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Newsletter of the Northamptonshire Archaeological Society

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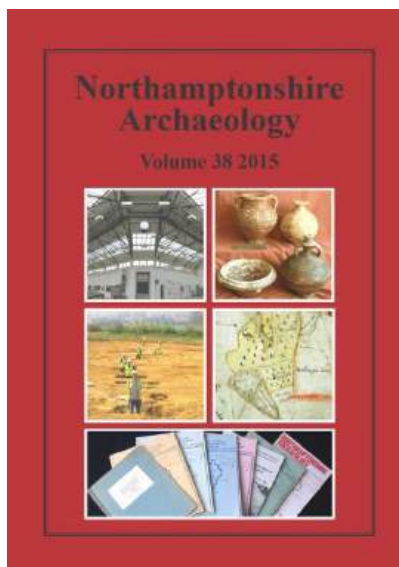
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Northamptonshire Archaeology Volume 38, 2015

Volume 38 of the journal has been delivered and distribution is underway, but it may be into April before they are all on in the post.



For the Northampton area we will be having an informal **Collection Morning** on Saturday, 26 March between 10.00am and 12.00am at the Offices of MOLA Northampton, Wootton Hall Park, off Mereway, Northampton NN4 8BN.

We are aware that this is the bank holiday weekend and perhaps not ideal from that point of view, but a combination of Saturday road closures on Mereway for works on the new access road to Wootton Hall Park, having some leave ourselves and the occurrence of

other Saturday events has left this as the only available weekend.

If anyone who would like to drop in to collect a journal, we will have tea and biscuits available and as MOLA hold a wide range of finds if there is anything in particular that you would like to see and handle we might be able to help. Please email any requests through so we can have the objects ready. There will also be a tour a building to show the workings of a commercial archaeology unit.

NAS Accounts

At the AGM last year there were still a few details to sort out, so the Accounts were not presented then as usual. A copy of the finalised accounts is therefore attached to this Newsletter.

Spring Meetings

Also attached are fliers for a couple of spring events: the South Midlands Archaeology, Spring day school to be held near Oxford, and the Medieval Settlement Research Group weekend conference to held at Lincoln.

NCC and Heritage in the Economy

Our enquiries about the future plans for heritage services in the county have finally received a written reply, even though it is the usual bland and uninformative statement.

We also attach the latest glossy propaganda brochure from the NCC, an outcome of a conference and black-tie dinner at Boughton House. Good to know that the county squirearchy is alive and well, just a pity that the same can't be said for the rest of society in this age of ongoing cuts to services to just about everybody in need.

Andy Chapman

NAS secretary and journal editor

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Northamptonshire County Council

Mr David Waller
Chairman
Northamptonshire Archaeological Society

Please ask for: Roy Boulton
Tel: 01604 366056
Our ref:
Date: 22nd January 2016

Dear Mr Waller

Archaeological and Heritage Interests

I refer to your letter to Councillor Harker, I have been asked to reply on his behalf.

I note your interest in how the proposals for a 'Next Generation Council' will affect the delivery of heritage services. In response I can report that from September 2015 the Archives and Heritage Service became part of the Council's Environment, Transport and Development Directorate. It is no longer included in the services that will form part of the new Community Interest Company based on public health and wellbeing activities.

Indeed, the move to the Environment, Transport and Development Directorate provides a direct link between the Historic Environment Record and the Archaeological Planning Advice Service with both functions now being under the same management. I can also confirm that the Northamptonshire Finds Liaison Officer post remains unchanged as does the Archives Service.

Chester Farm is a key project for the Council and good progress is being made on bringing this to fruition in the context of a wider heritage offer in Northamptonshire.

Finally in terms of the significant reductions in the availability of public sector funding we are always happy to receive support and advice on how we can maintain, whilst transforming our services, to meet the challenges of the future.

Yours sincerely

A blue ink signature, likely of Roy Boulton, written over the 'Yours sincerely' line.

Roy Boulton
Assistant Director Environment and Planning

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDING 31/8/2015

Income

2013-14		2014-15	
Subs and sales	£1,478.50	Subs and sales	£1,436.00
Publishers license	£3,130.60	Publishers license	£33.39
B/Soc Interest (Mkt Harboro)	£244.58	B/Soc Interest (Mkt Harboro)	£256.56
B/Soc interest (Nationwide)	£0.67	B/Soc interest (Nationwide)	unknown
<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>£4,854.35</i>	<i>Sub Total</i>	<i>£1,725.95</i>
<u>Balance brought forward</u>	<u>£27,077.55</u>	<u>Balance brought forward</u>	<u>£31,636.36</u>
Total	£31,931.90	Total	£33,362.31

Expenditure

2013-14		2014-15	
Postage and stationary	£91.10	Postage and stationary	£102.39
Room Hire AGM	£50.00	Room Hire AGM	£50.00
CBA aff fee	£68.50	British Ass Local History 14-15	£65.00
Northants Association Local History subs	£16.00	Grant to Dr James Gerrard, University of Newcastle	£342.00
Heritage Fair (2)	£20.00	Website hosting	£20.00
Chester Farm visit	£50.00	Sywell weekend	£2,080.49
Total Expenditure	£295.60	Total Expenditure	£2,659.88
Bank balance	£1,145.29	Bank balance	£2,187.68
B/Soc balance Mkt Harborough	£30,085.65	B/Soc balance Mkt Harborough	£28,109.33
B/Soc balance Nationwide	£405.42	B/Soc balance Nationwide	** £405.42
Total carried forward	£31,636.36	Total carried forward	£30,702.43

CLH November 2015

Council for British Archaeology: South Midlands

Saxon Archaeology of the South Midlands

Saturday 2nd April 2016

Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford, OX44 9EX

10:00am Tea, coffee and biscuits

10:30am Welcome

10:40am **Ben Ford:** Senior Project Manager, Oxford Archaeology
Saxon Oxford – an overview, with highlights from recent discoveries

11:15am **Pieta Greaves:** Staffordshire Hoard Conservation Coordinator, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery
The Staffordshire Hoard: Uncovering the lost art of the Anglo-Saxon craftsmen

12:15pm **Lunch** – a cold buffet will be provided (vegetarian and gluten-free options available)

1:30pm **John Blair:** Professor of Medieval History and Archaeology, University of Oxford
Planned Anglo-Saxon Landscapes of the South Midlands

2:15pm **David Ingham:** Project Officer, Albion Archaeology
Stratton – the Saxon Origins of a Bedfordshire Village

3:00pm Tea and coffee

3:30pm **Bernard Jones:** Leighton Buzzard and District Archaeological and Historical Society
An early Saxon burial site at Hockliffe, Bedfordshire

4:00pm **Bob Zeepvat:** Principal Archaeologist, Bancroft Heritage Services
Wulfhere's People: the Excavation of an Anglo-Saxon Cemetery at Wolverton, Milton Keynes

4:45pm Close

Tickets: £16 for members of CBA South Midlands and its affiliated organisations (see www.archaeologyuk.org/cbasn for a list); £20 for non-members. Lunch is included. **Booking is essential.**
This flyer can be downloaded at www.archaeologyuk.org/cbasn/cba-sm%20events.htm

Send this slip and payment by **29th March 2016** to: David Ingham, 1a Stamford Lane, Warmington, Northants PE8 6TW. Please note that acknowledgment of your booking can only be supplied via e-mail or SAE.

Please reserve place(s) at the Castles of the South Midlands conference, including vegetarian lunch(es)

Enclosed is a cheque for £ payable to **CBA South Midlands** gluten-free lunch(es)

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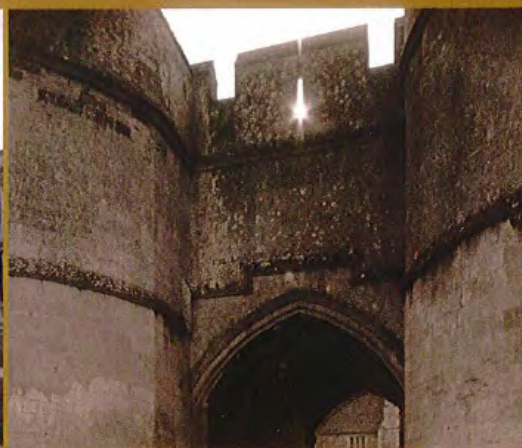
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HERITAGE IN THE ECONOMY



Post-Conference Report

Autumn 2015

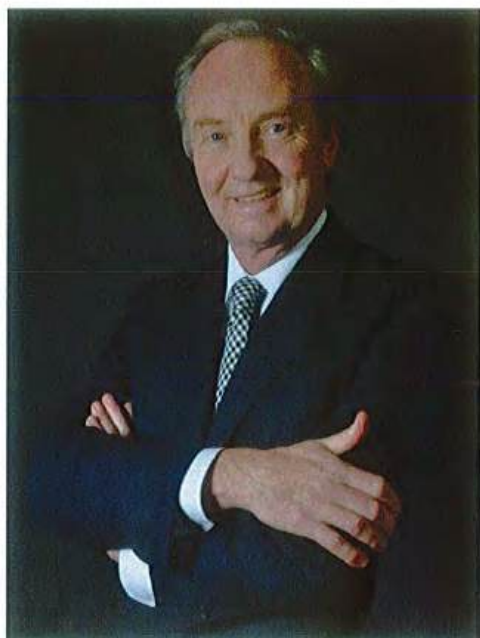


Historic England



THE PRINCE'S
REGENERATION TRUST

Foreword



I am delighted to provide the foreword for the report from the Heritage in the Economy Conference, a very special occasion which I was pleased to host at my ancestral home, Boughton House, in Northamptonshire, on 11 September.

I recognise the important contribution that heritage can make to the economy, given my personal experience with historic houses. However, I also know that frequently the economic benefits are not fully realised and the Heritage in the Economy Conference provided the opportunity for delegates to explore opportunities to do this based on the experience and expertise of some of the leading lights in the heritage world.

Northamptonshire was perfectly placed to host the event, having more historic houses than any other county in England and having been the scene for seminal moments in history. In the Middle Ages Northampton was a regular meeting place for the Parliament of England and in centuries since it has witnessed the birth of Richard III, the death of Mary Queen of Scots, the hatching of the Gunpowder Plot to kill her son, James I, and the defeat at the Battle of Naseby of his son, Charles I. Our legacy of historic buildings and places is rich and varied.

Today we are determined through better collaborative working to increase the economic contribution our already vibrant heritage sector makes, and to seek out partners from other places to join us on that journey.

I hope this post-conference report provides you with a sense of what happened on the day and inspires you to explore the vital contribution that heritage can make to the prosperity and quality of life in our beautiful county.

His Grace

The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry

KBE DL FSA FRSE



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Introduction



It is becoming very clear that the remarkable heritage that we all enjoy in these British Isles is more than just a collection of old buildings and ancient monuments that are pleasing to the eye and remind us of past ages and glories.

British heritage is an asset of far wider value than that. It is a major and a growing factor in our economy, both local and national.

First and foremost, it is the mainstay of our tourism industry. People travel across the world to visit the Loire Valley in France, with its beautiful chateaux and gardens, yet here, at Boughton, you only have to cast a fifty mile circle around and you find magnificent palaces such as Burghley, Althorp, Apethorpe, Blenheim and Woburn, historic castles such as Rockingham and Kenilworth, and some of the oldest remaining houses in England such as the Prebendal Manor in Nassington. Northamptonshire justly deserves its title of 'the county of Spires and Squires.' But this richness can be found all over the British Isles.

All of this contributes massively to our local and national economy, through inward investment, tourism and jobs. But there is a wider relevance to our economy brought to us via heritage, that is our Social Heritage and Northamptonshire in particular, which benefits greatly from this.

Northamptonshire County Council is committed to making this county a healthy, fulfilling and prosperous place for people to live and work. We are a rapidly growing county, so this applies not only to the people who live here today but, just as importantly, to the one thousand new residents who come to live in Northamptonshire every month.

These residents need good roads, good housing, good schools, good health facilities and good jobs. But they also need soul. They need to find a sense of place, to put down roots, to become part of its rich and varied communities, to enjoy its heritage.

I am very pleased that this conference has brought together such a distinguished group of people, all of whom are committed not just to protecting our heritage, but also to making it work for the economy and the whole community.

Cllr. Jim Harker OBE

Leader of Northamptonshire County Council

Chairman of East Midlands Heritage Lottery Fund

Speakers Spotlight



Historic England

Sir Laurie Magnus, Chairman

Historic England



Sir Laurie Magnus was appointed Chairman of English Heritage on 1 September 2013 and remains Chairman of Historic England. Prior to this appointment, he had been Deputy Chairman of the National Trust since 2005 and an elected member of the Trust's Council since 2003.

Why Heritage Matters to the Economy

Sir Laurie's keynote speech outlined exactly why heritage matters both to the economy and wider wellbeing.

Delegates were informed that it is generally accepted that the economic benefits of built and national heritage - through inward and domestic tourism together with construction - amounts to 2% of UK Gross Domestic Product (GDP), with overseas visitors from around the world viewing Britain's heritage as our most important asset. It is also one of the major reasons for British people deciding to holiday at home rather than overseas.

In addition to its economic value, heritage provides a sense of wellbeing and local, regional and national identity. At the most basic level, the historic environment provides a visible imprint and legacy which passes from generation to generation.

Heritage makes a significant contribution to the building industry with developers increasingly recognising that historic structures provide the foundation of places where people are happier to live, work and enjoy themselves. The heritage sector also makes a significant contribution to employment, employing approximately 750,000 people and engaging over 500,000 volunteers.



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Nick Way, Director General

Historic Houses Association



Whilst guiding and managing the Historic Houses Association (HHA), Nick represented the interests of over 1,600 historic houses, castles and gardens in the UK to Government at EU, national and local level, providing a wide range of expert advisory support services and a network for owners and managers.

The Economic Value of Historic Houses

Nick Way advised that heritage-based tourism is now worth £26 billion to the UK economy with HHA member houses supporting 26,000 jobs and nearly 52,000 suppliers, many of them SMEs. A recent Office for National Statistics (ONS) study revealed that the tourism industry's cumulative rate of growth in employment for 2010-13 was almost double that of other industries and that tourism's direct GVA growth between 2008 and 2013 was one of the highest in the UK.

These facts were important when considering whether to support and invest in heritage, as they demonstrated a significant return on investment case.

Historic houses and gardens offer significant, specialist, high quality employment opportunities. Construction and conservation skills are always in demand and there are numerous opportunities to develop the skills base locally and nationally, alongside developing the other skills required including those for hospitality, retail, horticulture and digital media. The economic contribution from visitors, supply chain and inward investors is substantial and their influence on making the environment a better place to live undeniable.



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Speakers Spotlight



Taryn Nixon, Chief Executive

Museum of London Archaeology (MOLA)



Taryn has over 25 years' experience in integrating complex archaeology with planning and development. She has served on The Chartered Association of Building Engineers (CABE's) Design Review Panel and English Heritage's London Advisory Committee and was formerly a Chair of the Institute for Archaeologists.

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Archaeology and the Power of Place

Taryn Nixon informed delegates why archaeology is rightly aligned with sustainable development given that it connects communities with their heritage, strengthens society and invests in the future through skills and learning.

Places with robust and distinctive identities are more likely to prosper than places without them. A strong heritage, which is invested in, and where there is a shared understanding of its value, is a powerful force for place.

MOLA's commercial services are designed to help development, infrastructure and construction sector clients to meet the requirements of the planning system. The organisation undertakes award-winning community engagement and education programmes founded on partnership and participation.



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Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive

The Prince's Regeneration Trust



Ros is a Chief Executive with experience in driving growth and regeneration. She has substantial plc, private and public board level experience including audit, finance and remuneration committees. She is an accomplished public speaker and a Women in Property (WIP) Top 25 Ambassador.

Using Heritage for Economic and Social Benefit

Ros Kerslake brought to life the social benefits of heritage-led regeneration which included the creation of new jobs and apprenticeships, bringing a sense of pride within the community and the development of improved community facilities. It can also stimulate communication between diverse groups, encouraging 'coming together,' as well as achieving increased participation in volunteering. Heritage can therefore make a contribution to cohesion.

Heritage sites should be seen as an opportunity rather than an obstacle as their regeneration can lead to significant economic and environmental benefits. In recent years, The Prince's Regeneration Trust has provided support to bring back to economic life underused heritage buildings.

The support to local community groups and building owners who are rescuing and reusing redundant heritage buildings is really delivering significant results. The Prince's Regeneration Trust has worked on more than 90 such projects in 19 years.



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Speakers Spotlight



Sarah Bridges, Archive and Heritage Services Manager
Northamptonshire County Council



Sarah is responsible for looking after the Record Office and the archives that inform the populous about Northamptonshire's communities. She also has responsibility for the Sites and Monuments Record, heritage assets and portable antiquities scheme.

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The Chester Farm Experience

The Chester Farm project near Wellingborough is one example of a development that aims to encourage learning not only about the site itself but also engages people in Northamptonshire's broader heritage offer.

With evidence of human activity on the site for over 2,000 years including buried evidence of an Iron Age farm, a Roman walled town and a medieval village, the project has been actively led and championed by Northamptonshire County Council, with the intention being for this archaeologically and historically important site to be opened up as an educational resource.

Plans for the longer term development of the facilities include a dedicated classroom for up to 70 learners, valuable green space and an ongoing programme of events and activities. Sarah outlined that the planned conference, exhibition and office space will provide an income stream to the Chester Farm project to ensure its future sustainability.



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William Assheton, Partner

GSS Architecture



William is a Partner and Chartered Architect at GSS Architecture and is responsible for technical training and for Investors in People. He specialises in the historic building environment and focuses on design issues such as sustainability, partnering, innovation and creative design.

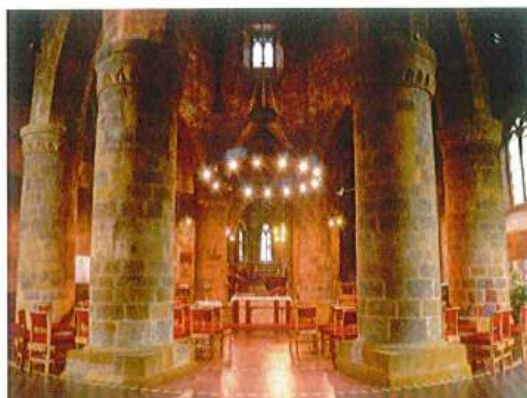
1000 Years of English Architecture in Northamptonshire

GSS partner, William Assheton, an Accredited Conservation Architect, was clear about the need to preserve the skills base within the heritage sector to ensure that England's rich history is preserved for future generations.

William provided a fascinating presentation which looked at 1,000 years of English architecture through the prism of Northamptonshire's buildings. Northamptonshire's rich heritage and long-standing historic importance perfectly demonstrated.

He said: "Conserving our unique historical buildings is not just to ensure their long-term future but also provides other opportunities for the economy, the environment and for education."

GSS Architecture has significant experience of the heritage and conservation sector and of working with Historic England. The company has carried out work on listed and historic buildings and in conservation areas for clients including historic houses, medieval castles and churches with an approach that demands sympathetic and long-lasting solutions.



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Speakers Spotlight



LOTTERY FUNDED

Lesley Owen-Jones, Development Manager
Heritage Lottery Fund



Currently Development Manager for the Heritage Lottery Fund, Lesley was formerly a Board Director at Spire Homes and Policy and Partnerships Manager with the Big Lottery Fund.



A Lasting Difference for Heritage and People

Lesley opened by saying that the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) takes the view that "The Heritage Enterprise Fund in particular is one specially designed to support the repair, adaptation and refurbishment of historic buildings and industrial sites that activates and contributes to sustainable development in areas experiencing economic disadvantage."

Since 1994, HLF has awarded £6 billion of funding to more than 37,000 projects across the UK including funding for over 17,000 historic building and monuments. It is set to award £375m in this financial year.

HLF has been helping communities take on the management of heritage assets and has been awarding start-up grants.

It has also provided transition funding, awarded Catalyst Small Grants for investment in fundraising strategies and offered private individuals and commercial organisations an opportunity to apply for up to £100k from the 'Our heritage' scheme.



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THE OSBORNE GROUP

Trevor Osborne

The Trevor Osborne Property Group



Trevor's company which is owned by its Chairman and Family Trusts was founded in 1973 and has undertaken a large number of high quality development projects, many of which involve both historic buildings and local authority partnerships with an emphasis on mixed use environments.



Learning from the Buxton Experience

Trevor Osborne provided real life examples of turning heritage assets into fully commercial operations starting with the 'Buxton Experience.'

Originally constructed in the 1780's, Buxton Crescent Hotel and Thermal Spa provides an excellent example of what can be achieved with a clear vision and strong partnership working.

The complex will be the first genuine spa hotel in the UK for over a century and is expected to attract up to 40,000 visitors a year when it opens in 2016. It is a prime example of restoring an historical asset into a potentially lucrative commercial enterprise for the local economy.

Trevor also outlined his considerable experience gained in creating the Malmesbury Oxford, and how he managed to turn a former prison into a multi award-winning complex contrasting restoration and conservation with art, leisure, education and hotel accommodation.



Conclusion

What we have done

The Heritage in the Economy Conference in 2015 brought the heritage and visitor economy to the fore and explored its growing importance to the wider economy. It provided the opportunity to learn from experts in their field and for delegates to reflect on their own experience and how it could be translated in their own area.

The conference achieved its aims of demonstrating how to gain the maximum economic benefit from heritage, the support available from key heritage organisations and why it is so important to develop and promote heritage as part of a wider economic and place-based offer.

Taking it forward in Northamptonshire

Northamptonshire's heritage partners who attended the conference recognised the economic importance of heritage and the need to develop the visitor economy to better promote the county's offer to the wider world. They therefore committed to develop a new Visitor Economy Strategy that would look to fully exploit Northamptonshire's magnificent heritage.

Further Information

The presentations and further information on the conference are available from:

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