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April 2023 newsletter



World Heritage Day at Derwent Valley Mills WHS

In the [Derwent Valley](#) on World Heritage Day 18 April, the WHS will be officially unveiling a new interpretation and wayfinding scheme for **Darley Abbey**, the mill community on the outskirts of Derby.

A series of panels, some in bespoke waterwheel-themed holders fashioned by a local blacksmith, will help explain the importance of the mills and village created to support them, and their wider context as part of the Derwent Valley Mills WHS.

They're supported by a series of waterwheel-themed information points which create a heritage trail using QR codes which take you to the www.derwentvalleymills.org website for more information. More panels and

10.30am and is followed by a tour through the mill complex and village to see the new boards and information points.



River Panel Discussion & Film



Join us April 18th at Holy Trinity
Academy (Teece Dr) for 6pm



World Heritage Day at Ironbridge World Heritage Site

For World Heritage Day, [Ironbridge WHS](#) are hosting a panel discussion about the **Severn River and Climate Change** on **Tuesday evening on April 18th** at **the Holy Trinity Academy, Teece Dr, Telford TF2 9SQ.**

Key questions that are being covered this WH Day include:

- How is your area or organisation addressing Climate and cultural relations that demonstrates all voices and knowledge systems are equally valuable in terms of their role, function, distinctiveness and contribution to addressing climate change and emerging problems ?
- Has your area or organisation information or conducted cultural approaches to your adaptation planning, involved the local communities in decision-making and policy development?
- How does your area or organisation incorporate existing knowledge and methods for sustainable ecosystem management that are embedded in Indigenous Peoples' and local communities' knowledge systems and practices?
- How are urban transformations requirements rooted in local conditions and needs that consider the need of energy, sustainability and climate adaptation;
- Heritage drives holistic and transformative change which contributes to achieving the UN Agenda 2030, how is your area or organization contributing to

knowledge and practice, particularly in land and water management, could contribute to climate adaptation in the agricultural sector, and thus contribute to food security?

The UK and TWC declared a Climate Emergency in 2019. The Ironbridge Gorge WHS Steering Group recognises the **potential of cultural heritage to enable transformative and inclusive climate action** through the safeguarding of our shared World Heritage from adverse climate impacts.

This WH Day provides a timely opportunity to showcase the various works being undertaken in the WHS to combat climate change and highlight the climate-resilient pathways and sustainable development underway by the stakeholders concerning the waterways (River Severn & the Coalbrook).

Event Agenda & Timetable:

18.00 - showing part of the film titled "River"; watch the trailer and more info on the film at <https://dogwoofsales.com/river>

18.45 - short break (tea and coffee to be served)

19.00 - Panel Discussion followed by a Q&A session

Chaired by the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site Steering Group Chair
Presenters from Shropshire Wildlife Trust, Severn Gorge Countryside Trust,
The Environmental Agency and Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust.

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Durham World Heritage Day

The whole of [Durham's UNESCO World Heritage Site](https://www.ironbridgegorgewhs.co.uk) is being taken over this **Easter Monday 10th April** with fun activities for all ages, so join them at Palace Green to celebrate their amazing World Heritage Site.

and more.

Join in the family friendly exhibits and activities on Palace Green, and step inside the amazing spaces of Durham Cathedral and Durham Castle and Palace Green Library to find out more about the history of the buildings and Durham City

Live music, medieval re-enactments, Quidditch, craft workshops and more.

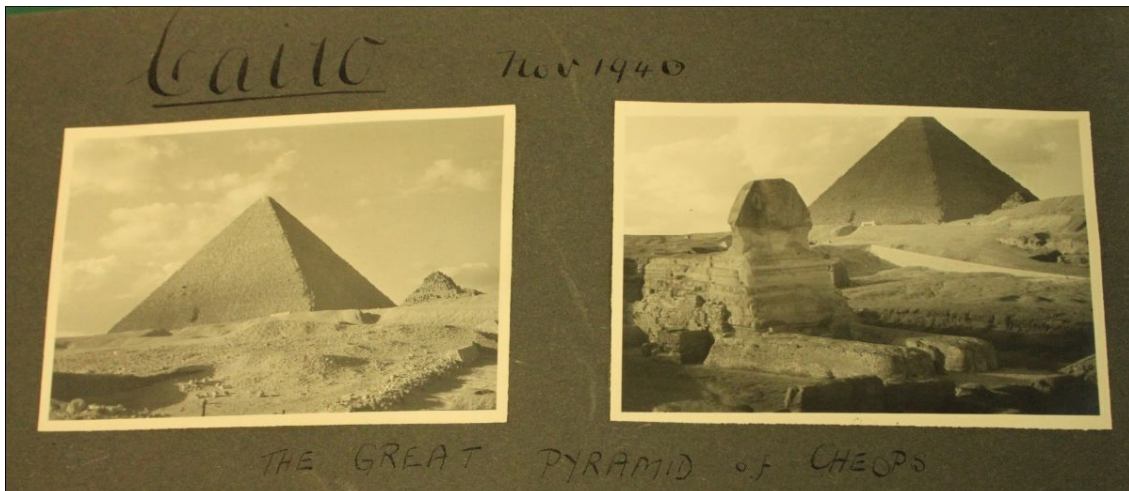
Durham Cathedral – Enjoy free family crafts and the Bede the Bear trail around the largest and most perfect monument of ‘Norman’ style architecture in England.

Durham Castle – Watch Quidditch on the green outside this former stronghold and residence of the Prince Bishops of Durham which has now been home to thousands of Durham University students.

Palace Green Library – step inside for art and crafts and to see treasures spanning millennia and the globe displayed as part of Durham University's special collections

World Heritage Site Visitor Centre – Discover how Durham's World Heritage Site has changed through the years

Full details available [here](#).



Celebrating World Heritage Day at Stonehenge & Avebury World Heritage Site

Stonehenge & Beyond: World Heritage in the Wiltshire & Swindon
Archive

Archive holds records – many photographic – of some of the world's most iconic World Heritage Sites.

In celebration of World Heritage Day, join Heritage Education Officer Ruth Butler for this free talk.

Saturday 15 April, 10.30am at the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre, Chippenham

Free, register at heritageadmin@wiltshire.gov.uk

For more click [here](#).



City of Bath WHS' UNESCO 2023 Talks

Talks that tell the story of [Bath](#) through its architecture and history. Chaired by Prof. Barry Gilbertson.

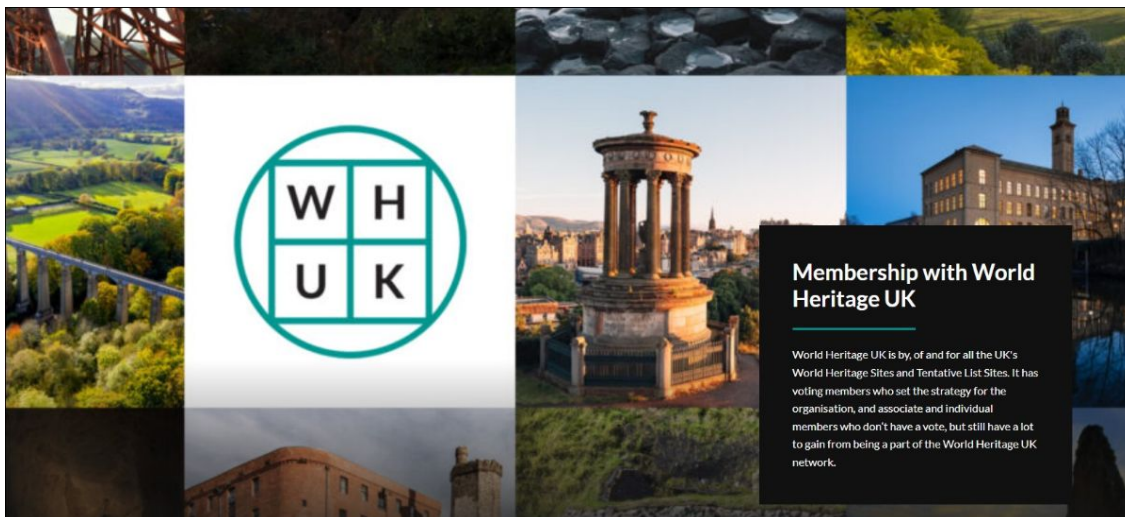
Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution (founded 1824), 16-18 Queen Street, Bath.

Wed 19th April @ 7pm: **The Bath Hot Springs**. Are Bath's hot springs the source of its magic? With Paul Saynor, Director of Water Production at Wessex Water

Wed 26th April @ 7pm: **18th Century Social Ambition**. Have Austenite notions of good company something to say about the essential character of Bath? With Prof Elaine Chalus FRHISTS

of the Bathscape Landscape Partnership

Tickets are £4 for members, £7 for non-members, and available [here](#), both in-person and online.



WHUK Membership Renewals 2023 - 24

A reminder to all our Voting, Associate and Individual Members that invoices for renewing annual membership will be sent out this month. An increase in fee was agreed by the members at our AGM in December. The membership fees for 2023 - 24 will be:

- £750 for Voting Members
- £310 for Associate Members
- £35 for Individual Membership

If your accounts department requires a purchase order number to process invoices please let Beth Thomas (treasurer@worldheritageuk.org) have the details as soon as you are able to. Thank you.

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.

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