



Heritage Lincolnshire Autumn Newsletter 2021

Welcome by Greg Pickup, CEO

I am DELIGHTED to announce that finally, after a rollercoaster journey beginning in 2014, the Old King's Head is now open! In October we welcomed Mary Duff, former resident of the Old King's Head, to cut the ribbon and mark the opening of our beautifully conserved building as a café, B&B and community meeting space. There is barely anyone in our organisation who has not contributed to this project in some way over recent years and it has been a huge team effort. We are running the Old King's Head ourselves in-house, having established a new trading arm, HTL Enterprises, for the purpose. As a result, our team has expanded significantly as we've welcomed Operations Manager Vicky, Chef Nathan and a number of others to help us run the site. The initial feedback has been overwhelmingly positive and I'd encourage you all to find out for yourselves what a great venue we have by coming to eat, drink, stay and celebrate with us in Kirton. Furthermore, every pound spent at the Old King's Head helps contribute to our work to protect and save Lincolnshire's incredible heritage; what better excuse for indulging in one of our delicious afternoon teas?

Meanwhile, in the rest of the charity it has been full steam ahead. Our archaeologists are as busy as ever and we have been particularly pleased to see our geophysics team engaged in a number of projects near and far recently. Our new Town Deal team is

in place and we're gearing up to launch what we expect to be c. £8m of grant funding schemes to invest in the historic town centres of Boston, Skegness and Mablethorpe over coming years. We're building our pipeline of future capital projects as well as continuing to work on a whole range of community and education projects including our fantastic new schools offer. The importance of engaging the next generation with the heritage of their area cannot be overstated and this work is at the core of our charitable mission to ensure more people care about, and in turn care for, our county's amazing heritage.

As we look forward again to what will hopefully prove to be a more "normal" Christmas for all of us, please do think about a "Heritage Lincolnshire" gift for your loved ones. From an afternoon tea or stay at the Old King's Head to take in the wonderful bird-watching at RSPB Frampton, to our fantastic Lincolnshire Trump Card stocking fillers, to our brand-new range of Lincolnshire Longwool merchandise celebrating Lincolnshire rare-breeds, we really do have something for everyone. With very best wishes for the festive season,





The Old King's Head Update

After two and a half years of the building contractors being on site, we got the chance to officially open The Old King's Head to the public on Friday 1st October. For our official opening

day, we welcomed back The Duff family, who were former residents of The King's Head. They were the first to be served in the cafe and Mary, had the grand job of cutting the red ribbon to declare us officially open!

We also welcomed in former resident Luke Gill who lived here in the 90's with his family.



Greg CEO and Vicky Smith, Operations Manager for the Old King's Head with Mary Duff and her three sons who lived in the King's Head from 1974.

A day of nostalgia and happy memories were shared, but we were proud to finally be showcasing the new life this building has been given following its restoration funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, Architectural Heritage Fund and many others.

Please do come along and support the team as by doing so you are supporting a local charity, as every penny we make comes back to Heritage Lincolnshire, your county's buildings preservation Trust to help us to conserve and protect more of our wonderful Lincolnshire heritage for generations to come.

To stay with us please book in online at www.theoldkingshead.com. To book Afternoon teas or Sunday lunches please contact enquiries@theoldkingshead.com or call us on 01205 337770.



The Duff family meet and share some memories with Luke Gill who lived in the property in the 90's with his parents Jacqueline and Reuben.

Kirton, King's Head and Cake Tours

Thanks to funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund and part of the Old King's Head Project, Heritage Lincolnshire has been working with some incredible volunteers to develop a Walking Tour for you to join us on to explore and discover Kirton, the Old King's Head and then afterwards some cake!

Join us as we give guided talks around Kirton and let you know about the 16th Century Coaching Inn that Heritage Lincolnshire has lovingly restored over the past five years.

Take a walk around the village with us discovering all about the Potato King, historic war figures and Dame Sarah Swift plus lots more! Kirton, now a small village was once a hectic town, the third largest settlement in the county. The history of the Old King's Head and its custodians reflect the cultural heritage of the local area, prosperous landlords, vigorous rivalries, between the church, barmen and even their own clientele!

Then join us in the cafe for a cup of tea or coffee, and a slice of homemade delicious cake as part of your ticket price.

More dates coming for 2022!



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Project Updates

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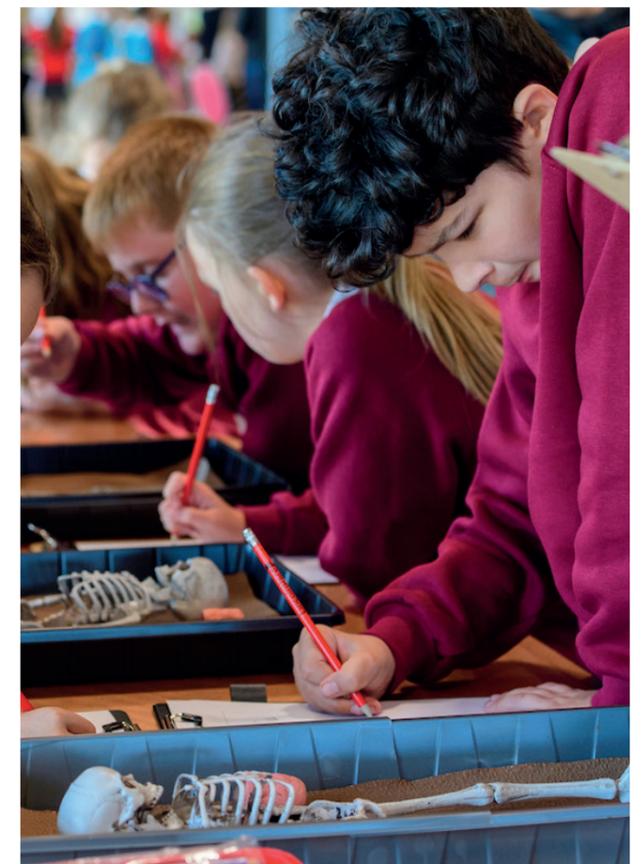
Much of our focus this quarter has been on promoting our new education workshops, word of which is spreading amongst the education community. Fourteen Lincolnshire primary schools had the opportunity to sample one of our education workshops, when our team took part in Lincolnshire Day at the Lincoln Showground at the beginning of October. We provided each school group with a small-scale Bronze Age burial to record which kept them busy!

We have just started an occasional HTL education newsletter for anyone working in education within the county, if you would like to subscribe, please email Lydia.hendry@heritagelincs.org. We can also offer schools the option of an After School Archaeology club, available for either KS1 or KS2 students. Again, if you are interested in finding out more about this service, please contact Lydia.



Our education work doesn't just stop with schools' provision though; we are currently developing opportunities for work experience and placements as well as exploring opportunities we can provide for home educated students. Look out for these resources which will be available on our dedicated learning page from spring 2022. <https://www.heritagelincs.org/learn-with-us/schools>.

Finally, thanks to a generous donation from the Headley Trust (part of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts), we have been able to use our HTL truck and trailer and showcase Lincolnshire's fantastic heritage at several events recently. So far, we've attended the Heckington Show, St Benedict's Church Heritage Open Day, Folkingham Heritage Festival and a Halloween themed Tattershall Market event. Our last stop will be somewhere towards the south of the county, so watch out for us at an event in Stamford or somewhere in the Deepings!



Some of the pupils at Lincolnshire Day at the Lincoln Showground learning about the Bronze Age from Jim Snee.

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Boston Townscape Heritage Festival

The Boston Townscape Heritage Project hosted a Boston Conservation & Craft Day on Saturday 20th November 2021 at the Boston Guildhall and Fydell House from 10am – 4pm. The day featured demonstrations of various crafts related to both conservation and the arts.

People came along and had a go at mosaic making, clay sculpting, wood carving and spinning wool.

They watched live demonstrations on historic cookery, took home recipe sheets and got creative in the kitchen. They learnt more about traditional skills, by watching live demonstrations including lime pointing, joinery, traditional roofing, and stone carving. This was a great event for families, and there were plenty of activities to get stuck into.

The Boston Townscape Heritage Project is a historic shopfront regeneration scheme, our events reflect this by highlighting heritage crafts and bringing Boston's deep and diverse history to light. As part of our Boston Festival, we will be hosting a range of free events that highlight, traditional building skills, heritage and Boston's rich heritage. For more information and more events the team are creating to promote the scheme, please follow them on their Facebook page Explore and Discover Boston.



Greyfriars update

There has been a lot of activity at Greyfriars over the last few months. We are so grateful for our dedicated group of volunteers who helped complete an historic Graffiti survey of the entire building. We have collected a good number of images of possible graffiti on both floors of the building and they date from all sorts of times – 1066 (mmmm I think someone was trying to be funny) right up to the 1960s. We have loved doing the surveying with the team and we really want to thank them for continuing to turn up each day and conducting about 72 hours of recording, photographing and measuring. I can't wait to see the final report and the plan is to create an online exhibition telling some of the stories about our findings and subsequent research.

We have also continued to work exceptionally hard on our vision of how Greyfriars might be used in the future. After a lot of discussion and engagement with volunteers and the public, we welcomed over 70 people to the building as part of the Heritage Open Days in September. Staff and volunteers from Heritage Lincolnshire were on hand to give tours, talk about the history of the building and the recent graffiti surveying and crucially we also talked to our visitors about our plans for the building as a café, function and learning space. We were able to share the latest design concepts which were received extremely positively. We were bowled over by how much passion there is in the community for saving this amazing building.

Our colleague Lydia held two pilot workshops with students from our partner schools, Fortuna and Athena schools in Lincoln using Greyfriars as a theme for curriculum based



learning. The students and teachers reported they had really enjoyed the sessions and gave us feedback about what they thought the building should be used for. The students were full of ideas, and many wanted the chance to spend the night in the building when it was open like a night at the museum; I think we can put that on the list of possibilities for exploration at a later date!

Greyfriars is a scheduled ancient monument and grade one listed building, so we have been working very closely with Historic England and our partners City of Lincoln Council to get the design and use right throughout the last few months. We are extremely keen to make the building as accessible as possible and have been excited to produce plans that could make the building fully accessible without too much intervention with the fabric of the building itself.

We still have a number of things in the pipeline for testing at this development stage. Our partners at University of Lincoln are going to scan a desk originally from greyfriars now housed at Christs Hospital School as it is covered in graffiti from its past. We hope this will feed into our plans for more research and digital interpretation. We are also looking at the potential for creating an augmented reality experience with masters students from the University of Lincoln.

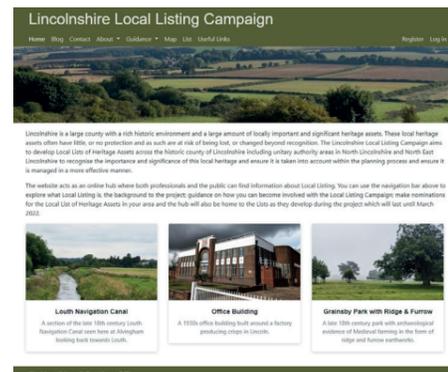
Katy-Jayne

Lincolnshire Local Listing Project update

As we head into Autumn, the Local Listing project in Lincolnshire has progressed into another phase. We recently launched new website developed specifically for the project, that contains information about Local Listing and the different types of heritage asset that can be nominated to be included on a Local List of Heritage Assets.

We have already begun to receive nominations and there has been some excellent examples of local heritage put forward from large Victorian country houses to old RAF accommodation, watermills, parks and a series of dry-stone walls. Some of these examples have hidden in plain sight and in some cases they have been nominated for national designation. Follow the project on our Social Media platforms to find out if these nominations are successful.

Over the next few months, we will be working closely with groups around Lincolnshire to start compiling Local Lists of Heritage Assets. If you have site that you feel should be included, please send us an email on locallisting@heritagelincolnshire.org including the location of the site and a photograph and we will contact you to



Link: <https://local-heritage-list.org.uk/lincolnshire>

discuss working with you to put it forward for the Local Heritage List where you live.

Now is the time that you can have your say in what you consider is important to you in your local area and by doing so, you will be helping to conserve and protect your local heritage.



Heritage Open Days overview of 2021

2021 has been a very successful year for Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days, with a return to a fuller programme and a heavy lean towards in-person events.

Even though we are now used to managing the impact of COVID, nobody can deny that it still has a real effect on communities across the region. The festival is essential in helping to reconnect people with their local heritage.

Running from 10th-19th September, the festival explored the theme of 'Voices of Lincolnshire: Stories Unheard'. Our aim was to celebrate the many voices of Lincolnshire with a particular focus on the amazing stories from history that many people have not heard, and feedback indicates that it was well-received and inspired plenty of brilliant events.

The 2021 festival was a great success, with just shy of 100 events across the county. Plenty of feedback forms have come in from organisers and visitors, which are currently being processed. We can already see that feedback has been overwhelmingly positive from these forms, and we've had lots of great suggestions to take the festival forward next year. Members and other key supporters will be given early access to a special case-study report, summarising feedback and festival statistics, with all the highlights of the 2021 festival.

It would be impossible to list all the events featured, but below are a few of my favourites that I wanted to share.

The biggest and most ambitious event this year was the brilliant Folkingham Heritage Festival, which took place in and around the village of Folkingham, near Sleaford. There were displays, slide shows, a book launch at the Village Hall on the 11th of September, a guided history walk on the 12th, family activities, talks, craft demonstrations, and medieval knights on offer around the village on the 19th of September. It was truly an event which offered something for everyone!

Horncastle was a hive of activity, with events spanning almost two thousand years of history. There was plenty to engage with, from Roman walls to the popular open days at the Wong Building, a former courthouse and coroner's court.

There were lots of active events too, including walks in Louth, at Ostler's Plantation and within the gardens of Bannovallum House.

This year saw some fantastic musical events, too, with visitors being able to visit a range of events across the county. The Barton Community Band hosted an open rehearsal for visitors to discover what goes on during brass band practice. The Cottage Museum at Woodhall Spa hosted 'Music on the Lawn', and Langton Church held 'An Evening of Classical Chamber Music in Unspoilt Candlelight'.

Lincoln also hosted plenty of events, including free online talks by Lincoln University, Lincoln Christ's Hospital School and the Society for Lincolnshire History and Archaeology, and also allowed visitors the opportunity to visit private sites, including Greyfriars and the Lincoln Unitarian Chapel, topped off with a brilliant medieval market at St. Mary le Wigford Church.

Finally, in the south of the county, visitors enjoyed special tours around Browne's Hospital and the Stamford Endowed Schools Chapel and a new event at the Stamford Day Centre with a special exhibition on 'The Lives and Times of Stamford Through the Ages'.

I've only included a small number of events in the host of outstanding contributions to the 2021 festival, but there was certainly something for everyone.

There is little else for me to say now, other than to say 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 memorable without the input of the fantastic host of volunteer event organisers who help us make the Lincolnshire festival something spectacular. Thank you to all involved!

Charlotte



(above)
The Old Nick,
Gainsborough



Masonic Centre,
Grantham



St Nicolas,
Great Coates

APS Update

18 months in the Air

It is now 18 months since Jonathon became a qualified drone pilot. Here are a few of his favourite pictures from some of our more impressive sites around the County in 2021.



The team excavating a Middle Iron Age round house on the outskirts of Sleaford



A Late Iron Age settlement at Metheringham



Late Roman farmstead, near Sleaford



The team taking a break from excavating a Late Saxon site at Holbeach.



A possible Saxon longhouse during excavations near Tumbly



A medieval building, possibly a watermill, at Dunston

Volunteering

Firstly, we can highly recommend participating in one of our fabulous, guided tours around Kirton (finishing with coffee and cake in the Old Kings Head!), given by our HTL volunteers. They are doing a wonderful job and we are extremely grateful for their support.

We are very sorry to say that after a such a positive start as our new Lead Volunteer, Amanda Covell has had to step down from the role due to unforeseen circumstances. We would like to wish her well and are pleased that she will continue to volunteer with us as and when she can. Our volunteers play a vital role in supporting Heritage Lincolnshire and we are keen to continue to develop opportunities for them, as well as ensuring they are supported and, most importantly, enjoy volunteering with us. Having a Lead Volunteer is therefore a crucial role to ensure information provision and ongoing communication between volunteers and staff is strong. We are therefore looking for a new Lead Volunteer to maintain this important

link; this role would suit anyone with excellent communication skills who is looking for a new challenge, and/or CV enhancement if they are keen to build a career within the heritage sector. If you would be interested in finding out more about the role, please contact gail.graham@heritagelincolnshire.org



All new volunteering opportunities are advertised through our monthly volunteering newsletter, or on our volunteer website page <https://www.heritagelincolnshire.org/support-us/volunteer>. You can also contact us on volunteering@heritagelincolnshire.org.

Updated talks and workshops coming up



Exhibition 2022

Our second Exhibition was held at the Lincolnshire Showground on 16th September and welcomed over 60 exhibitors and 350 delegates throughout the day.

We are returning for our third exhibition on Tuesday 17th May 2022, again working in partnership with the Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce.

This annual event is directly marketed and aimed at those within the Construction, Property, Heritage, Sustainability and Trade Industries across the East Midlands and the main aim is to connect businesses together within these industries, to ensure that they are accessible to businesses of all sizes and capacity.

For more information please visit www.buildforthefuture.co.uk or contact hannah.thompson@heritagelincolnshire.org



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Christmas

Looking for a way to support your local heritage charity this year but also give your loved one something nice?

Heritage Lincolnshire our proud to announce our new 'Longwool Collection'

The Longwool Collection of merchandise has been created as part of our new diversification into holiday lets throughout Lincolnshire. As you know, we are currently restoring [Pow Cottage](#) in Tattershall, and have recently opened up our 16th Century restored Coaching Inn, [The Old King's Head](#) which is a 9 bedroom B&B based in Kirton near Boston. A new website will be coming soon to showcase this new offering within the Trust.

From this project we have developed four unique animal characters in our Heritage Lincolnshire colours. These are the Longwool Sheep, which is our headline character, alongside the CurlyCoat Pig (which is now extinct), the Rosecomb Chicken and the Lincoln Red cow. All of these animal breeds are native to Lincolnshire and we are proud to showcase them on our new merchandise including cushions and cups.

There are four in each collection for you to purchase and all proceeds from purchasing these products will be directed back into our charity for us to continue our charitable aims of supporting, saving and transforming our counties incredible heritage.



Calendar 2022

Congratulations to our winner Matt Hardwick for his photo of Castle Square in Lincoln. Matt's picture will be printed onto the cover of our 2022 calendar that is sent to all members as part of their membership package, but you can still order your own copy from our website shop online! <https://www.heritagelincolnshire.org/shop/calendars/>



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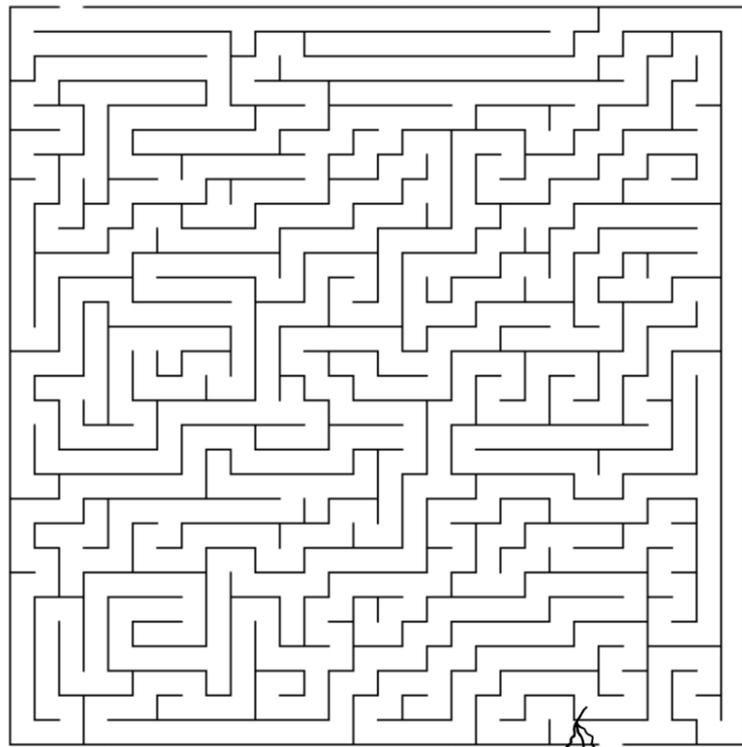
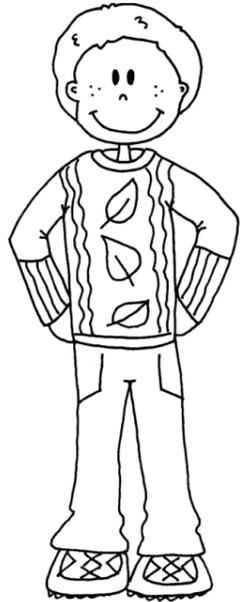
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Autumn Leaf Maze



The little boy wants to join his friend playing in the leaves. Can you help the way through the maze so the boy can join his friend?

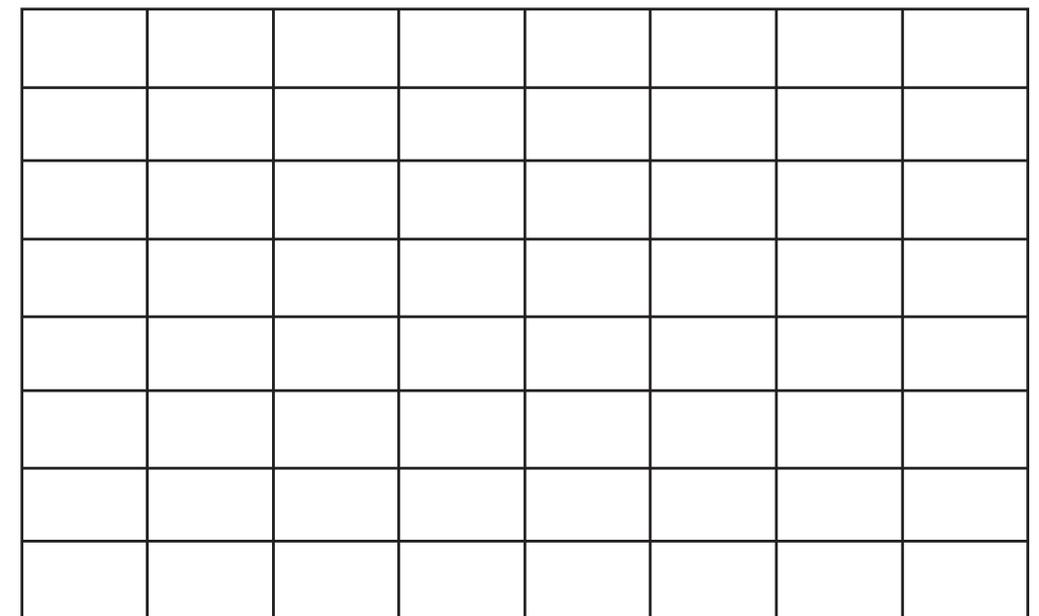
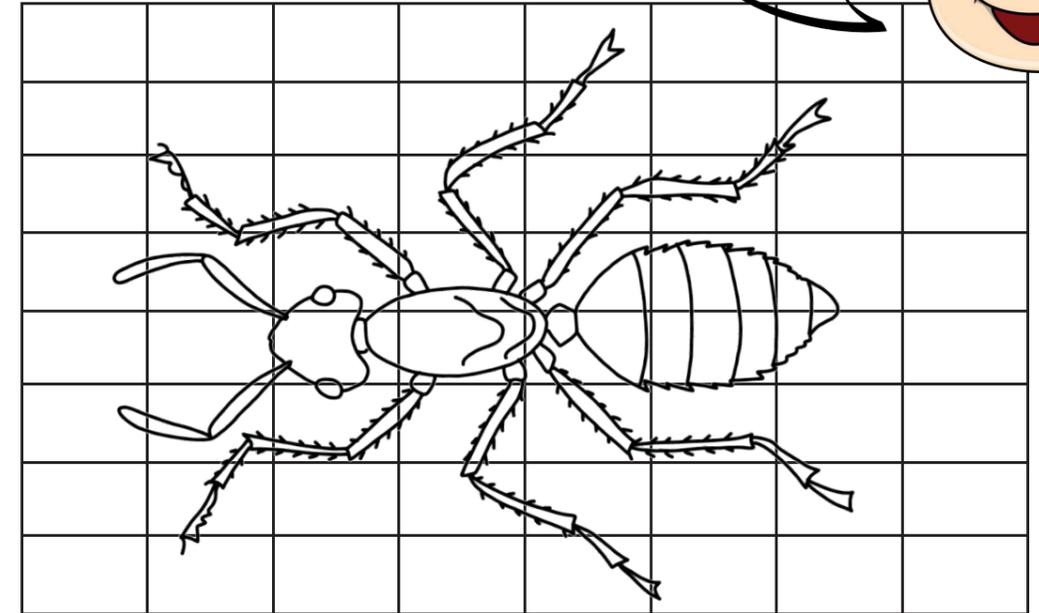
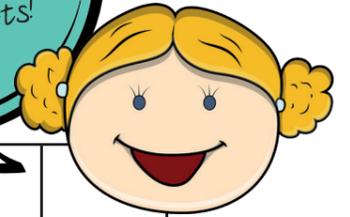


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Ant Grid

Can you grid copy this ant? It has lots of fiddly bits!



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Autumn Secret Message Decoder

Decode and solve the secret phrase. Fill in the blanks with the letter that matches each picture from the box at the bottom of the page



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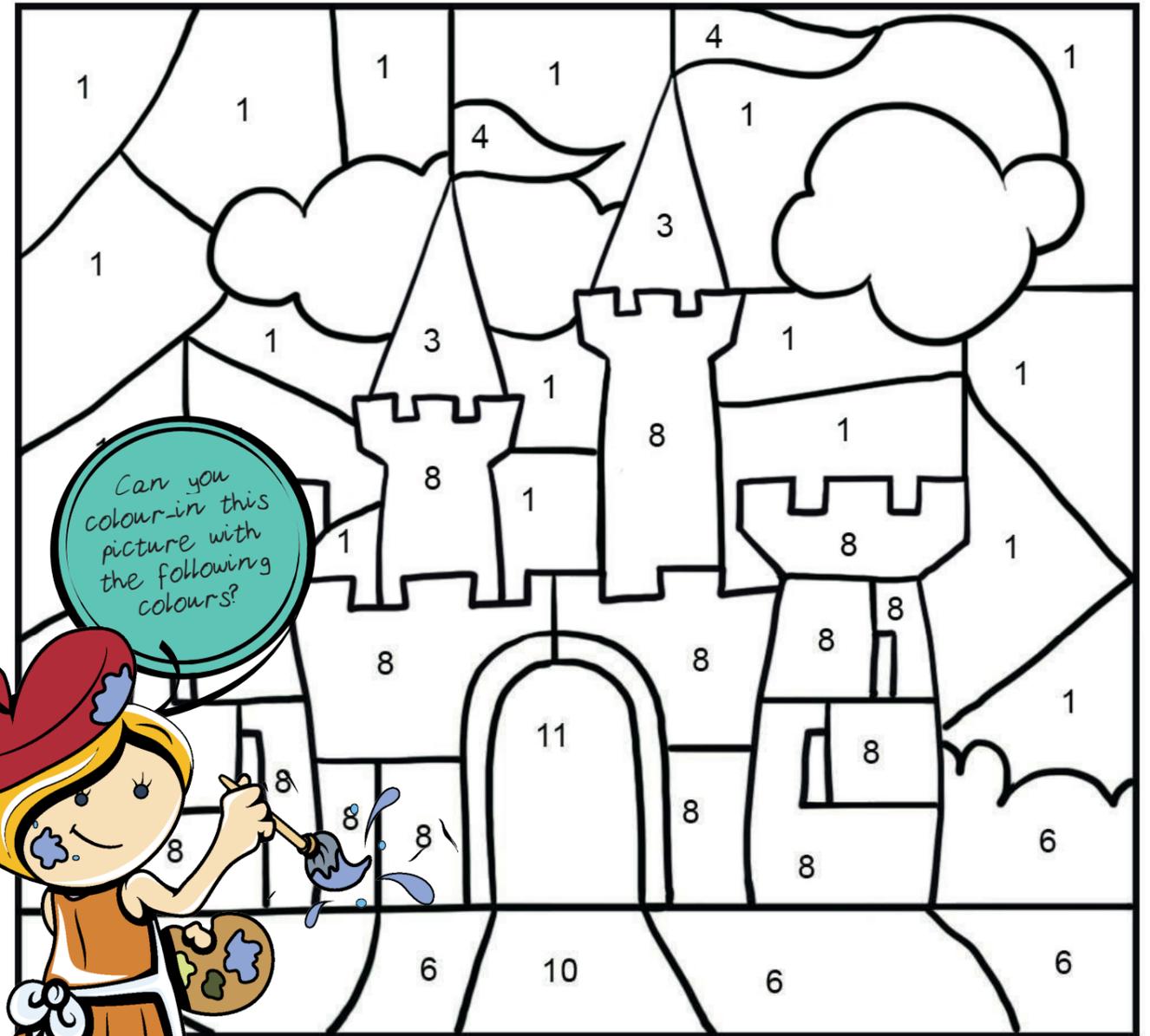
Sudoku

Can you solve these puzzles?

RULES enter a number between 1 and 4 in each empty square so that every row, every column and every 2 by 2 box contain all four of the numbers between 1 to 4

3	4	1	2				
				2	3	4	1
				3	4	1	2
4	2	3	1				
4			1		2	4	
	1	3		1			3
	4	1		4			2
1			3		1	3	

COLOUR BY NUMBERS



1- blue, 3- brown, 4- orange, 6- green, 8- beige, 10- grey, 11- purple

Sudoku - Rake the leaves

4	2	3	1	1	2	4	3	2	1	3	4
1	3	2	4	3	4	1	2	3	4	1	2
2	1	4	3	2	3	4	1	1	4	2	3
3	4	1	2	4	1	2	3	4	3	2	1



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.

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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.

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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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