

# Notes

## Governing English Heritage: new arrangements

The governance of English Heritage has been restructured and simplified. The changes will make us a better organisation to deal with and a more strategic – and therefore more effective – champion of the historic environment.

Our Advisory Committees are boards of experts which advise both our governing Commission and our staff. Two key new committees now cover strategic issues for the historic environment, the Historic Settlements and Landscapes Advisory Committee (HSLAC) and the Historic Built Environment Advisory Committee (HBEAC). In addition to issues of strategy and policy, these committees will also cover casework, but only in exceptional circumstances, as a key aim of the new arrangements is to give staff greater freedom to take and implement decisions.

A London Advisory Committee covers casework issues for the capital covered by HBEAC elsewhere, and four further committees oversee the financial and other internal functions of English Heritage. A more specialised focus on particular areas of policy is provided by eight

Panels, which report to the Advisory Committees. These cover such subjects as places of worship, parks and gardens and science and conservation. The subjects covered will develop on an ad hoc basis as appropriate.

Information on the activities of these committees is published on the English Heritage website in a dedicated section of the Commission Minutes, which are held on the 'policy' pages of the 'about us' section at [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk).

## Stonehenge World Heritage Site

### Research framework

Bournemouth University's Archaeology Group has been commissioned by English Heritage to coordinate a research framework for the World Heritage Site and its surroundings, inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List in 1986 as part of the Stonehenge, Avebury and Associate sites World Heritage Site. Coordination will take place during the summer and autumn of 2001 and the research framework will be published in the spring of 2002. The purpose, set out in *Frameworks for our past: A review of research frameworks, strategies and perceptions*<sup>1</sup>, is to promote a wide range of research to extend

*Stonehenge at a  
midsummer sunset*



knowledge and understanding. Its three main elements are: a review of achievements, linked to a series of maps, key investigations and publications; a statement of the issues and priorities for investigation over the next decade or so; and proposals to match needs to anticipated operations and to provide a structure to link objectives with unanticipated opportunities.

The involvement of the research community is crucial. Details of workshops, seminars and consultations are available on <http://csweb.bournemouth.ac.uk/consci/stonehenge>. To be put on the mailing list to receive information and contribute your views, please contact the Stonehenge WHS Research Framework Project, Archaeology Group, School of Conservation Sciences, Bournemouth University, Fern Barrow, Poole, Dorset BH12 5BB, Tel 01202 595661, Fax 01202 595 478, [stonehenge@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:stonehenge@bournemouth.ac.uk).

1 Olivier, A 1996 *Frameworks for our Past: A review of research frameworks, strategies and perceptions*. London: English Heritage. A .pdf version is available on [www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)

## Two thousand years of window glass and glazing

The Association for the History of Glass and English Heritage are jointly organising a study day on the technology used to produce historic window glass and characteristics that allow its identification.

Lectures will include methods of glazing windows and their visual effect on buildings as well as the recognition of window glass of different periods, from archaeological excavations and where found *in situ*.

It will be held at The Wallace Collection, London W1, on Wednesday, 21 November 2001. Advance booking is essential.

For full details please contact David Crossley, 5 Canterbury Crescent, Sheffield S10 3RW or Jill Channer at [jill.channer@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:jill.channer@english-heritage.org.uk), giving your name and address. The fee for the day will be £15.

## Building conservation masterclasses WEST DEAN COLLEGE Near Chichester, West Sussex

A collaboration in specialist training between West Dean College, English Heritage, and the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum, sponsored by the Radcliffe Trust

### Courses for Autumn/Winter 2001–2002 Mortars for Repair and Conservation

BC2D9, 20–2 November  
Residential cost £330, non-residential £260

### Conservation and Repair of Historic Floors

PC4D1, 25–8 November  
Residential cost £480

### Conservation Engineering

BC3D33, 4–7 December  
Residential cost £495, non-residential £390

### Conservation Plans and Recording for Repair

BC3D34, 5–8 February  
Residential cost £495, non-residential £390

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