commonwealth Games in 2014. The key vehicle for delivering on this mandate is the Cultural Operational Delivery Group, which comprises representatives from the National Collections (museums, galleries, libraries), National Performing Companies, The Cultural Alliance, British Council, Event Scotland, Architecture and Design Scotland, Festivals Edinburgh, Scottish Natural Heritage, Volunteer Development Scotland, VOCAL, Culture and Sport Glasgow and the Glasgow 2014 Organising Committee. This is a significant forum for the discussion and planning of activity relating to the Cultural Olympiad, and presents an unprecedented opportunity to galvanise and unite the Scottish cultural sector behind London 2012 and Glasgow 2014.

Q S3W-33375 Karen Gillon: To ask the Scottish Executive when Historic Scotland last met representatives of the Local Authorities World Heritage Forum to discuss the 2012 Cultural Olympiad. (SP 27/04/10)

A Answered by Fiona Hyslop (05/05/10): An official from Historic Scotland attended the Local Authority World Heritage Forum (LAWHF) Spring Meeting in Bath on 26 March 2010, during which the 2012 Cultural Olympiad Project was discussed as part of the agenda. The official also met with a consultant working on behalf of LAWHF on 12 March in order to discuss the project.

Q S3W-32903 Lewis Macdonald: To ask the Scottish Executive, in light of proposed policy from the Department of Communities and Local Government for local authorities in England to carry out assessments for the potential deployment of combined heat and power or district heating systems, as set out in its Consultation on a Planning Policy Statement: Planning for a Low Carbon Future in a Changing Climate, whether a similar requirement may be placed on Scottish local authorities. (SP 30/03/10)

A Answered by Stewart Stevenson (22/04/10): The second National Planning Framework for Scotland states that the government is keen to facilitate the development of a more dispersed pattern of energy generation and supply as part of the response to climate change. This will involve encouraging community and household heat and power generation, the decentralisation of generation capacity and the development of local heat networks. It indicates that planning authorities should take account of the potential for developing heat networks when preparing development plans and considering major development proposals. The government also recognises that it is important to encourage heat supply to be located close to demand. Scottish Planning Policy states that when designating land for new residential, commercial and

industrial development, planning authorities should consider the energy and heat requirements of these new developments. New development should be planned to make use of opportunities for decentralised and local renewable or low carbon sources of heat and power wherever possible.

Q S3W-33157 Bill Butler: To ask the Scottish Executive how many stonemasonry apprenticeships it will provide in 2010-11, broken down by local authority area. (SP 13/04/10)

A Answered by Keith Brown (23/04/10): The Scottish Government does not hold this information centrally. I will ask the Chief Executive of Skills Development Scotland to respond to you with this information.

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## Other Parliamentary activity

### Bills

Historic Environment (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (SP 05/05/10)  
Introduced to Parliament on 5th May 2010. [Read more](#)

### Motions

\*S3M-6226 Jim Tolson: The Scottish Lime Centre Trust-That the Parliament congratulates Charlestown Workshops, the home of the Scottish Lime Centre Trust, on promoting the use of traditional skills to effectively repair, maintain and conserve Scotland's historic stone-built buildings; acknowledges its educational programme, providing advice, training and practical experience in the use of lime for repair and conservation of such buildings, and further acknowledges its direct links with research projects and specialist on-site consultancy advice. (SP 29/04/10)

### Petitions

Petition by Moyra Beattie calling on the Scottish Parliament to urge the Scottish Government to investigate and review the compulsory purchase powers of local authorities to deal with derelict properties/land. PE1326 (SP 04/05/10)

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## Events

### Envisaging places - the interface between natural and cultural landscapes Sharing Good Practice event

20 May Battleby, Perth

This wide-ranging event will focus around several themes: language and the Scottish landscape, including Gaelic and Scots place names; the influence of landscape on culture and the arts; the effects of landscape and sense of place on communities, health and wellbeing; the links between culture, landscape and design.

[Read more](#)

### Central Scotland Green Network - changing the face of Central Scotland

25 May -Stirling, 27 May -Glasgow, 1 June - Auchincruive & 3 June -Edinburgh

You are invited to take part in consultation workshops to inform and shape future action to deliver the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN). [Read more](#)

### Sustainable Refurbishment

Friday 4th June online event

This whole-day online event will consist of three parallel sessions that will enable marketing, disseminating research and best practice, and networking. The access to the event is FREE following the registration to

attend the event. [Read more](#)

### **Built Environment, Place Making & Health**

Wednesday 9th June, Our Dynamic Earth Biosphere, Edinburgh

The Equally Well Test Sites Learning Network is hosting this one day event to bring together partners involved in place making in local Scottish areas with central policy leads etc. Contact

[Karen.Grieve2@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.Grieve2@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

There is a limit of 80 places for this event: interested participants should email

### **The European Landscape Convention - A UK Landscape Conference and Award**

8th - 10th November, Liverpool

Historic Scotland is co-sponsoring the first UK Landscape Conference on 8-10 November 2010 in Liverpool and the UK Landscape Award, which will be presented at the Conference. [Read more](#)

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### **National Parks Strategy (APRS)**

In 2010 APRS started a three-year project to promote a National Parks Strategy for Scotland in a partnership with the Scottish Campaign for National Parks (SCNP). The aim of the project is to promote a strategy for developing a comprehensive network of National Parks across Scotland. The aspiration is that this could result in at least three new National Parks being designated by 2015, including Scotland's first coastal and marine National Park. [Read more](#)

Please note that APRS has a new website at the following address: [www.ruralscotland.btik.com](http://www.ruralscotland.btik.com)

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Information in the Bulletin is extracted from a number of websites; including the Scottish Government (SG); the Scottish Parliament (SP); Architecture and Design Scotland (A+DS); Historic Scotland (HS); Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH); Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO); English Heritage (EH); Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE); Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG); Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS); Department of Environment and Rural Affairs (DEFRA); National Assembly for Wales (NAW); Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS); Scottish Building Standards Agency (SBSA); Heritage Alliance (HL). For further information, links are provided to the relevant documents.

If you have any questions or comments on the above, or would like to submit information to be included, please get in touch with Anne Wilkinson [awilkinson@befs.org.uk](mailto:awilkinson@befs.org.uk) or tel: BEFS Office on 0131 220 6241. We hope that you find the Bulletin useful, however if you wish to be removed from the circulation list, please get in touch.

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