



INFORMATION SHEET

Through its programme of meetings, lectures and visits and its annual conference, ASCHB provides a forum for the exchange of ideas between professionals and academics with a specialist knowledge or interest in historic buildings. Our membership includes some of the leading exponents in their fields and is very interdisciplinary. Architects, archaeologists, historians, conservation officers, town planners, structural, civil, mechanical and electrical engineers, surveyors, conservators, project managers and curators number amongst them. We encourage members at the outset of their career who are students on postgraduate courses to join ASCHB as well as experienced practitioners and practitioners of cognate disciplines with a special interest in conservation.

The lectures on particular projects are given by the professionals involved and are followed by informative questions and answers. Quite frequently they are followed by a visit to site led by those same people. Other lectures consider general matters of conservation philosophy, policy and history. We organise an annual conference around a topical theme. Papers are presented by leading exponents in their field, whether practitioners, policy-makers, academics or scientists. This day-long event also affords time for delegates to meet each other and discuss the issues raised.

Although engaging in their own right, the lectures, visits and conference also make excellent and cost effective CPD. Lectures are free to members and visits usually cost the price of the entrance fee to the historic building concerned. The CPD we provide is particularly useful for those who have or are seeking membership of the IHBC or professional accreditation in conservation either with the AABC/RIBA, RICS or CARE. In seeking accreditation, membership of the society also offers evidence of serious commitment to the field of conservation.

The Association was founded in 1968 by the staff and students of the Diploma Course in Building Conservation at the Institute of Archaeology, which was suspended in the same year. The Association has since been actively concerned with the setting-up of the various graduate courses now available in Building Conservation and has close links with those being run at the Architectural Association.

The Society records its deliberations in Transactions. Well-known libraries across the globe subscribe to this publication, which is frequently cited in academic research. This illustrated journal includes papers based upon the lectures, visits and conferences of the society, upon significant work carried out by members and critical commentaries of important events in the world of historic building conservation. Transactions is free to members. It is an invaluable reference resource and provides them with the opportunity to publish their work in a research journal. Individuals resident overseas, institutions and other bodies may subscribe to the Association and receive its regular publications.

Up to date information about the society's activities can be found at www.aschb.org.uk.



To ensure that ASCHB maintains its focus on professional learned study in the field of conservation, membership is by invitation of the committee, but proposals in the first instance should be made to the Membership Secretary. The subscription is currently a very reasonable £35 per annum. As ASCHB is recognised by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs as a learned society it is possible to offset the membership subscription against income tax. The subscription is levied on invitation to join. So it is not necessary to include a cheque with the proposal. The annual subscription fee for both individual members and subscribers is £35.00. Forms for the invitation of new members or new subscribers may be obtained from the Membership Secretary at the above address or through the Membership page at www.aschb.org.uk

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