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Heritage Lincolnshire

Annual Report 2021



Welcome to Heritage Lincolnshire's Annual Report

The Heritage Lincolnshire Team



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Welcome

It's hard for me to believe that this is the third annual report I'm presenting to you all as CEO; our usual sense of time passing seems to have been turned on its head over the past couple of years!

Our proudest moment over the past 12 months came as we finally saw the opening of the Old King's Head in Kirton near Boston. I could not be prouder of our team as we not only completed a large and complex building project during the midst of a pandemic, but also assembled a stellar team to run the B&B, café and community space. It is early days, but testament to their efforts is the fact that we now have a warm, friendly and busy space in the heart of the village that locals and visitors have already taken to their hearts. As a new B&B it'll take a while for word to spread about our fantastic accommodation offering so please do all visit and tell your friends!

Meanwhile, our archaeologists have been busier than ever as the boom in housebuilding has been translating into a very busy schedule of work within and outside the county. Alongside this we've been continuing to support our charity's mission by taking on a number of new trainees as part of the fantastic Historic Environment Scheme project working with Lincolnshire County Council and supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. We aim to be a centre of training and excellence and supporting the next generation of heritage enthusiasts to take up a career in the sector is a key part of this.

Our work has also been paying off elsewhere; our communities team have been supporting North East Lincolnshire Council's aim to encourage more heritage projects and activities there through a phenomenally successful programme of engagement and support. Elsewhere, our Town Deal area-based schemes to support owners in sympathetically repairing their town-centre properties in Boston, Skegness and Mablethorpe will lead to an enormous windfall for heritage over the next 5 years to the tune of c. £8m, all lead by our capable and expanding buildings and conservation team.

As ever, it is worth highlighting that none of what we achieve would be possible without the steadfast support of our friends and champions within local authorities and funders and the many individual members, supporters and volunteers who continue to support our heritage and our work.

Whilst we are returning to some sort of normality it is far from a return to business-as-usual for Heritage Lincolnshire. If we can expand our reach and impact during a pandemic, there should be nothing stopping us doing more for our heritage than ever next year. As always, your support makes all the difference and I thank you for this over the past year and during the year to come.

All best wishes

Greg Pickup, CEO



Education and Engagement



**North East
Lincolnshire Heritage
Starter grant for new
heritage projects
and ideas:
Council House,
Cleethorpes (above
left), Post Office
Cottage, Wold
Newton (above
right), Bradford
Avenue, Cleethorpes
(below left), Grove
Park, Waltham
(below right)**



Community Heritage

With intense pressure on key sector funders to (quite rightly) continue to support urgent and essential needs of heritage organisations struggling with the ongoing pandemic, obtaining funding for non-essential project work has become extremely competitive. During the year Heritage Lincolnshire developed one larger scale and one smaller scale heritage project which were submitted to the National Lottery Heritage Fund to seek development approval, but they didn't quite deliver against the current set of priorities which the funder is looking for. These have therefore been 'rested' and will we revisit these once again when the pandemic has lessened. Instead, we have turned our attention to a new avenue – food – done some creative thinking and are now spoilt for choice in terms of exciting ideas! We are looking forward to putting together a uniquely Lincolnshire project which will combine

undertaking exciting research with volunteering opportunities. We hope to bring you further news as we develop an initial pilot project during the New Year.

Our major focus in 2021 was to support North East Lincolnshire Council and their National Lottery Heritage Fund Area Focus. The team has worked hard to develop a NEL Heritage Network and developed a small grant scheme called the 'NEL Heritage Starter.' This funding stream offered a straightforward application to apply for a maximum of £10,000 towards 'kick-starting' a heritage project, which could be upscaled to a larger scheme. We are delighted that so far, the fund has enabled eleven groups and organisations to commence work on a wonderfully diverse range of projects, showcasing and celebrating North East Lincolnshire's wonderful heritage.

Gail Graham, Senior Manager



Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days 2021 *'Voices of Lincolnshire: Stories Unheard'*

It's always a peculiar time for me when it comes to writing the update for our annual report, as we're already well into 2022 and I find it's the first real chance to look back at the year before, reminding myself of all the highs and lows that have happened over the last 12 months.

The Heritage Open Days festival always feels like a great high point though, as I often get to travel around and about to discover some of the brilliant events taking place, having spent months reading about them, editing and inputting their details into our annual brochure, the website and the online portal for the national team. I know how much hard work and effort goes into it from the organiser viewpoint, but also how enjoyable it is to discover and rediscover some brilliant elements of Lincolnshire's History as a visitor too. But I'm getting ahead of myself again, so let's take a step back and see how the 2021 festival all came together.

At the beginning of the year there was still some degree of uncertainty for what the future held in

terms of COVID and its ongoing impact. Remember, the first vaccines had only gone live the month before, so we were hopeful but still wary in our approach. The Steering Group met online via Zoom to discuss the plans, and the title 'Voices of Lincolnshire: Stories Unheard' had been chosen as an appropriate theme for the year. Inspired by the community spirit shown during the pandemic, the aim of the theme was to encourage events which celebrated the many voices of Lincolnshire with a particular focus on the amazing stories from the local community that many people have not heard about, but have contributed to its heritage and culture.

With that set, we prepared for the administration element of the project, asking organisers to register their events. Our deadline was set later than usual, with a view that many organisations may not be able to commit to taking part with COVID-19 still at the forefront of everyone's mind. The Lincolnshire Show (our normal launch venture) was cancelled in 2021, so we made the decision to extend the timelines to give as many people as possible the chance to plan and register their event and still make it into



HOD21: St Mary's Guildhall, Lincoln (top); John Worsdale, one of many portraits from the Four Hundred Years of one Family, Fulbeck (middle left); Louth Civic Trust Guided Tour (bottom left)



the brochure. The brochure was launched and distributed in early August. This is late for us but did allow us to have as accurate a listing as possible.

Despite the later brochure launch, we saw approximately 12,000 people attending events across Greater Lincolnshire for the festival, and the feedback was wonderful. 98% of visitors said that they found their experience Very Enjoyable or Enjoyable, and about 36% were newcomers to Heritage Open Days.

The events which took place ranged from tours of Roman walls, to old workhouses and law courts opening up to the public to celebrate their heritage for the first time. We also saw plenty of walks, talks and even a candlelit church concert in East Lindsey. There were 93 events in total, 33 more than 2020, and a great sign of recovery as things started to go back to 'normal'. We're still not quite there yet, but our

hopes for 2022 are that it will grow again and we will see well over 100 events for this year's festival.

Speaking of the 2022 Heritage Open Days, registrations are now open and event organisers have been encouraged to think about what they could do with our theme of 'Inside Out: Lincolnshire's Landscape of Industry, Design and Innovation'. This year, we are encouraging you to celebrate the things which have shaped the landscape of Lincolnshire. This includes inventions, design, art, architecture, and industry, all of which have left their mark on the Lincolnshire we see and love today.

With that, all that is left to do is to say thank you for your ongoing support of the festival, and see you on 9th-18th September this year, for another memorable Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days!

Charlotte, Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days Team
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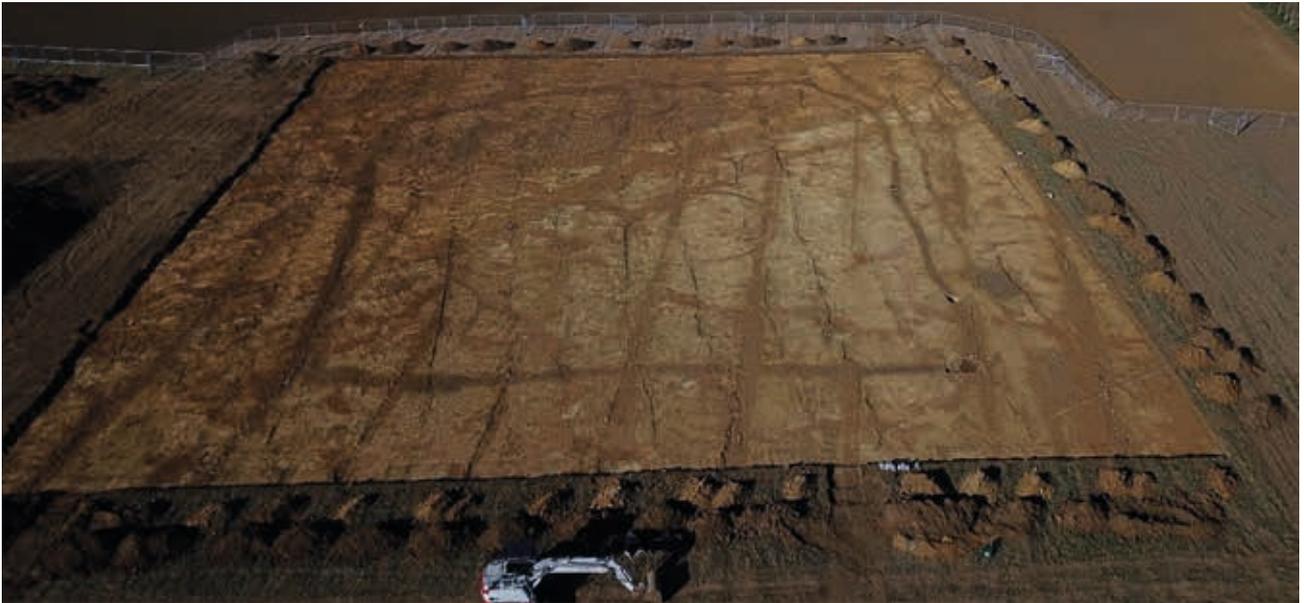
Community Archaeology

During 2021, our involvement in the Lottery funded Isle of Axholme & Hatfield Chase programme has gradually drawn to a close. Presenting the Past officially completed in November with a fantastic legacy booklet, celebrating the achievements of the project and the volunteers involved. Working in the parishes of Belton, Haxey and Owston Ferry (and later Amcotts as well), we have offered a wide range of hands-on archaeological fieldwork opportunities alongside a rolling programme of courses and workshops and engaged over 80 local volunteers (as well as a few from further away!). As one of our volunteers concluded on receiving their legacy booklet, "Thank you so much to all of the team for how much you have enriched our lives and fulfilled all and more of your objectives. You have left a fantastic legacy for future generations."

Schools Work

After spending months discussing, planning and writing content, in April the Community Heritage Team were delighted to launch the first phase of our updated educational workshop offer. We are now able to offer school children from 5 – 14 Lincolnshire specific National Curriculum history topics covering the Stone Age, Romans, Medieval Merchants and an Introduction to Archaeology amongst other options. Our first eight months have seen us work in eight schools and provide hands-on learning opportunities for nearly 300 pupils. Alongside this, we have also launched an occasional educational newsletter for school teachers to receive workshop updates, free resources and news of additional opportunities. Full details of all our current workshops can be found on our [website](#).

The Community Heritage Team



Late Iron Age site at Metheringham (top) where Beehive quern was recovered (bottom right) ;
APS excavators in front of the Late Saxon site at Holbeach (bottom left) ;

APS Highlights of the Year!

Well, looking back over the past 12 months, I can truly say what a wonderful period it has been. In all, four excavations have now been completed, including two Iron Age settlements, one included a very late Roman field system, a Late Saxon settlement associated with salt-making where we also found the remains of some poor individual who had perhaps drowned in the Holbeach river (Did you know there was one?) and finally a medieval structure which we have initially identified as a watermill.

Yet, the work has not just stopped there. We have started work on another set of Iron Age enclosures again with a Roman field system and a Late Saxon settlement which is producing some unusual features including very long but narrow sunken floored buildings and a range of finds suggesting wool production.

We have continued with our quarry work along the Bain valley, south of Horncastle, where our team have excavated a early to mid Saxon longhouse (we were hoping it was prehistoric given the density



Medieval building, possibly watermill, at Dunston (top); Middle Iron Age site hut circle near Sleaford and loomweight recovered from a pit near the building (bottom)

of Neolithic finds from the area) for which we have found few parallels in the County.

This year can be seen as a culmination of many years work previously, some going back tens of years, through our work doing desk-based studies, geophysical surveys and trial trench evaluations and the wealth of data will be a massive contribution to our understanding of Lincolnshire's rich heritage.

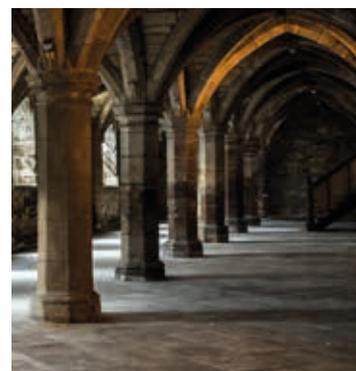
We, of course, work beyond the county providing consultancy services throughout the southeast, the West Midlands and North Yorkshire and some of

these projects may lead to fieldwork in the future. Our geophysics team has been particularly busy in Northants, Wiltshire and Sussex and we routinely carry out fieldwork across the country including a little sojourn into the Brecon Beacons of all places.

I'm hoping the next 12 months will be just as fortuitous and the signs are looking very positive – although I think I need a rest!

**Paul Cope-Faulkner
Senior Manager APS**

Heritage-led Regeneration



Bourne Town Hall

'Reimagining Greyfriars'



Boston Heritage Skill Festival (above)

The HTL Heritage-led team

The conservation team continues to grow as we expand our reach across the county and beyond. The Heritage Lottery Funded Boston Townscape Heritage Project is well underway with the first grant schemes completed in the last year. Despite the ongoing pandemic the Team delivered successful Heritage Skills Festivals in Boston and in Nottingham. The team have also been instrumental in securing millions of pounds of investment in the county, developing and managing new Town's fund regeneration schemes in Mablethorpe, Skegness and Boston.

Through our services supporting other organisations we have helped secure funding at Fydell House in Boston, 2-4 Market Place, Caistor and Mount Zion Church in Nottingham as they develop their own grant funded projects. We are also working in partnership with amazing organisations, such as Bourne Town Hall and Centenary Methodist Church in Boston.

The Lincolnshire Local Listing project has been a major success of the year. Having secured funding

in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council the project has engaged hundreds of people across the county surveying their heritage assets in order to get them protected at a local level.

We are now starting to use our expertise to offer consultancy to a wide variety of community groups and local authorities within Lincolnshire and nationally, through bid-development, mentoring and evaluation. We have supported significant Heritage at Risk projects and have been engaged as far afield as Hastings, Bradford and Birmingham. We are supporting numerous local authorities with their conservation planning provision.

'Reimagining Greyfriars' is our flagship project currently in development, and we hope to submit a detailed funding bid in March to secure the future of this amazing building. Continuing our partnership with the City of Lincoln Council, we have been working to secure the future of the Harlequin, on Steep Hill. A funding bid went in at the end of 2021, and if successful we should secure an amazing future for this building in the City.

Boston Townscape Heritage Project

What is the Boston Townscape Heritage Project?

Boston Borough Council and Heritage Lincolnshire are working together to deliver a £1.8 million Townscape Heritage Project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This project will rejuvenate and restore the town's historic centre as well as improve facilities for local people and boost the local economy. Grants are available to properties in the area to undertake these improvements.

A key element of the project is the capital works programme. As part of this project it will deliver:

- Repairs to historic shopfronts
- Restorations of architectural features
- Public realm improvements
- Public Art

Before and after of 2-4 Market Place, Boston

To find out more visit www.mybostonuk.com/boston-market-place-townscape-heritage-initiative/
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Existing development project at 2-4 Market Place, Caistor.

BOSTON TOWN DEAL HERITAGE LINCOLNSHIRE HERITAGE FUND

Examples of work from Boston Townscape Heritage Project

BOSTON TOWNSCAPE REGENERATION

Funding has been secured to improve your town centre shopfront. We are currently seeking interested parties to be part of this positive transformation of Boston town centre. The aim of the scheme is to support buildings owners to bring buildings in the town centre back to their former glory. This will be achieved through regeneration of shopfronts, making them more appealing to visitors and locals. Grants will be on offer to replace signage, introduce higher quality shopfronts, tackle repairs to frontages, bring vacant upper floors into use and make the adjoining street scene and surrounding areas more attractive and welcoming to locals and visitors.

SCAN QR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

The grant scheme represents an exciting opportunity to resolve some of the issues caused by covid 19 and under investment in the town centre. The scheme can work towards restoring Boston's High Street to its former glory, making it a thriving market town once more.

INTERESTED?

Get in touch with us to register your interest and find out more as the scheme develops.
Email: towndeals@heritagelincolnshire.org

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Development of town centre schemes as part of the national Town Deal initiatives

MABLETHORPE TOWNSCAPE REGENERATION

Funding has been secured to improve your town centre shopfront. We are currently seeking interested parties to be part of this positive transformation of Mablethorpe town centre. The aim of the scheme is to support buildings owners to bring buildings in the town centre back to their former glory. This will be achieved through regeneration of shopfronts, making them more appealing to visitors and locals. Grants will be on offer to replace signage, introduce higher quality shopfronts, tackle repairs to frontages, bring vacant upper floors into use and make the adjoining street scene and surrounding areas more attractive and welcoming to locals and visitors.

SCAN QR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

The grant scheme represents an exciting opportunity to resolve some of the issues caused by covid 19 and under investment in the town centre. The scheme can work towards restoring Mablethorpe's High Street to its former glory, making it a thriving seaside town once more.

INTERESTED?

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SKEGNESS TOWNSCAPE REGENERATION

Funding has been secured to improve your town centre shopfront. We are currently seeking interested parties to be part of this positive transformation of Skegness town centre. The aim of the scheme is to support buildings owners to bring buildings in the town centre back to their former glory. This will be achieved through regeneration of shopfronts, making them more appealing to visitors and locals. Grants will be on offer to replace signage, introduce higher quality shopfronts, tackle repairs to frontages, bring vacant upper floors into use and make the adjoining street scene and surrounding areas more attractive and welcoming to locals and visitors.

SCAN QR TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

The grant scheme represents an exciting opportunity to resolve some of the issues caused by covid 19 and under investment in the town centre. The scheme can work towards restoring Skegness' High Street to its former glory, making it a thriving seaside town once more.

INTERESTED?

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Our Team continues to develop regeneration schemes in Boston. The Heritage Lottery Funded Townscape Heritage Project is well underway with the first grant schemes taking place in the New Year extensive.

Despite the pandemic the Team delivered successful Heritage Skills Festivals in Boston and in Nottingham with activities and project development taking place. Heritage Lincolnshire offer Consultancy in addition to a number of projects we are directly involved with. We are now starting to use our expertise to offer consultancy to a wide variety

of community groups and local authorities within Lincolnshire and across the East Midlands, through bid-development, mentoring and evaluation. We have supported significant Heritage at Risk projects, including the existing development project at 2-4 Market Place, Caistor. We are supporting numerous local authorities with their conservation provision and have led on the development of conservation related town centre schemes in Boston, Skegness and Mablethorpe as part of the national Town Deal initiatives.

Volunteers



A special thank you to Jackie

We would have loved to have opened the office once again and welcomed back our weekly volunteering group, but unfortunately it just wasn't to be in 2021. Nevertheless, our volunteers have still managed to keep themselves busy, supporting the Greyfriars project as it develops as well as moving from undertaking research on the Old King's Head to offering Kirton historic walking tours when the building opened in October. We are also delighted that we have also involved volunteers in supporting our new Young Archaeologists Club which will begin in 2022.

We are so grateful for everything that our volunteers do for Heritage Lincolnshire, and especially our Lead Volunteer, Jackie Goodall, who was, up until July, our 'lynchpin' who ensured everything kept moving with quiet and calm efficiency. Jackie stepped back from being our Lead Volunteer over the summer, but we are delighted that she remains with Heritage Lincolnshire as a volunteer. We are on the lookout for another volunteer who may be able to provide this crucial assistance, so, if you are looking for a way to support Heritage Lincolnshire and have some spare time, please do get in touch and email volunteering@heritagelincolnshire.org

For volunteer opportunities, please contact volunteering@heritagelincolnshire.org or call 01529 461499

Lifelong Learning & Events



Bolingbroke Back in Time

Build for the Future 2021

Heritage Lincolnshire has continued the online talks programme throughout 2021 and will continue to do so in 2022. Thanks to an increase in our membership from outside Lincolnshire (and some new international members who we have been able to reconnect back to their Lincolnshire heritage) the team felt that this was still a requirement for us to continue to develop. We have held talks on Lincolnshire Medieval Heroines, Food history, the Crusaders and many more areas of history and heritage. Online craft workshops were also popular with Nalbinding having over 60 participants over the courses.

As we have now opened The Old King's Head in Kirton, a variety of workshops will be held here in the Community Room. We have already held leathermaking and corn dolly workings as part of this programme and are looking forward to many more in the future as we develop the 2022 programme.

Bolingbroke Back in Time

We held Bolingbroke Back in Time on 14th-15th August 2021. Due to Covid, we proceeded with a smaller event than planned in 2020, and offered two half day sessions per day. The event was very

well received, and we welcomed over 400 people throughout the weekend. Bolingbroke Back in Time is due to return on the 13th-14th August 2022, with a similar programme as 2021's successful event and tickets will be available soon.

Build for the Future; East Midlands

The second Build for the Future exhibition was held at the Lincolnshire Showground in September 2021. The event had doubled from the 2020 event and welcomed over 60 exhibitors, over 250 delegates attended throughout the day, local colleges attended with students for a panel discussion and walk round, a full talks programme was delivered and a Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce Construction & Property Network event that welcomed another 70 businesses.

The event is directly marketed and aimed at those within the Construction, Property, Heritage, Sustainability and Trade Industries across the East Midlands and will be held again in 2022 on Tuesday 17th May.



**Walking tours at
The Old King's
Head**



**Training practical Walking tours
at The Old King's Head (above)**



Walking tours at The Old King's Head

Alongside the opening of The Old King's Head, we started to offer walking tours which had been developed by a group of amazing volunteers and thanks to funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Throughout October and November, the team delivered their 'Kirton, King's Head and Cake Tours' to over 60 people and was a huge success with some incredible feedback.

Thank you to all who came along to find out more, and a special thanks to our volunteers who have worked so hard to pull this together.

2022's tours and dates are on our website so make sure you get booked in to find out more about the wonderful village of Kirton and the historic building of The Old King's Head. Just click [here](#) to go directly to the booking page.

Key dates for events in 2022:

Easter Egg Hunt and Bouncy Castle at The Old King's Head - Saturday 16th April

Online Awareness talk about Heritage Lincolnshire - Wednesday 20th April

Launch event for Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Festival at Stourton Estates - Saturday 30th April

Build for the Future; East Midlands at Lincolnshire Showground - Tuesday 17th May

Dragon Egg Hunt at Bolingbroke Castle - Sunday 22nd May

Lincolnshire Show - 22nd-23rd June

Summer Fete at The Old King's Head - 23rd-24th July

Heckington Show - 30th -31st July

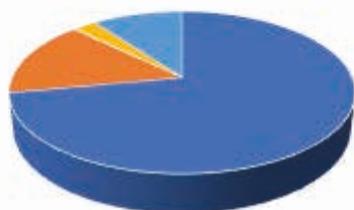
Bolingbroke Back in Time - 20th- 21st August

Heritage Open Days Festival - 9th – 18th September

For all information please email htladmin@heritagelincolnshire.org call on 01529 461499

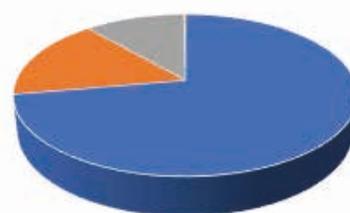
Financial Summary 2020-2021

INCOME IN 2020-21



- Project Funding
- Archaeology within Lincolnshire
- Donations and Legacies
- Service Level Agreements
- Other Trading Income

EXPENDITURE IN 2020-21



- Projects and Charitable Activities
- Archaeology within Lincolnshire
- Other Trading Activities
- Governance

Income in 2020-21	
Project Funding	£1,500,092
Archaeology within Lincolnshire	£317,269
Donations and Legacies	£4,817
Service Level Agreements	£51,444
Other Trading Income	£210,069
TOTAL	£2,083,691

Expenditure in 2020-21	
Projects and Charitable Activities	£1,464,312
Archaeology within Lincolnshire	£331,941
Other Trading Activities	£227,567
Governance	£3,700
TOTAL	£2,027,520

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 Membership Subscriptions
 North Kesteven District Council
 North East Lincolnshire Council
 North Lincolnshire Council

Nottinghamshire City Council
 Nottingham Trent University
 St Swithin's PCC
 South Holland District Council
 South Kesteven District Council
 Worksop Priory and Gatehouse Community Trust

Ways to support our charity

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Become 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.

www.heritagelincshire.org/join



Make a Donation

Would you like to support us in saving Lincolnshire buildings or help provide education opportunities across the county? Be part of our story through regular giving or a one-off gift.

www.heritagelincshire.org/donate

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.heritagelincshire.org/volunteer



NEW Family membership and NEW Adult membership

We have recently refreshed our adult and family membership packages to ensure that you get the most value out of being a part of our organisation. If you are due to renew your membership we will be in touch soon to let you know about the new packages.

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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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