

IHBC's October Branch Events Update: Explore Branch CPD events across the UK, from 'Wood is Good' in the SO to YO's Pevsner

A busy autumn continues with a wide range of branch events across the UK. This month's features include:

- South Branch - 'Wood is Good' Conference and AGM **18 Oct**
- Yorkshire Branch - Pevsner, Yorkshire: The North Riding and AGM **26 Oct**
- West Midlands Branch - 'Pre-fabs and System Builds: C20th Innovations in Construction in the West Midlands **21 Nov**

If you want to include any Branch event or news in the next edition just email them to our service support officer Michael Netter at services@ihbc.org.uk



BRANCH NEWS & UPDATES

South East Branch Planning for the IHBC Annual School – Brighton 2020

South-East Branch's IHBC 2020 working group met most recently on 25 September in Brighton to further develop plans for the IHBC Annual School that they will be hosting in Brighton in June 2020; the focus will be on town centres and titled, *Old Towns: New Futures*. The School will look at economics, place-making, international and technical aspects of successful town centres and will offer a range of speakers, activities and tours around this theme.

Further meetings are being planned, with more information forthcoming - the wider Branch membership is encouraged to participate.

Looking for Professional Volunteering?

If you would like to get involved with Branch activities & events, please consider volunteering for a branch officer post. The positions are not onerous, communications happen mainly by email and Branches hold meetings quarterly. There are currently several interesting Branch Officer positions available. For vacancies see the [Branches webpages](#) and select the Branch you are interested in.

IHBC BRANCH EVENTS

October 2019

18 October

South Branch – “Wood is Good” Conference & AGM

Newbury, Berkshire

9:30am – 4:00pm

An IHBC South Branch conference considering all that is good about wood in historic buildings.

Speakers: Peter McCurdy, Kevin Dunn, Dr Jagjit Singh, Catherine & Bernard Dru, Dr Peter Gasson

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26 October

Yorkshire Branch - Pevsner, Yorkshire: The North Riding and AGM

King's Manor, York

10:30am – 1:00pm

The morning, which will commence at 10.30am will include a talk by Jane Grenville, OBE, FSA, Archaeologist and Honorary Research Fellow and former member of staff in the Department of Conservation Studies, York University on Pevsner, Yorkshire: The North Riding. Jane is in the process of revising Pevsner's work on North Riding of Yorkshire, to be published in 2020. This will be followed by IHBC Yorkshire AGM, to finish by around 1pm. Free to members.

At the AGM, we will be looking to elect the members of IHBC Yorkshire Committee, to include a new Chair. Anyone interested in joining the Committee, which meets once every 3 months in York, please contact David Rawlins, Secretary (rawlinsd@icloud.com)

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November 2019

21 November

West Midlands Branch – Pre-fabs and System Builds: C20th Innovations in Construction in the West Midlands

Birmingham

TBC

Presentations on the Wake Green Prefabs and Prefabulous, and Presentation on 20th century construction – system builds

Time & Venue tbc with visit to the Wake Green Road Prefabs

The Grade II listed Phoenix prefab bungalows in Wake Green Road were designed and manufactured by John Laing, McAlpine and Henry Boot, as part of a consignment of 2,428 prefabs supplied to the Ministry of Works under the Temporary Housing Programme. These temporary homes were only expected to be in use for ten years but 70 years on they are still in use. There are no other known surviving Phoenix prefabs still lived in which makes these extra special.



Wake Green Road Prefabs

All but one of the prefabs are owned by Birmingham City Council.

Back in 2014, Birmingham Conservation Trust became involved and commissioned an Options Appraisal on behalf of the City Council to look at the potential for the Trust to take on one or more Prefabs to run as a museum and holiday lets.

This was followed up in 2016 by Lou Robson's "Conservation plan: Wake Green Road Prefabs" which explored the context for the Prefabs and highlighted not just their rarity and their importance as a group, but also the rarity of their listing and the significance of their interior fittings.

In early 2017 the "Prefabulous" partnership was formed when BCT, the 20th Century Society and the Prefab Museum decided to join forces to work towards saving the Wake Green Prefabs. Funding was secured from Historic England was secured in May 2017 to allow the group to undertake a scoping scheme.

In spring 2018 the scheme was completed and negotiations are currently underway with Birmingham City Council to secure a future for these time-warp homes.

Competences to be addressed:

Professional: 1. Conservation Philosophy; 2. Practice

Evaluation: 3. History; 4. Analysis

Management: 5. Legislation

Intervention: 7. Design 8. Technology

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OTHER EVENTS

If you want to find out more about CPD events, talks, workshops, conferences and many more happening across the UK and beyond, visit our [Events Calendar](#) on the main IHBC website which includes more flexible 'search' and 'view' options, together with handy details such as cost ranges and locations where availab

FEATURED EVENTS

24-25 October

IHBC at the Climate Heritage Network – Global Launch

Edinburgh



The Climate Heritage Network Global Launch is a two-day program (Thursday 24th to Friday 25th October 2019) devoted to urgently mobilizing the cultural heritage sector for climate action in Europe and across the globe. The program will serve as a key catalyst for accelerating the ambition of culture and heritage actors to help the communities they work in to deliver on ambitions of the Paris Agreement. The launch builds on the Climate Heritage Mobilization @ Global Climate Action Summit held in San Francisco in 2018.

A key outcome of the program will be the launch of the new Climate Heritage Network, a mutual support network of city, state/provincial, regional, national and tribal historic preservation offices (together with related NGOs, universities and other organizations) committed to aiding their jurisdictions in tackling climate change and achieving the ambitions of the Paris Agreement.

26 October

IHBC at the LPOC Scottish Listed Property Show

The Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh

9:00am – 5:00pm

The Scottish Listed Property Show in the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh, on 26 October, offers IHBC members free CPD opportunities by offering to help talk to delegates about the IHBC at our information stand. Just contact Michael Netter at services@ihbc.org.uk to find out more.

IHBC members of all categories can get free tickets to The Listed Property Show South West on request when booked in advance: Email Charlie at charlie@lpoc.co.uk, stating your IHBC membership number and the postal address to send tickets, or call 01795 844939.