

Welcome to the BEFS e-Bulletin. Latest

BEFS has recently met with the Board of Historic Scotland to discuss its developing role. Robin Burley, BEFS Chair, welcomed the opportunity to engage with the Agency at this strategic level and thanked HS for the recent commitment of funds to BEFS, which will enable the forum to develop its intermediary services. Along with Craig Stirrit, BEFS Director, and Jo Robertson, Historic Environment Officer, we discussed a range of issues relating to the intermediary role - representation, leadership, meeting the needs of members, sector capacity, developing a proactive agenda and working in partnership. We touched on current and upcoming activities such as the Historic Environment (Amendment) Scotland Bill and planned forthcoming events: the BEFS congress *Special Places-Special Relationships*, and workshop *The Historic Environment - visioning the future* (details to be released shortly). BEFS looks forward to developing an ongoing relationship on behalf of the collective stakeholder interest, with the Agency and other parts of the Scottish Government on strategic issues facing the sector.

[Seminar note](#) - Elections and influencing party policy: preparation for Scottish elections 2011 - now available on the BEFS website

BEFS is currently recruiting for a part-time Communications Officer - see vacancies below.

Upcoming events:

8th July: Historic Environment Working Group Meeting 10-12.15pm

Historic Environment Bill Taskforce 12.30 - 2pm

19th August: The Historic Environment - Visioning the Future Workshop, Glasgow (details tbc)

2nd September: BEFS Congress Special Places - Special Relationships, Edinburgh - for draft programme and to book your place, [Congress 2010](#).

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## Publications

**Free Online Sustainable Heritage Toolkit** (Prince's Regeneration Trust)

An increasing number of important historic buildings across the UK are 'at risk' from demolition and decay, over 8% of these are in the ownership of local authorities. The Prince's Regeneration Trust has responded to this by undertaking extensive research and launching a free online toolkit to help local authorities and other public bodies dispose of heritage assets sustainably and cost effectively. [Read more](#)

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## Scottish Government News Release

### Community renewables study (SG 25/06/2010)

Environment Secretary Richard Lochhead announced the first step of a major new programme to deliver the benefits of local ownership of energy into the hands of Scotland's communities and businesses. [Read more](#)

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## News Release

### Minister for Culture launches new book, 'Scotland's Shops' at Jenner's (HS 29/06/10)

Fiona Hyslop, Minister for Culture, formally launched "Scotland's Shops", a new Historic Scotland book examining the architectural history of shops in Scotland. The book, written by Dr Lindsay Lennie, and funded through a three year Research fellowship with Historic Scotland, will be launched in one of Scotland's most iconic shops, Jenners Department Store, Princes Street, Edinburgh. [Read more](#)

### 2010 PM's Award shortlist announced (CABE 17/06/10)

From the summit of Snowdon to a children's centre in south London, the projects shortlisted for this year's Prime Minister's Better Public Building Award show the strides being made in public building. Read more from [CABE](#) and [DCMS](#).

### Orkney venus in shortlist for 2010 best archaeological discovery (HS 15/06/10)

The Orkney Venus has made the top three for the Best Archaeological Discovery category in the 2010 British Archaeological Awards. The winner will be announced at the awards ceremony at the British Museum on Monday 19th July 2010. [Read more](#)

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## Recent Parliamentary Questions

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## Recent Parliamentary Answers

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Q S3W-34097 Peter Peacock: To ask the Scottish Executive what guidance is issued by Scotland's Environment and Rural Services (SEARS) on the location of new woodland away from sites that are important for (a) biodiversity and (b) the historic environment. (SP 04/06/10)

A Answered by Roseanna Cunningham (16/06/10): Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) is the SEARS organisation responsible for providing guidance on woodland in relation to biodiversity and the historic environment. Guidance on the location of new woodland includes the Scottish Forestry Strategy which identifies conserving and enhancing biodiversity and protecting the historic environment as key

priorities; the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy and the UK Biodiversity Action Plan; Woods for Nature which sets out Forestry Commission Scotland's biodiversity programme for 2008-11; the UK Forestry Standard and its associated guidelines which cover biodiversity and the historic environment, and other documents, which include Scotland's Woodlands and the Historic Environment, and Historic Environment Information and Advice for Forest and Woodland Managers in Scotland. FCS staff also have access to information from other SEARS partners and government bodies, including SNH and Historic Scotland.

Q S3W-34101 Peter Peacock: To ask the Scottish Executive when it plans to revise the guidance to land managers on forest planning contained in Forestry Commission Scotland's publication, Forest Design Planning. (SP 04/06/10)

A Answered by Roseanna Cunningham (16/06/10): The Forestry Commission's publication, Forest Design Planning " A Guide to Good Practice, will be considered for revision when the current review of the UK Forestry Standard and its associated guidelines has been completed. The review is expected to be completed by the end of 2010.

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### Other Parliamentary activity

Historic Environment (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (in private): The Subordinate Legislation Committee noted the Scottish Government's response to points raised on the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1, and agreed the contents of a draft report.

Historic Environment (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill (Ex)  
Stage 1 (lead committee (Education, Lifelong Learning and Culture Committee) 29 June 2010. [Read more](#)

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### Events

#### **Sustainable Placemaking: An Australian Perspective - Presentation by: Christopher Wren**

Tuesday 6 July 2010 6:30 pm, Scottish Storytelling Centre, 43 - 45 High Street, Edinburgh  
Christopher's presentation will address some urban sustainability imperatives, drawing on projects from Europe, the UK, the USA and some Australian exemplars to illustrate the key issues. [Read more](#)  
Places are free but limited. If you would like to attend please RSVP to [Laura.Hart@ads.org.uk](mailto:Laura.Hart@ads.org.uk)

**Managing and Maintaining Traditional Woodlands**, Fyvie Castle, Aberdeenshire  
Thursday 9th & Friday 10th September 2010

**Pond and Wetland Maintenance and Management**, Fyvie Castle, Aberdeenshire  
Thursday 16th & Friday 17th September 2010

The Scottish Traditional Skills Training Centre will be running the courses. For further information, please contact Sarah Cordiner on 01888 511 347 or email [soundcraft@towiebarclay.co.uk](mailto:soundcraft@towiebarclay.co.uk)

#### **Community Groups involvement in Neighbourhood Renewal and Community Safety Programmes**

Edinburgh - 13th October 2010

In order to develop effective neighbourhood renewal and community safety programmes it is vital that local community and resident groups play a full part in the process from the inception and planning of the programme through to its implementation, management and evaluation. This training course provides a range of good practice points on how to effectively ensure that community groups are fully engaged in local neighbourhood renewal and community safety programmes. [Read more](#)

## **Ian Shepherd Memorial conference**

Kings College Conference Centre, Aberdeen University

Saturday 11 December 2010, 10am - 5pm

A day conference will be held in memory of Ian Shepherd to celebrate the wide contribution he made to Scottish Archaeology

Available from Aberdeenshire Archaeology Service

Tel: 01224 664726 or e-mail: [archaeology@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:archaeology@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

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## **Training**

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## **Job Vacancies**

Built Environment Forum Scotland - Communications Officer (Part-Time)

Salary £ £22,153 - £23,856

The Communications Officer position is an exciting opportunity for a resourceful and confident individual to play a key role in developing BEFS not only as the Scottish intermediary for the historic environment but also the wider built environment. Visit [website](#) for application and candidate pack, closing date for applications: 19 July, at 12noon

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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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