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Annual Report 2022



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Welcome by Stephen Roe, Interim CEO

We are approaching the end of the financial year 2022/23 which has been a year of changes. I am pleased to announce that Tracy Stringfellow has been appointed as our new CEO and will be starting with Heritage Lincolnshire on 20th March 2023. Tracy's background is in the heritage sector, having worked for Royal Greenwich Heritage Trust for the last eight years and previously for the Royal borough of Greenwich. She began her career as Museums and Local Heritage Manager for North East Lincolnshire Council and she was born and raised in Grimsby. As well as her extensive experience of working on major projects in the heritage sector, Tracy has acted as Chair of WSUP, the Woolwich Service Users Project, a charity which provides practical and emotional support to those seeking help in the local community.

The National Lottery Heritage awarded a grant of £1.95M towards the cost of the restoration of Greyfriars Lincoln to Heritage Lincolnshire and the City of Lincoln Council. The work on bringing this iconic building back to life will commence early summer. The grade 1 listed schedule monument will be developed to provide an accessible and flexible space that maximises its potential use.

The work to enable us to lease Pow Cottage, a mud and stud cottage in Tattershall, as a holiday let will be completed by the end of this financial year.

The team continue to work hard across the Charity, our commercial enterprises and our consultancy projects supporting our core charitable work. As a charity, every pound generated is reinvested into our work in support of the rich heritage of Lincolnshire. I thank you for your continued support through membership, events, talks and visiting our sites.



Potential view of the restoration of Greyfriars, Lincoln

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The Old King's Head Kirton

It's been a busy few months at The Old King's Head as we have seen 2022 come and go as our first full year of trading.

Throughout December we had a lot of evening functions with our festive menu going down a treat with our customers! Our Christmas Fayre was the biggest and best we have had yet, with lots of

local businesses renting stalls and supporting us. We even had our Head Chef dressed up as Santa on his day off to welcome children to the event and get a present from him! We are now looking forward to 2023 and we have had our first celebration evening, a night of love with our Valentines evening serving a special three course meal. The evening sold out and we have received some great feedback from our guests! Other events coming up are

a Mother's Day Sunday roast, an Easter Egg hunt and celebrations, Father's Day traditional Sunday Roast and a Summer Fete which are in the pipeline so keep an eye out for dates and we look forward to welcoming you all.

Our biggest challenge for 2023 is getting some weddings booked in! To make this happen we have set up our function room for a small intimate wedding breakfast accommodating up to 40 guests and we have worked with local photographer Chris Vaughan on taking some great promotional photos. Our Head Chef is busy creating scrumptious menus to suit all budgets and tastes and we are busy connecting and working with some fantastic local wedding suppliers from balloons to flowers to decorations galore. If you know of any newly engaged couples, then we would love to meet them!

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Greyfriars update

In December we received the fabulous news that we had been awarded a major £ 1.95 million delivery grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to bring Greyfriars in Lincoln back into use as a thriving multifunctional venue space and café. We are also incredibly excited and grateful to have received match funding totalling £886,500 from Town Deals, Changing Places, Garfield Weston Foundation, The Pilgrim Trust and Investors in Lincoln.

So what next? The team have been very busy working with our funders to make sure everything is in place to get started! The next phase will be to start repair works to

the beautiful grade 1 listed, scheduled monument and undertake new capital works to fit it out for our future plans. Our team will also be busy working away with local groups, partners and communities to explore and celebrate the fascinating heritage of this 13th Century Franciscan Friary building.

Later this year we will be recruiting volunteers to help with a number of small projects including research, learning and more so please follow us on Facebook @greyfriarslincoln (<https://www.facebook.com/greyfriarslincoln>) or keep an eye on this newsletter for further information.

Boston Townscape Heritage Project update

Progress within the Boston Townscape Heritage Scheme, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Boston Borough Council and the Town Deal, continues apace. Eagle-eyed observers will note the completion of 16 Market Place, Boston, which is looking splendid. Scaffolding has also recently been erected at 5 Pump Square, in support of replacement sash windows to the second floor and a wider scheme of repair (including new street sign). We have successfully entered into Grant Funding Agreement with another property, with a further property now in for planning. We have received two further Expressions of Interest in the past week. The Highways works are now scheduled and are expected to go ahead on the 15th May, resurfacing the entirety of Dolphin Lane and providing much-needed improvements to the public realm. Finally, the Heritage Skills Festival was a resounding success, involving the delivery of 16 different types of heritage skills and being attended by over 500 people from across the community in Boston. We have submitted a request to extend the funding to April 2024, when we will bring the scheme to a (successful) conclusion.



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Fydell House, Boston

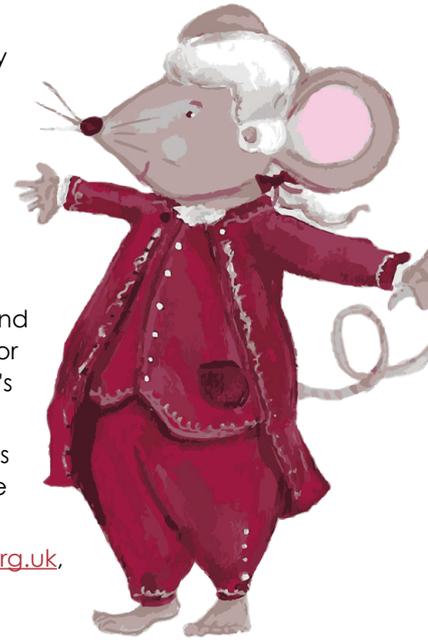
There's lots going on at Fydell House as we're well underway with our project.

A school's workshop in January had students at Boston West learning about Joseph Banks connection to Fydell House and even making their own delft tiles! Fydell have also held their first history talks, hosted by Richard Ireland an expert in decorative conservation, on the Use of Papier Mache in Historic Buildings. Our next talk is on the 25th September 'Fydell House and the National Lottery Project' - come hear more about Fydell's plans for the future and what goes into restoring a Grade I building. If you're looking for something to do with the little ones - why not come along to our Georgian Family Activity Sessions on the 18th March and 6th April, learn about how the Georgians used fans to secretly communicate and design your own or learn about life as a Georgian maid and what an 18th century household was like!

We are also creating a new activity trail for families to explore the house and garden - and what better guide than Fydell's new resident mouse: Sir Philip Squeakaton or Pip Squeak for short. Visitors will be able to see lots of Pip's friends throughout Fydell soon, thanks to Fydell's volunteers who have been knitting mice for the project.

Our most recent event was on Monday 6th February, where we shook away those winter blues with our Outdoor Cold Yoga Session! We took the time to slow down, connect with nature and embrace the elements, all finished off with a warming cup of coffee or tea!

To keep up to date with any of the events, please contact Fydell House info@fydellhouse.org.uk, or check out their social media for more information.



Mablethorpe and Skegness Town Deals

An exciting year is coming in Skegness. We have an agreement in place to create a masterplan of works in Tower Gardens, which will be designed with the community in the Spring. Before the season starts there will be new bins in the town and a number of street trees will be installed starting the Transformation of the Town Centre through HM Government Town Deal funding. Within the next 6 months we should also have the first shopfront projects on Lumley Road.

In Mablethorpe following delays to the launch of the project we have been working with the community to identify how to spend the Town Deal funding with the local community. Following feedback of a community engagement event in November we are now working with a local architectural practice to develop a scheme for the High Street.

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Events

Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days

We're already in February, and it's still the age-old question – where does the time go? It seems like it was just yesterday we were wrapping up the 2022 Heritage Open Days Festival, and now we're already in full-swing for the 2023 one with a newly-expanded team, involving a group of wonderful volunteers who will be helping with the admin and the marketing of the festival. But before we get onto plans for this year, let's take a look back at last year and celebrate what we achieved.

2022 saw some really fantastic events taking place across Lincolnshire. All of this was once again made possible by the tireless efforts of staff and volunteers at sites across Lincolnshire. Visitor feedback continues to show how beloved the Heritage Open Days festival is to the people of Lincolnshire, with 98% of visitors to events saying they found the experience an enjoyable one. The word cloud below shows some of the key themes and common words which came up in the feedback:

We're so glad that the festival is going from strength to strength! With that in mind, it's time to reveal what's in the works for this year's celebration! We're delighted to say that registrations are now open for the 2023 festival which will take place from the 8th – 17th September, and we have a new, exciting theme of: **The Arts of Lincolnshire – Creativity Unwrapped**

We are celebrating the stories and work of the experts and enthusiastic amateurs who add that something extra to all aspects of our daily lives. So, whether you're thinking of the Arts with a capital 'A' or art in all its lowercase glory – from high-brow literature to slam poetry, Old masters to street art, fashion, architecture and garden design – we want to know your stories!

We hope that you're as excited about the festival as we are. If you'd like to join in the fun or find out more, then get in touch or take a look at our organiser page on the Heritage Lincolnshire website.

<https://www.heritagelincs.org/heritage-open-days>

Registrations are open till 31st March – what will you come up with?



Caxton Theatre



Sedgebrook

We would like to say a special thank you to Charlotte Davey who has led the Heritage Open Days festival since 2018 and is sadly leaving the team at the end of February.

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Grimsby Viking Festival

After such a fantastic event last year, we're pleased to announce that Grim will return to Grimsby in 2023! Work is already underway behind the scenes planning for a new weekend of Viking festivities in September. In the meantime, Heritage Lincolnshire continues to offer a programme of Viking themed community engagement activities, with a sold out Viking talk in January and some fun workshop sessions for under 5s planned to take place

shortly! We'll be launching our updated Grim Falfest website soon to announce an exciting programme of what's planned this year.

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Volunteering

It's lovely to have our volunteers back in the office. They have been busy taking on the mammoth task of tidying and catalogue our library books – something which is definitely a long term project! We are extremely grateful to Paul, Ruth, Calum and Jenny for their help and support. In other volunteering news, we're also delighted to have our newly formed Heritage Open Days team up and running who

are working with us on Monday afternoons on the new programme for this year. Thank you and welcome to Alicia, Andrea and Sarah ... and welcome back Julie and John! If you would like to join either of our volunteering groups, or sign up to our HTL volunteers mailing list, please email Natalie.lunt@heritagelincs.org.



Community Team Update

One of our main charitable objectives is to offer opportunities to learn about Lincolnshire's wonderful heritage to both existing and new audiences. In the new financial year, we'll be launching a new education and outreach strategy to share why Lincolnshire's heritage is so special and unique. In particular, through this work, we want to reach different communities who perhaps know

very little about how rich and diverse our county heritage is, why it's important and how they can become advocates for our historic environment.

If you know of any local non-heritage group with a speakers programme who you think might be interested in a short presentation, please get in touch and email gail.graham@heritagelincs.org



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APS Update

An Early Church in Holbeach?

Our recent excavations in Holbeach have uncovered two remarkable finds dating from the mid-10th to mid-11th century. Both are Late Saxon grave markers or headstones and point to a church existing before the Domesday Survey of 1086.

The first stone has this double inscribed cross and is in a similar fashion to a type known as Lindsey Grave Markers, as they have mostly been found in the north of the county. However, the geology points to the stones coming from the quarries at Barnack, northwest of Peterborough, where they copied similar designs but generally not as well executed as the Lindsey Group. Few, if any, of these Barnack grave markers are known from Lincolnshire and have been found at Peterborough Cathedral and Cambridge Castle.

The second stone appears to have a raised cross (visible on the right hand side of the photograph) and was also made at Barnack. A little more research is needed on this one as parallels have been hard to find.

But what are they doing in Holbeach? Such headstones are associated with a church or chapel with burial rights and are generally found re-used within medieval churches. No church or chapels are recorded in Holbeach in the Domesday Survey but as Crowland Abbey was the dominant landowner this is not a surprise as monastic land was not taxed and therefore, of no interest to the compilers of the Domesday Book. All Saint's church in the centre of the town is 14th century though replaced an earlier church mentioned in AD 1177. One candidate, lying closer to our excavation site, is the chapel of St Peter which is first recorded in AD 1199 and it is reasonable to assume that this chapel may have earlier origins, perhaps associated with Crowland Abbey.

APS would like to thank Ashwood Homes for their continued support of our excavations and Dr David Stocker for his initial comments on these stones.



Stonework 1



Stonework 2

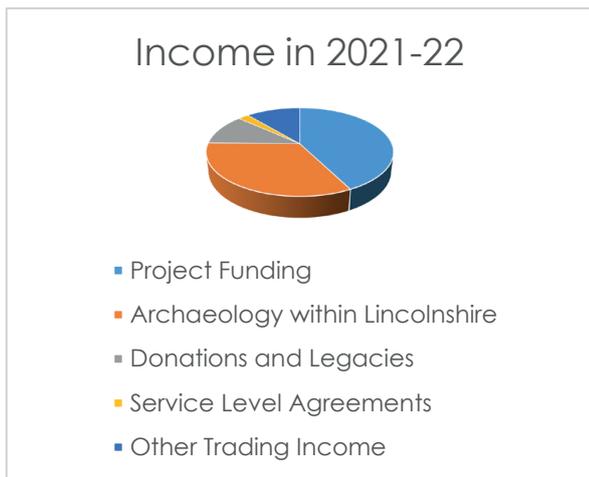
Elsewhere....

In our previous updates to the Newsletter the many sites and finds discovered and reported upon over the last few years are gradually being written up and are making a significant contribution to our understanding of Lincolnshire, particularly during the Iron Age. We will let you know about these findings in future updates.

Financial Year

Income in 2021-22	
Project Funding	£948,490
Archaeology within Lincolnshire	£736,127
Donations and Legacies	£252,025
Service Level Agreements	£50,240
Other Trading Income	£249,194
TOTAL	£2,236,076

Expenditure in 2021 -22	
Projects and Charitable Activities	£1,062,791
Archaeology within Lincolnshire	£605,468
Other Trading Activities	£188,812
Governance	£3,845
TOTAL	£1,860,916



Talks programme

We have an exciting year of talks in the planning and we are looking forward to working with some of our favourite speakers and some new exciting ones too! Here is the programme for 2023 so far, but keep an eye out as our calendar keeps getting new talks added to all the time!

If you are a member, you get discount to all our events, talks and workshops, so if you are booking multiple, why not become a member for £30 for the year!

For the full Heritage Lincolnshire Events calendar please go online to www.heritagelincs.org/events

Monday 27th February	The Hidden History of Lincolnshire's LGBTQ+ heritage with panel session with Alice Ullathorne with Dr Victoria Araj, Lecturer in Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at the University of Lincoln
Tuesday 28th February	Richard III From Birth to Bosworth Talk Series. Talk 2: The King in Parliament with Matt Lewis; Richard III Society Chairman
Thursday 9th March	Women's History Month Talk Series: WPC Edith Smith; the first UK Policewoman was from Lincolnshire! With John Manterfield, Grantham Civic Society
Thursday 16th March	Women's History Month Talk Series: Women of Tudor Lincolnshire with Sharon Connolly
Monday 20th March	The Rise & Fall of the Knights Templar Talk Series. Talk 3: The Templars in the British Isles and Western Europe with Dr Nicholas Morton
Thursday 23rd March	Women's History Month Talk Series: Wolds Women of Influence Bringing Louisa Boucherett and The Caistor Workhouse Children to life
Tuesday 28th March	Richard III From Birth to Bosworth Talk Series Talk 3: Yorkist Foreign Policy with Matt Lewis; Richard III Society Chairman
Thursday 30th March	Women's History Month Talk Series: Women of Influence in 13th Century England with Sharon Connolly

These talks are all online at 7pm.

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Volunteer

2022 has been another great year for Heritage Lincolnshire volunteers. Volunteering is a fantastic way to gain new skills, knowledge and friends! Why not join the team?

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Make a Donation

Would you like to support us in saving The Old King's Head or help provide opportunities for young people? Be part of our story through regular giving or a one-off gift.

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Leave a legacy

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