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World Heritage UK

December 2021's newsletter



Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year

The Trustees and staff of World Heritage UK would like to wish all their members, stakeholders and partners a very happy Christmas. This year has been a challenge for us all and it looks like the uncertain environment will continue into 2022.

World Heritage UK will continue to support those working to care for our globally important sites and monuments across the whole of the UK and in our Overseas Territories. We have an exciting programme planned for 2022 and look forward to seeing you soon.

We hope that you have a peaceful break over the Christmas season and come back ready to face the opportunities and challenges ahead.

Alex and Beth will be taking a break over Christmas and New Year and won't be available from 21 December to 3 January inclusive.

World Heritage UK's 2021 AGM

This year's World Heritage UK's AGM will take place earlier this month. Thank you to all members who attended and participated. All resolutions were agreed.

The Trustees of WHUK are delighted to announce that two new members have been voted onto the Board. They are:

Jane Masters from New Lanark WHS



Jane originally qualified as an art and architectural historian and has over 14 years' experience in cultural heritage management, gained through her roles at New Lanark Trust, the National Museum of Scotland and RCAHMS. Her passion lies in interpreting and improving access to our cultural heritage for

Jane became Heritage Manager for New Lanark Trust in 2011, and Head of Heritage and Development in 2019. She developed and wrote the Trust's 2019-2023 WHS Management Plan and Action Plan, and is responsible for the development of the site in line with this. She has directly and as part of a team secured over £4m worth of funding and delivered large scale restoration and interpretation projects, as well as developing the new membership scheme for New Lanark.

She is committed to ensuring meaningful engagement with partners and the local community, and believes that the most successful World Heritage Sites are those which engage with their users and make their stories relevant to people's lives. Jane sits on the Board of Lanark Community Development Trust and is working for the strategic development and interpretation of New Lanark, Lanark and the Falls of Clyde as a single entity, as the best experiences are those which provide rich context and links, not those which exist in bubbles.

Justin Scully from Studley Royal and Fountains Abbey WHS



Justin is the General Manager of the Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal WHS, one of the busiest properties in the National Trust welcoming 600,000 visitors per year. Fountains attracts significant numbers of domestic and international tourists as well as visitors from across the North of England.

million pound investment in visitor infrastructure, significant investment in programming as well as the £2.5m Skell Valley landscape scale conservation project.

Prior to the Trust he worked in the charity sector in the UK and Africa, after a 10-year career in the private sector. He is a Trustee of Love Leeds Parks, part of a growing network of UK parks foundations and chairs the internal working group of the Trust's WHS General Managers.

Justin has championed Fountains as a WHS, raising the profile of WHS status with visitors, wider stakeholders and internally within the Trust. Fountains has hosted academic and professional placements from other WHS and ensured that World Heritage is central to its brand. Recently Justin has led significant media activity using the threat to the WHS to spread the message about the impacts of climate change and what actions everybody can take to mitigate them.

He has broadened the learning from the Skell Valley project, working with colleagues in the Rwenzori World Heritage Site in Uganda supported by funding from the Cultural Protection Fund.

Existing Trustees Gillian Clarke, Max Bryant, Lesley Garlick and Ian Wray were all re-elected to the Board.

All WHUK's Trustees and staff look forward to working with Jane and Justin.



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