

Welcome to the BEFS e-Bulletin.

BEFS is to hold its first annual congress, this year addressing the theme 'Special Places - Special Relationships', on Thursday 2nd September, Edinburgh. We will be exploring the relationship between people and place by showcasing projects and initiatives with plenty of community participation. We will draw linkages between what is happening on the ground and the Government's national outcome for sustainable places. Further details will be released shortly.

Upcoming meetings:

8th July: BEFS Historic Environment Working Group meeting

2nd September: BEFS Congress

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Extending Permitted Development Rights For Domestic Micro-Wind Turbines and Air-Source Heat Pumps - Consultation Responses (SG 11/06/10)

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Consultation Paper on Death Certification, Burial and Cremation - Responses (SG 04/06/10)

Responses to the Scottish Government consultation on Death Certification, Burial and Cremation. [Read more](#)

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News Release

Planners get advice on preparing for woodland boost (FCS 10/06/10)

New advice issued today will help planning authorities prepare for a significant increase in woodland cover across Scotland in the coming years. The Scottish Government has a vision to boost woodland cover from 17 per cent to 25 per cent of Scotland's land mass during the second half of this century. This dramatic rise

in tree cover will need to be carefully integrated with other land uses, including new development. [Read more](#)

Local Heritage Matters (EH 09/06/10)

Suburbs, villages and hamlets, town centres, and other local areas will benefit from undertaking historic area assessments in the face of increasing pace of change, says English Heritage who has published guidance to help local authorities and others to conduct such assessments. [Read more](#)

Scotland's laser scanners reveal the beauty of Vienna as Minister launches commercial enterprise in digital documentation (HS 09/06/10)

Culture Minister Fiona Hyslop met the team of experts who form Scotland's new Centre for Digital Documentation and Visualisation (CDDV). The CDDV is a new commercial partnership between Historic Scotland and Glasgow School of Art's Digital Design Studio - using state-of-the-art laser scanning technology and 3D visualisation software to digitally record heritage sites around the globe, and enable virtual access. [Read more](#)

The Pulse of Healthcare Design (A + DS 07/06/10)

Architecture and Design Scotland (A+DS) has launched its new online healthcare design resource '[Pulse](http://www.healthierplaces.org)' at www.healthierplaces.org. This resource has been created to assist health boards in developing briefs for new building projects and to raise awareness of the good practice being developed and delivered across NHSScotland and beyond. [Read more](#)

New guidance for greener buildings in Wales (04/06/10)

The Technical Advice Note 22 (TAN 22) Planning for Sustainable Buildings sets out the Assembly Government's planning guidance to support the innovative planning policy published in 2009 which set a minimum standard for sustainability for most new buildings proposed in Wales. [Read more](#)

New "Policy on Design Quality for NHSScotland" released (A+DS 04.06/10)

The Scottish Government Health Directorates (SGHD) have released a new 'Policy on Design Quality for NHSScotland', which recognises the increasing body of evidence that the principles of good design make a quantifiable positive impact on patients, visitors and staff. [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-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)

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)

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Recent Parliamentary Answers

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Q S3W-33730 Peter Peacock: To ask the Scottish Executive to what extent planning authorities are bound by the recommendations arising from examination reports on strategic development plans and local development plans as set out in Planning Circular 1 2009: Development Planning. (SP18/05/10)

A Answered by Stewart Stevenson (04/06/10): The process differs for strategic development plans (SDPs) and local development plans (LDPs), given Scottish Ministers' statutory role in approving SDPs. Once they have received the examination report on a proposed SDP, section 13 of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 allows Scottish Ministers to approve or reject the plan, taking into account the recommendations made by the reporter(s). Ministers may make modifications in approving the plan, and if so will set out reasons for these. Examination reports on proposed LDPs are largely binding on planning authorities. Regulation 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Grounds for declining to follow recommendations) (Scotland) Regulations 2009 states that authorities may only depart from recommendations that:

(a) would have the effect of making the LDP inconsistent with the National Planning Framework, or with any SDP or national park plan for the same area;

(b) are incompatible with Part IVA of the Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations 1994, or

(c) are based on conclusions that could not reasonably have been reached based on the evidence considered at the examination.

Section 19(11) of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006 also allows authorities to environmentally assess the plan following modification in response to recommendations, and to not make modifications that are not acceptable having regard to that assessment.

Q S3W-33771 Stuart McMillan: To ask the Scottish Executive what assistance it provides to cultural and heritage events in the West of Scotland. (SP 20/05/10)

A Answered by Fiona Hyslop (02/06/10): The Scottish Government provides assistance to cultural and heritage events in the West of Scotland in partnership with key agencies and organisations with responsibility for promoting Scotland internationally. Examples include:

EventScotland - has supported the Gourrock Highland Games, the European Pipe Band Champions in Inverclyde and the East Renfrewshire Food Festival. Through Homecoming, events celebrating Burns were supported in North Ayrshire and St Andrew's Day celebrations were supported in each local authority area. The Scottish Arts Council - awarded a total of 61 awards to the West of Scotland during 2008-09 and 73 awards during 2009-10. These awards represent a range of activity, which will include performances, exhibitions, publications, as well as outreach or other activity that would meet a broad definition of a cultural event. A significant amount of those awards were made to local authorities in respect of Youth Music and capital / infrastructure awards.

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Bills in Progress

Subordinate Legislation Committee

Historic Environment (Amendment) (Scotland) Bill: The Committee considered the delegated powers provisions in this Bill at Stage 1. The Committee agreed to seek further information on the powers set out in section 15 of the Bill, and to consider the Scottish Government's response at its meeting on 22 June.

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Events

Centre for Indoor Climate and Health Research Centre

Thursday 24 June 4 -6pm Glasgow Caledonian University

Meet the team the team behind RICH at our informal free event and discover how their specialist centre can help your organisation. You will have the opportunity to have a wander around testing facilities which boast the only Environmental Chamber of its type in the UK. Register by emailing Audrey.Meikle@gcu.ac.uk or telephone 0141 331 8458

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Training

Ruins - Structural Problems and Repairs

24 June 2010 Penicuik House, Penicuik

This one day seminar will examine structural problems and solutions for repairs within ruined buildings. The day will include some lectures and also time on site at Penicuik House where participants will be encouraged to work up some outline ideas as to the structures problems ruins can present and ways of dealing with them sympathetically.

Summer Working with Lime

02 July 2010 Penicuik House, Penicuik

This seminar will cover everything that British summer time can throw at you. High temperatures are predicted this summer, so don't miss this seminar which covers everything you need to know for successful curing of mortars, and yes we will also cover how to cope with high winds and torrential rain! This seminar will be delivered as part of the Penicuik House Project and is aimed at anyone who works with traditional buildings or structures.

For more information on the above and other courses contact admin@scotlime.org or phone 01383 872722. You can now book online visit [website](#)

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If you have any questions or comments on the above, or would like to submit information to be included,

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