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Members' News

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Subscription Renewal Reminder

You will have already received the letter from our Chair, Dave Perkins, reminding us all that subs are due, together with a Standing Order Mandate. This is another nudge, in case it's been put down somewhere and forgotten! If you've already renewed - many thanks - but if not, please do so as soon as possible to avoid spending valuable funds on further reminders...

Good news on fresh applications to join the CMA. A steady stream arrive at Writtle College each week, which are then sent on to myself to approve. The majority over the past 6 months have been as Associates or Member Applicants. In fact, throughout England and Wales there are now around 450 Associates and Member Applicants, alongside the 80 Members and many Affiliates.

Corporate members now number 30! The Corporate membership scheme allows (amongst other things) for individuals within that organisation to join with a 20% discount so if your employer hasn't yet joined up, why not consider putting the case to them?! If you need details of the scheme, do contact myself or Writtle College and we can let you know how it all works.

There are also letters already prepared for potential Corporate members, giving all the relevant information and outlining all the benefits and advantages of joining corporately. With just a quick phone call or email, we can quickly have copies winging their way to you to pass on to the relevant person at your place of work.

I seem to be doing a lot of nudging this issue, but one last one - do make the fullest use of

the benefits you've acquired yourself by being part of this Association. There's nothing quite like getting together with fellow professionals at a training or study day or if you really can't get away, why not invite them to your patch to explain what you're up to or to get some ideas on a particular problem you have. Your regional committee are there to help you organise something - give them a call. Most of us are used to organising events, large or small, so it's a pretty straightforward task - and you never know - that nagging or persistent issue you've grappled with for months could be solved overnight!

If you have access to the internet, the CMA web site is packed with information - or why not join the growing e-group. I'm continually amazed by the range of queries that come up. So many replies appear from all around the country with potential solutions and/or experiences from a different area - it really is a great sounding board.

Finally, I wish you all a glorious summer season and I hope you will watch, with me, as membership of the CMA continues to grow throughout 2002.

Linda Nunn
National Membership Secretary

**The Countryside Management
Association's
Annual General Meeting
7th September 2002 at
Moulton College of Agriculture in
Northampton
For further information contact your
Regional Committee**

The Jurassic Coast

The Dorset & East Devon Coast World Heritage Site

The Dorset & East Devon Coast is now officially England's only Natural World Heritage Site. UNESCO's World Heritage Committee announced the decision on the 13th December 2001. A World Heritage Site is "a natural or cultural feature or area which has such universal value that it is regarded as the heritage of all mankind" (UNESCO). Some of the most well known ones include The Grand Canyon, The Great Barrier Reef and the Galapagos Islands. You have probably visited some of the UK's other World Heritage Site's: the City of Bath, Hadrian's Wall, the Tower of London, Stonehenge. These are all cultural sites: the Dorset and East Devon Coast is England's first Natural Site.

The coastline has been awarded the status due to its outstanding geology, which offers a fascinating glimpse into the Earth's ancient past, with a complete record through 185 million years of earth history during the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods of geological time. Also contained within this coast are a number of stunning fossil localities and features such as landslides, Chesil Beach and impressive cliffs. This unique combination of features, contained in such a beautiful and largely accessible coastline, forms the basis for the World Heritage Site accolade.

So what will it all mean?

World Heritage Site recognises a truly global importance for the Dorset and East Devon Coast and underlines the significance of maintaining its unspoilt beauty for future generations. World Heritage Site status will also have the potential to bring substantial benefits to the tourism industry. Evidence from other sites around the world suggests that we should not expect an influx of new visitors, but that we should notice a gradual increase in "higher spend" visitors staying for longer in the area.

The promotion of special short breaks, combining, for example, walking with fossil hunting, will encourage both UK and overseas visitors to explore the coast out of the peak holiday times. The Site's Gateway Towns, such as Swanage, Weymouth and Lyme Regis, could become key access points for visitors, offering quality accommodation, interpretation and information on how best to explore the Site by alternative transport.

The designation will also allow for co-ordination of scientific research, promotion of educational use and the opportunity to access funding for a wide range of exciting initiatives.

Sally King

Yorkshire's Dinosaur Coast

The Dinosaur Coast is a hugely successful project, which has been running for the last 2 years, during which over 12,000 people have taken part in hands on activities and events along the Yorkshire Coast.

Funding* has been received to continue and expand the project. The project area has increased, now including the North Yorks Moors National Park and parts of the Ryedale and Hambleton.

One aim of the project is to work with groups on a series of activities to encourage access for all, promote lifelong learning, conserve the natural heritage of the region and to involve a range of specialists in the chosen projects.

The objectives are to involve groups of children, young people and people with disabilities in their natural environment. Giving them the opportunity to explore and discover more about the world around them and then to share and celebrate their projects with others. This could be through displays of artwork, puppetry performance or a launch party of an improved community area.

The themes of the project will be worked out with the

groups and include ideas such as creating a wildlife garden, surveying local nature, exploring a local woodland through storytelling or the exploration of fossil formation and evolution, the sky is the limit!

We are seeking to involve environmental specialists in all stages of the project e.g. naturalists, entomologists, geologists to name but a few! We would welcome any group/individuals in the environmental field who would like to get involved. Please contact Cath Brason, Dinosaur Coast Project Officer on 01723 367 326 for more information.

* The Yorkshire Dinosaur Coast project is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and is a partnership between Scarborough Museums & Gallery (Scarborough Borough Council), Whitby Museum, The North York Moors National Park Authority, English Nature and the Yorkshire Museums Council.



Professional Development and Mentor training

For MEMBERS interested in making a direct contribution to the continuing professional development of the Association, there are still places available on the Mentor/Review Panel member training course provisionally scheduled for September.

The success of the CMA system relies exclusively on the willingness of Members able to offer support and advice to their peers. Consequentially this contributes to the onward development of the Association and to countryside managers across the country. After three years of steady progress we now want to ensure that the momentum that has been built up will be maintained and thus further

enhance the professional reputation of the Association. However we are totally reliant on the voluntary effort of Members willing to make their personal contribution to this process and are now requesting more people to come forward and help. As a Mentor or member of the Review Panel all expenses can be paid and of course its an easy way to acquire your own CPD points. If you're interested in being involved or need more information please contact: Matthew Axford, Review Panel Co-ordinator.

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The following Associate (Member Applicants) have been before the CMA Review Panel and approved as Members of the Countryside Management Association

Julia Wynne Thorpe	3038NP98	Senior Ranger Leeds City Council
Christopher Moulton	2075SP94	Countryside Ranger Exeter City Council
Richard Partington	0013SP86	Senior Advisor Countryside Agency
Timothy Green	3249SP98	Countryside Ranger Herefordshire Council
Andrew Greenwood	1765NP93	Countryside Ranger Lancashire County Council
Paul Shires	3525MP01	Senior Countryside Officer City of Stoke on Trent Council
Nathaniel Healy	3149MP98	Landscape & Countryside Manager Redditch Borough Council
Peter Slater	2276MP97	Urban and Countryside Ranger Team Leader Sheffield City Council
Dave Thorpe	3538NP01	Estate Ranger Leeds City Council
Thomas Cavanagh	3436MP00	Instructor / Technician Warwickshire College



CMA Merchandise

There are a number of CMA promotional items available from CMA Admin, they include:

Fleece jackets; available to order, the very best brand and quality

Polo shirts; all sizes at £15.00

Car stickers; a snip at 75p

Lapel badge; enamelled badges for £1.50

Baseball caps; one size fits all for £10.00

If you have any requirements or suggestions for other items to promote CMA, then please get in touch with:

Patrick Norris on 01793 466321.

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Policies, Places and People, Countryside Change for All

The 2002 CMA Conference and AGM
5th to 7th September at Moulton
College of Agriculture in Northampton

The Conference will:

1. Discuss and examine the current state of the countryside and urban greenspace in England and Wales.
2. Look closely at how countryside and urban greenspace managers are adapting to change and meeting the needs and demands of those who work in, visit and use their open spaces.

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