



INFORMATION SHEET

ASCHB is a forum for all professionals working in the field of architectural conservation, providing the exchange of ideas and specialist knowledge on the historic built environment through its programme of meetings, lectures, visits and its annual conference.

Membership

Our membership is diverse and interdisciplinary and includes some of the leading professionals in their fields from around the world. Members include architects, archaeologists, historians, conservation officers, scientists, town planners, structural, civil, mechanical and electrical engineers, building performance experts, surveyors, conservators, project and estate managers and curators among others. 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.

Lectures and Conferences

The lectures are generally held in London and internationally through online webinar platforms. They are project led and hosted by the professionals and academics involved. The talks are followed by an informative question and answer discussion with members. ASCHB hosts exclusive site visits led by the professionals running the project. Lectures consider general matters of conservation techniques, philosophy, policy and history. We organise an annual conference around a topical theme. Papers are presented by leaders 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 Continuing Professional Development. Lectures are free to members and visits usually cost the price of the entrance fee to the historic building concerned. ASCHB approved CPD accreditation with???? 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 [use names not acronyms] AABC/RIBA, RICS or CARE. In seeking accreditation, membership of the society also offers evidence of serious commitment to the field of conservation.

Publications

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,



residents overseas, institutions and other bodies may subscribe to the Association and receive its regular publications.

History

The Association was founded in 1968 to encourage the free exchange of ideas and experiences based on what really happens 'in the field', 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 been actively concerned with establishing the various graduate courses now available in Building Conservation and has close links with those being run at the Architectural Association. ASCHB also maintains close links with other organisations, such as Historic England, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, spell them all out not acronyms. PAB, IHBC, EASA and COTAC.

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

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