

A Summer Of Celebration

News

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Welcome from the CEO

The bunting is out, the weather is glorious (mostly) and we hope that you will be able to join us at some of our events and

activities over the summer. We have been celebrating the fantastic contribution made by our volunteers over National Volunteering Week and the number of people taking part and helping us is growing every month. Your support as a volunteer or member is so valuable to us, so thank you for joining in and next time, bring along a friend!

We are part of Stamford's unmissable Georgian Festival

Come along and see us!

Friday the 22nd September, 2pm Arts Centre Theatre

Learn about the discoveries and challenges of our work as our own Liz Bates presents Saving Lincolnshire's Georgian Heritage.

Tickets are £4.50, Proceeds towards saving The Old Kings Head.

Stamford Georgian Festival is a biannual bonanza. Try your own hand at historic crafts, meet us on Saturday at the Sheepmarket for our Heritage Skills Fair.



Artists commissioned Stamford Bull

A Night to Remember

Layers of History's launch event at The Collection was a sell-out event.

CEO Liz Bates introduced Mary-Ann Ochota, author, explorer and Time Team Presenter who gave us the highlights of landscape archaeology. We opened our eyes (and ears and noses) to the sensory experience of archaeology and were wowed by the enthusiastic and enlightening talks from speakers Adam Daubney and Steffie Shields.

Don't miss our next events!
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Mary Anne Ochota

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50 years of Stamford's Conservation



Stamford was designated the UK's first conservation area in 1967. To Celebrate 50 years of Stamford's Conservation Area we brought three of our most popular courses to the town's Arts Centre:

- How to Find the History on Your Doorstep
- Architectural History of Lincolnshire

Book on to our final event, *Conserving Historic Stonework* 12th

July 10.00 – 16.00 by contacting htladmin@heritagelincshire.org

Our events are well attended showing the love for the conservation area is still going strong.

Inspiring the next generation

As part of the celebrations we are engaging young townfolks to find out what they think of living in "the finest stone town in England". Funded by Historic England's Heritage Schools, four schools and film makers from Tin Hat Productions will capture historic Stamford in the contemporary eye.

The young people's films will be shown during the exhibition marking the 50th anniversary from the 20th to the 28th of September at Stamford Arts Centre.



St Peter's Street Stamford



HTL giving a walking tour

Holbeach bunker

A big thank you to local community volunteers who helped maintain our secretive bunker

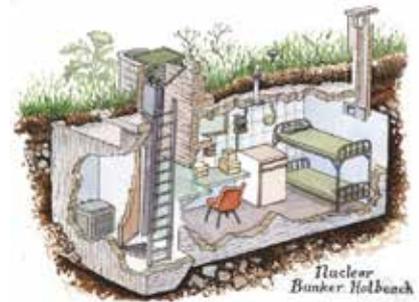
In March volunteers from RAF Digby spent a windy Saturday at the Royal Observer Corp (ROC) bunker painting, clearing vegetation and mending fences. 9 students and tutors from RAF Digby helped to complete the first phase of maintenance work: replacing broken fence posts, painting the bunker entrance and clearing a pathway through the vegetation.

History of Holbeach

The cold war bunker at Holbeach opened in October 1964 to monitor nuclear bomb

explosions in the event of a nuclear strike. It is one of many constructed across the country during the 1950s and 1960s including 46 such posts in Lincolnshire. The bunker at Holbeach was in use until 1991 when the ROC were disbanded.

Few bunkers survive in such good condition. The Holbeach bunker now includes some original equipment thanks to donations from the ROC volunteers



Nuclear Bunker Holbeach

What's next?

The next phase will involve replacing a broken gatepost and continued ground clearance. Maintenance will now continue at the site thanks to another volunteer who has come forward to help. The last phase of work will be undertaken over the coming months. The bunker will be open to visitors as part of the national Heritage Open Days in September.

Keep an eye on our Heritage Open Days to be the first to book and visit this popular location.

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Layers of History

Old Kings Head

We have been working with our professional team developing a scheme to return Kirton's Tudor pub back into a social hub for the village.

Additional developments include seeking potential business operators with inspiring ideas as the pub nears readiness. We would like to work with local people with brilliant ideas for the future, the right partner will truly make The Old Kings Head the heart of Kirton.



Old Kings Head, Kirton

The Old Kings Head moves nearer to returning as a vibrant venue, it is bursting with memories that we can't wait to share! We will celebrate its story with a fete later this year. Invitations will be released with booking preference to Heritage Lincolnshire Members



Volunteers working out in the field

It took three years of planning and fundraising to put together our ambitious Layers of History programme. Now it is alive and kicking! From feedback on Down Your Wold and Heritage at Risk we knew there was a great team of volunteers already interested in accessing landscapes. We've been blown away by the uptake, and we've doubled our workshops to reach demand.

There's still room for more volunteers and if you're already a Member of Heritage Lincolnshire you get three free sessions!

We kick-started with spotting a deserted medieval settlement on a field trip to Asgarby and a visit to Lincolnshire Archives. Volunteers were amazed to be able to touch a medieval document that confirmed Richard the Lionheart's protection of Revesby Abbey!

What's next?

Our work with carers and the people they care for has also started, and the Layers of History team are planning an exciting programme of activities for this new audience.

Get involved <https://www.heritagelincshire.org/layers> here is a taste of our upcoming sessions:

- The Geology of Lincolnshire
- Landscape Photography
- Hackthorn deserted medieval village
- Heritage Cookery course in Horncastle
- Fungi identification workshop

Enrol on our program any time and join the fun!

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Sharing the heritage of St Clement's Church, Grainthorpe



Graffiti in the church

Our partners at St Clement's Church at Grainthorpe, on the marsh northeast of Louth, have been successful in their £231,600 bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The project will see the Grade I listed building restored and brand new interpretation created. Our team will be working with volunteers from the church and local community to design an attractive new guide to the church and interpretation that shares the building's history – in particular its fascinating collection of graffiti, which feature evocative images of sailing ships from the eighteenth and nineteenth century. We will also be working closely with the village school to investigate the Victorian poetess Mary Doe who is buried in the churchyard, and creating artwork with young people inspired by the ships and sights recorded in the church's historic graffiti.

Lincolnshire Walking Festivals

During the writing of this newsletter we've had our walking boots on, taking part in the Lincolnshire Wolds Walking festival, which we organise in partnership with Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service. This year we started with a stomp down the Viking way in Claxby's late May sunshine, and we continued all over the Wolds for the following 2 weeks.

The festival is now completed and we're looking to a review of the highlights in our Autumn Newsletter.



Walkers in Claxby

Have you been too busy to join in? Never fear, you haven't missed out completely! There is still more walking to come! Contact us in August for your South Lincolnshire Walking Festival brochure, or become a Member to receive your brochure in advance!

September's South Lincolnshire Walking Festival will be brought to you by Heritage Lincolnshire, e-mail us at SLWF@heritagelincs.com

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Ancient Neolithic Monuments in Lincolnshire



Bully Hill barrows, Tathwell

Staff from Heritage Lincolnshire and Archaeological Project Services are currently working alongside Historic England on an exciting project examining the Neolithic Long Barrows of Lincolnshire. These Long barrows are the burial places of some of our prehistoric ancestors and some 100 are known in the county. There are many well-known examples with evocative

names like 'Giant's Hill', 'Cromwell's Grave' and 'Deadman's Grave'. Driving through, or walking in the Lincolnshire Wolds, some can be seen rising from the fields, with their commanding views over the valleys below. The project intends to accurately map and better understand and preserve these fascinating aspects of our stone age past for future generations.

GET INVOLVED

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.

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Have your say

Working with the Friends of Boston Cemetery and Boston Borough Council we'll look at how to bring the Victorian buildings and grounds of the cemetery back to their former glory. We would like to make the most of the heritage and wildlife of the site, your feedback and ideas could make all the difference. Take a moment to complete our short survey: <https://www.heritagelincs.org/boston-cemetery-survey>



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Take part!

Volunteer



Layers of History welcomes in more volunteers every week. Join in and see which heritage skills you never knew you had!

Spend time with us in 2017!

Some additional dates

21 – 22nd June - come see us at the Lincolnshire Show!

12th July Conserving Historic Stonework course, a homeowners guide. Stamford Arts Centre

22nd July Graveyard recording drop-in and church open day at St Helena's Church Thoroton, Notts

23rd July Medieval Graffiti Spotting and church open day at St Helena's Church Thoroton, Notts

29/30th July 150th Anniversary of the Heckington Show

26th – 28th August Grainthorpe Festival of Arts, at the Tithe Barn Farm and the Village Hall – find out about the Church's restoration

07 – 10th September Heritage Open Days, Celebrate Freedom Equality and Justice at over 130 events around Lincolnshire

22nd September Saving Lincolnshire's Georgian Heritage, Stamford

20th – 28th September - Stamford Conservation Area Exhibition – featuring films made by young people as part of our heritage film festival, at Stamford Arts Centre

23 – 29th September South Lincolnshire Walking Festival

28th September Halloween Event at Temple Brewer

Win!

Photography competition

Our photography competition is back by popular demand! Check out our website for more details and prizes

Deadline 1st July, all entries to photocomp@heritagelincs.org

Heritage Bug Competition

Grab a bug from any of our events or at our office in Heckington and Tweet us @heritagelincs with a photo of your Heritage Bug! Where will he go next? Best photo will receive a Lincolnshire History book so that you and your bug can go on more adventure.



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