

Heritage Trust for the North West

CARING FOR STONE BUILDINGS IN PENNINE LANCASHIRE

*Townscape Heritage
Initiatives in Three
Conservation Areas*

*Lectures, Seminars & Tours
July 2011 to May 2012*



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New dressed ashlar stone replace damaged stone



Elaborate carved stone door surround at Bridge Cottage, Lomeshaye Road, Nelson



19th Century setts under tarmac



Stone paving and setts with a stone gully for drainage are typical of Pennine Lancashire

What is a THI?

A Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) is a scheme supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund that gives grants to help refurbish buildings in Conservation Areas where they have suffered significant deterioration as a result of economic decline.

They are partnership-led schemes funding projects to help improve the area for local people by:

- carrying out repairs
- bringing historic buildings back into use
- improving open spaces within parts of the Conservation Area
- helping people to learn about their own and other people's heritage
- increasing training opportunities in heritage skills
- increasing community participation
- improving approaches to conservation management and maintenance

Three THI Schemes operating in Pennine Lancashire have come together to provide a programme of lectures, seminars and tours. These will take place between July 2011 and May 2012 in each of the three Conservation Areas (Darwen Town Centre, Weavers Triangle Burnley and Whitefield Nelson). Each one is different, but a common characteristic is stone which was used for the roofs, walls, gutters, gateposts, street paving and as setts for the roads, and form a unique and priceless asset for the community that could last for generations to come.

Each THI is at a different phase of development. Darwen's is coming to an end. Burnley's just starting and Pendle's is in its third year.

The Programme has been put together by Heritage Trust for the North West, in collaboration with the Managers of the three THI Schemes.

Darwen Town Centre

Townscape Heritage Initiative (2006 – 2011)

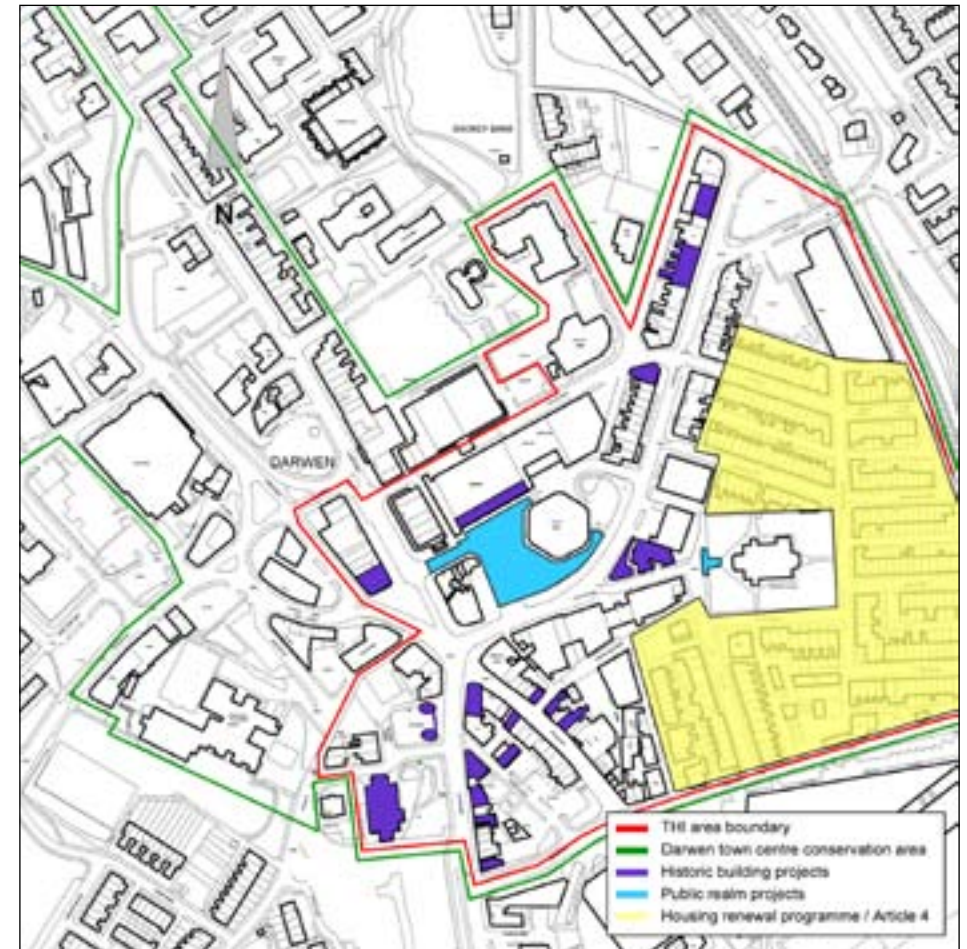
Darwen Town Centre retains the essence of a Victorian working town with dignified sandstone buildings and generous open spaces, with terraces of well-detailed stone houses and shops. It is also enhanced by the dramatic views of the adjacent countryside with the landmark Jubilee Tower, and the huge Grade II* India Mill brick chimney.

The THI area lies entirely within the original Darwen Town Centre Conservation Area which was designated in 1995. The area was subsequently extended in 2005 to include terraced housing on the eastern fringe. The THI area encompasses the Victorian commercial and municipal core of the Conservation Area and is characterised by imposing Victorian and Edwardian buildings. The THI boundary includes the Town Hall and Market Hall fronting the Market Square and two traditional Victorian shopping streets known as Bridge St and Railway Rd. The area forms the focus of public activity and includes the most significant historic buildings.

The Character of The Conservation Area

Darwen Town centre is a compact town which originally developed on the banks of a small river in the relatively narrow space between the hills on either side. The town expanded in the mid eighteenth century and again in the second half of the nineteenth century with the coming of the railway. Many large mills and terrace houses developed along the bottom of the Darwen valley creating a focal point at the junction of Market St, Bridge St and Church St.

The buildings are united by the use of local sandstone, a characteristic that persisted into the twentieth century and gives the area a distinct character. In the Edwardian period a small number of buildings were built in red brick, terracotta and faience. There is a strong hierarchy of buildings where lofty churches and public buildings contrast with the humbler terraces. The listed buildings in the town centre are confined to the best of the more monumental structures, notably the churches and the chapels. Three are Grade II* listed.



The Darwen THI has funded the restoration of thirty historic buildings and two public realm schemes, as highlighted in the above plan. These include:-

Town and Market Hall Frontage & Market Square (1881)

The restoration included replacement and repair of windows, rainwater pipes, ridge tiles and stone work, and the restoration of five shop units to the original design. Public realm improvements to the Market Square area in front of the Town & Market Hall enhanced the historic setting of the town centre. The new units are now let, adding to Darwen's specialist independent retail offer.





Tram Shelters (1902) & Boer War Memorial

The Shelters (Grade II) were originally tram waiting rooms on either side, between them stands a Boer War Memorial. The scheme included the repair, restoration and reinstatement of architectural detail. One is now a craft shop, the second available to let.

17-21 Bolton Rd The scheme has included reinstatement of historic shopfronts, doors and windows and also eligible repairs to bring vacant floorspace into use. An additional grant has been awarded for the replacement of windows to the rear elevation.

Holker House At the heart of Darwen town centre, Holker House was constructed in 1871 as a private residence and surgery for Dr. Holker. The THI funded restoration to the external fabric including repairs to the roof, re-rendering of walls in lime mortar, replacement of rainwater goods, windows, doors and joinery. Restoring the hard landscaping to the grounds provided an important contribution to the heritage of Railway Rd and the town centre.



Former Belgrave Chapel Constructed in 1847, the former Chapel (Grade II) was previously converted into 21 residential apartments. The building has a most unusual west porch with large arcaded gothic tracery above. The original slate roof had been replaced by cement sheeting on an unsympathetic portal frame replacing an original timber structure. THI grant aided the reinstatement of the slate roof and the replacement of damaged ridge tiles to the West and North Porches.

49-53 Railway Rd The renovation of these prominently located properties has greatly enhanced the setting of Railway Rd. Currently occupied by a wholesale greengrocer, works included restoration and repair to the frontage and roof.

3 Foundry St The renovation of this vacant building included the restoration of original features, extensive external repairs to a structurally unsafe rear 'lean-to' extension, re-roofing, lead work repair and replacement at roof level, new and repaired rainwater goods and window and door replacements. The building was converted to a café/

bistro, bringing it back into use.

25 Bolton Rd The renovation includes repairs and reinstatement of architectural detail including new shopfront, doors and sliding sash first floor windows, wrought iron gate, joinery works, roof re-slating, the replacement of an asbestos rear roof in slate and bringing the upper floor into use including new staircase and replacing damaged floorboards.

25 Railway Rd and 2-4 Knott St A particularly attractive historic building that fronts on to Railway Rd and round the corner on to Knott St. The original shopfront to Knott St was reinstated. The windows and the entrance door on Railway Rd were reinstated and the stonework cleaned.



St Peter's Housing Market Restructuring Programme

Located within the Town Centre Conservation Area is the St Peter's Housing Market Restructuring Programme comprising older stone-built terraced housing to the east side of the town centre around St Peter's Church. Between 2006 and 2011 a total of 203 residential properties have been improved to heritage specification, initially with the support of Elevate funding and thereafter through the Council's Housing Improvement Programme (HIP). Although not receiving THI funding it was a condition of the Heritage Lottery Fund that this work was undertaken.



Public Realm Improvements

Public realm improvements have taken place to conservation standard in the Market Square, including Croft St and Parliament St. Works are also in progress for the restoration and repair of the St Peter's Church Steps, including stonework, railings and gates, all funded through the THI programme and due to be completed during August 2011.



The Weavers' Triangle, Burnley

Canalside Conservation Area

Wrapping itself around the southern fringes of the town centre, the Canalside Conservation Area includes a fine collection of buildings and rare examples of canal engineering that are now widely recognised as one of the most important surviving examples of Victorian industrial architecture in the North West.

Much of the development within the Conservation Area came as a result of building the canal as it provided the essential means of transport for raw materials, finished goods and water for powering the steam engines of the cotton industry; and its distinct character arises from this winding waterway, the sharp contrast between tall spinning mills and towering chimneys and the vast single-storey north-light weaving sheds, interspersed with alehouses and fine examples of late Georgian and Victorian terraced housing. Together these give us a glimpse of Burnley's importance during the industrial revolution and its role as a major cotton manufacturing town. The scale of materials and detail used in the design of the buildings, predominantly in stone, is generally massive, bold and simple, clearly representative of the very functional traditions of the 19th century.

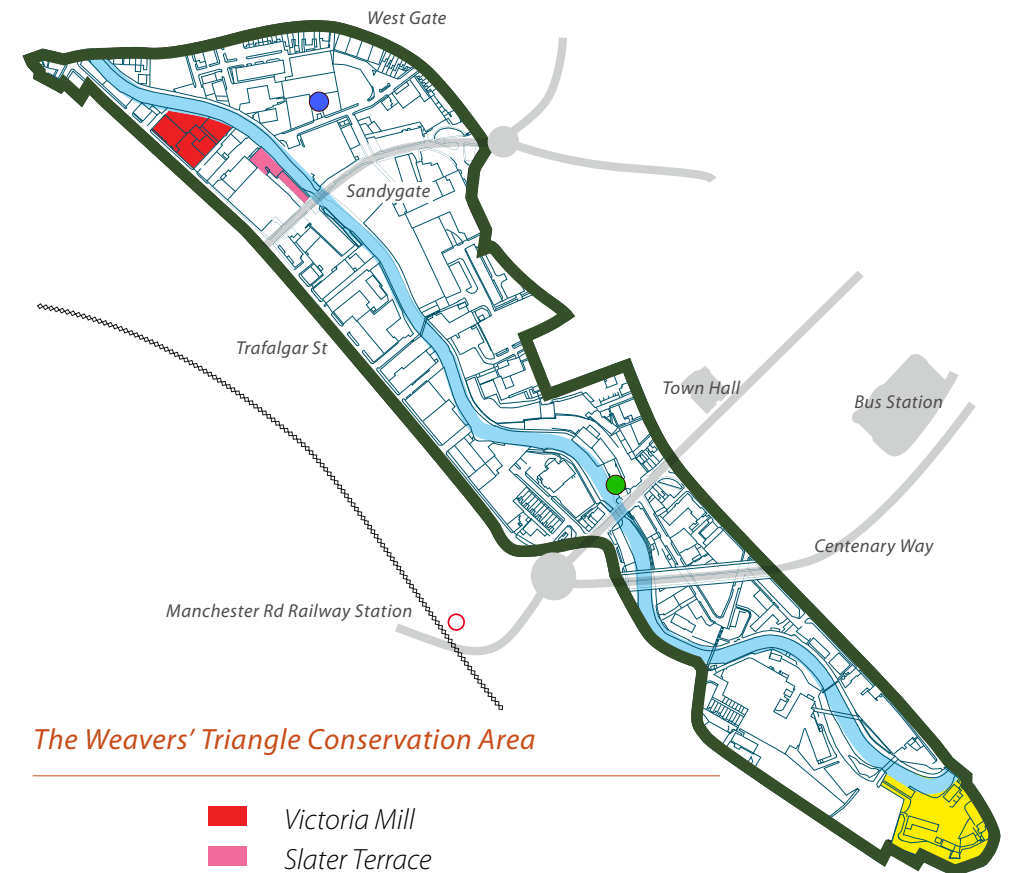
History

Burnley first appeared as a settlement in Saxon times when it was one of a group of hamlets or scattered farmsteads. By 1400 a fulling mill had appeared near St Peter's Church, and whilst farming was still the main industry, the textile industry began to grow with the spinning and weaving of woollen cloth in people's homes. The major changes represented by the factory system, involving for the first time the separation of home and work on a large scale, were first introduced into Burnley during the eighteenth century. One of the earliest factories in the area was probably a dyehouse for woollen cloth built at Westgate in 1736.

By 1780 cotton manufacturing had begun to appear, and it was cotton that, during the Victorian era, until its peak in the early 20th c., was to transform beyond recognition the physical and social character of the area adjoining the canal within just 50 years.

The Weavers' Triangle THI

The Weavers' Triangle forms part of the Canalside Conservation Area, bordering the Leeds and Liverpool Canal between the bridges on Westgate and Finsley Gate. The THI, currently approved to run until 2014, has a grant of £1.95m from the Heritage Lottery Fund, with match funding from the North West Development Agency, English Heritage and Burnley Council. The critical schemes are listed grade II and include the imposing Victoria Mill and weaving shed on Trafalgar Street, the unique Slater Terrace and warehouse/engine house off Sandygate and the British Waterways buildings at Finsley Wharf that are very closely linked with the history of the canal.



The Weavers' Triangle Conservation Area

- Victoria Mill
- Slater Terrace
- Buildings at Finsley Wharf
- The Weavers' Triangle Visitor Centre
- Oak Mount Mill Engine House

What is the Weavers' Triangle?

The Weavers' Triangle is a modern name for an area astride the Leeds and Liverpool that was once at the heart of Burnley's textile industry.



The Weavers' Triangle c. 1900

The Weavers' Triangle today

Progress so far

To secure the future of some of the most significant buildings at risk, the Council, in 2009, obtained NWDA funding to acquire a number of buildings at Sandygate, including the THI critical schemes Victoria Mill and Slater Terrace. Both urgent and permanent repairs have since been carried out to stabilise the buildings using grant support from HLF, NWDA and English Heritage. Other buildings repaired include Sandygate Mill and weaving shed and Neptune House, together with the clearance and landscaping of adjoining vacant sites. The two year repair programme will be complete by autumn of 2011 by which time the Council's development partner will commence a major regeneration scheme to bring the buildings back into use.

George Slater and the legacy of Sandygate Mill* (1807-1873)



The story starts in about 1797 when William Slater of Barnoldswick came to Burnley to work on the new canal. His son, George (pictured left), born in 1807 became a partner in the firm Tattersall & Slater. By 1840 he had set up his own cotton spinning business in his new mill in Sandygate and soon started work on Slater Terrace, a unique row of 11 cottages over a warehouse for his mill workers. By 1851 he

* Based on 'The Rich Legacy of Billy Buttercake', Ken Spencer, Burnley Express, May 1990, and 'Burnley' by John Lowe 1985

employed over 300 and by 1860 he had built and was running 3 mills in Sandygate.

A huge fire in 1860 destroyed most of the old mill but it was later rebuilt and extended. In 1863 George inserted a clock on top of the stair tower from which the mill later took its name. This was the town's first public clock at a time when few people had watches.

In his lifetime George Slater, entrepreneur and businessman, had a major influence on the early development of cotton manufacturing in Burnley and his legacy can still be seen in some of the surviving buildings at Sandygate today.

Sandygate Square

The site of the former Sandygate Shed has been a vacant and unattractive site for some years but, as part of the early works, the site has been given a significant face-lift until a permanent public realm scheme is carried out. To encourage people to use this space an exciting programme, 'Sandygate Squared' is underway this summer which involves local people of all ages in learning about the history of the site through theatre performance, storytelling and street art.

Weavers' Triangle Visitor Centre is based in the Wharfmasters House and Canal Toll Office at Burnley Wharf 200 yards from the Town Hall. The Centre which is run by the Weavers' Triangle Trust tells the story of the canal, cotton and the Weavers' Triangle.

Oak Bank Mill Engine House located on Wiseman St off Westgate, a short walk along the towpath from the Visitor Centre (look for the tall chimney) is also owned by the Weavers' Triangle Trust who have restored the steam engine and chimney.



Slater Terrace



The Weavers' Triangle Visitor Centre

Whitefield, Nelson

Nelson lies between earlier settlements, Burnley and Colne, on the south bank of Pendle Water, Pendle Hill to the northwest and Boulsworth Hill to the east. The uplands are moors and hill farms, while the valleys accommodate the settlements, industry and lines of communication. The Leeds and Liverpool Canal arcs down the Pendle valley through Nelson, broadly parallel with the Pendle Water. The M65 motorway, the A646 Manchester Rd and the railway line all follow the same route.



The boundary of the Conservation Area is shown in yellow © English Heritage

The Conservation Area is immediately to the west of Nelson town centre. The canal forms the northwest boundary, Manchester Rd the southeast boundary, with Every St running through the middle. Despite the serpentine line of the canal, the layout of Whitefield is of rigidly parallel streets in a series of connected grids.

The valley bottom is overlaid with glacial clays. The underlying geology is carboniferous sandstone, which provided building masonry, roofing slates, paving flags and setts. Hilltops tend to be of Millstone Grit, a coarser but more durable sandstone used for building in the rural uplands and occasionally for earlier building in the town.

Historical Development

Nelson, a cotton town of the late 19th century, developed rapidly from a collection of small hamlets into one of Lancashire's largest weaving centres. The industrial development was aided by good building stone from local quarries. The opening of the Leeds-Liverpool Canal in 1816, the turnpiking of local roads in the 1800s, and the provision of the East Lancashire Railway line through Nelson in 1849 all provided excellent communications. The new town was based at the junction of two turnpike roads, close to a new railway station. This had been named after the Lord Nelson Inn, an early 19th century hostelry built to take advantage of the increased road traffic after 1800.



Aerial view showing St Mary's Church and the surrounding terrace houses and mills. The Eckroyds owned the farmland and sold plots to developers © English Heritage

No one family or landowner was responsible for its growth. Nelson's development into a centre for the cotton weaving industry was more directly influenced by the process known as "room and power". This system allowed small groups of entrepreneurs to buy land and build factories, which were then let to tenants who ran their own weaving businesses without having to find the initial set-up costs. The establishment of local building societies after the 1850s in the northeast of Lancashire fuelled this system, and between 1875 and 1896 forty-eight "room and power" companies were registered, of which ten were in Nelson.

During this period, the population grew from 3,500 in 1864 to over 33,000 in 1896. By the First World War, mill employees accounted for 75% of the workforce in Nelson. After the War, the cotton industry went into decline as imports from abroad became cheaper and more readily available. During the second half of the 20th c. the town suffered from high unemployment as a result of local industries closing and a lack of investment in alternative forms of manufacturing.

Issues in the Conservation Area

Strengths Whitefield is a complete model village. Built between 1860 and 1890 every building survives intact, and recently surveyors' drawings for all the housing were discovered, which provides a valuable archive resource, along with old photographs to enable accurate restoration of period details.



Elevation of Every Street



One of the few photographs of terrace houses in Whitefield to survive. It shows the original design of the door, sash window, and railings
© Peter Boast

Weaknesses Vacant or underused buildings do not generate enough income to cover proper maintenance. More insidious is the cumulative effect of relatively small scale changes: the lowering of chimneys, changes in roof materials, box dormers, replacement of doors and windows and the treatment of boundary walls. Many of the shopfronts have suffered unsympathetic alterations for the sake of expediency and advertising. Other problems include the loss of traditional street surfaces, the lack of maintenance to public and private open space and the poor quality of new adhoc development particularly rear extensions. Traffic and carparking are also becoming issues.

Opportunities There are significant development opportunities on the site to the rear of the former Water Board offices on Every St and on the site of the former St Joseph's Church on Macleod St. There is also major scope for the enhancement of the canal, especially at the wharf between Dale St and Lomeshaye Bridge where earlier enhancements have suffered through lack of maintenance. The fine-tuning of change, development and maintenance of the Conservation Area is necessary, from large-scale issues like the future of Spring Cottage down to the effect of window replacement.

Threats Management of the area needs to be maintained and legislation enforced (through the issuing of Article 4 Directions) in order to protect the improvement works which have been paid for by English Heritage, The Heritage Lottery Fund, The Homes and Community Agency, and Pendle Borough Councils own resources.

Target Area While the scheme seeks to improve the Whitefield Conservation Area as a whole, it is concentrating on the middle core defined as the area between the canal and Manchester Rd. This has been selected not only for its special character but also the need to address the problems of declining commercial viability and continuing deterioration of buildings, such as Lomeshaye Mill, St Mary's Church and the priority housing area between Moseley St and Stanley St.

Projects

Former Library Andrew Carnegie, a wealthy Glasgow philanthropist, built Libraries in many Victorian towns. Constructed in local sandstone, it forms a key part in a group of civic buildings in Booth Street and Carr Road.

Housing Through the THI external works have been carried out on four blocks of terraces. Sash windows have been reinstated and stonework cleaned to conservation standards. Rows of other terrace houses in Stanley St and Every St have been remodelled to meet the demands of modern living.

Lomeshaye Bridge Mill One of the first weaving mills to be built in Nelson. Now owned by Heritage Trust for the North West, it will be restored to provide workshops for emerging businesses engaged in the creative industries. The Trust is working in partnership with the Prince's Regeneration Trust who have adopted it as an example of the benefits of regeneration through heritage.

Spring Cottage An early 18th c. cottage enlarged in the late 19th century to become a mill owner's house. In the



The Library (courtesy Lancashire County Libraries)



Detail of library (courtesy Lancashire County Libraries)



Lomeshaye Bridge Mill



1980s it was a hotel, but was later abandoned and suffered arson attacks. The current owners are working with Pendle Borough Council and English Heritage with a phased reinstatement of the premises.

Railings Project Following the group repair scheme of houses in MacLeod St, Every St, and St Mary's St, residents expressed an interest in the reinstatement of the railings that were removed during the War.

St Mary's Church The Church was declared redundant in 1989 and was sold to a developer who sought permission to demolish it to build houses. After a lengthy campaign to save the building it was finally purchased by Heritage Trust for the North West in 2000. The Trust plans to convert the building to a Centre for Traditional Building Skills (see page 22), but the cost is outside the scope of the THI funding, and the Trust is currently exploring other sources of funding to restore this landmark building.



1. Pennine Lancashire Townscape Heritage Initiative - Training Programme Launch

When
Thurs 14th July 2011
12.00 - 14.30

Where
St Peter's Church
Darwen

Overview
Overview of heritage training and qualifications including Skills for the Future. Find out about the heritage training that will be available

Speakers
Sara Hilton, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund NW, Brian Bailey, Director of Regeneration, Blackburn with Darwen BC and Paul Simons, Chair, National Heritage Training Group

Admission
Free event. To book email: pxholland@aol.com
Refreshments will be provided



2. Buildings at Risk in Pennine Lancashire Conservation Areas

When
Fri 15th July 2011
10.00 - 17.00

Where
Starting and ending at Pendle Heritage Centre Barrowford Nelson

Overview
A one day lecture and tour programme providing:

- Introduction to the Townscape Heritage Initiative
- Introduction to the three THI projects in Pendle, Burnley and Darwen
- A visit to each of the projects which will provide an insight into conservation works ranging from shops and terraced houses to a large mill and weaver's shed complex.

Charge to cover lunch and coach hire :

- £6.00 for residents or businesses within the Burnley, Pendle and Blackburn postcodes
- £20.00 for non-residents

To book email: pxholland@aol.com

3. Conservation of Stone

When
Tues 19th July 2011
15.00 - 18.00

Where
St Peter's Church
Darwen

Overview
A twilight lecture which will investigate stone in the context of Minerals Policy Statement 1 (MPS 1)

- What does this mean in practice?
- St Peter's Church Steps Case Study
- Identifying and sourcing replacement stone
- Health and Safety and Logistics

Admission
Free event. To book email: pxholland@aol.com
Tea and coffee provided on arrival



4. Buildings at Risk in Pennine Lancashire Conservation Areas

When

Fri 9th September 2011
10.00 - 1700

Where

Starting and ending
Pendle Heritage Centre
Barrowford, Nelson

Overview

A one day lecture and tour programme providing:

- Introduction to the Townscape Heritage Initiative
- Introduction to the three THI projects in Pendle, Burnley and Darwen
- A visit to each of the projects which will provide an insight into conservation works ranging from shops and terraced houses to a large mill and weaver's shed complex.

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- £20.00 for non-residents

To book email:
pxholland@aol.com

5. Cleaning Historic Buildings

When

Thurs 13th October 2011
10.00 - 16.30

Where

Centre for Traditional Building Skills, St Mary's Church
Nelson

Overview

Technical day with Alan Gardener, conservation credited chartered building surveyor and The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings Lethaby Scholar who will be addressing:

- The pros and cons of cleaning historic buildings, with a discussion on current techniques and materials
- Case Study - St Mary's Church and surrounding area - tour with walk and talk about the effectiveness of different cleaning processes
- Stone cleaning equipment and its use

Admission

Free event. To book email:
pxholland@aol.com
Refreshments will be available to purchase



6. Unpicking Sash Windows

When

Tues 18th October 2011
10.00 - 16.30

Where

Lomeshaye Mill, Nelson

Overview

Technical day including:

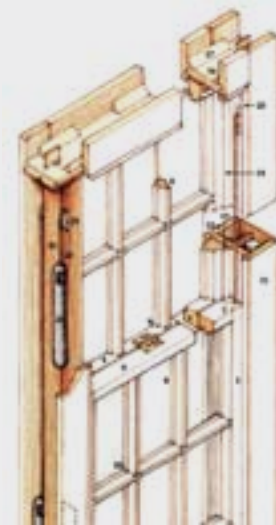
- An overview of period and vernacular styles
- Removal, renovation and replacement of a sash window demonstrating
- How do sash windows work
- how to maintain your sash windows

Speaker

John Miller

Admission

Free event. To book email:
pxholland@aol.com
Refreshments will be available to purchase



7. Maintenance and Repair

When

Sat 19th November 2011
9.30 - 12.30 or 13.30 - 16.30

Where

The Beacon Centre, Maurice St, Nelson

Overview

Ten Top Tips

To mark the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings National Maintenance Week, we are running two interactive half day sessions for home & business owners, volunteers and built heritage professionals and contractors who look after historic buildings listed or unlisted to help them understand:

- How their building works
- How to solve problems caused by leaky gutters and blocked drains
- Ten top tips on preventing problems

Speaker

James Innerdale

Admission

Free event. To book email:
pxholland@aol.com
Refreshments will be available to purchase



8. Historic Ironwork and Railings

When

Thurs 15th March 2012
10.00 - 16.30

Where

Centre for Traditional Building Skills, St Mary's Church, Nelson

Overview

Technical day which will cover

- Why does it matter? A walk around looking at successful, and less successful ironwork in the area
- Examples and Samples – what works & what doesn't
- Demonstration of wrought iron work – a chance to have a go

Speaker

Bill Carter

Admission

Free event. To book email:
pxholland@aol.com
Refreshments will be available to purchase



9. Integrating Modern Architecture into Historic Areas

When

Thurs 22nd March 2012
15.00 - 18.00

Where

Towneley Hall, Burnley

Overview

Twilight Lecture

Join conservation-accredited architect and ex-Northern Regional Officer for the Society of Ancient Buildings James Innerdale for this lecture discussing new design in the context of historic buildings

- looking at the importance of understanding the significance of existing buildings
- new design in the historic environment
- discussion why some work and some do not

Speaker

James Innerdale

Admission

Free event. To book email:
pxholland@aol.com
Tea and coffee provided on arrival



10. Northern Lights – Weaving Sheds and Mill Architecture

When

Wed 18th April 2012
15.00 - 18.00

Where

The Weaving Shed,
Higherford Mill, Barrowford,
Nelson

Overview

Twilight lecture addressing
specific design issues relating
to Weaving Sheds

- Mill Architecture
- How can Weavers' sheds
be used
- Case studies of successful
conversions of use
- Report - Northern Lights

Speaker

Anthony Pilling

Admission

Free event. To book email:
pxholland@aol.com
Tea and coffee provided on
arrival



11. The Stones of St Mary's

When

Wed 16th May 2012
10.00 - 16.30

Where

Centre for Traditional Building
Skills, St Mary's Church, Nelson

Overview

Technical Day investigating
repair and maintenance of
stone through the case study
of St Mary's Church, Nelson.

- St Mary's is built of millstone
grit with a Westmorland blue
slate roof.
- Sources of stone
- Repairing and cleaning
stone
- Repointing Ashlar stonework

Speaker

Kevin Lambert

Admission

Free event. To book email:
pxholland@aol.com
Tea and coffee will be
available to purchase



12/13. Built Heritage Skills

When

April or May 2012
10.00 - 15.00

Where

Centre for Traditional Building
Skills, St Mary's Church, Nelson

Overview

A one-day practical
programme for schools and
colleges which will look at

- why choosing the right
methods and materials is
important for the repair and
maintenance of pre - 1919
buildings
- the career opportunities
within the Built Heritage
Sector
- opportunities for students
to participate in practical
demonstrations of
- Wrought iron work
- Roofing
- Lime plaster and mortar
- Repair of sash windows

**Two one-day sessions are
available dates to be agreed with
colleges/schools.**

**Email: kay.leech@cclinw.com if
you would like to take up this
opportunity. Places will be
allocated on a first come first
served basis.**

Admission

Free event. Packed lunches
will be required

14/15. Unlocking our past through our streets and buildings

When

May 2012, 10.00 - 15.00

Where

Centre for Traditional Building
Skills, St Mary's Church, Nelson
or Burnley Town Hall

Overview

Supporting the Built
Environment diploma,
geography, history and
citizenship curricula these
half-day/one-day sessions
will provide students with the
opportunity to find out about
their area. The programme
will include:

- Architectural styles and the
materials used
- Why did styles and
materials change
- How & why has the
importance of the area
changed
- How & why has the use of
buildings changed
- Building a timeline utilising
photographs and sketches for
display within the school

**Email kay.leech@cclinw.com if
you would like to take up this
opportunity. Places will be allocated
on a first come first served basis.**

Admission

Free event. Packed lunches
will be required

16. Sustainable Conservation and Regeneration

When

Wed 23rd May 2012
10.00 - 16.00

Where

Pendle Heritage Centre
Barrowford, Nelson

Overview

Conference which will :

- Review the learning from
the three Pennine Lancashire
THI areas
- Incorporating and
delivering training within
heritage projects
- The legacy – how to keep
the work maintained

There will be a nominal
charge of £6 as a contribution
towards the cost of lunch and
refreshments.

To book email:
pxholland@aol.com



17. Architectural Heritage Exhibition

When

Tues 22nd - Thurs 24th May 2012
Open 10.00 - 16.00 - drop in

Where

Centre for Traditional Building
Skills, St Mary's Church, Nelson

Overview

Heritage Trust North West
has built up an impressive
collection of heritage
architectural artefacts. This
exhibition will provide you
with the opportunity to view
and handle samples enabling
you to understand the subtle
nuances of period detail

Admission

Free event. - drop in during
opening hours



Further Information

English Heritage (NW)

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0161 242 1400
northwest@english-heritage.org.uk

The Georgian Group

6 Fitzroy Square, London, W1T 5DX
020 7529 8920
office@georgiangroup.org.uk
www.georgiangroup.org.uk

Institute of Historic Building Conservation (NW)

kirstenmcknight@hotmail.com
www.ihbc.org.uk

Heritage Lottery Fund (NW)

9th Floor, 82 King Street, Manchester, M2 4WQ
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www.hlf.org.uk

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings

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The Victorian Society

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Local Authorities

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www.blackburn.gov.uk

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The **National Heritage Training Group (NHTG)** is an independent specialist sector skills development group with a UK-wide remit to provide assistance with all aspects of recruiting, training, and qualifying the built heritage sector workforce of the construction industry. Currently NHTG is delivering built heritage training through a Heritage Lottery (HLF)funded project 'Skills for the Future' which will work across the nine English regions and provide work-based training in built heritage skills. The NHTG is supported through a Sector Skills Agreement fund by English Heritage and CITB - Construction Skills, and the respective Heritage Agencies in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Contact info@nhtg.org.uk or visit www.nhtg.org.uk

The **North West Heritage Skills Hub** aims to support traditional building skills training and professional development for the built heritage sector through:

- Maintaining a regional network of organisations and individuals who are involved in the sector
- Raising awareness and creating training and partnership opportunities for heritage skills training. The Hub is one of the delivery partners for the NHTG HLF funded 'Skills for the Future' programme

The Hub is steered by a group of built heritage professionals with knowledge and influence at strategic level in national & regional organisations. Heritage Trust for the North West is acting as host for the project.

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Weavers' Triangle Visitor Centre & Steam Engine House

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Opening Times 2011:

Visitor Centre: 2pm - 4pm

Apr to Sep: every Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues **Oct:** Sat, Sun only / Also Good Friday, 22nd Apr & 9th Sep

Engine House: 2pm - 4pm

April: Sat, Sun: 23rd & 24th **May:** Sun, Mon: 1st & 2nd / Sat, Sun: 28th & 29th **June:** Sun: 26th **July:** Sun: 24th **Aug:** Sun: 28th **Sep:** Sat, Sun: 10th & 11th

A Centre for North West Traditional Building Skills

St Mary's features on the cover of this publication and is a particularly fine Grade II 19th c. Church, now redundant but far from unused. It forms a focal point for this programme of seminars, tours and lectures.

Saved from demolition in 2000 and purchased by Heritage Trust for the North West, there are exciting plans for its adaptation to a Centre for North West Traditional Building Skills, incorporating conference and meeting rooms, exhibition areas and research facilities on roofing, lime plastering, stone masonry and brickwork, carpentry and joinery, blacksmithing and stained glass.

This unique resource will be available to property owners with information on conservation, energy efficiency and sustainability. Other facilities will include a shop, café and information centre, with small offices to sublet. The proposals will enhance this splendid building and put it back at the heart of the community.

Heritage Trust for the North West

Heritage Trust for the North West (Charity No. 508300) is a Building Preservation Trust registered with the Architectural Heritage Fund. Its aims are to restore and find appropriate new uses for Buildings at Risk. Its headquarters are at Higherford Mill (Grade II), which it saved from demolition a decade ago.

It has formed a wholly owned subsidiary company Conservation Services NW which specializes in traditional building skills and employs a team of builders and joiners.

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Stone carving of St Mary at the entrance to St Mary's Church, Nelson



The Weaver's Triangle sits astride the Leeds Liverpool Canal which provided accessible transport for industrial goods. The soot covered buildings in this early 20th c. photograph demonstrate the fuel used to power the looms of the textile mills. Burnley once had over 200 mill chimneys which indicate how the textile industry once dominated the area. Also note the street setts and the open topped tram. (photograph courtesy of The Weaver's Triangle Trust)