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World Heritage UK

April 2026 newsletter



2026 Spring Workshop - book now!

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 talks 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.

Delegates will get to hear from the State Party/DCMS, their advisory body Historic England, ICOMOS-UK as well as practical examples on management plans and interpretation strategies.

Cromford Wharf, Leawood Pumphouse, High Peak Junction railway workshops and a narrowboat trip on the canal.

Both in-person and online, WHUK members and non-WHUK member tickets are now available.

In-person tickets will include free parking at Masson Mills, lunches and refreshments 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.



ICOMOS-UK Event: Industrial Heritage Today: Conservation and Community

Thursday 23rd April 2026, 5pm, at London Canal Museum

[ICOMOS-UK](#) invite you to an event exploring current and international best practice and future directions in Industrial Heritage.

To celebrate the International Day for Monuments and Sites (aka World Heritage Day) and to mark the launch of ICOMOS-UK's new National Scientific Committee for Industrial Heritage, this event explores our changing relationship to the industrial past. Climate change, environmental degradation, deindustrialisation, and economic uncertainty have all shifted our perceptions of the great industrial monuments of coal and steel, shipbuilding and textile

identity.

The theme of this year's International Day is 'Living Heritage' and its vulnerability in the face of multiple hazards. New approaches to industrial heritage are fundamental to addressing these, and to the ways in which we value and apply local experience, traditional knowledge, skills and expertise.

This is the first in a series of events in 2026 through which the new Industrial Heritage Committee will begin to shape its responses to these challenges, drawing on national and international thinking and practice. Please join ICOMOS-UK to begin the process of drafting the critical questions for industrial heritage in the 21st Century.

To book please click [here](#).



2026 Annual Conference - hold the dates

This year's WHUK Annual Conference will be on **Monday 5 & 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

Monument Service, Frontiers of the Roman Empire, 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 encourage delegates to book transport and accommodation as early as they can. Conference tickets are now available. Prices reflect the additional financial burden of attending in person. To book and for suggestions for accommodation in Portrush and information on travel please go to [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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Job opportunity – Coordinator, Derwent Valley Mills WHS

Derbyshire County Council on behalf of the [Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Partnership](#) is looking for a Coordinator Officer with expertise and experience of dealing with World Heritage Site conservation within the UK planning and listed building consent systems.

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modern factory system that altered the way people lived and worked across the globe. The legacy of the mills, settlements and landscape the early industrialists created is a distinctive, attractive and vibrant valley that required protection for all of humankind.

You will be able to:

- Respond to planning consultations and advise Local Planning Authorities on behalf of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Partnership
- Provide advice on promoting and interpreting the unique heritage of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site in accordance with UNESCO requirements
- Work in partnership and coordinate the delivery of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Management plan, particularly those actions which relating to Conservation and Planning

For details and to apply, please click [here](#). Closing date for applications 12 April 2026.

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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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