

[View this email in your browser](#)



World Heritage UK

August 2025 newsletter



WHUK 2025 Annual Conference - book now!

This year's WHUK Annual Conference will be held in Saltaire WHS, on **Thursday 9th & Friday 10th October**.

The theme will be "**Engagement with World Heritage**", exploring how communities, tourists, politicians, transport providers, artists etc, do or don't engage, or help to support engagement with, World Heritage and World Heritage Sites. Details of the programme are almost all confirmed and tickets are now available. Go to [World Heritage UK 2025 Annual Conference | World Heritage UK](#) to see the latest.

Confirmed speakers include UK City of Culture, Heritage Alliance, UKNC, Action with Communities Cumbria, ICOMOS-UK, the University of Bradford and more.

and in-person. Click [here](#) to book.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The 2025 Annual Conference is kindly supported by the National Trust and North Yorkshire Council.



World Heritage in the UK 2024-25 Review

Each year World Heritage UK compiles a review that captures the highlights from across the UK's World Heritage sector from the previous year. This is then published during the following summer, to showcase all that has been achieved. The review also includes significant national highlights.

For the year April 2024 to March 2025, 26 World Heritage and Tentative List Sites submitted their key milestones and achievements. WHUK thanks those who provided content for the review.

To read and download the 24-25 WH in the UK review, please click [here](#).



Edinburgh WHS - Public Realm Projects Manager

[Edinburgh World Heritage](#) (EWH) distributes around £600,000 in grants each year, funding projects across the [Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site](#) which conserve, celebrate and widen access to Edinburgh's unique historic buildings and public spaces. Grants are funded by Historic Environment Scotland and Edinburgh World Heritage's own repayable grants fund.

The Public Realm projects programme helps to retain the authenticity and integrity of the historic streets and public spaces within the WHS. It promotes the better understanding, appreciation and care of the city's historic environment through partnering with the Council and other stakeholders to repair, conserve, reinstate or interpret historic elements such as monuments and memorials, lanterns, ironwork, gardens and stairways. These projects are generally initiated and developed by EWH and aim to enhance and regenerate undervalued areas, engage the public with the heritage, and encourage better quality maintenance and management of the historic public realm by city partners. EWH also run a community small grants fund facilitating community groups and organisations to engage and care for their local heritage through conserving and enhancing their own historic environment.

Reporting into the Head of Conservation (Public Realm), the **Public Realm Projects Manager** will manage and progress grant-aided partnership projects. They will work with partners to initiate, seek funding for, develop, manage and deliver new projects to benefit the WHS using best practice methodologies for building conservation and community engagement. The Public Realm Projects Manager will be the first point of contact for the community small grants programme responding to queries and administering the grant funds. Projects work in close collaboration with artists and craftsmen, local communities and organisations, the City of Edinburgh Council and other key stakeholders.

This is a unique opportunity to join a small but passionate team focused on protecting, conserving and enhancing one of the world's most celebrated WHSs.



World Heritage Webinars - Europe

The next series of webinars will introduce the **European Network of World Heritage Associations** (ENWHA) and focus on a handful of their Sites from across Europe. The series will comprise 5 webinars.

World Heritage UK is a member of the ENWHA which is a union of associations and initiatives that regularly exchange information and experience about the World Heritage. The aim is to raise general awareness of European World Heritage, to advocate its protection and conservation, and to discuss common issues and topics using an open and transparent approach.

WHUK hopes this series will be the first of many highlighting WHSs from across the ENWHA membership and will allow attendees the opportunity to discover World Heritage outside of the UK.

- Tuesday 23rd September - An introduction to [ENWHA](#) with WHUK's President Chris Blandford OBE
- Tuesday 7th October – [Val de Loire Cultural Landscape](#), France, with Bruno Marmioli
- Tuesday 21st October – [Hanseatic Old Towns of Wismar and Stralsund](#) on the Baltic Sea in Germany, with Miles Spohr

- Tuesday 25th November – Italy's [Historic Centre of Florence](#), with Dr Valentina Ippolito and Dr Carlo Francini

Webinars run 6 to 7pm GMT (or 7 to 8pm CET), and are held on Zoom. Zoom details are usually sent out the Monday before the webinar.

Single webinar tickets are £5 each. A series ticket for all 5 webinars is £20. Tickets are available up to 4pm the day before.

Each webinar is recorded and uploaded to WHUK's private YouTube channel. All ticket holders will be sent a link to the video, to revisit or catch up if the live talk was missed. Series ticket holders will have access to all five videos.

To book, please click [here](#).

Images: Sully-sur-Loire, AXP Photography; Wismar, Lobo Studio Hamburg; Western Norwegian Fjords Silvia Dovega; Florence Ilse Orsel – all Unsplash



Client Project Manager, Cromford Mills, Arkwright Society - job opportunity

The Arkwright Society is seeking an experienced and dynamic **Client Project Manager** to lead the development and potential delivery of a major heritage redevelopment at Cromford Mills, a Grade I listed site and integral to the [Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site](#). This exciting project, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and other partners, will transform historic

site's future and enhancing public access and engagement.

The Arkwright Society are looking for a professional Project Manager with significant experience managing heritage capital projects involving Grade I or II* listed buildings with a clear understanding of World Heritage Sites. You will act as the Society's lead representative, coordinating a multidisciplinary consultant team (including lead design consultant, quantity surveyor, and interpretation and activity planners) through the Development Phase – and potentially into the Delivery Phase, subject to funding.

The role includes leading and coordinating a team of specialist consultants, chairing project meetings, maintaining risk and budget controls, supporting funding applications, liaising with statutory bodies and stakeholders, and ensuring all outputs meet funder requirements.

This is a part-time consultancy position, averaging up to six days per month during the development phase, which runs until June 2027.

For full details and brief, please go to <https://www.cromfordmills.org.uk/about/jobs> or click [here](#).

Tender submission deadline: **Wednesday 3 September 2025** at 5pm.

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!



Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

