



Heritage Conference Information

The Future and Health of Bristol's Historic Places *Examining the future resilience of Bristol's historic estates*

The inaugural heritage conference of the newly formed Bristol Heritage Forum will examine the resilience and future health of Bristol's historic estates. The Bristol Heritage Forum is an independent body set up to champion the value of Bristol's built heritage. It is a network for local organizations to share and debate best practice, to facilitate collaboration, and to co-ordinate heritage initiatives. The heritage conference is the Forum's spotlight event to facilitate this knowledge exchange and sharing of best practice

The conference is an excellent opportunity to meet experts in the field of heritage conservation and learn from estate-specific examples. This event will be of interest to all those interested in protecting Conservation Areas, safeguarding historic buildings and structures, and generally wishing to get involved in conservation in their neighbourhoods.

Details:

Thursday 27 October 2016, 9.30 - 20.00
St James Priory, Whitson Street, Bristol, BS1 3NZ
£12 (fullday) / £8 (evening only)

Book your place:

Book your place via [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) or contact heritage@bristolcivicsociety.org.uk

Concession: If you are part of a community or neighbourhood group and would like to apply for a free ticket to the conference please email heritage@bristolcivicsociety.org.uk

Conference Outline:

The conference is split into a day and evening programme you can choose to attend the day programme or join us for the evening programme only.

Day Programme

9.30 - 16.00

The morning session comprises of expert-led workshops covering issues such as funding and management models. While the afternoon session will take delegates to local estates in Bristol for guided site visits, showcasing historic estates in action and discussing real-life challenges and opportunities. Lunch and networking is included.

Workshop Information:

- Community participation in historic places
Led by David Martyn from the Kings Weston Action Group (KWAG) this session will talk about working with volunteers and the importance of working in partnership with stakeholders to achieve clear objectives. The session will draw on KWAG's work at Kings Weston that has followed the council's conservation management plan for which KWAG were nominated for an English Heritage Angel Award in 2015.

- **Alternative management models for historic places**
Led by Arnos Vale Trust (tbc) this session will talk about the importance of clear management to achieve the best long term care for our historic places. The session will use the example of Arnos Vale where a community trust model has created a successful management structure that secured the future of this historic landscape that was previously at risk. Arnos Vale won the English Heritage Angel Award in 2011.
- **Community funding for historic places**
Led by Tim Bland from the Heritage Lottery Fund this session will explore funding opportunities for historic places with an emphasis on community led historic landscape projects. Tim will provide examples of successful projects that have involved a collaborative, inclusive approach to raising awareness of and securing the future of our historic environment.

Site Visits:

- **Stoke Park (bus trip)**
Led by Andrew Gordon of Bristol City Council this visit will look at some of the aspirations for this historic landscape. Andrew will talk through the history of the estate particularly the recent management issues and funding challenges.
- **Kings Weston Estate (bus trip)**
Led by David Martyn this visit will follow up the morning workshop looking at the projects undertaken by the KWAG working parties and the ongoing work around the estate undertaken by a committed group of volunteers.
- **Castle Park (short walk)**
Led by Pete Insole of Bristol City Council this visit will explore the history of the park and the challenges faced for managing urban historic spaces.

Evening Programme

17.00 - 20.00

The early evening plenary session will see a keynote presentation from national expert and broadcaster Dr Jonathan Foyle together with presentations from Mr Charles O'Brien of Historic England and from our own Heritage Forum.

Dr Jonthan Foyle

National heritage expert and broadcaster

Dr Jonathan Foyle was Chief Executive of World Monuments Fund Britain for eight years during which time he led funded solutions for the many historic sites from great estates with landscapes to cathedrals, churches and houses. He was a Curator of Historic Buildings at Hampton Court for as many years. He is a regular feature writer for the Financial Times on issues of architecture, history and craft, and is composing his fourth cathedral monograph. A presenter of numerous television series on architecture including BBC2's 'Climbing Great Buildings', which featured Clifton Suspension bridge, he is currently co-presenting a series for Channel 4.

Mr Charles O'Brien

Commissioner, Historic England

Charles is an architectural historian and joint Series Editor of the renowned Pevsner Architectural Guides. Previously, Charles worked for the Historic Buildings Department of the National Trust in its southern region. He is a member of Historic England's Advisory Committee and London Advisory Committee, the Advisory Board for the Victoria County History and the Heritage and Arts Committee of the Mercers Company. Charles was appointed as an Historic England Commissioner in 2016.

Bristol Heritage Forum

The conference is organised by the Bristol Heritage Forum executives Bristol Civic Society, Bristol City Council, Churches Conservation Trust, Historic England, JLL and the Neighborhood Planning Network.

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