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UAHS, 1968.

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NEWSLETTER SPRING 2019

HERITAGE WATCH: Clarence Gallery

UAH are deeply dismayed at the decision by Belfast City Council to grant planning permission for the demolition of Clarence Gallery, despite multiple objections from UAH and other heritage organisations.

The Conservation Officer has stated that the c1880 building is "the last vernacular, functional warehouse within the Conservation Area" and that it "assumes great importance". The UAH shares the view that it is a valuable heritage asset within the Linen Conservation Area, forming a hugely important part of the streetscape.

The building was refurbished in 1989 in a RIBA award winning scheme by Robinson Patterson Architects. However, following the relocation of the practice to a new site, the building fell into disrepair. UAH has questions with regards to this decision.

The scheme will see the building replaced with an eight storey office block of entirely different scale and character to the existing structure; but rather a pastiche of the would be adjacent building. UAH continue to object to the approval of the scheme.

HAVE YOUR SAY:

Keep up to date with applications in your local area, search:

<https://www.planningni.gov.uk/>

HERITAGE UPDATE: Mullylusty Cottage & Seacoast Cottage

UAH are pleased to say that Heritage Angel Award Winner Margaret Gallagher successfully applied for a DFC grant to re-thatch her home, 300 year old Mullylusty Cottage. Mullylusty is kept as it would have been when it was built; with no running water or electricity, with Margaret relying on water drawn from the well and heat from the open fire to do her cooking and heat her home. The thatched roof had started to fail, and the grant scheme offered the means to repair the roof and thereby prevent future maintenance issues which could put the building at risk.

The Historic Environment Fund Heritage Repair Stream was open to listed buildings in need of repair in 2018-2019, and UAH hope that the stream will reopen soon to offer further much needed financial support to owners of listed buildings.

Another beneficiary of the repair stream was Seacoast Cottage, Magilligan, which received additional funding from the Magilligan fund and generous donations from members of UAH for the repair of the rear wall. This project is now nearing completion.

Funding for the repair of listed buildings has seen heavy cuts in the last number of years from over £4 Million per annum to just £500,000 per annum. This leaves our built heritage under threat, with many private owners unable to afford the required sympathetic and specialist repairs to keep their buildings habitable. UAH has called on the government to re-examine the benefits which higher investment in our heritage assets would hold for Northern Ireland, and to increase funding streams accordingly.



Mullylusty Cottage, Belcoo, being re-thatched.

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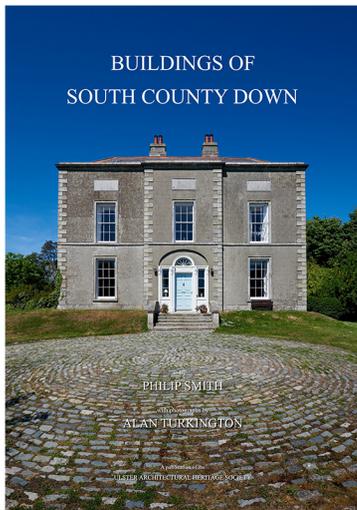
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PUBLICATIONS: JUST LAUNCHED!



Ulster Architectural Heritage's new publication, *Buildings of South County Down*, was officially launched on the 1st of May. You can order your copy now through our website.

The book, by Philip Smith follows in the tradition of our 'Buildings of...' series by C.E.B Brett, featuring some of the finest architecture in the county; with wonderful photographs by Alan Turkington, and informative commentary.

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HERITAGE ANGELS 2019: NOW OPEN FOR ENTRIES!

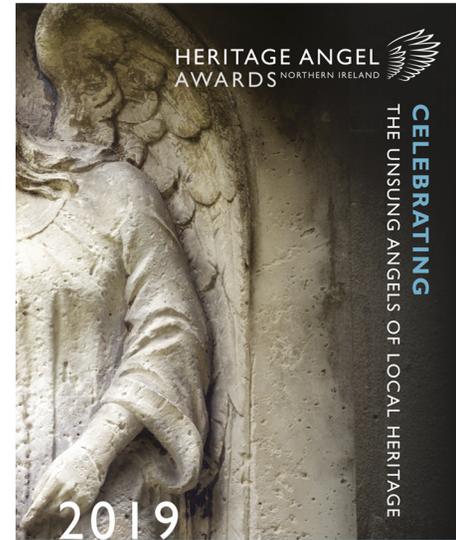
Ulster Architectural Heritage are pleased to announce that the launch of the Heritage Angel Awards Northern Ireland took place on the 2nd April.

The first of two official launches took place in the Palace Demesne, Armagh. Following the launch in Armagh, there was a second in the Old Museum Building, Belfast. Both launches featured wonderful songs written & performed by Brigid O'Neill and Anthony Toner.

The launch saw the 2019 awards open for entries. The awards continue to celebrate both local people or groups who have rescued, worked on, recorded or researched historic buildings and places. The Heritage Angel Awards NI are funded by the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation and Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council.

If you would like to find out more about the awards, or apply or nominate someone for an award, visit our website: www.uslsterarchitecturalheritage.org.uk/heritageangelawards

UAH are also touring NI with the Heritage Angels Roadshow, where potential applicants can find out more about the process and receive guidance; locations are Portaferry, Belfast, Portrush & Omagh. To book a place, visit our website. Applications close on 31st May 2019. The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony in the Market Place Theatre, Armagh on 29th October.



Apply or Nominate from 2nd April
Deadline 31st May 2019
www.heritageangelawards-ni.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS

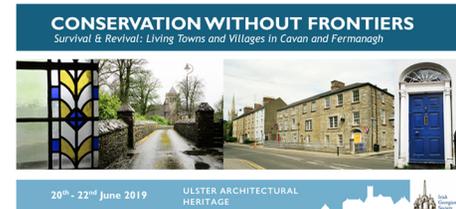
Lunchtime Lecture: by Chris Hamill
31st May 12.30pm-2pm.

We are pleased to announce an addition to our events programme, a lecture from Chris Hamill, winner of the Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) Philip Webb Award 2018. A light lunch will be served at 12.30pm followed by the lecture from 1pm- 2pm.



Summer School: Conservation Without Frontiers: Living Towns & Villages in Cavan & Fermanagh
20th-22nd June.

The joint UAH/ IGS Summer School is back! Join us in exploring the future of Irish towns with lectures from architects, historians and local councils. Find out more in the enclosed programme. **EARLY BIRD TICKETS AVAILABLE**



Family Day: Gracehill Family Treasure Hunt
27th July

Join UAH for a day of family fun in Gracehill Conservation Area, the first designated conservation area in NI. Discover the unique history of the village, founded by the Moravians in 1765. A number of restored buildings will be opened for tours, and there will be a treasure hunt and refreshments.



Weekend Visit: Edinburgh 4th-6th October.

The trip will be led by Chief Executive Nikki McVeigh, with support from the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland. Prices include breakfast, light lunch, dinner & accommodation. Find out more in the enclosed flyer.

Members Only:
Single £275pp / Double £250pps

BOOK ONLINE:

www.ulsterarchitecturalheritage.org.uk/events

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MEMBER ONLY EVENTS: 2019

A Weekend Visit to Edinburgh

Booking is now open for an exclusive members' trip to Edinburgh from Friday 4th October to Sunday 6th October.

Our stay will be based in Leith and will centre on visits to buildings in the Leith and central Edinburgh areas. We will meet on Friday evening, for a talk and evening meal in Leith. On Saturday morning we will commence with a tour of the surrounding area with visits to key buildings such as Customs House Leith, Custom Lane and other historic sites. We will end the day with exclusive drinks and dinner in the Grade A Listed 'Lamb's House' with owners and award winning conservation professionals, Nicholas Groves-Raines and Kristin Hannesdottir with Groves-Raines Architects Ltd. Nicholas is originally from Northern Ireland. There will be a tour of Lamb's House and you will hear about the recent restoration and appreciate the beautiful period details and character of this 17th C. Hanseatic Merchant's House.



On Sunday we will transfer our focus from Leith to Central Edinburgh where we will be kindly hosted by the Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland, (AHSS). We will take a guided tour of Calton Hill which will include a talk on the former Royal High School campaign, followed by a walking tour taking us through the beautiful Georgian New Town. Day 2 will be completed with drinks at the AHSS Forth and Borders Treasurer's house, Mrs Caroline McFarlane, at St Bernard's Crescent, late afternoon on 6th October allowing for time for return travel that evening.



Tickets include accommodation, access to venues, transport between sites, drinks and all meals for the duration of the trip. Guests will need to make their own travel arrangements to and from the hotel in Leith on Friday and Sunday. Ticket prices are £275 for a single room per person or £250 for a double room per person sharing. Ticket price includes all meals and accommodation, excludes flights and transfer to/from airport. The itinerary will be added to, and may be subject to change. Updates will be provided to all those who have booked, or expressed interest in this event. Updates will also be made available on the website.



Book Now: www.ulsterarchitecturalheritage.org.uk

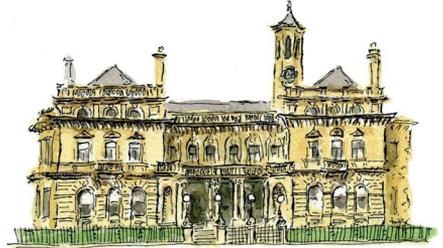
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Additional Events Dates 2019

Workshop: Drawing Historic Buildings with Marcus Patton
Saturday 31st August

Join UAH for a drawing workshop led by architect & illustrator Marcus Patton OBE, and author of *Central Belfast: An Historic Gazetteer*. The workshop will commence at the Old Museum Building, Belfast, before hitting the streets to take in some historic sites and get drawing. Participants will get a chance to learn some useful hints and tips and learn more about the history of Belfast's landmark buildings and hidden gems.



European Heritage Open Days

14th & 15th September

As part of European Heritage Open Days, on the 14th UAH will once again be opening the Old Museum Building, where you can learn about progress in the long-term project to bring the building back to life. On the 15th UAH will be facilitating the opening of the impressive Riddel's Warehouse, where you can join UAH and Hearth for a tour. Tours of the warehouse are free, however due to high demand, tickets must be booked through our website. These will go live mid-July. You can find out more about all the openers across NI through the EHOD Facebook page.



Visit: Tour of Trinity College, Dublin

12th October

Professor Edward McParland will be leading a tour of spectacular Trinity College Dublin. Professor McParland joined Trinity College in 1973 as a Lecturer in the Department of the History of Art and was elected as a Fellow of Trinity College in 1984. He was elected Pro-Chancellor of the University in 2013. Professor McParland has been hugely involved in architectural heritage across the island of Ireland, including co-founding the Irish Architectural Archive and the Irish Landmark Trust. The tour promises to be a rich one from his extensive experience of the University and expansive knowledge of Irish architecture.



Heritage Angel Awards Northern Ireland

29th October

Join UAH in the Market Place Theatre, Armagh to discover the winners of this year's Heritage Angel Awards.

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