



# Heritage Lincolnshire

## Autumn Newsletter 2019

### Update by Simon, Interim CEO



The Trust is delighted to announce that Greg Pickup has been appointed as its new CEO. Greg's background is in fund-raising and regeneration. He has worked for the National Lottery Heritage Fund (then the Heritage Lottery Fund), where he spent six years, and Derby Enterprise Growth Fund.

He has since had a successful career as an independent consultant. He will join us on 18<sup>th</sup> November and will replace Simon Johnson, whose services have been provided by Welton House Ltd. Simon will continue to be involved with us as a Commercial Consultant on the project to restore The Old King's Head and re-open it as a B&B, café and deli. Work on the building is progressing well, in spite of some inclement weather over the last couple of months, and the grand opening is expected to take place in the Spring of next year.



### South Lincolnshire Walking Festival

The South Lincolnshire Walking Festival is celebrating its fifth year and began in late September. The festival was extremely fortunate to hold its launch event at the previously unseen National Trust property, Grantham House, where

we held a day's worth of guided tours, walks and treasure hunts around the estate. The event was well received, and many got the chance to explore this beautiful property whilst wandering through the gardens and taking tea and biscuits in the sitting room.

Over 50 more exciting walks are planned to take place until the end of October around the beautiful towns and peaceful countryside of south Lincolnshire. Walkers of all ages and abilities have the chance

to explore some fascinating heritage sites, take part in thrilling activities and even challenge themselves on longer walks. We were proud to add a selection of health walks to the schedule this year which encourages all to get active and to experience the benefits walking in the fresh air has to offer.

Heritage Lincolnshire have been proud to coordinate the festival this year and hope that many enjoy the walks and activities on offer.



## Heritage Open Days

Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days has come and gone in a whirlwind of fantastic events across the County. Ray, the Steering Group and I are already getting on with the work for next year's festival as we are looking to celebrate leisure, fun and free-time for 2020. I'm afraid it's too early for me to give you the figures yet on feedback and the number of visitors we had over the two weeks. However, early feedback shows that it has been another fantastic success. None of this would be possible without the support of our wonderful volunteers, and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight how much they have put into making the festival a triumph!



I must start by thanking Ray Knight, without whom the festival just could not operate. He has volunteered for Heritage Lincolnshire as our Heritage Open Days volunteer for over 8 years and works tirelessly to ensure that all events are registered correctly. Without Ray the HODs festival wouldn't be the success story that it is today. Despite this he is incredibly humble and always keen to stay in the background when the festival's success is recognised.

We are also supported by dozens of wonderful volunteers who help us to make all the Heritage Lincolnshire Open Days events so fantastic. The volunteers who helped with the Greyfriars event, as well as the Layers of History exhibition in Lincoln, went all out to support members of staff and their contribution fed into the great feedback



we received from visitors. Also there are volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes on The Old King's Head project, researching interesting stories and facts about this fascinating building.

I would also like to personally thank three volunteers who made a massive difference to the events that I organised. Dave Hagen and Charles Parker did an amazing job

explaining the role of the Royal Observer Corps, as well as the tools they used at the underground monitoring post at Holbeach. Dave, in particular, went above and beyond, leading some big maintenance projects in the run-up to the event, which made the post look almost brand new!

Ryan Godbold (also a member of the APS team) gave up his free time to support a brand-new event at Temple Bruer, even going as far as bringing his personal collection of replica armour and weaponry to show to the visitors, making the day even more special (picture above).

I always end up feeling positively humbled by the amount of effort and time our volunteers put into supporting the organisation, especially in the big projects such as Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days. It really puts the whole thing into perspective when we look at how much of a difference their dedication makes.

Overall the festival has been marvellous, and I know it will continue to surprise and delight visitors for years to come, thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of hundreds of volunteers across the County and beyond.

Charlotte Davey

## Greyfriars Update



Exciting things are happening with our next building project at Greyfriars in Lincoln!

Greyfriars is the last remaining building of a 13<sup>th</sup> Century Friary complex in the centre of historic Lincoln. It has been empty for over 15 years, ever since the old County Museum moved out. We are partnering with the owners, City of Lincoln Council, to bring the project forward for funding which will repair the building and bring it back into use as a heritage attraction which

will tell the story of over 700 years of occupation on the site. We will also create stunning spaces for conferencing, events and temporary exhibitions, with opportunities to work with local groups to share stories from across the county.

Applications for development funding are due in October and November this year, and we will hear if we are



successful in March 2020. There will be opportunities to get involved with the project throughout 2020 as we develop it further, including more open days, so keep an eye out for our newsletters and on social media for details.

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## Layers of History

Layers of History have had an amazing few months of activities which have culminated in a wonderful couple of weeks in the woods at Southrey working with a diverse group of individuals.

Work has continued at three of our study sites: Aslackby, Harlaxton and Southrey Woods. At Aslackby we spent three days (which just happened to include some of the hottest days of the summer) working with the geophysical survey team from Archaeological Project Services. We carried out a resistivity survey at Temple Farm and potentially discovered the circular church of the Knights Templar preceptory. Two days of magnetometry surveying in Castle Field, however, failed to locate significant evidence of any structures.



*The magnetometry team sheltering from the sun at Aslackby*

Work at Harlaxton included a field walk at Lower Lodge Farm where again the weather was kind to us. We were able to walk over the site of a number of pre-historic features which had first been identified on aerial photographs in the 1970s. It has been suggested by archaeologists that one feature in particular could represent a Neolithic cursus similar in form to the stone structure found at Carnac in Brittany, France. The Harlaxton example, however, would have been built of wooden posts rather than stone ones. Finds on the day were not numerous but a number of worked flint tools were discovered and await further analysis (watch this space).

During the last week of September and first week of October we worked in Southrey Woods in collaboration with the People's Partnership. The People's Partnership specialise in enabling 'access and amplifying the voice of hidden and hard to reach people of Lincolnshire'. We set up 'camp' in the woods, bringing in all the facilities we

needed to support our many visitors. It provided an amazing opportunity to share our Layers of History story with a diverse range of individuals who may otherwise not have had access to the project. The woodland setting was particularly magical, providing us with a peaceful location which was enjoyed by all, especially when clouds of damselflies visited our workshops.

We were able to take part in the Heritage Open Days fortnight and showcase all of our Layers of History sites at The Blue Room in Lincoln. Exhibition boards highlighted each of our sites and as usual we could not have held the event without the help of our wonderful volunteers.

Looking forward to the next few months we have Sadie Hirst coming to the little church in Southrey village to talk about the food history associated with the Bardney Lime Woods. Volunteers who worked at Revesby will be able to revisit the site in October to help the estate complete some new interpretation material for visitors. We have recently employed Ay-Pe Limited from York to provide us with digital reconstructions of four of our sites. We begin this journey by visiting Freiston Shore in October and volunteers will be invited to meet the team at other sites as this exciting part of the project moves forward.

We have also been looking beyond the Layers of History project and volunteers have been asked to explore a potential new project called Lincolnshire Explorers with some pilot projects being planned for the near future. If anyone would like more details of any aspect of the Layers of History project, please contact us by emailing [layers@heritagelincolnshire.org](mailto:layers@heritagelincolnshire.org)



*Sadie Hirst explaining how to make butter and medieval bread*



*One of our new exhibition boards from our showcase event*

## The Old King's Head Progress

The Old King's Head continues with the ongoing build and restoration. Renovation work began in February and now the first construction milestone has been passed - with the remains of the original thatched roof being removed, and re-roofing work completed.

The new roof was revealed during the final hard hat tour as part of the Heritage Open Days festival on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. What made the last tour with our APS Manager, Neil Parker, even more special, was that two former resident families came along to see how their former home was getting a new life.

Timothy Lavender is the son of the former landlord and landlady who ran The Old King's Head as a pub from 1958 to 1969, after buying it from former professional boxer, Johnny Cuthbert.

Speaking at the hard hat tour, Tim said: "I have wonderful memories of living here; I remember Kirton being a sleepy village but at the weekends it would come alive as The Old King's Head was the only pub in the area to have a music licence – and there would be people in the car park queuing up waiting for the pub to open!

"I feel honoured to play a part in the history of the building and privileged to be invited along today. It's been wonderful meeting the Duff family who turned the pub into a family home after we left. We've been exchanging stories and today I found out that a letter I once sent to Santa as a child and tucked up inside the chimney was found by the Duff family!

"It's fantastic that Heritage Lincolnshire are breathing life back into the building which is going to be a great hub for the village."



*From left, Richard Duff, Mary Duff, Philip Duff, Michael Lavender and Tim Lavender, who are all previous occupants of The Old King's Head take part in a hard hat tour of the site.*

*Picture: Chris Vaughan*



*The Duff family who purchased The Old Kings Head from the Lavenders Richard Duff, Mary Duff & Philip Duff*



## Calling all Monsters, Big and Small!

Join us for Half-Term Fun and Ghoulish

### Goings on at Temple Bruer

As the sun sets on the old tower, a hairy spider creeps out of her hidey-hole, looking for fun and maybe a big, juicy fly for her midnight snack. The building is

very old and has lots of secrets and stories to tell, and she wants visitors to help her discover them all. She already has eight legs, but perhaps you could give her a hand?

Heritage Lincolnshire is happy to announce the return of its annual Halloween Event at Temple Bruer Knights Preceptory Tower on Saturday 26th October.

Suitable for ghouls and gremlins of all ages, join our team and explore the old tower. Discover the secrets of the symbols carved into the walls and decide for yourself if the legend of the headless tower ghost is true.

Come dressed up for Halloween and have a go at the spooky spotters' trail\*, make themed badges and take part in creepy crafts. There will be a fancy-dress competition at 1pm,

with prizes for the best dressed.

The entrance to the Tower is located off Temple Road which can be accessed via the A607, A15 or from Pottergate Road.

\*Halloween Spotters' trail charged at £2 per family. Admission, craft activities and fancy-dress competition are free of charge with any donations to the charity appreciated. The tower will be open from 11.30am-3pm.

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## Update from the Community Archaeology team

After the busyness of the Boston Big Dig in the spring, the community archaeologists have been spending their time on smaller projects throughout the summer, from test pits to education, to planning a new series of events for the Autumn – there has been a lot going on!

### *Belton Test Pits*

On multiple days throughout the summer, we have been helping people living in Belton on the Isle of Axholme discover the archaeology of their own houses, as we have guided them through the process of digging a 1m square test pit in their gardens. It has been great to see the whole family getting involved with these activities, with friends often being invited along too!

Star finds included medieval plough marks in an historic strip farming area, a multitude of clay pipes from near an old train line (left behind by the workers perhaps?) and a well-loved cat that had been laid to rest many many years ago. With a few more test pits yet to be completed, we are looking forward to pooling the information, to create a full story of the village of Belton.

### *Wisbech Underground*

As part of our work with the Wisbech High Street Project, we have designed a brand new education pack, aimed at giving local students greater access to the underground spaces of the town, tied into a skills based teaching them the skills needed to balance different pieces of evidence and argue their case – what exactly are the tunnels of Wisbech?

Students were taught how to complete map progressions, how to examine artefacts and how to conduct a basic masonry recording, all to investigate more about the history of Wisbech and the tunnels. By linking the school with the local museum and Wisbech Castle - underneath which the most accessible vaults lay - we have put in place the structure to allow future co-ordinated visits to take place.

### *Upcoming Community Dig!*

Presenting the Past is proud to announce the **Secrets of the Churches**  
A practical mini-series of workshops aimed at unravelling the past of two churches on the Isle.

**The Missing Church of Amcotts**  
Learn archaeological skills in accessing and reading the landscape, old maps, buildings and documents as we work together to understand where the old Church at Amcotts used to stand, and what happened to it. You can attend any number of sessions.

- Traces in the Landscape**  
5<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30-3, St Marks Church, Amcotts
- Records in Maps**  
2<sup>nd</sup> November, 10.30-3, St Marks Church, Amcotts
- Leftovers in Buildings**  
7<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30-3, St Marks Church, Amcotts
- Hidden in Documents**  
11<sup>th</sup> January, 10.30-3, St Marks Church, Amcotts

Isle of Axholme

Want to get involved?  
Booking essential as spaces are limited. Email [presentingthepast@heritagelincs.org](mailto:presentingthepast@heritagelincs.org) or call 01529 461499 to reserve your place

Heritage Lincolnshire logo and partners: Isle of Axholme, North Lincolnshire Council, Heritage Fund.

After the success of the Boston Big Dig, clearly volunteers are keen to get their hands mucky and learn about archaeology in the field, as they make discoveries for themselves! So, we have been working with the Isle of Axholme and Hatfield Chase Landscape Partnership to tie in a community excavation with the current scheme of work. October half term will see us explore a Roman rural landscape, and the local volunteers are already getting excited!

Lydia



## The Launch of the first County Wide Tourism Pass is coming soon!

We at Heritage Lincolnshire and the creators of the East Anglia Pass have partnered to bring the first ever county wide tourism pass to Lincolnshire.

We have some amazing attractions, cafes, retail outlets and activity centres now coming on to the pass with some great offers for everyone who purchases the Lincs Pass.

Including: 2 for 1 at Ark Wildlife Park, Half Price Play and Climb at Active Nation Lincoln, 20% off food bill at Marco Pierre White's at Double Tree Lincoln, free child ticket at Lincolnshire Wildlife Park, 3 for 2 at Hall Farm Park, and many more!

You can get your hands on your very own pass very soon, just email [lincs-pass@heritagelincs.org](mailto:lincs-pass@heritagelincs.org) to express your interest, and as soon as it is launched we will send you the link!



## Photography Competition – Winners announced

We had some great entries for the 2019 Photography Competition ready for our 2020 calendar. After much deliberation, between staff and an expert panel the winner was announced as Samuel Rowson with his picture; 'The Lake of Tranquillity' taken at Belton House, National Trust, just outside of Grantham.

To see all the winning entries, please go to our website <https://www.heritagelincnshire.org/photography-competition>

The calendar will be available to purchase from next month ready for Christmas stockings and presents.



## Have you got your paws on a Jofli Bear yet?

Heritage Lincolnshire recently announced a fantastic and cuddly partnership with The Journey of Life Bear, Jofli, and we have already got some Heritage Lincolnshire Joflis in their new homes.

Jofli has been coming along to events with us and letting people know all about how he can help them to record all their adventures around the County, and make sure your memories last forever.

You can purchase your Heritage Lincolnshire Jofli directly from our website, and what a Christmas present he would make! He comes with his own branded t-shirt and coloured back pack with a personalised folder in it.

Every person who buys one will be contributing directly to the charity as 10% from every purchase of the Heritage Lincolnshire Joflis will come directly back into the Trust to

help us continue our work to conserve the rich history of the County for the benefit of all of the people who live and work here.

We will be encouraging you to get about the County with your Lincs Pass and Jofli, by tagging yourselves in on social media and doing competitions throughout the summer! And there's no age limit on a Jofli Bear! The whole family can get involved in adding pages to Jofli's diary!

We can all continue to have lots of adventures and record memories at every stage along the 'Journey of Life'!

Go to <https://www.heritagelincnshire.org/shop/jofli/> to purchase yours now!



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## GROW Courses announced for 2019/20 academic year

Join us throughout the Autumn Term to enjoy hands-on leatherwork workshops, learn about Lincolnshire Customs, Traditions and Folklore and Victorian History and Dickens Novels.

To get booked in email [grow@heritagelincolnshire.org](mailto:grow@heritagelincolnshire.org) or call us on 01529 461499

### Introduction to Leatherwork

**Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November  
10am- 4pm at The Old School, Heckington**

Heritage Lincolnshire Members £36 / Non-Heritage Lincolnshire Members £48

Introduction to leatherwork - Over the 2 days students will get hands on to learn about different types of leather, practice traditional skills and techniques of working with leather and produce their own project piece that is achievable in the course time. The project piece could be a phone cover, tablet cover, secateurs pouch or something else similar. Come with an idea in mind.

### Lincolnshire Customs, Traditions and Folklore with Tom Lane

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December 9am-12pm  
at The Old School, Heckington**

Heritage Lincolnshire Members £18 / Non-Heritage Lincolnshire Members £24

Customs and Traditions once common in Lincolnshire often survive in one form or another. But when and how and why did they start, how did they develop and what do they mean now? From Plough Plays to Maydays, Hiring Fairs to Harvest Home, we will attempt to understand the survival of the County's old Customs and Traditions and define the social dynamics behind them. Calendar customs, non-date-specific 'special' days (weddings/divorces, Tuttings, Horkey days etc), will claim our attention. Christmas, the one day into which we all cram so many traditions, new and old, will be under particular scrutiny. Along with the folk duo Stepping Stones, we will examine the songs and music associated with Lincolnshire customs and, hopefully, join in. The course will also touch on superstition and folklore and its place in controlling people through fear. Together we may even choose to re-enact a long-dead custom that takes our fancy!

### Victorian History and Dickens Novels

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 4pm  
at The Old School, Heckington**

Heritage Lincolnshire Members £18 / Non-Heritage Lincolnshire Members £24

Immerse yourself in the Victorian era and discover how our modern rites and rituals originated from this rapid age of progress over a century ago. Turning through the pages of history and some of the greatest novels ever



written, you will gain an insight into how our current conceptions and conventions around childhood, love and marriage, death and even Christmas were all formed during the Victorian period. You will be guided through an insightful historiographical approach to popular writings by celebrated Victorian authors including Charles Dickens, Lewis Carroll and the Bronte sisters.

### Riverside and Hedgerow (12 hours)

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am -4pm & Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am-4pm at Navigation House, Louth**

Heritage Lincolnshire Members £36 / Non-Heritage Lincolnshire Members £48

The exploration and practical management of two linear habitats in partnership with the Lincolnshire Countryside Wolds Service and the Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Project.

Learn about the ecology and practical management of these two linear habitats. This two-day course is a mixture of theory and practical. Combining history and wildlife identification with on-site hands-on participation, you'll learn all the basics about how to look after riverbanks and hedgerows.

Learners will leave with a greater understanding of the conservation and historic value of these iconic wildlife corridors and will have applied their new practical skills on a nearby site.

### Maps through the Ages (12 hours)

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 10am-4pm & Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 10am-4pm at Navigation House, Louth**

Heritage Lincolnshire Members £36 / Non-Heritage Lincolnshire Members £48

The history and everyday application of navigation and map reading in partnership with the Lincolnshire Countryside Wolds Service and the Lincolnshire Chalk Streams Project.

This two day course will chronicle the development of maps and navigation throughout history, and also provide the learner with the essential skills needed to undertake self guided walks in the Lincolnshire Wolds and beyond.

The tutor will offer an introduction to land navigation as well as vital coaching in safety, planning and kit selection. Also covered will be the effects of weather, how to deal with emergencies and how to 'read' the local environment.



## 2019/2020 Events Calendar

- 26<sup>th</sup> October Ghoulish Goings-on at Temple Bruer 11.30am - 3pm  
 29<sup>th</sup> October Heritage Stewards Project in Cleethorpes 10am-3.30pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> November Layers of History Bardney Limewoods Food History Presentation  
 2<sup>nd</sup> November Presenting the Past; Records in Maps in the Isle of Axholme  
 13<sup>th</sup> November History of Kirton Village, the Old Kings Head & Lincolnshire's Vernacular Building  
 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> November GROW: Introduction to Leatherwork  
 25<sup>th</sup> November How To Deflect Your Demons  
 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December GROW Lincolnshire Customs, Traditions and Folklore with Tom Lane  
 5<sup>th</sup> December GROW Victorian History and Dickens  
 7<sup>th</sup> December Presenting the Past; Leftovers in Buildings in the Isle of Axholme  
 11<sup>th</sup> January 2020 Presenting the Past; Hidden in Documents in the Isle of Axholme  
 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 GROW Maps through the Ages  
 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 GROW Riverside and Hedgerow  
 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 GROW Conservation Areas – History, Use and How to Assess Them  
 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 GROW Food History and Historical Cookery

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