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May 2024 newsletter



World Heritage UK's 2024 World Heritage webinar series

This week WHUK is hosting webinar # 5 in a series of 7 webinars, exploring the UK's Industrial Heritage.

May's webinar will focus on **Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site**. Your speaker is Marion Blockley, from Chair of Ironbridge WHS Steering Group.

The webinar is on **Thursday 2nd May**, 7 to 8pm, on Zoom.

webinars is £25.

You can book your tickets by clicking **here**. Past and future webinars include:

- The Slate Landscape of NW Wales with David Gwyn (available as a YouTube recording)
- Forth Bridge with Mark Watson and Karen Stewart (YouTube recording)
- **Derwent Valley Mills** with Adrian Farmer (YouTube recording)
- Cornish Mining with Ainsley Cocks (YouTube recording)
- Saltaire with Sheena Campbell and Maggie Smith, Thursday 6th June, 7 to 8pm
- Reflecting on Industrial World Heritage in the UK, with Prof. Ian Wray and Ironbridge's Brandi Hall-Crossgrove, Thursday 4th July, 7 to 8pm

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.

Image Ironbridge WHS



UK World Heritage Sites by sustainable transport

<u>Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership</u>, with support from World Heritage UK, launched a guide to visiting the UK's World Heritage Sites by sustainable transport.

The idea came from the pilot project, Hadrian's Wall Youth Ambassadors. During a workshop run by the Partnership with the Ambassadors, the young people came up with lots of ideas to promote rail travel to and around World Heritage Sites. Encouraging people to use public transport rather than the car to visit Sites supports UNESCO's Sustainable Development Goals to build sustainable communities and taking climate action.

The Partnership recognised the need for a guide to help people plan travel to explore these WHSs sustainably. Anne Ridley, TVCRP's Marketing Director said, "As a Community Rail Partnership, our role is to work with partners to encourage people to travel by train and to engage with and support our communities. Creation of this national guide from the aspiration of young people certainly achieves these goals". The project received support from rail industry partners, CrossCountry, TransPennine Express and Community Rail Network, and from World Heritage UK. Representatives from individual World Heritage Sites have spoken enthusiastically of the need for such a guide.

for launching the guide, with excellent travel connections from stations throughout the country, there is rail connectivity for people to visit Hadrian's Wall Country or to travel elsewhere to explore the other World Heritage Sites throughout the country.

The map is available from the **TVCRP** website.

To access a flip book version, click here.



WHUK 2024 Annual Conference - hold the date, book your accommodation and transport early...

Dates - Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th October 2024

Venue - The Penventon Park Hotel, Redruth, Cornwall

Theme - "Making the Most of World Heritage: Growing the Benefits, Avoiding the Pitfalls, Thinking Long Term"

We're still working on the programme, but we're aiming for 5 - 6 speakers per day, on a range of topics relevant to all World Heritage Sites including planning, financial impact, health and wellbeing, place making and more to come.

The programme will include site visits within the Cornish Mining WHS, namely Geevor and Levant Mines. There will also be an optional social night event on the Monday ticketed separately.

tickets available.

Keep an eye on our <u>Events Pages</u> for more details on the programme, tickets and information on Redruth.

Image: Levant Mine, Cornish Mining WHS

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