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# World Heritage UK

## October 2023 newsletter # 2



### **World Heritage UK Autumn Webinar # 3 York**

**Wednesday 8th November 2023, 7-8pm, on Zoom**

Number 3 in a series of 4 autumn webinar talks, on **the UK's World Heritage Tentative List**, following on from WHUK's successful WH & Nature webinars.

#### **York, A World Heritage City**

In 2023 York was placed on the UK Tentative List of World Heritage Sites. This was the culmination of a campaign that commenced in 2006 when then Lord Mayor Janet Hopton raised the question "*Should York be a World Heritage Site?*". This talk will: look at the background to York's bid for World Heritage status; set out what a World Heritage Site in York might consist of; describe

designation; and will look at the possible timetable for nomination of York by His Majesty's Government to the UNESCO World Heritage Committee.

Speaker: John Oxley MBE FSA is an independent archaeologist and consultant based in Scarborough, UK. He retired from the post of City Archaeologist for the City of York in 2019, a post he held since 1989. As Secretary of the York World Heritage Steering Group he coordinated the City of York's successful submission in 2022 to be placed on the UK Tentative List of World Heritage Sites. He has lectured, led tours, and advised and worked on archaeological projects in China, France, India, Ireland, Italy, Russia, Sweden and throughout the UK. He was awarded an MBE in 2021 for services to Heritage.

Past and future webinars are:

- Wed 13 Sep - Birkenhead Park (now available as a YouTube video)
- Wed 11 Oct - Gracehill Moravian Church Settlement (now available as a YouTube video)
- Wed 13 Dec - East Coast Flyway, 7pm

Tickets for a single webinar are £5. Tickets for all 4 webinars are £15.

Past webinars are available to watch on YouTube, on request.

Click [here](#) to book either ticket.

*Image: Karl Moran/Unsplash*

The graphic is a promotional poster for a webinar. It features a white background with a green and grey geometric design on the right and left sides. The text is centered and reads: 'Heritage Impact Assessment Webinar: Session 2', 'Wednesday 15th November 2023', and '10am – 12pm'. Below the text are two rows of icons. The first row shows a mountain landscape (labeled 'ATTRIBUTE'), a factory (labeled 'ACTION'), and a combined mountain and factory landscape (labeled 'IMPACT'). The second row shows a forest (labeled 'ATTRIBUTE'), a train (labeled 'ACTION'), and a combined forest and train landscape (labeled 'IMPACT'). In the top right corner, there is a box containing the logos for 'World Heritage UK' and 'icomos international council on monuments & sites uk'.

## Heritage Impact Assessment Webinar # 2

New Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) guidance for UNESCO World Heritage Sites has recently been published.\* [ICOMOS-UK](#) and World Heritage UK jointly

These webinars explain methods/processes, obligations, benefits, scales, and timings of HIAs in the context of identifying sustainable options for cultural World Heritage Sites.

This webinar is particularly suitable for **Planning Officers, Consultants, Developers, Architects, Chartered Institutes, Planning Inspectorate, Planning Committee members and others who may benefit from a wider understanding of the new guidance and how it might most beneficially be used.**

\*[\*Guidance and Toolkit for Impact Assessments in a World Heritage Context\*](#), UNESCO, ICOMOS and ICCROM, 2022

The webinar is on **Wednesday 15 November**, 10am to 11.45am.

- 10.00 – Welcome and introduction by WHUK
- 10.05 – HIAs with Susan Denyer, ICOMOS-UK; Susan will cover: tools available – processes and timeframes; attributes of OUV; UNESCO processes; using tools available – HIAs, EIAs; planning processes; scale and scope of HIAs
- 10.35 – The commercial sector's view on HIAs
- 11.15 – Q&As and discussion session
- 10.40 – Wrapping up from Susan
- 11.45 – finish

Tickets are £10 for ICOMOS-UK/WHUK members, or £20 for non members.

To book your ticket, click [here](#).



Sites at the Intersection of Natural and Cultural Heritage  
*Synchronising knowledge, diversifying participation, and building resilience across mixed heritage sites*

## Heritage symposium

Friday 01st December 2023, 9am – 5pm, in-person and online, University of Oxford.

SXNCH is an expanding global network committed to understanding the inseparable interplay of natural and cultural heritage within historic environments. Recognising the specific vulnerabilities of these environments, such as climate change impacts, SXNCH promotes a holistic management approach that treats nature and culture as parts of a greater interconnected system rather than isolated entities.

SXNCH unites scholars, communities, authorities, and practitioners for democratic and equitable knowledge exchange to collaboratively understand and address the challenges and sensitivities faced by these unique historic environments. Their shared goal is to foster sustainable growth and synergy between communities and heritage for the collective prosperity of all involved.

SXNCH2, the second symposium on Sites at the Intersection of Natural and Cultural Heritage, will focus on UK sites. It will take place at the School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford.

Keynote speakers include:

- Webber Ndoro, Director General, ICCROM
- Hannah Fluck, Senior National Archaeologist, National Trust
- Jill Bullen, Lead Specialist Advisor Landscape, Natural Resources Wales

Plus case studies, workshops and more. This event is free. To book your in-person or digital ticket, click [here](#).



Are you experienced with budgets and finance, and have experience of the heritage sector, and some spare time? If you do, then WHUK could really do with your help. We are seeking a volunteer Treasurer. Sam Rose our current Treasurer is standing down this December. Perhaps you could take this role on?

What we're ideally looking for is someone who can:

- Oversee the financial affairs of WHUK, with the assistance of WHUK's Finance Manager, and ensure they are legal, constitutional and within accepted accounting practice
- Attend Board Meetings (usually 4 a year) and advise the Board on matters relating to finance and risk
- Be accountable for organisational audit processes, receipts, payments and insurance
- Be responsible for maintaining the WHUK Organisational Risk and Issues Register and Business Continuity Plan
- Monitor and report on the financial health of the organisation to the Trustees, ensuring they are aware of their financial obligations and interpreting financial data where required
- Take the lead on ensuring WHUK's financial probity and transparency
- Oversee and be accountable for the production of necessary financial reports/returns, accounts and audits
- Prepare and deliver the Treasurer's Report to the Annual General Meeting
- Chair the WHUK Risk & Resources Committee
- Liaise with relevant staff, committee members and/or volunteers to ensure the financial viability of the organisation by:
  - Overseeing the production of an annual budget and propose its adoption at the last meeting of the previous financial year
  - Appointing and liaising with auditors/an independent examiner
  - Ensuring proper records are kept and that effective financial procedures and controls are in place
- Maintain knowledge and experience of current and fundraising finance practice relevant to voluntary and community organisations

A 3-year term of office is considered standard with the option to extend into a second term.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact WHUK's GM on [alex.mccoskrie@worldheritageuk.org](mailto:alex.mccoskrie@worldheritageuk.org)



## World Heritage UK AGM - Save the Date

The Annual General Meeting of World Heritage UK Charitable Incorporated Organisation will be held on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023**, 10am to 12pm, online (Zoom).

The AGM is an important event in the annual cycle of any organisation. It gives members the opportunity to hear about the year's business, check on the finances and raise any questions about the organisation and how it is managed.

World Heritage UK will be voting on new Trustees so we hope you will be able to log in to our AGM and take part. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10am for the WHUK AGM. Thank you.

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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

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Thank you!

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