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BABERGH REDOUBLES ITS CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Babergh District Council is redoubling its efforts in maintaining and enhancing the area's many listed buildings and historic areas by recruiting two new conservation officers.

Clare Vint joins on Monday (4th August) from South Northamptonshire District Council as Babergh's Conservation & Design Officer. Her responsibilities will include dealing with listed buildings at risk, bidding for and running enhancement and grant schemes, dealing with conservation area issues and giving advice on listed building repairs.

Clare worked at South Northamptonshire for two years as that district's Conservation Officer and before that at Brighton & Hove City Council. Clare said "I'm delighted to be joining Babergh. The Council has a very strong track record in the field of conservation and I'm keen to further enhance Babergh's reputation in this area."

Michael Collins moves from being a Senior Development Control Officer to being Babergh's second Conservation Officer, with special responsibilities for applications for listed building consent. Michael has worked at Babergh for 4 years and has been involved in local government planning for 16 years, including in the field of conservation of the built environment.

Neil Greig, Babergh's Head of Planning Policy & Economic Development commented "the appointment of Clare and Michael is a clear demonstration of Babergh's ongoing commitment to working with local people to protect and enhance our incredible heritage." ENDS

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