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# World Heritage UK

## January 2024 newsletter

Happy New Year!



### World Heritage UK's 2024 World Heritage webinar series

Starting this month, WHUK is delighted to be hosting a series of 7 webinars, exploring the UK's Industrial Heritage. The following Sites and dates have been confirmed, with one more Site to be announced.

- The **Slate Landscape of NW Wales** with David Gwyn, Thursday 11 January, 7 to 8pm
- **The Forth Bridge** with Mark Watson, Thursday 8 February, 7 to 8pm
- **Derwent Valley Mills** with Adrian Farmer, Thursday 7 March, 7 to 8pm
- **Cornish Mining** with Aynsley Cocks, Thursday 4 April, 7 to 8pm
- **Ironbridge Gorge** with Marion Blockley, Thursday 2 May, 7 to 8pm

The final Site/speaker is to be confirmed, but will be on Thursday 4 July.

All webinars will be on Zoom.

Tickets for individual webinars are £5 each. A season ticket for all 7 webinars is £25.

You can book your tickets by clicking [here](#).

All talks are recorded. These recordings are then uploaded to WHUK's YouTube channel. Talk attendees will be provided with a link to the webinar talk. Season ticket holders will receive all 7 links.



## Hold the date - Spring 2024 World Heritage Workshop

Dates - **Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th April**

Venue - Bangor University, North Wales

Theme - Industrial Heritage; this will be the foundation of the workshop but the topics covered will be relevant to all cultural and natural World Heritage Sites, as well as the wider heritage sector.

There will be a social night out on the Wednesday, plus site visits both days.

Details coming soon.

Keep an eye on [World Heritage UK 2024 Spring Workshop – Industrial Heritage | World Heritage UK](#) for any updates.

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## **Chris Blandford...OBE**

World Heritage UK's President Chris Blandford was awarded the OBE in The King's New Year Honours list 2024.

Chris is a World Heritage Specialist, Master Planner and Landscape Architect whose career spans 45 years. He trained as a landscape architect and environmental planner in both the UK and the USA and established the CBA Studios Consultancy in 1977. Over the next 30 years his visionary and influential work for private and public clients attracted many awards for excellence and innovation in landscape planning and design. During the 2000s Chris led the international work of the practice in the Middle and Far East, India, and the North Africa.

During the 90s and beyond Chris became increasingly involved with the now more strongly emerging heritage conservation sector. Working at different scales, he undertook a variety of roles including leading projects for the restoration, conservation, and management of historic landscapes or destinations on the one hand, while providing strategic and policy advice to government and agencies on the other. Much of his work in this period was focused on the nomination, management, and planning of over 25 potential and actual World Heritage Sites in the UK and Overseas – driven by a passion and

Following retirement in 2017 and in a voluntary capacity, Chris has continued to work in the charitable sector proactively providing leadership, technical, management, and advocacy advice to NGOs and on their behalf to Government Departments. These organisations and roles include World Heritage UK (President), The Gardens Trust (Vice Chair), and the Design Review Panel of the South Downs National Park (Vice Chair), and the European World Heritage Associations Network.

Many congratulations Chris!



## World Heritage Officer, HES - job opportunity

This post is part of the World Heritage and Heritage Policy Service of Historic Environment Scotland's (HES) Heritage Directorate. The successful candidate will support the delivery of World Heritage processes and Management Plans aims and objectives, liaise with World Heritage partners, with a focus on leading on World Heritage education, outreach, promote and communicate activities.

The role will involve liaising with colleagues across HES and with external contacts. In addition, the role will be expected to line manage the World Heritage Support Officer.

If you are someone with experience of developing and delivering learning and outreach events within the heritage sector and have good interpersonal skills, then this could be a great opportunity for you.

For full details and to apply, click [here](#).

Deadline for applications is Monday 15th January 2024, at midday.



## WHUK needs a new Treasurer

WHUK needs a Treasurer. Could this be you?

The role is relatively straightforward. A good grasp of the heritage sector is important, as is a good head for figures and managing budgets. But accountancy experience is far from essential.

The role can be done by someone as a Trustee or a co-opted Board member, and is a chance to work with a great team at the heart of an organisation working for the UK's amazing World Heritage Sites.

If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact me. I can also put you in touch with the previous Treasurer and WHUK founder Sam Rose, for further insights.

Please give this your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

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)

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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,

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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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