

Heritage Lincolnshire Annual Report 2016



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Welcome



to our annual review of Heritage Lincolnshire's activities during 2016. We have had a busy and exciting year and this review is intended to acknowledge those who have supported us. Our staff and volunteers have worked tirelessly to deliver a wide range of activities and services, and they have raised a significant amount of investment for Lincolnshire and its rich heritage. Without this dedication and specialist knowledge, our work, and the economic and social benefits it brings for the county, would be limited. I must also acknowledge the support and encouragement of our funding partners, as without their commitment to the Trust we would not be able to continue our creative programme of conservation, community engagement and education.

As the economy heads into another period of instability and the pressure on local government budgets grows, the challenges faced by Heritage Lincolnshire increase. Our board of management is being proactive in identifying new sources of income and ensuring that the organisation continues to prioritise our charitable activities. Our work brings enormous benefits to the county's heritage, its local communities and those who live and work here.

I hope that this review inspires you to support our organisation in any way you can and serves as a reminder to explore our website and find out how you can get involved.

Liz Bates
Chief Executive Officer

2016 Highlights

Our annual festival programme is a celebration of the County's diverse history, historic landscape and cultural traditions. In 2016 the programme included:



Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival

Taking place during early summer, this Walking Festival is a perfect opportunity to sample the delights of the wonderful countryside of the Wolds. Working in partnership with the Lincolnshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, this

year saw 113 walks enjoyed by over 4,000 people in May and June. Through the generosity of walkers' donations, the festival raised £1,200 towards next year's event which will take place from 20 May – 04 June. To continue to grow and flourish, the Festival needs to become more sustainable in the future. If you would like to support the event, donate via www.heritagelincolnshire.org/donate/support-lincolnshire-wolds-walking-festival

Heritage Open Days

September saw our most successful Heritage Open Days ever! Over 180 event organisers responded to our new theme of 'Natural Heritage' and opened their doors to visitors, offering a wide range of events and activities, all free of charge. Over 21,000 people participated in events as diverse as a History Safari or learning about Lincolnshire's ancient submerged prehistoric forest! Next year's Heritage Open Days takes place from 07 – 10 September and Lincolnshire's theme will be 'Freedom, Justice and Equality.'



Celebrating our 25th anniversary

This year we celebrated the anniversary of Heritage Lincolnshire's registration as a charitable trust. Over the past 25 years, with the support of Lincolnshire County Council and a growing number of funding partners, the Trust has grown into a thriving organisation that has achieved a vast amount for the County, its heritage and for local people.

Since 1991 we have:

- raised £25 million for heritage based projects across the county
- saved 8 historic buildings from dereliction including Mill Hill Cottage, Little Steeping, 7 – 13 Bridge Street, Horncastle and 116 High Street in Boston
- increased participation in the annual Heritage Open Days festival to over 21,000 visitors
- created 250 jobs and offered many more training and work experience opportunities
- enabled an estimated 700,000 people to participate in heritage focused activities provided by Heritage Lincolnshire.

What better way to celebrate our achievements than to bring past and present staff, trustees and volunteers together in recognition that none of this would have been possible without their input? A special marquee was organised at the annual Heckington Show over the weekend of 30/31 July so that we could promote the work and achievements of the Trust to the 36,000 people visiting the show this year. On the Saturday evening, a celebratory reception was held to officially mark the occasion.

Our patron Mr Tony Worth cut the anniversary cake and acknowledged the significant contribution the Trust had made in bringing investment into the county and preserving its rich heritage.

Looking to the future, the Trust faces the challenges shared by many organisations currently working within the heritage sector. We intend to work with others, both within heritage and other county organisations, to make the best use of our track record and fundraising skills to continue to deliver innovative projects for the benefit of all. We hope you will support us in reaching our the next milestone!





OLD KING'S HEAD



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Project Update

Saving the Old King's Head

We were delighted to receive a development grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for our Heritage Enterprise project on the Old King's Head in Kirton in Holland. Thanks to a loan from the Architectural Heritage Fund, we acquired the 16th century building in March with ambitious plans for its future as a boutique B&B and artisan café serving the local community.

Our first stage of work for this historic former coaching inn has been to undertake a full structural survey and a full building recording with our Project Co-ordinators, Greenwoods, our conservation architects, Rodney Melville & Partners and members of our own archaeological team, Archaeological Project Services. This will help us learn more about the history of the building, where significant alterations have occurred and the extent of repairs and adaptation required.

Follow the Old King's Head blog on our website and you can also make a donation in support of the project at www.heritagelincs.org/blog

Exploring the historic landscapes of Lincolnshire

Heritage Lincolnshire was also excited to learn in June that our Round Two application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for our 'Layers of History Project' had been successful.

This 3 year project will teach volunteers methods of exploring the archaeological landscape of Lincolnshire on sites that include evidence of medieval settlement, historic parks and gardens and military use.

Supporting community groups

In addition to our own project based work, Heritage Lincolnshire staff spend a substantial amount of their time supporting our projects, either as partners or in an advisory capacity. We are very pleased to be able to offer the benefit of our experience and to help other organisations to develop their plans for the future. This year, our work has included:

- Supporting a HLF Resilient Heritage application for the Spalding Gentleman's Society
- Providing advice for a HLF bid from St Andrew's Church, Heckington
 - Enabling the Holbeach Cemetery Chapels Trust to support and mentor their Project Officer through the expertise of our staff
 - Assisting the volunteer team at St Peter & St Paul Church, Algarkirk as Project Officers in the development phase of their HLF funded project.

If you have a project idea for your group or your community you'd like to explore, then why not see how Heritage Lincolnshire could support you www.heritagelincs.org/services



Community Archaeology with Archaeological Project Services

Heritage Lincolnshire has a specialist archaeological team offering a combination of commercial archaeological services along with supporting community projects. Archaeological Project Services (APS) has expertise in researching and providing archaeological information on site/building history, undertaking all aspects of fieldwork including geophysical survey, field-walking and excavation and providing training and guidance to volunteers and community groups undertaking archaeological projects.

The team recently put this expertise to good use as part of a summer fieldwork project...

To mark our 25th anniversary celebrations, APS took part in a very 'local' community archaeology event. During 23/24 July, nearly 50 Heckington residents took part in the Heritage Lincolnshire test pit weekend, helping to dig, sieve, wash and record finds from 11 separate locations across the village, all under expert archaeological supervision. Earlier in the month, 60 pupils from St Andrew's Primary School also got involved, excavating a test pit on their playing field.

An impressive amount of artefacts was recovered including pottery, animal bones, metalwork and building materials. Star finds included Victorian glass bottles, a seventeenth century tobacco pipe, medieval window glass, musket balls, and a single sherd of 2,000 year old Roman pottery. Hundreds of fragments of pottery were found across the village and, once the analysis is completed, will help to chart the growth of the settlement over time.

Professor Carenza Lewis, of the University of Lincoln and formerly a member of Channel 4's Time Team, visited Heckington and talked to participants about how their activity was contributing to current research into the development of medieval settlements and the effects of the Black Death. Carenza and historian Tom Holland also returned to Heckington in September to record an episode of BBC Radio 4's 'Making History', which aired later that month and highlighted our work.

APS is extremely experienced in supporting groups wishing to carry out archaeological projects. They can provide advice on setting research objectives (What is it you want to do, and why?), assist with project design, undertake professional supervision and training for volunteers and help with interpreting the results in an engaging way for the community. If you have a project idea, then why not start a conversation with us today? www.apsarchaeology.co.uk/get-involved



Thinking ahead ... 2017 and beyond

If 2016 was a busy year, then 2017 is shaping up to be even more exciting! Planning is already underway for a new programme of education, volunteering, events and community initiatives, as we work independently and with our partners to ensure the Trust continues to thrive.

Look out for:

- More opportunities to visit the Old King's Head in Kirton and to view plans for its restoration and re-use
- Online courses and practical training on historic landscapes through the Layers of History project
- Educational short courses delivered through our GROW programme in partnership with the Lincoln Heritage Skills Centre
- Opportunities to volunteer in Boston, Holbeach, Algarkirk and at our offices in Heckington
- A new events programme for 2017 to include the walking festival, Heritage Open Days, and seasonal treats
- An extended range of services offered to communities and other organisations both within and outside Lincolnshire.

We would like to acknowledge the partnership and support of the following organisations:

- Algarkirk Major Project Group
- Architectural Heritage Fund
- Armed Forces Covenant
- Aslackby Trust
- Benington Community Heritage Trust
- Bergne-Coupland Trust
- Big Lottery Fund
- Boston Borough Council
- Caistor Town Council
- DEFRA
- East Lindsey District Council
- Heritage Lottery Fund
- Heritage Trust Network
- Historic England
- Lincoln City Council
- Lincolnshire County Council
- Lincolnshire Heritage Forum
- Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service
- The National Trust
- North East Lincolnshire Council
- North Lincolnshire Council
- North Kesteven District Council
- Rushcliffe Borough Council
- Society for Lincolnshire History & Archaeology
- South Holland District Council
- South Kesteven District Council
- The Pilgrim Trust
- The Waynflete Trust
- West Lindsey District Council
- Winterton Parochial Church Council

Thanks also to all of our members, volunteers, trustees and staff for their continued commitment and contributions.

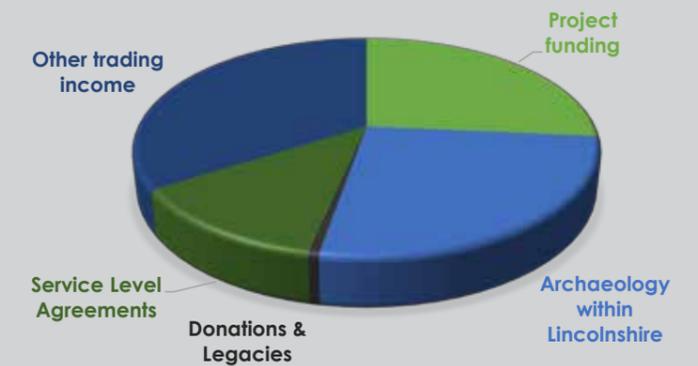


Financial Summary

Income in 2015/16

Project funding	£281,224
Archaeology within Lincolnshire	£279,124
Donations & Legacies	£6,595
Service Level Agreements	£133,434
Other trading income	£362,381
TOTAL	£1,062,758

INCOME IN 2015/16



Expenditure in 2015/16

Projects and charitable activities	£493,959
Archaeology within Lincolnshire	£254,861
Other trading activities	£331,181
Governance	£3,425
TOTAL	£1,083,426

EXPENDITURE IN 2015/16



Can you support Heritage Lincolnshire?

Help us to ensure that our heritage is conserved for future generations and that we can enrich people's lives through our educational and cultural activities. You can show your support for the work of Heritage Lincolnshire in a number of ways:

- * **Become a member:** Your support for our activities makes a real difference for Lincolnshire's heritage. Join for only £25 per year; a family membership costs just £30. www.heritagelincs.org/join
- * **Donate to a project:** There are various ways that you can show your support for us through either a regular donation or a one-off gift. www.heritagelincs.org/donate
- * **Volunteer:** Volunteering with Heritage Lincolnshire is a fantastic way to gain new skills, experience and knowledge, discover more about your local area, meet new people and, above all, enjoy yourself! www.heritagelincs.org/volunteer
- * **Leave a legacy:** Remembering the Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire in your Will is planning for the secure future of our work in the county, preserving and protecting the wonderful heritage of Lincolnshire. www.heritagelincs.org/legacy



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