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World Heritage UK

February 2026 newsletter



2026 Spring Workshop

This year's workshop will be held on **Tuesday 28 & Wednesday 29 April**, at **Masson Mills**, in Matlock Bath, in the [Derwent Valley Mills WHS](#).

Over the two days there will be three key speakers, focusing on key aspects of WH management, with associated workshops (in-person and online), that will allow delegates to debate, discuss and feedback on the topics covered.

In-person delegates will also have the opportunity to experience Derwent Valley

and a narrowboat trip on the canal.

Both in-person and online, WHUK members and non-WHUK member tickets will be available.

In-person tickets will include free parking at Masson Mills, lunches and hot drinks both days, and the excursions into the Derwent Valley Mills WHS.

To book your ticket, please go to [World Heritage UK 2026 Spring Workshop](#) | [World Heritage UK](#) where you will also find details on how to get to Matlock Bath, suggestions for accommodation including a delegate deal at nearby New Bath Hotel & Spa, and details on the Tuesday night social (separate ticket).

We look forward to seeing you there.



New World Heritage role at Historic Environment Scotland

Please welcome to the UK WH community Liam Wiseman.

Liam is the International Development Officer for Historic Environment Scotland. This new role within Historic Environment Scotland (HES) involves delivering the ambitions of the HES international strategy – [Partnering Globally](#) – and supporting the coordination of the Scottish World Heritage Sites

He has a history of delivering engagement projects with World Heritage Sites, and was previously a World Heritage Site coordinator for Stonehenge and Avebury WHS. He is looking to engage with WHS coordinators, partners, stakeholders and anyone that has an interest in developing international connections with Scotland.

If you'd like to get in touch, just send an email to either liam.wiseman@hes.scot or international@hes.sco



2026 Annual Conference - hold the dates

This year's WHUK Annual Conference will be on **Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 October**. The conference will be held at Portrush, Northern Ireland, just down the coast from [Giant's Causeway WHS](#).

This year's conference theme is "***Connections through World Heritage***" and speakers have already been confirmed from the International National Trust Organisation, the European Network of World Heritage Associations and the Great Spa Towns of Europe WHS, with more to come. Site visits to the Giant's Causeway and Gracehill Moravian Church Settlements WHSs will be included.

As the conference will involve travel by air or sea for most, WHUK do

accommodation in Portrush and information on travel can be found at [World Heritage UK 2026 Annual Conference | World Heritage UK](#)

We hope to see you there, and help to celebrate Giant's Causeway's 40th anniversary as a WHS, along with the other six Sites that were the first wave of UK Sites to be inscribed back in November 1986.

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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.

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