

HTVF Sustainable Settlements

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The IHBC is the professional body for building conservation practitioners and historic environment experts working in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, with connections to the Republic of Ireland.

The Institute exists to establish, develop and maintain the highest standards of conservation practice, to support the effective protection and enhancement of the historic environment, and to promote heritage-led regeneration and access to the historic environment for all.

The screenshot shows the IHBC website homepage. At the top is the IHBC logo (a maroon square with 'IHBC' in white) followed by the text 'INSTITUTE · OF · HISTORIC · BUILDING · CONSERVATION'. Below this is the tagline 'The mark of the conservation professional'. A row of social media icons (Wiki, Facebook, Email, LinkedIn) and a search bar with 'ENHANCED BY Google' are visible. A teal navigation bar contains links: Home, Branches, Jobs, HESPR, Join, NewsBlogs, Learning, Resources, Publications etc. The main content area features several tiles: 'Join' (teal), 'Jobs' (maroon), 'Branches' (grey), 'News' (teal), 'Events' (grey), 'Special Features' (teal, with a 'CONTEXT' magazine cover image), 'CPD and Learning' (teal, with a bridge image), and 'Practice' (teal, with a town image). At the bottom right is the HESPR logo with the text 'Quality assured' and 'www.hespr.org.uk'.

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Historic Towns and Villages



IHBC – Heritage and Climate Change

- Sustainable, walkable neighbourhoods
- Green infrastructure
- Embodied energy and durability
- Building performance

Some of the issues

- Housebuilding
- Second homes/Air B&B
- High Streets, local shops, pubs, banks, post offices
- Local services, schools, libraries, places of worship, medical, dental
- Transport, traffic management
- Energy saving/retrofit
- Windfarms, solar farms

Housebuilding



Shops and Services



Some takeaways

- Our historic towns and villages demonstrate many aspects of sustainability
- Pressure for new housing will not go away – how can it be made to benefit local communities?
- Our traditional buildings are a valuable and adaptable resource
- Planning legislation and policy is continually changing – advocacy and lobbying is essential
- Don't give up!

Thank you

