

HERITAGE LINCOLNSHIRE



ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECT SERVICES

Heritage Lincolnshire Annual Report 2017



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Welcome from Liz

What a busy year! I am very proud to share this summary of the work of our charity over the past 12 months. Our staff and volunteers have worked together to achieve some fantastic projects, events and activities during 2017 and I would like to thank all those involved for their dedication, creativity and expertise. Support from our county, regional and national partners has also contributed hugely to the work we have undertaken and you can find our acknowledgements on our website at www.heritagelincs.org/support

Liz Bates, CEO

• Heritage Open Days

22,844 visitors boosted Lincolnshire's tourist industry by £869,540. We engaged 688 volunteers and we can't wait until next year. If you would like your own place or project to be involved in Heritage Open Days, get in touch, the deadline for applications is the 30th March 2018!

Our full report on this year's HoDs is available on our website.

• Walking Festival

Following on from the success of the festivals in 2017, which attracted over 4,000 participants in total, Heritage Lincolnshire have announced dates for the 2018 walking festivals:

The Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival, delivered in partnership with Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service, will run from 19th May until 3rd June. The festival will offer more than 100 walks over 16 days in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The South Lincolnshire Walking Festival will run from 29th September until 28th October with walks taking place on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Remembering Tony Worth

Patron for Heritage Lincolnshire 2014 – 2017

Tony Worth was appointed High Sheriff of Lincolnshire in 1990 and Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire on 30th October 2008. He was appointed Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO) in the 2015 New Year Honours.

As a farmer and landowner in the Holbeach Marsh, he was a leading figure in the Lincolnshire agricultural scene. Over the years he held a number of significant posts, including that of President of the Lincolnshire Agricultural Society. He was also a leading light in the creation of the new International Bomber Command Centre at Lincoln.

Tony Worth had a genuine interest in the history and heritage of the county and he was a man of great humanity. He will be very much missed by all of the staff and trustees at Heritage Lincolnshire and our thoughts are with his family.



The year of amazing volunteers

We are proud to say that volunteers with Heritage Lincolnshire are involved in broad range of the charities activities. We are therefore grateful to volunteer Jackie Goodall for her invaluable work and innovation as our Volunteer Coordinator.

Jackie has facilitated *Volunteer Steering Group* meetings and *Do Something New* events, promoting volunteer involvement in our projects.

All her work has resulted in an increased number of volunteer roles, which are really making a real difference to our charity.

Office volunteers support projects such as Heritage Open Days and walking festivals and have also been busy cataloguing our local history research library and the archive of Hilary Healey, a local historian and archaeologist. Meeting regularly, volunteers researching and furthering our understanding the Old King's Head have really flourished under their own initiative: this project has really taken off as volunteers have assisted with tours of the property, helping at our Christmas quiz and representing the Trust at Kirton's craft fair.

We would also like to acknowledge the dedication effort of Dave Hogan who has vastly improved the condition of our bunker at Holbeach. A huge thank you goes to all of our volunteers for their time and expertise – we make a great team!



Community Archaeology and Academic Research

Archaeological Project Services (APS) is Heritage Lincolnshire's specialist team of archaeologists and this year they have undertaken a wide variety of commercial projects for clients across the country raising funds for the charity. Aside from these commercial activities their expertise in providing support for local communities coupled with our ability to deliver archaeological research projects has seen APS expand its portfolio during 2017.

Project Manager, Paul Cope-Faulkner, has been advising St Boltoph's Church in Boston to deliver their HLF-funded 'A Passion for People' project. A significant medieval Grade 1 Listed Building, this project requires archaeological input as the work planned includes below ground intervention. As Paul specialises in the medieval period, this wealth of knowledge and experiences is being put to good use.



Look out for further updates on our website

Long barrows

Over the past year our team has been working alongside Historic England on a fascinating project examining the Neolithic Long Barrows of Lincolnshire. Over 100 sites are known of in the county, although time and the hand of man has reduced many to flat areas of field. Those that survive are examples of the earliest architecture in Britain and the burial places of some of our prehistoric ancestors.

Their names such as "Giant's Hills", "Deadmen's Graves" and "Cromwell's Grave" show the effect these monuments have had on people's imaginations through the centuries. Through observation, geophysical survey and excavation, this year we have been able to add to our understanding of these ancient monuments.

The project will continue during 2018 with further field investigations focused in the Wolds, where many of the long barrows are to be found.

We will share the results once they are completed, so keep an eye on our website for more information.

Layers Of History

Our Layers of History project has had a fantastic first year. Volunteers have been very busy investigating what lies beneath the ground at Revesby Abbey; discovering herbalism through the ages in Hackthorn; surveying 20th century military buildings at Freiston Shore; creating their own illuminated letters, re-creating Elizabethan recipes... the list goes on!

During 2017 our Layers of History team has run 31 training events, recruited 163 volunteers and engaged over 2400 people in landscape archaeology!

In 2018 we will be continuing our fantastic training events for volunteers, launching more online courses and investigating four new study sites: Hackthorn, South Ormsby Estate, Southrey Woods and Hainton Estate.

If you'd like more information on volunteering or simply want to know what we're up to go to heritagelincolnshire.org/layers



Old King's Head Update

This time last year we reported on the first stages of our work to save the former coaching inn. This included working with our partners to develop a scheme of repairs and researching the history and significance of the Old King's Head. The inn has a date stone of 1599, but we have discovered that it has had several phases of development over the centuries to create the amazing building that we own today. Emergency works were carried out in autumn 2017, which included patching holes in the roof, additional support and improving drainage. We are very grateful to Historic England for funding this urgent work. There is an important part of this story that isn't the brick and mortar. 2017 saw our first ever crowdfunding campaign where we invited the community to join us in to saving the Old King's Head. Investing in young people, we invited aspiring film maker, Jack Howard to make our crowdfunding video for us. With individual donations from over 200 people, raising £5,226 we met many new faces through our special crowdfunding events. We are extremely grateful to Fish Tank Theatre, who helped us put together our bespoke Murder Mystery event. At our food festival we celebrated local producers Nanny's Hamper, Fenland Herbalists, Bragg's best gourmet foods; historical re-enactors, Forgotten Fare; and expert collector and speaker Sadie Hirst gathered for a wonderful Kirton celebration bringing a little brightness to a dreary afternoon. We hosted our Christmas Quiz at the Merry



Monk, a Kirton Pub which overlooks the Old King's Head, gathering 42 people together to enjoy festive cheer. We look forward to another fantastic year of campaigning to save the Old King's Head.





Community Support

We have been doing some fantastic work with communities, building preservation trusts and local authorities across the East Midlands to tackle Heritage at Risk. Historic England have funded our Heritage at Risk Solutions Officer to build on the work we do to tackle at Risk buildings in the county.

In Caistor we've been working with a new group that formed to give a future to the Grade II Old Lincolnshire Cooperative buildings on the Market Place. This is an excellent opportunity to revitalise the whole center of Caistor. We helped this group find funding, narrow down a final option for the buildings, work on their governance, and become a suitably constituted body. They will be starting the New Year with visits to other sites which have undertaken similar projects and looking to recruit more volunteers to the project soon.

Many of the projects we are involved in are right at the beginning of their journey to rescue an historic site. By sharing Heritage Lincolnshire's expertise we hugely increase the chance of us finding a solution to these sites and getting them off the Register.

If you are involved in an historic site which would benefit from our help please get in touch!



Heritage Bug Competition

Heritage Lincolnshire fans have been taking a little bit of us wherever they go. We've been seeking the most unusual heritage location that you can take a photo of your Heritage Bug.



We can't wait to see what the Heritage Bug will get up to next year. Heritage Bug competition winner, Emelia, took her bug on quite the sunny holiday, Lovely! Where will you take yours?



Dedicated to Education

Throughout the year we engaged 1,231 young people at 36 schools, colleges and universities all over Lincolnshire, from Stamford to the Humber, Skegness to the Trent Valley.

Our archaeology clubs were fully booked all year. Over 100 primary school children experienced a taster of archaeological training and exploring historic buildings in their neighbourhood.

"The children loved it! It's so valuable for them being able to hold and discuss actual objects rather than just looking at them through glass."

Primary school teacher, Lincolnshire

We support teachers and students with their history topics from the prehistoric to Roman, Anglo-Saxon and Viking.

Heritage Lincolnshire helps young people make films about historic Stamford.

Marking 50 years since the town became the country's very first conservation area, we united local schools, Stamford Civic Society, Tin Hat Productions & Historic England to hold a heritage film festival for children. Over 70 children produced 12 short films. Friends and family enjoyed a premier evening, where guests of honour Cllr Matthew Lee, the Leader of South Kesteven District Council and the Mayor of Stamford commended the students' work. The films also featured in a special exhibition organised by the Civic Society and can be viewed online on our YouTube channel.

Opportunity spotlight:

Work Experience Ever keen to help get local young people into careers in the heritage sector we also provided five Lincolnshire teenagers with work experience placements.

Holbeach Children explored the town's derelict Victorian cemetery chapels sharing creative ideas for their reuse, which they pitched 'Dragons Den' style to VIP Cllr Nick Worth, and the Trust working to restore them.

Stickney We took part in a successful whole school history week investigating the village's history from prehistory to the present day, which led to the school securing coveted Heritage Schools status from Historic England.

Carre's Grammar School We explored the remains of Sleaford Castle finding new ways to interpret and present the little known site to visitors.

We are looking forward to

- Great events at our sites for all the family from **Bolingbroke Castle's Easter egg hunt** to **Halloween at Temple Bruer**
- We will be packing in more **Grow Adult Learning Courses**
- Archaeology projects on the Isle of **Axholme & Hatfield Chase**
- Watch this space for more tours of the **Old King's Head** and **Kirton's community archaeological dig** as we discover more about this amazing building.
- **Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival:** 19th May – 3rd June
- **Heritage Open Days:** 6-9th September & 13-16th September 2018.
- **South Lincolnshire Walking Festival** 29th September – 28th October



Be Part of Heritage Lincolnshire

How are people getting involved with
Heritage Lincolnshire?

Become a member

This year contributions from our members have meant we can offer school children even more exciting workshops. Next year we hope that membership contributions will help to save The Old Kings Head, and bring it back into the heart of Kirton's community. Our projects thrive on your vital support. In return we offer a package that is always improving: booking preferences, discounts and privileged events are set to take off as we are planning to boost the benefit of being a member year on year

Get more from Lincolnshire! www.heritagelincs.org/join

Make a Donation

Do you have want to support us in saving the Old King's Head, do you want to invest in heritage skills for the future? Be a part of our story through regular donations or a one-off gift.

www.heritagelincs.org/donate

Volunteer

2017 has been a great year for Heritage Lincolnshire volunteers. Volunteering with us is a fantastic way to gain skills, knowledge and friendship! Really get to know your local area!

www.heritagelincs.org/volunteer

Leave a legacy

Remembering the Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire in your Will helps to secure the future of our work in the county, preserving and protecting the wonderful Heritage of Lincolnshire

www.heritagelincs.org/legacy



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