

**Olwen Heap**

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**From:** Adrian Dowd  
**Sent:** 10 October 2014 11:24  
**To:** Olwen Heap  
**Subject:** FW: New English Heritage guidance on traditional windows

Olwen,

The attached new guidance from English Heritage on windows and historic buildings may be of interest to the Parish Councils.

Thanks,  
Adrian

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**From:** Communication Team [mailto:Communication.Team@english-heritage.org.uk]  
**Sent:** 08 October 2014 15:53  
**To:** Adrian Dowd  
**Subject:** New English Heritage guidance on traditional windows

Dear Mr Dowd

I am pleased to inform you that new guidance on the care, repair and upgrading of traditional windows is available to download from the English Heritage website.

[www.english-heritage.org.uk/traditionalwindows](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/traditionalwindows)

The loss of traditional windows continues to pose one of the major threats to our heritage and has long been a major concern for English Heritage. With an increasing emphasis being placed on making existing buildings more energy efficient, they are possibly now at greater risk than ever from replacement or unsuitable adaptation. Twenty years ago in a landmark campaign, English Heritage launched a series of guidance notes called Framing Opinions to highlight the increasing loss of traditional windows from older buildings and historic areas. Since then other English Heritage research has continued to highlight their loss. However, our research has not just focused on documenting loss but has also looked at improving their thermal performance and how when retained they can add value to properties.

This new English Heritage guidance covering both timber and metal windows, builds on this research and is aimed at building professionals and property-owners. It sets out to challenge many of the common perceptions about older windows and charts their history over centuries of technical development and fashion. Detailed technical advice is then provided on their maintenance, repair and thermal upgrading as well as on their restoration.

I do hope that you will find this guidance document useful. Any feedback you may have on the publication would be very welcome, please email us at [conservation@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:conservation@english-heritage.org.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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