



World Heritage UK

News update



'Visitor Centres in a Changing World' - webinar date announced

World Heritage UK's first webinar of 2021 will take place on the morning of the 18th February and the initial registration webpage can be found [HERE](#)

to transformational changes to the way we live in future.

If the way we all live, work, learn, travel and relax is changing as a result of the social, environmental and economic impacts of viral pandemics and climate change, how are visitor centres planning to adapt? Reflecting on current circumstances, what changes can we expect and how to plan for them?

This webinar will provide a platform for some expert presentations and a forum for discussion, featuring guest international speaker Patricia Alberth, Head of the World Heritage Office of the City of Bamberg and Chair of the International Association of World Heritage Professionals who will present: "Transformation in the midst of challenges – World Heritage planning in times of uncertainty".

More speakers and further details to follow.



WallCAP Stompers Virtual Walking Challenge

Week 1 Distance = 409.8km

Everyone absolutely smashed it this week, and we walked the distance of Hadrian's Wall, the Antonine Wall and half of the German Limes!

Let's see how far we can get around the entire Empire for the rest of the challenge.



Remember: You must follow all government Covid guidelines and all walk **MUST** be local to you.
Do not travel to complete your walks

Walking the Frontiers of the Roman Empire - virtually!

Hadrian's Wall, part of the UNESCO transnational Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site. The WallCAP project is funded by NLHF and hosted by Newcastle University. Here, enthusiastic supporters translate their permitted local exercise walks (according to government guidelines) into the equivalent distance as if they were walking along one of the frontiers, and are rewarded with details of the sights that they would have seen had they really been there, such as Drumburgh Castle, the Falkirk Wheel and Jagsthausen Fort in Germany - more details can be found [HERE](#). The first week has achieved over 400km.

Contact Kerry.Shaw@newcastle.ac.uk for more information.



A Sustainable Future for Fountains Abbey

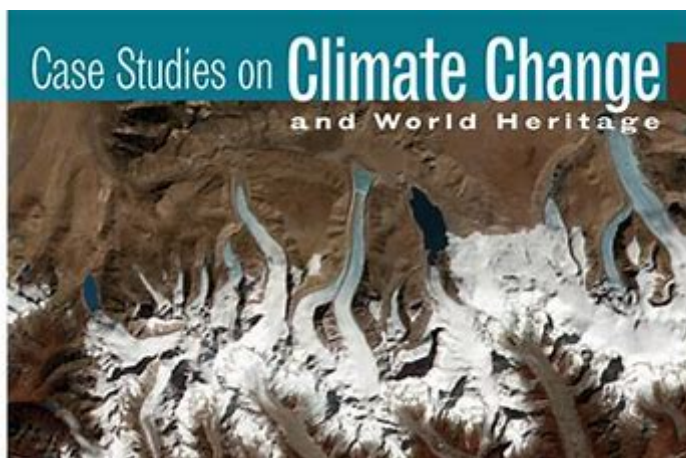
Fountains Abbey, the UK's largest monastic ruin, sits in the Skell Valley, near Ripon in North Yorkshire and has been flooded several times in recent years, risking damage to this historic World Heritage Site.

A £1.4m National Heritage Lottery Fund grant has now been announced and will contribute to a £2.5m National Trust project, working with the Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, to improve the landscape's resilience to changing weather patterns and will begin in March 2021.

The Skell Valley scheme will target 12 miles of the River Skell, all the way from Dallowgill Moor to the city of Ripon. The scheme includes planting six hectares of trees, creating eight ponds and reviving a nature reserve to reduce soil runoff

The plan also aims to attract new visitors by addressing some of the barriers people face in accessing the countryside, creating new walking trails and improving signs and information. Visitors and local people will be encouraged to learn conservation skills such as hedge laying, drystone walling, and environmental monitoring.

For more details contact Sarah.France@nationaltrust.org.uk



Climate Change emerging theme

Like many other organisations, World Heritage UK is taking the emerging theme of climate change seriously, culminating this year in its annual conference 'Climate Change and World Heritage' in October. This will precede the UNFCCC Climate COP 26 in Glasgow and will likewise be in Scotland, coronavirus restrictions permitting.

In the meantime, World Heritage UK has established a Climate Change Working Group, chaired by Trustee, Don Gobbett. This group is interested in finding out what climate change information that World Heritage Sites need to develop strategies and actions (ideas to Allan.Forrest@wrexham.gov.uk please) and what activities sites are currently undertaking (information please to Sarah.France@nationaltrust.org.uk).

New Legal Protection for England's Heritage

New laws to protect England's cultural and historic heritage were announced by the Communities Secretary, Robert Jenrick earlier in January. The new legal

listed or not, will now require listed building consent or planning permission.

Read more [here](#).

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