



**Conference: National Parks and the Historic Environment 1949 – 2009:
The Past and its Future**

**Venue: Society of Antiquaries of London, Burlington House, Piccadilly,
London W1J 0BE**

Friday 13 November, 2009

Programme

Tea/Coffee available in the Council Room between 10.00-10.25am

Session 1

- 10.30am **Welcome and Introduction (Meeting Room)**
Chair: David Butterworth, Chief Executive, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority
Welcome to the Conference, domestic announcements (fire, toilets and mobile phones) and outline of theme and programme.
- 10.40-11.00 **An international perspective**
Prof. Adrian Phillips CBE
The first national park, Yellowstone, was designated in 1872. Since then national parks and other protected areas have been designated throughout the world. The driving force has most often been the protection of ecosystems, habitat, wildlife and landscape. In general, the historic heritage has been an incidental beneficiary of such conservation efforts. However, three case studies - the World Heritage Convention, the European Landscape Convention and IUCN Category V Protected Areas- will be used to show how issues of the historic environment have increasingly been more explicitly integrated into thinking about national parks and other protected areas, both nationally and internationally.
- 11.05-11.25 **National Parks and heritage: sixty years of “suitable protection”**
Baroness Andrews OBE, Chair English Heritage
The relationship between heritage and the National Parks from their inception to the present day, focussing on the major achievements and important innovations delivered by partnership working between the park authorities and the heritage sector.

11.30–11.45 **Special Buildings in Special Places**
Deborah Griffiths, Head of Cultural Heritage, Dartmoor NPA
The historic built environment is an essential component of national park landscapes, reflecting, inter alia responses to geology and environment, prevailing socio-economic factors and local fashion. Within national parks, conservation and enhancement of the historic built environment has presented a variety of challenges and opportunities stretching back over the last 60 years. Today, one of the greatest challenges is to meet the demands of modern and sustainable living, whilst preserving the special and distinctive qualities of our historic buildings and settlements.

11.50-12.05 **Engaging the public**
Robert White, Senior Conservation Archaeologist, Yorkshire Dales NPA
National Parks exist for public benefit – but which public? They are also a test bed for new ideas. How the statutory duty to promote opportunities for the public understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of national parks can be used to help conserve the cultural heritage will be examined using case studies of some of the innovative work developed in National Parks.

12.10–12.20 10 minute discussion and round up of Session 1

12.25–1.00 Buffet Lunch served in the Council Room

Session 2 Chair: Terry Levinthal, Director of the Scottish Civic Trust

1.10–1.30 **Landscape – Man, Nature & Defra**
Hugh Llewelyn, Landscape Conservation Team Leader, Defra

1.35–1.55 **The socio-economic value of the historic environment in National Parks**
Dave Batchelor, Head of Local Authority Historic Environment Liaison, English Heritage
The heritage of National Parks is fundamental to their unique present-day character and central to the sense of identity of local communities. It is also a key factor encouraging inward investment and tourism. However, the socio-economic benefits of heritage have yet to be fully defined.

In 2007 English Heritage and Cadw commissioned this study to address this knowledge gap and to provide Government and its agencies at all spatial levels with a research programme to enable the socioeconomic benefits of heritage in the National Parks to be recognised, measured and evaluated in an academically sound and rigorous way.

2.00–2 10 10 minute discussion and round up of Session 2

2.15-2.35 Tea/Coffee Break (served in the Council Room)

Session 3 Chair: Nic Wheeler, Chief Executive, Pembrokeshire Coast NPA

2.40-3.00 **[Understanding and Managing the historical and cultural landscapes of Wales](#)**
Gwilym Hughes, Chief Inspector of Ancient Monuments & Historic Buildings Cadw

This year we are celebrating the 125th anniversary of the first monument to be given statutory protection in Wales - Pentre Ifan burial chamber in the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. The identification of individual sites and monuments of national importance has historically dominated our approach to providing protection for the historic environment. The establishment of an historic landscapes register in Wales has recognised the more holistic nature of heritage - that individual monuments can only be managed and understood in their broader cultural and landscape context.

3.05-3.25 **[Predicting the landscape - what might the future hold for the historic environment in our National Parks](#)**

Ken Smith, Cultural Heritage Manager, Peak District National Park Authority

The historic environment in national parks has changed over the last 60 years: what might the next 60 years hold? The presentation will include an assessment of what impacts might be expected over that period - and a major one is likely to be climate change - what other imperatives/drivers there might be - social, economic and/or environmental, what management responses there might be and how, and who might be doing the managing.

3.30– 3.50 Summing up and disperse

Admission to this conference is by invitation. There is no charge for attendance but please can delegates confirm their attendance (by 23 October 2009) to:
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Speaker Biographical details

Professor Adrian Phillips CBE

Adrian was Director General of the Countryside Commission (1981-1992), and then professor at Cardiff University until 2000. He chaired the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (1994-2000), and has worked closely with the World Heritage Convention and European Landscape Convention. He is currently a trustee of the National Trust, a Ministerial appointee on the Cotswolds Conservation Board, an advisor to the Heritage Lottery Fund. He is a Vice President of the British Association of Nature Conservationists and the Campaign for National Parks.

Baroness Kay Andrews OBE

Baroness Andrews of Southover, was appointed Chair of English Heritage in July 2009. Before that she served as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Communities and Local Government from 2005 and as a Government Whip and Spokesperson in the House of Lords for Health, Work and Pensions, and Education and Skills from 2003. She studied International Politics at University College of Wales, Aberystwyth followed by an MA in Political Sociology and subsequently a DPhil in History and Social Studies of Science at Sussex University and has written books and articles on the history and organisation of science and technology policy, on poverty and social policy, and on education.

Deborah Griffiths

Deborah has worked for Dartmoor National Park Authority from 1985, first as an archaeologist and from 1988, heading up a team of archaeologists and historic buildings specialists.

Robert White

Robert White, studied Environmental Science at the University of East Anglia and worked in excavation, field and aerial survey in Bedfordshire and North Yorkshire before joining the Yorkshire Dales National Park in 1984. He initiated web-based access to the Historic Environment Record of the Yorkshire Dales <http://www.outofoblivion.org.uk/> and edited and produced 'Archaeology in National Parks' for the National Park Staff Association.

Hugh Llewelyn

Read Modern History and American Studies from University of Wales, Swansea. After an initial period with East Sussex Education Authority (1972-74), he has held various posts in central government departments, particularly in planning control. Currently he is Team Leader, Landscape Conservation in Defra dealing with policy development on landscape, particularly in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and leads on the implementation of the European Landscape Convention in the UK.

Dave Batchelor

Dave graduated from the University of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1975 and then spent 20 years working as a field archaeologist, initially for the DoE and subsequently English Heritage. Latterly he has been responsible for a small team who provide a linkage between English Heritage and local authority staff involved in the management of the historic environment.

Gwilym Hughes

Gwilym Hughes was appointed as Cadw's Chief Inspector of Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings in May 2007. He has 27 years experience in field archaeology and heritage conservation in Britain, Italy and Zimbabwe. During the late 1980s he spent four years in Zimbabwe where he was involved with the establishment of monument conservation programmes and archaeological research at the Great Zimbabwe and Khami World Heritage Sites. He returned to Britain in 1989 to work for Birmingham University Field Archaeology Unit, becoming one of the Unit Directors in 1998. Between 2000 and 2007, Gwilym was Director of the Dyfed Archaeological Trust based in Llandeilo.

Ken Smith

Ken Smith, studied archaeology at the University of Sheffield and then directed excavations for the Government's Central Excavation Unit, principally in Hampshire and on Dartmoor. He was appointed Sites and Monuments Officer for Derbyshire in 1982, a joint appointment with the then Peak Park Joint Planning Board and joined the Peak District National Park Authority full-time in 1987. He has been actively involved in the development of national professional organisations and was the first Chair of the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers: UK.