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Stellenbosch now also boasts having a Nelson Mandela Square

Nelson Mandela recently took his place alongside Simon van der Stel with the establishment of a Nelson Mandela Square in front of the Stellenbosch town hall. Landscape artist Strijdom van der Merwe explains what he intended with his design. [Read more](#).

The latest news on Church Street

The days of Church Street turning its back on the Moederkerk have almost become something of the past. If all goes according to plan motorists will soon drive up this historic street - while still looking for a place to park. The project to increase Church Street's profile among residents and tourists is progressing steadily. [Click here](#) for the latest.

Historic Homes, trendy business

It is not every company that can boast of having paid out dividends annually since its inception – and managing that with a business plan that is aimed at the restoration of old buildings. Historical Homes Limited has been around for nearly five decades preserving South African built heritage by, at the same time, making them economically sustainable. Stellenbosch Heritage conversed with the new chief executive officer and chairman of the board. [Click here](#) to read more.

Market in Ghent

What about a market hall in Stellenbosch? So ask one of our members following Ghent's new market hall. [Click here](#) for more information.

Stellenbosch: A heritage in photos

A thought-provoking visual introduction to the architectural history of Stellenbosch is currently exhibited in Stellenbosch Museum. It consists mainly of pictures of forty years ago by Dr. Hans Franssen from the Cape Archives and of private collections. It is now mounted again for the Museum by Willem Malherbe of Stellenbosch Heritage Foundation. [Click here](#) to see the collection.

Implications of amended Article 44 of the LUPO-legislation

The development of the historic Martin Melck VOC packing shed adjacent to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Strand Street, Cape Town, resulted in a fair amount of news during the current year. The case eventually landed in the Supreme Court and sections of Article 44 of the LUPO legislation (Ordinance on Land Use Planning) were found to be unconstitutional. But what does this mean and how can it affect the conservation of our built heritage? [Read more](#).

Cycling and old buildings

Have you ever wondered about the relationship between cycling and conservation? Although most research aims at highlighting benefits of cycling for environmental protection, a journey on the iron horse rather than with your car is just as good for the preservation of buildings. [Read more](#).

Stirling Prize winner

A castle – well, the ruins of a castle – has just been awarded the prestigious Stirling Prize for architecture. And experts hope it will eventually give the same respect to the preservation of buildings in Britain as it enjoyed for decades on the European continent. [Click here](#) to learn more about the prize winner and the other five competitors.

Hadid's curves now embrace Serpentine permanently

Besides the annual Serpentine Gallery designed as a temporary summer structure by a prominent architect, the well-known gallery in Kensington has also gained a new, permanent structure by Zaha Hadid. As befits a high-profile architect, Hadid's design (her first permanent structure in London) is not without controversy. [Click here](#) for what the British architecture writers have to say.

Roundtable discussion: Future of our cities

Cities thrive on the basis of community – something that exists at many levels. When talking about South African cities, therefore, we should also be talking about the future of local and foreign nationals who live in informal settlements in our cities. [Click here](#) to read more about a recent Roundtable discussion held by the Helen Suzman Foundation on the future of our cities.