

Heritage Open Days

This year has certainly been a challenging one for the Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days festival. In May we are usually at the point where the brochure is being designed by Sue, our fantastic in-house designer, ready for printing and the launch at the annual Lincolnshire Show. This year however looked very different, and as all of us had been told to 'stay home' for the lockdown, we were thinking ahead to the impact of COVID-19 on the festival.

On the one hand we felt that by September the festival would be exactly what the county needed to reconnect with their local communities, but at that stage there were questions on whether the festival would take place at all. Thankfully in mid-June we got the go-ahead from the national team, with some new elements to think about. We of course had to take the virus and new safety advice into account, but also had the brand new option of hosting digital events.

We were incredibly excited about the festival going ahead, however the timing made for a challenging turnaround. Our normal process for the brochure runs from December through to June, from getting organisers to register their event to the distribution of the brochure. With the uncertainty caused and new requirements needed, we had to almost completely re-do the process, from asking organisers to re-register their event after considering the new essential precautions to printing the brochure, and all of this in a two-month turnaround.

Although some organisers had to postpone for this year, we were overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of the group of organisers who chose to carry on with their event or offer a digital version in its place. This year the Lincolnshire festival sees over 60 events across Lincolnshire. Although a bit smaller than in previous years, we genuinely believe the festival will have a bigger impact than ever on bringing interest, excitement, enjoyment, and heritage to the people of Lincolnshire, after a very challenging and difficult few months.

As our members, you will have had the first look at the digital brochure, and as such hope you have had a chance to pick out some great events to attend.

Please remember to check our website before attending any event, just in case of last-minute changes. We are expecting more than usual this year because of the ongoing changes to government guidance as the situation progresses.

Some highlights of the festival include a rare chance to see the chained library at St Wulfram's Parish Church in Grantham and tour this beautiful church with its soaring spire.

If pubs are more your thing then don't miss out on the fantastic digital tour around Boston's historic pubs, with fascinating titbits of local history along the way. You will be able to explore the online trail from home, on a mobile device, or go in person on this unusual self-guided walk.

If after this you're inspired to carry on walking through Lincolnshire's history, then you can join a three mile walk in Langton by Spilsby to wander through prehistory, looking at very unusual well-sited Neolithic and Bronze Age burial grounds, not to mention the wonderful views from a high point of the Wolds.

If you would prefer to stay in and explore then there is also a quirky new event for Tattershall College, where you can take a virtual tour with a difference. See this gorgeous medieval brick building from the unusual perspective of "wee folk", as curator Jim Snee creates a fairytale in miniature, highlighting aspects of the building that are often overlooked.

Whatever you do for this year's Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days, we hope you have a wonderful time, and make some great memories of a year that has been difficult for everyone.

There is little else for me to say now, other than of course to thank you to everyone who has helped make the festival happen. We couldn't fund the festival without the input of Lincolnshire County Council and local authorities, organise it without the help of the steering and development groups, and make it so memorable without the input of the fantastic host of volunteer event organisers who help us make the Lincolnshire festival something spectacular.

Charlotte, Hannah & Ray

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Layers of History

It was with great sadness that the Layers of History team had to cancel our end of project celebration events in May due to Covid 19. We had hoped to be able to reschedule our celebration events but as time has gone on, it has become clear that this will not be possible with the project drawing to a close this autumn.

One of the most important aspects of the project has been the creation of the videos telling the story of four of our study sites (Frieston Shore, Hainton, Revesby and South Ormsby). We are excited to announce that these have now been completed. We want our wonderful Layers volunteers to be the first to receive a copy of these videos, so in lieu of a celebration event we are working on a presentation box for each volunteer which will be a memento of the project and will contain a copy of the videos. The team have been out

and about filming some short films of our other four Layers of History sites, which will also be included. For those readers who are not Layers of History volunteers the videos will be available on our new Heritage Lincolnshire website (coming soon).

In other exciting news we have received our project evaluation report from Durnin Research and we are delighted with it. A summary copy can be found on the Heritage Lincolnshire website or please contact us at layers@heritagelincolnshire.org for a full copy. An important aspect identified within the report, was ensuring that we don't lose the enthusiasm of all our volunteers and that we offer them an opportunity to continue their relationship with us,

perhaps through other future projects. We think this is an excellent idea and so in the near future all our Layers volunteers will receive a short 'skills' survey, asking what volunteering aspects they would like to continue and what else they would like to learn. We hope many of them will return this and will want to continue their journeys of discovery with us! In the meantime, the team continue to write up reports. The Layers of History project itself will finish at the end of September but the team have been working on lots of legacy projects and ideas. We very much look forward to seeing you digitally or out and about, socially distanced, in the near future.

Cola, Jim & Kate



Construction, Property & Trade Exhibition

Join us for the 2nd Construction, Property, Heritage and Trade Exhibition from Archaeological Property Services & Heritage Lincolnshire.

Following the successful event in February 2020, we are returning for our second event on Thursday 4th March 2021 to the Lincolnshire Showground and doubling the exhibition.

We have now partnered with the Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce which will be an exciting partnership going forward and they will be working with us to create a full seminar programme and attract even more exhibitors.

This annual event is directly marketed and aimed at those within the Construction, Property, Heritage and Trade Industries across the East Midlands. The main aim is to connect businesses together within these industries, to ensure that they are accessible to businesses of all sizes and capacity. Prices are below the average price to exhibit at an event such as this and we are hoping to draw in attendees from across the East Midlands area by working with some key partners and influencers in the industry.

For more information go to <https://www.heritagelincs.org/exhibition>.



OKH update

Our current Building Preservation Trust project has now survived not just three different CEOs but also a pandemic! We have been in awe of the can-do attitude of

our main contractor Splith who have steadfastly pressed ahead throughout. Perhaps inevitably, since the beginning of the pandemic works have not progressed as quickly as they might and we're now looking forward to seeing these completed this year so that we can open in time for what we hope will be a bumper year for domestic tourism in 2021. In the meantime, the stunning and beautifully repaired

brickwork is visible for all to see now that scaffolding is down and we look forward to welcoming people to experience its equally beautiful interiors and outside spaces when we open to the public. We'll be announcing a formal opening date shortly and also details of how you'll be able to book a stay for yourself and for loved ones. Keep your eyes peeled for this – what better Christmas present than being able to look forward to an escape to our beautifully conserved 16th Century coaching inn for a rural retreat in the new year?!

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Our archaeologists have been fairly busy these past few months, despite not getting out into the field as much as we had anticipated. For those of the team that were not furloughed, it provided an opportunity to catch up with all that post-excavation work and report writing. This included the reporting on the geophysical surveys of Sleaford Castle, which has changed how we think it may have looked some 900 years ago.

Community led geophysical survey at Sleaford Castle in February

As the summer progressed, the team cautiously went back out into the field to test the ways in which we can operate safely, both to ourselves and the wider public. As such, we have completed trial trenching work throughout Lincolnshire in Bardney, Stallingborough, Burgh le Marsh, and Heydour, King's Lynn in Norfolk, Ramsey in Cambridgeshire and Balderton in Nottinghamshire and are currently underway with a 165 trench evaluation in March (Cambs). Our long association with Woodhall Spa and Tumby quarries is also starting up again and it will not be long before we move onto an area of prehistoric enclosures at the former.



Lockdown also provided the chance for Jonathon Smith to gain his wings, becoming a licenced drone operator. This will provide aerial photography of our excavations, cropmarks and photographic surveys of historic buildings and give a new insight into how we interpret the past.

A big heartfelt thank you goes out to the team at Archaeological Project Services for all their sacrifices and patience over the last few months as we adapt to a new chapter in the history of the world.

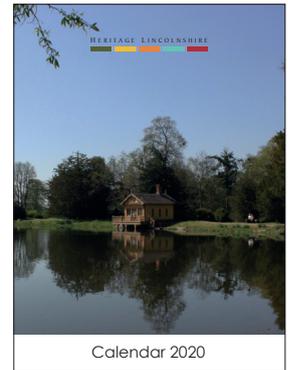
Socially distanced archaeology!



Photography Competition for the 2021 calendar

Do you love Lincolnshire's heritage and know your way around a camera? We're looking for stunning photos showing places across Lincolnshire that reflects on our heritage open days theme of the past and pastimes - the heritage of Lincolnshire's leisure.

Try to think outside the box and choose a photo that will stand out from the crowd, think about the changing seasons and how your photo would fit into our calendar.



To enter the competition, you must email a completed entry form accompanied by your photo to the email address below.

Only one entry per person is allowed and must be emailed to photocomp@heritagelincs.org on 30th September 2020.

ALL ABOUT LINCOLNSHIRE
QUIZ TIME

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER
ONLINE AT 7PM

QUESTION MARKS

heritage open days

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HTL Quiz Nights

Join Heritage Lincolnshire for our second fun quiz night online as part of Heritage Open Days. Join us as we give you a quiz night that will test your knowledge on our amazing county, and maybe even teach you a thing or two as we explore past and present.

See how much you know by joining us on Friday 11th September at 7pm! You will be sent a quiz sheet and link on the day of the event so get your pen and paper ready!

Book in on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-lincolnshire-quiz-night->

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The Lincs Pass

Heritage Lincolnshire have partnered with the creator of the East Anglia Pass on an exciting new concept for the whole of the County of Lincolnshire.

We hope to increase tourism within the county, and also encouraging external visits from across the UK and abroad, whilst getting great discounts for you!

Go to www.lincspass.com

- pay only £9.99 & enjoy great savings in Lincolnshire
- not one off deals - save time & time again
- pass valid for a whole year
- choose large reductions at over 100 cafes, restaurants, shops and attractions across Lincolnshire

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annual programme of events • historic sites to visit • preservation of historic buildings • heritage open days

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HTL Volunteering

Well – what a strange year this has been for anyone volunteering! Whilst some organisations have been able to utilise volunteers to support essential work during the pandemic, other organisations like ours have had to officially 'pause' our regular volunteering opportunities. This meant that in late February site visits stopped on our large-scale volunteer Layers of History project and our regular weekly office 'team' also stopped contributing to cataloguing our library, digitising reports, collating the Hilary Healey collection and participating in all events and activities over the summer which were, of course, all cancelled.

Our Lead Volunteer, Jackie Goodall, reminded us 'virtually' of the importance of volunteers and the contribution they make to Heritage Lincolnshire in June as part of Volunteers Week, but our annual 'Thank You' event was not able to run. Let's hope we may be able to offer something at Christmas and pick up our activities and events programme for 2021 ...

Whilst the staff at Heritage Lincolnshire return to the office on a very small scale, re-establishing our volunteer weekly Wednesday group may be somewhat off. Like most offices, we currently have very strict health and safety guidelines which limit the numbers in our library and OUR KITCHEN IS CLOSED! We therefore cannot provide that crucial aspect of any volunteering offer – a cup of tea along

with a chat. So, we want to take this opportunity to perhaps consider doing things differently for the immediate future.

We plan to consult with our staff to investigate 'remote' working opportunities to enable volunteers to be able to support our organisation from the comfort of their own home, or perhaps whilst they are out and about, walking in the local area for example. We would also like to hear from our volunteers if they have any ideas of things they can do to build on the work of our charity. We currently have some volunteers undertaking some geological research for our geophysics team at home, so we know there are opportunities out there. Perhaps you've been able to undertake some volunteering work for another charity which you think could be replicated for Heritage Lincolnshire. If so, please tell us about it! Do email Jackie at Jackie.goodall@heritagelincolnshire.org

Finally, along with our Layers of History volunteers, we would like to extend our offer of completing a 'skills' survey to all of our volunteers. If you did not take part in Layers, but would still like the opportunity of exploring future volunteering projects with Heritage Lincolnshire, please email volunteering@heritagelincolnshire.org using 'Skills Survey' as the 'Subject'. We look forward to hearing from you.





Ways to continue supporting us.....



Volunteer

2020 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?

www.heritagelincolnshire.org/volunteer



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.

www.heritagelincolnshire.org/donate

Leave a legacy

Remembering Heritage Lincolnshire in your Will helps to secure the future of our work in the county, preserving and protecting our wonderful buildings and landscapes for the next generation.

www.heritagelincolnshire.org/legacy



Why not join as a member?

Put simply, our charity flourishes with your support. Please consider joining our membership scheme and benefit from early booking opportunities, discounts and exclusive events.

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