

AHI Award scheme invites inspiring entries

The Interpret Britain and Ireland Awards are now inviting entries. Run by the Association for Heritage Interpretation (AHI), with sponsorship from English Heritage, the Awards recognise the very best examples of heritage interpretation.

The scheme is open to projects from small-scale community events to major commercial visitor attractions. The 2005 Special Category is for projects that use the creative or performing arts as a way of exploring heritage. Awards are made to projects that show imagination and innovation, combined with good interpretive planning.

Details and entry forms are available at www.heritage-interpretation.org.uk, the AHI website. This year's scheme is for projects that have started up since 1 January 2003. The closing date for entries is 4 May 2005

Training events

Interpretation - Be the best at visitor communication

Losehill Hall, Derbyshire, 18th - 22nd April

Details from 01433 620373, or email training.losehill@peakdistrict.gov.uk

Smokey Bear's rough guide to successful environmental campaigning

Lessons from a successful US Forest Service fire prevention campaign

Battleby, 10 May FREE

Details from 01738 458555 or email sgp@snh.gov.uk

Planning and Conducting Live Interpretative Programs and Tours

Plas Tan y Bwlch, Snowdonia, 10 - 12 May

Course Organiser: John Veverka

Details from 01766 590324, or email Beth.Cluer@eryri-npa.gov.uk

Objects of admiration

Planning interpretation for museum collections

Smith Gallery, Stirling, 2 June

Details from Scottish Museums Council 0131 229 7465, or email lissad@scottishmuseums.org.uk

Thank goodness I was never sent to school; it would have rubbed off some of the originality.

Beatrix Potter