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Dear Members

**The Future of ASCHB is in Your Hands**

ASCHB is a very special organisation. For nearly 60 years it has been a forum for multidisciplinary exchange and enquiry on all matters relating to the conservation of the historic environment. Our discussions and research are often well ahead of orthodox practice. Frequently, material presented to the Association early in its development subsequently goes mainstream. We have you, our engaged members to thank for that.

However, nothing can happen without a committee to run the Association and organise its events. That committee needs new members. Frankly the committee is short of members currently and several long-serving officers have deservedly stood down recently or are about to. I am therefore appealing to you to join us. I am also appealing to you to help in other ways too. Although it is great if you have ready access to London, you do not need to, as many of our meetings are online and many of our tasks including interfacing with the new VeryConnect membership and ticketing system are also done remotely.

We would also like volunteers to help us run events at Cowcross Street. You do not need to be a committee member for that. In particular we need people to operate the remote link (not at Cowcross Street but online) at hybrid meetings when we simultaneously run the meeting live in the room and on the web. We also need volunteer camera sound operators in the room. Updating information with VeryConnect is an ongoing task. That too can be done remotely. No prior expertise is required.

Do get in contact and please help your Association continue its valuable work.  
Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sherry Bates'.

Sherry Bates

Chair of The Association For Studies In The Conservation of Historic Buildings

**The Forum for All Aspects of the Historic Environment**

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