

JOHN DARLINGTON APPOINTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WORLD MONUMENTS FUND BRITAIN

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Today, World Monuments Fund Britain announced the appointment of John Darlington as Executive Director.

John Darlington joins from the National Trust where he was Regional Director, North West of England. In this position John championed a diverse portfolio of high profile projects at places ranging from mansions such as Dunham Massey, Lyme Park, and Little Moreton Hall, to the mountains and countryside of the Lake District, creating partnerships with a wide range of stakeholders including the local communities.

John is passionate about conserving and protecting historically important heritage for the benefit of all. With a special interest in medieval monasteries and castles, John is also a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries as well as a Member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists.

Pierre Valentin, Chairman of WMF Britain, said “*John Darlington brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to WMFB as the organisation celebrates its 50th anniversary. We look forward to continuing to support iconic buildings under John’s leadership.*”

John said “*I’m absolutely delighted to be joining World Monuments Fund Britain. Our cultural heritage is not only a critical part of who we are today but also of our future. I am looking forward to working with the Trustees, the team, and partners to build on WMFB’s successes and to continue to grow our reach, relevance, and impact for generations to come.*”

John will assume his position in June 2015.

Further information:

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World Monuments Fund Britain:

World Monuments Fund is the leading independent organisation for the protection of cultural heritage. Since its founding in 1965, WMF has partnered with local communities, funders and governments at more than 600 sites in over 100 countries.

World Monuments Fund Britain is WMF's largest affiliate office, active in the UK and abroad since 1995. In that time WMFB has helped restore and conserve many vulnerable buildings, created new educational resources, advocated for sites at risk and spearheaded imaginative visitor facilities. We secure the future of exceptional works of architecture through fundraising, conservation management, education, advocacy and partnership building. Our mission is to create a stable, beautiful and useful historic environment for future generations to enjoy. As a UK registered charity WMFB receives no government funding and does not have an endowment. Our continued success is down to generous donations from our valued supporters: to learn more, visit: www.wmf.org.uk.

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