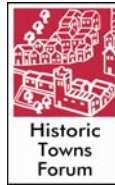


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### **His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales becomes Patron of the Historic Towns Forum**

**26 January 2010**

HRH The Prince of Wales has become the Patron of the Historic Towns Forum (HTF) bringing together The Prince's great interest in the built environment with that of the Forum's work for our historic towns and cities.

The Support of The Prince is an important recognition of the Forum which seeks to share best practice across our historic towns and cities supporting those on the ground to do their work better and more efficiently embracing the best of the new whilst recognising the contributions of the past and the importance that heritage can make to quality of life and the making of places.

The Forum's great strength is in bringing together professionals from across all areas of the historic built environment, public private and third sector, a role it has taken since 1987, offering events and publications on topical issues, and providing a strong platform to influence policy makers on behalf of our historic towns and cities.

Over the next year the HTF's work will cover PPS15, Community Engagement and the Local Agenda, the importance of Local Distinctiveness, Historic Towns and Climate Change, together with ongoing research on Park & Rides and the Growth of our Historic Towns.

Debbie Dance, HTF Chair said "We are delighted that The Prince of Wales has become our Patron at such an interesting time, when there is so much pressure on our towns and cities to change and an inherent need to get that change right if we can. Our job at the Forum is in making the right conversations happen and the Prince's support will help us to do just that".

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#### **Notes for editors**

Information about the Historic Towns Forum, its Membership, good practice guidance publications and activities can be obtained from [www.historictownsforum.org](http://www.historictownsforum.org)

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