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# World Heritage UK

## March 2022's newsletter



### **WHUK's Spring 2022 Event @ Blenheim Palace WHS**

It is not too late to book your place at the Spring workshop, held at [Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site](#), near Oxford. The theme of this event is **"WHSs & Sustainability"**, focusing in particular on **tourism and transport**.

The workshop starts at 10am. The morning session includes speakers on UNESCO's Sustainable Development Goals, Oxford Brookes University on sustainable transport, sustainable World Heritage tourism packages from Switzerland and VisitBritain.

The afternoon will have a couple of local examples, from Blenheim themselves and from New Lanark, of sustainability in action. The final 90 minutes will be a tour of the best bits of Blenheim Palace WHS, including their new CRF-funded developments

Tickets, which include a hot summer buffet lunch and tour, are £75. You can buy your ticket [here](#).

We encourage you to try and come sustainably - after all, it is the theme of the day. Blenheim WHS can help you with the planning. Simply click [here](#), add your departure location and the Good Journey website will work out your sustainable journey.

On the other hand, if you are unable to travel to Blenheim, but would still like to attend digitally, that is possible. Digital only tickets are £25. WHUK do have to charge for these remote tickets as we face additional costs to provide a hybrid event. You can buy these tickets [here](#).



## First Light Pavilion

**Jodrell Bank WHS'** new visitor attraction is set to open to the public on **4th June 2022**.

The stunning new building is at the heart of the £21.5m **First Light Project**, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, which aims to open up the inspirational history of [Jodrell Bank](#) by engaging visitors with the fantastic stories of its pioneering scientists and their ground-breaking feats of science and engineering.

uniquely multi-dimensional status as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, national visitor attraction, cultural icon, and globally significant scientific research facility.

The **First Light Pavilion** was designed to respond sympathetically to its unique surroundings. The striking building takes the form of a grass-topped dome which cleverly mirrors the shape and scale of the landmark **Lovell Telescope**. By maintaining an age-old tradition of building structures that express our relationship to the skies above us, the building also makes reference to ancient sites such as [Stonehenge](#), by aligning with the sun via a meridian line cut through the dome's entranceway. Facing due South, a slim vertical window right in the centre of the building invites the sun to shine through a finger of light that moves across the entrance foyer as the day goes on, acting as a giant sundial.

For more details, click [here](#).

*Image – artist's impressions of the new First Light Pavilion at Jodrell Bank © HASSELL Studio*



## World Heritage UK and ICOMOS-UK...a new working collaboration

Both the UK National Committee of the [International Council on Monuments and Sites](#) (ICOMOS-UK) and [World Heritage UK](#) (WHUK) have agreed a new collaboration. This will establish closer working and cooperation between these two organisations, working with and on behalf of the UK's UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

*“World Heritage UK is delighted to have joined ICOMOS-UK in a strong and focused collaboration,”* says Tony Crouch, Chair of the Board of Trustees at World Heritage UK. *“By working together, we will be able to support the sector more effectively, gain greater understanding and appreciation of this nation’s globally significant heritage, and broadcast to a wider audience the importance and value of the UK’s collection of World Heritage Sites.”*

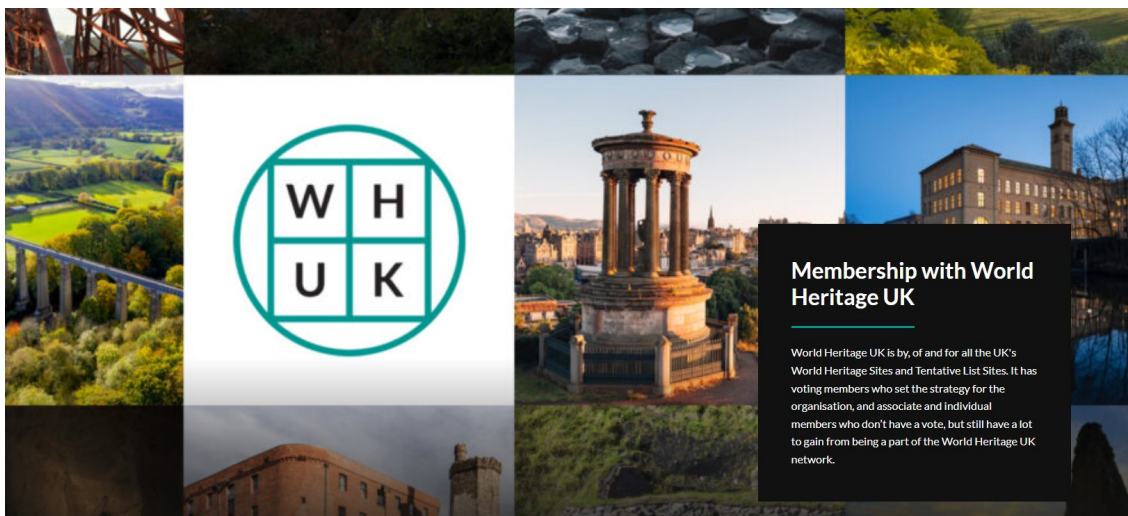


Clara Arokiasamy OBE, President at ICOMOS-UK. *“Joint working with organisations as significant as World Heritage UK is critical to delivering ICOMOS-UK’s goal of advising and supporting key organisations in the UK on the implementation of UNESCO’s 1972 World Heritage Convention and the management of our amazing World Heritage Sites. We look forward to a constructive and fruitful collaboration with World Heritage UK with positive outcomes for stewards and custodians of World Heritage Sites and communities across the country.”*

The benefits of this new collaboration include.

- Greater and wider exposure for World Heritage, the World Heritage Convention, and World Heritage Sites in the UK
- Greater synergies between two independent charities working on behalf of World Heritage
- Greater benefits for members of both ICOMOS-UK and WHUK as both organisations share and align their communications and activities

Click [here](#) for the press release.



## A reminder - WHUK Membership Renewals 2022-23

A reminder to all our **Voting** and **Associate Members** that invoices for renewing annual membership will be sent out in April at the start of the financial year. An increase in fee was agreed by the members at our AGM in December. The membership fee for 2022 - 23 will be:

- £650 for Voting Members
- £270 for Associate Members
- Individual Membership remains at £30 per annum

([treasurer@worldheritageuk.org](mailto:treasurer@worldheritageuk.org)) as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

If your accounts department requires a purchase order number to process invoices please let Beth have the details as soon as you are able to.



## ICOMOS-UK/ICOMOS IRELAND: World Heritage Challenges In Wales And Ireland

ICOMOS-UK and ICOMOS IRELAND are hosting a joint meeting in Wales, at Galeri Caernarfon in Caernarfon, **Friday 8th to Sunday 10th April 2022.**

The inscription on the World Heritage list of the [Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales](#) in 2021 is cause for celebration. This joint meeting between members of **ICOMOS-UK** and **ICOMOS Ireland** will visit both this new World Heritage site and the adjacent inscribed site of the [Castles and Town Walls of Edward I in Gwynedd](#) where several interesting developments are currently underway.

But World Heritage sites everywhere face challenges, such as climate change and development pressure to name but two, and the meeting will discuss these issues and the ways in which the UK and Ireland are trying to combat them.

The event will take place in Caernarfon at the conference venue at Victoria Dock, which also allows walking access to Caernarfon Castle and Town Walls (part of the Castles of Gwynedd WHS) and easy coach access to sites within the Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales WHS, the latest UK inscription.

The conference cost is either £60 or £100 pp. The £100 pp fee covers the Saturday conference at Galeri with 1 lunch, and 2 refreshment tea/coffee, the Caernarfon walk, the Conference Dinner at the Padarn Hotel, and the coach. The reduced fee of £60 is available for those who wish to attend the lectures, lunch and refreshments at

For the full programme and to book your tickets, please click [here](#).

Attendees are responsible for their own travel and accommodation.

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### **Talks on Hadrian's Wall - 19 March, 7 May & 28 May 2022**

Some of the most important and poignant questions about Hadrian's Wall are being explored in a 3-part talk series, hosted at [Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery](#) in Carlisle, Cumbria and online as part of the 1900th anniversary celebrations of the building of Hadrian's Wall.

The talks include discussions about the meaning and importance of Hadrian's Wall both in antiquity, but also how it can inspire reflection about the world around us today. The first series explores what it means to be a UNESCO world heritage site, with particular focus on UNESCO's aim for promoting global peace through heritage. The identity, migration and movement of people, alongside the physical impact of frontiers, is explored in the 2nd and 3rd talks of the series.



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### Please support the work of World Heritage UK

WHUK is a small but unique charity. We're always looking for new members or donations.

If you aren't a member, or know someone who would like to be a member, please go to our [Membership page](#) to join.

If you or a friend or colleague would like to make a donation to WHUK, please go to our [Donation page](#), to help us support the UK's WH community.

Thank you!



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