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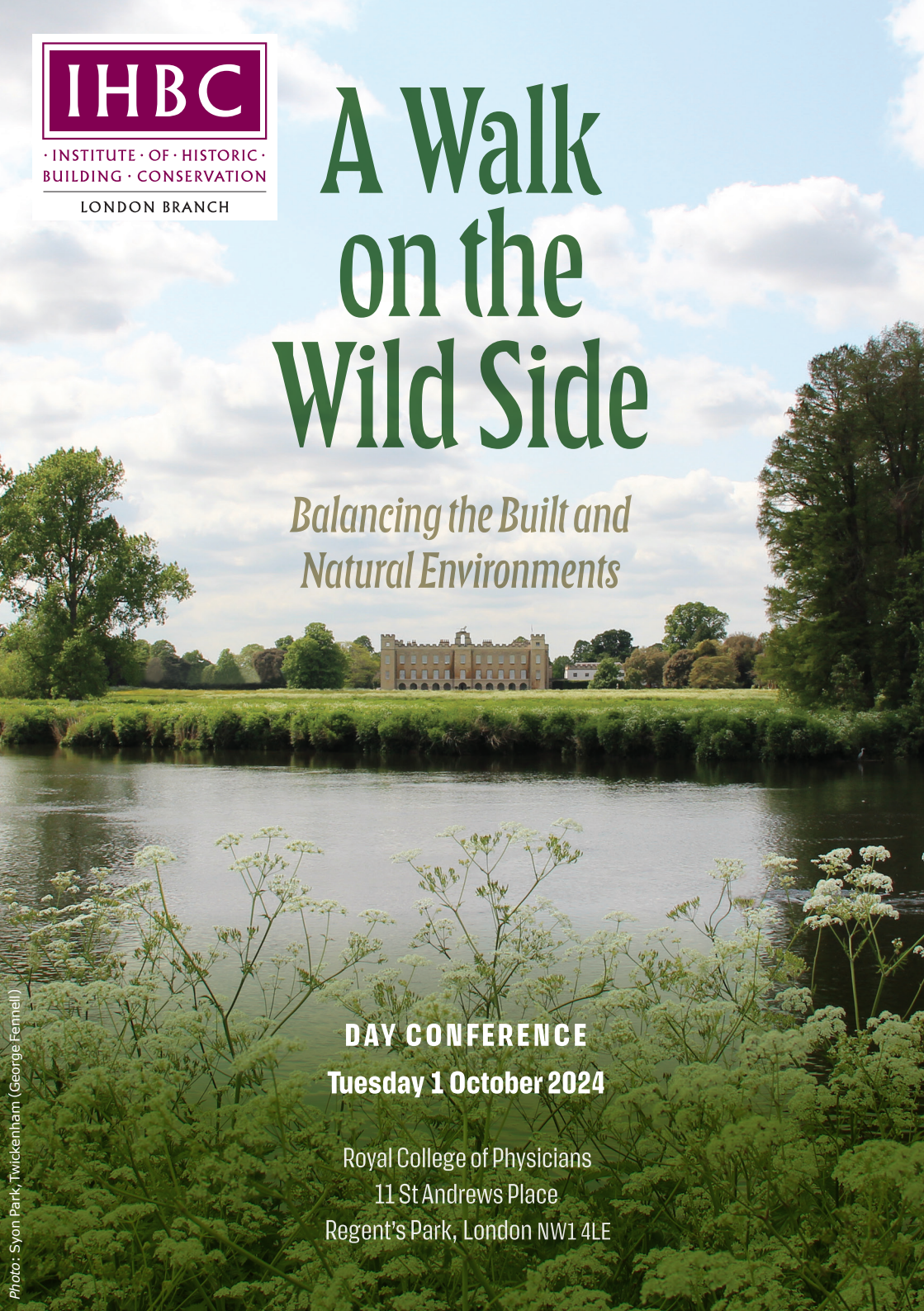

DAY CONFERENCE

Tuesday 1 October 2024

Royal College of Physicians
11 St Andrews Place
Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE

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Too often conserving the natural and historic environment are seen as competing and conflicting objectives. At a local level that can be illustrated by the issue of bats in churches where the protection of endangered species can be at odds with protecting church interiors and congregation. In this, the sixteenth of IHBC's London Conferences we will be examining some of these conflicts, but also looking at ways in which they may be overcome by imaginative and creative solutions.

The topics covered will range from reconciling potential conflict between grant funded rewilding, landscape recovery, woodland and wetland creation with conserving and enhancing the significance of heritage landscapes. Our speakers include representatives from key organisations in the sector including Natural England, the National Trust, and Historic England.

This conference will be of relevance to conservation officers and other heritage professionals, town planners, urban designers, engineers, surveyors, architects, and archaeologists. As always, we intend the presentations to be of nationwide interest, not solely London focused.

This one-day conference is to be held in Sir Denys Lasdun's Grade I listed Royal College of Physicians (1960–64); an award-winning conference venue.

VENUE

The Royal College of Physicians is located at 11 St Andrews Place, Regent's Park and can be reached:

By National Rail from **Euston**, **King's Cross**, **Marylebone** and **Paddington** stations

By Tube from **Regent's Park** (Bakerloo Line), **Great Portland Street** (Circle, Metropolitan, Hammersmith and City lines), **Warren Street** (Victoria and Northern lines)

By Bus from **Paddington** and **Marylebone**, Numbers **18**, **27**, **30**, **88**, **205**

The Conference will provide an opportunity to gain CPD training for both IHBC members and members of other professional institutes. A CPD certificate will be available to delegates at the end of the day.

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Chair: **David McDonald**, *IHBC Chair*

MORNING SESSION

09.00 REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

09.35 **Welcome and opening address**: DAVID McDONALD, *IHBC Chair*

09.45 **Keynote Address**: JOHN GRINDROD, *Social Historian and Author*

10.15 **Heritage on the edge**: **When Loss is More**, JAMES KENTON, *Senior Architect, National Trust*

10.45 COFFEE

11.10 **Leading the Way**: **heritage-led nature recovery**, ELAINE WILLETT, *Principal Historic Environment Officer, Natural England*

11.40 **Material World**: **working with nature the SPAB way**, DUNCAN McCALLUM, *Chair, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings*

12.05 **Waterworld**: **balancing nature and heritage on our inland waterways**, STEVE CRADDOCK, *Planning Manager for the South, Canal & River Trust*

12.35 Discussion

12.50 LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

13.50 **Tomb Raiders**: **life and death at Highgate Cemetery**, IAN DUNGAVELL, *Chief Executive, Friends of Highgate Cemetery Trust*

14.20 **Real Estate**: **balancing nature and heritage at Syon Park**, CARL VANN, *Partner, Pollard Thomas Edwards Architects*

14.50 TEA

15.15 **Nature Reserved**: **designating Waterton Park**, NICOLA WRAY, *Listing Adviser, Historic England*

15.45 **Naval Grazing**: **managing nature and climate change at Portsmouth Historic Quarter**, HANNAH PROWSE, *Chief Executive Officer, Portsmouth Historic Quarter*

16.15 **Wild Wood, or not?**: **reintroducing nature to Enfield Chase**, CHRISTOPHER LAINE, *Landscape Architect, Historic England*

16.45 Discussion

17.00 CLOSE

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BOOKING

To reserve a place BOOK HERE: https://tinyurl.com/3e6xdrb2
and a confirmation email will automatically be sent to you and IHBC Enterprises who are administering all bookings.

Conference fee (to include buffet lunch)
£100 for IHBC members
£145 for non members

Payment by credit/debit card is acceptable.

General queries
Telephone: 01223 582716

Booking enquiries
booking@ihbc.org.uk *or* Telephone 0131 662 0366 (Mon, Tue, Fri 9.30am–11.30am)

Terms
The organiser reserves the right to cancel, postpone or modify the conference.
In the event of cancellation by the organiser, any fees paid will be refunded in full.
The following terms will apply to the cancellation of bookings by delegates:

1. Cancellations received up until 16 September 2024 will incur an administrative charge of 15% of fees due.
2. Cancellations received on or after 16 September 2024 will incur a charge equal to the full fees due.

CHAIRMAN'S BIOGRAPHY

David McDonald is Chair of the IHBC and has held the posts of President, Education Secretary and Chair of London Branch. Previously he led the Conservation and Design Team at the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea. A graduate in geography and geology, then qualifying as a Town Planner, he worked for a number of years at the London Borough of Camden. While at Camden he completed the AA Diploma in Building Conservation. He is currently an independent historic environment consultant, specialising in providing heritage training for other built environment professionals.

Munstead Wood, near Godalming, designed by Edwin Lutyens for Gertrude Jekyll (completed in 1897)

Photo: David McDonald

John Grindrod is a social historian of modern places. He is the author of *Concretopia: A Journey Around the Rebuilding of Postwar Britain, Outskirts: Living Life on the Edge of the Green Belt* and *Iconicon: A Journey Around the Landmark Buildings of Contemporary Britain*. He's given talks on everything from the history of new towns to modernism in Ladybird books. His next book is on the experience of LGBTQ+ people in suburbia. He's from Croydon and now lives in Milton Keynes.

James Kenton is a senior architect within the London and South East region for the National Trust. He is responsible for the ongoing care and conservation of Sissinghurst Castle Garden, Ightham Mote and Chartwell in Kent. Previously, James looked after the Bodiam and Batemans portfolio in East Sussex. Recent projects include works to the Writing Room at Sissinghurst which featured in the first TV series of 'Hidden Treasures of the National Trust' and the stabilisation of Chartwell's kitchen garden walls built by Sir Winston Churchill. James's current work includes the ongoing assessment and management of surface water within the Chartwell. Previously James worked in various private practices and is an approved inspecting architect for the Church of England.

Elaine Willett is the Principal Historic Environment Officer at Natural England, leading on ways to integrate environmental delivery to achieve the most for nature and heritage. With a strategic focus, she champions the historic environment and the role it plays in underpinning nature, ensuring that Natural England's approaches consider the cultural origins of our landscapes and habitats. As an Archaeologist with a background in public service, she helps to create ways we can conserve and enhance our historic environment as we protect and restore our natural world.

Duncan McCallum has nearly 40 years of experience in the heritage sector. He has been Chair of the SPAB since 2023 and is involved in other heritage-related activity in the UK and beyond. After studying planning and building conservation at Newcastle and York Universities, he worked in heritage roles across England in local authorities. He then joined English Heritage in 1996, becoming a Director in 2005; a role he continued in Historic England from 2015 until 2022. He is a member of the IHBC and a Fellow of the RTPI, the Royal Society of Antiquaries and the Royal Society of Arts.

Steve Craddock is Planning Manager for the South in the Canal & River Trust's National Spatial Planning Team. Steve's team fulfils the Trust's responsibilities as a statutory consultee in the development management process. They work to influence planning policy at all spatial levels, in order that planning decisions protect and enhance our inland waterway network. Since the Environment Act, Steve has had a particular interest in the implementation of Biodiversity Net Gain. He joined the Canal & River Trust in 2016 and prior to that worked in a variety of policy roles with local government organisations.

Ian Dungavell is Chief Executive of the Friends of Highgate Cemetery Trust, the charity which owns and operates Highgate Cemetery in north London. He was previously Director of the Victorian Society, the national charity campaigning for the Victorian and Edwardian historic environment. He has a MSc in the Conservation of the Historic Environment from the College of Estate Management and a PhD in Architectural History from the University of London. He is a scientific representative on the steering committee of the Association of Significant Cemeteries of Europe.

Carl Vann is a partner with Pollard Thomas Edwards Architects. With more than 20 years' experience, his current projects are operating at the forefront of residential design innovation, including prefabricated modular homes, large scale custom-build communities and regeneration projects imaginatively integrating homes alongside workplaces, leisure, education and retail. Carl uses extensive engagement alongside classic design thinking to respond to real needs, and produce striking, award-winning architecture and townscapes. He is a former Chair of the New London Architecture Expert Panel on Housing, the Essex Design Review Panel, design advisor to the Royal Borough of Greenwich and visiting lecturer at The Bartlett, London Metropolitan and London Southbank universities.

Nicola Wray is a Listing Adviser with Historic England's north team. She has been in this role since 2004, previously working as an Architectural Investigator for English Heritage/ Historic England and prior to that, the RCHME. She assesses cases in Merseyside and South Yorkshire plus individual cases elsewhere in the north, and for strategic projects including post-war schools, which she managed, post-war public art, Hull City of Culture and the recent High Street Heritage Action Zones. In addition to an absorption in whatever current case she is working on, she has an abiding interest in post-war architecture, religious buildings and assessing landscapes.

Hannah Prowse is CEO of Portsmouth Historic Quarter (PHQ). Formerly Head of National Projects for English Heritage, Hannah has over a decade of heritage construction experience and is tasked with championing the Trust's mission to create and preserve the world's most captivating maritime heritage destination. Having worked on special projects such as the conservation of the Royal Albert Hall and the Elizabeth Tower, her expertise complements PHQ's 40 years of sustainably restoring and repurposing historical assets for use by museums, businesses, retailers and restaurants.

Christopher Laine is Landscape Architect for Historic England's London & South East and East of England teams and has considerable experience of landscape design, planning, and management. He has worked on a wide variety of projects, from strategic level masterplans and landscape assessments to detailed design, implementation and practical completion of landscape schemes. In particular, this work has included restoration and management proposals for historic parks and designed landscapes. He also has experience in green infrastructure planning and delivery, water body restoration, sustainable drainage systems (SUDS), flood alleviation and ecological design. Christopher serves as a judge for the Green Flag Awards, and has drafted Management and Maintenance Plans to Green Flag Award/Cabe Space/Lottery standards.