



Call for Papers

Vernacular buildings in urban contexts:

The study of urban building types and integration with urban studies.

University of Nottingham – 10 and 11 January 2026

Over the past 25 years a number of notable studies have demonstrated the huge potential of studying vernacular buildings in urban areas – studies both of specific towns and cities and of urban building types more generally. Many of these have illustrated the value of multi-disciplinary approaches to the subject of urban buildings, but it is also clear that there is more to do in making vernacular buildings a key part of wider urban historical studies.

This conference aims to bring together those studying vernacular urban buildings and those from different disciplinary backgrounds, to consider vernacular urban building types and their contribution to urban studies more generally. We welcome papers looking at urban buildings of all types, particularly non-domestic, and also studies of specific towns and cities. Papers considering this subject from a different disciplinary background, or taking a multi-disciplinary approach, are particularly welcome.

This conference will take place in person, but contributions from speakers presenting remotely may also be considered. Submissions are encouraged from academics, students, and non-academics alike. Free places are available for speakers. A small number of bursaries are also available for students or early-career professionals to enable their attendance at the conference.

Abstracts of no more than 250 words for proposed papers should be emailed to president@vag.org.uk by 31 August 2025.