

HERITAGE LINCOLNSHIRE



Spring Newsletter 2019

Welcome from the CEO



Spring is here again and I am very excited about the busy year 2019 is turning out to be! We are finally on site at the Old King's Head, our busy season of events has started already and I am really looking forward to our conference on the 8th June. There are, as always, many opportunities for volunteers to get involved and as you will see in this newsletter, there are lots of projects to choose from. The team here at Heritage Lincolnshire is committed to achieving for heritage, for people and for communities in our special county and we hope to inspire you too.

Liz Bates



The Old King's Head Project

Work is now well underway with contractors on site at the Old King's Head. Scaffolding has been up since early March and the first phase of work is to repair the roof and external walls of the building. This is a rare example of a late medieval coaching inn that is being restored, ready to be re-opened in April 2020 as a Café, B&B and Micro Brewery.

There will be some great opportunities to come along and have a look during our Heritage Open Days in September, so keep an eye out for those dates to get booked on.

The guide book is coming along with the first draft nearly ready thanks to our Old King's Head Volunteer Research team. If you have any pictures or stories from the past about the building, make sure you get in touch with us at okh@heritagelincolnshire.org



Lincolnshire Wolds
Walking Festival
15th
 anniversary

 Saturday 18 May -
 Sunday 2 June 2019

**Explore, discover and enjoy the
 landscape and heritage of the
 Lincolnshire Wolds**

 16 days of walking & family fun
 in an Area of Outstanding
 Natural Beauty


Walking Boots at the Ready!

Get ready for the return of two popular walking festivals, co-ordinated by Heritage Lincolnshire. Both festivals celebrate special anniversaries this year and, to mark the occasion they will offer action packed programmes featuring a range of outdoor activities as well as walks.

The Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival, delivered in partnership with Lincolnshire Wolds Countryside Service, Lincolnshire County Council and East and West Lindsey District Councils, will offer over 120 events including relaxed strolls, challenging hikes, activity walks, themed walks, tours and taster sessions. To celebrate its 15th anniversary, this year's festival also includes a range of outdoor activities such as shooting, fishing and mountain biking, so there really is something for everybody! The festival, which remains one of the largest and best-attended events of its kind in the UK, starts on the 18th May with a launch event in Legbourne and concludes with a finale event at Scrivelsby Estate on 2nd June. The festival brochure is out now!

The South Lincolnshire Walking Festival, now in its 5th year, will run from 28th September until 27th October with walks taking place on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The festival is supported by Lincolnshire County Council and South Lincolnshire local authorities. Keep an eye on the website (below) for full details about what will be on offer in this year's programme.

Further information about both festivals can be found on the website:

<https://www.heritagelincs.org/walking-festivals>



Boston to get a historic make-over

Heritage Lincolnshire is managing a four-year £1.8 million scheme to enhance an area of Boston's historic town centre which has been launched this spring.

The Boston Townscape Heritage Project will provide grant funding to help with conservation repairs and reinstatement of architectural features. We will be working with owners to enhance their properties and the traditional character of the area.

The project will be delivered through a partnership between Boston Borough Council and the Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire, with funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Boston's rich and unique historic environment, dating from the medieval period, will be explored, celebrated and conserved through the four-year scheme of capital works and an innovative activity programme.





Heritage Open Days



Hundreds of volunteers across the county have already been hard at work planning new events for Lincolnshire's biggest festival of history and local culture. For its 25th anniversary Lincolnshire Heritage Open Days returns for a huge ten day stretch with over 180 exciting events. The festival is a great time to try something new or take the family on a budget friendly day out, and will run from 13th-22nd September; all events completely free of charge.

The theme for this year's festival is Lincolnshire Learning, Wisdom and Folklore. Themed events will celebrate

learning in its widest possible sense, from skills sharing to folklore, and academic heritage to military training.

We are now in the festival's 25th anniversary, and Heritage Lincolnshire would like to extend its gratitude to all those involved over the years. It is growing more and more successful every year, something which just would not be possible without the support from local authorities as well as the 600+ volunteers and staff who organise events across the county.

Make sure you keep an eye out on our website for the full event listings, or come see us at the Lincolnshire Show when we will be launching the new brochure! <https://www.heritagelincs.org/heritage-open-days>



One of the wicker lined wells with complete pot lying in the base

A Reclusive Villa?

Our archaeologists (APS) have recently finished the first phase of fieldwork at a quarry near Woodhall for Aggregates UK with some spectacular results. The long programme of fieldwork has seen the examination of a Roman field system with smaller paddocks and trackways across the landscape. These are particularly dense in one part of the quarry where they are accompanied by wicker lined wells from which our team have found complete pots along with fragments of leather shoes and woodwork. The complete pots include a fairly standard cooking vessel, perhaps used to get water from the well, but also a complete jug – more typical of tableware. Other pottery is suggestive of 'fine' dining and hints at a high status habitation nearby.

Whether this takes the form of a villa, we may never know as quarrying undertaken previously is located where we think the actual site of habitation may lie.



Hello from the Layers of History Project!

We've had a busy few months already this year but we still have new study sites to get up and running and loads of events planned that you can get involved in. The project's popularity and success has surpassed expectations but we still have so much to offer in our final year. Keep reading...

Events that are planned in the coming weeks/months include:

16th April will see the second part of our Freiston Shore Trail Leaflet Training workshop which is an exciting culmination of that particular study site.

On 30th April we are taking a coachload of volunteers up to Wharram Percy, one of the UK's largest and best preserved deserted medieval villages. As jolly's go it should be a great day out; we're taking an expert in the form of Stuart Wrathmell with us and the day will be a fascinating 'talk and walk' – if you're interested in joining

us, sign up as a volunteer and tickets are only £15...get in touch!

We've got a Parks & Gardens course coming up with Steffie Shields, an historic landscape specialist, at South Ormsby, plus Photography, Historic Cookery, Geophysics, Oral Histories and all sorts of other interesting short courses in the pipeline.

Importantly we are going to start work shortly with The People's Partnership and The Managed Care Network with sites in Harlaxton and Southrey. Some of our events will then focus on groups with disabilities and mental health issues.

So, if you don't already volunteer with us why not sign up, join in and get learning new things and making new friends. You can get involved as much or as little as you like...just email layers@heritagelincolnshire.org for more info. We're going to be running a couple of Taster Days in the next couple of months – the next one is at Harlaxton on May 17th – why not come and see what we're about?

Boston Hanse Big Dig

From Wednesday 23rd April

We are busy preparing for our biggest community excavation in 2019 - the Boston Hanse Big Dig!

This National Lottery Heritage Funded project, run through the Boston Hanse group, is looking to reveal the medieval history of the Hanse merchants, who brought Boston much of its wealth. Lydia Hendry, one of our Community Archaeologists, has been spreading the word by running STEAM workshops about medieval Boston in local primary and secondary schools. It is looking to be one of our most popular digs so far, with digging sessions becoming increasingly fully booked!

Other events happening around the dig include geophysics workshops, re-enactment actors, craft activities and even a small display in the Guildhall Museum.

For more information or to get booked in, please contact Lydia Hendry on 01529 461499 or email Lydia.hendry@heritagelincolnshire.org

Boston Hanse Groups
BIG DIG

750 years ago the port of Boston was second only to London in importance. Boston traded with the Hanseatic merchants from the Germanic states, and Baltic states including present day Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

Boston exported vast quantities of wool and it was the wealth from this trade that financed the building of the Stump and the Guildhall.

In 2015 Boston joined the New Hanseatic League of approximately 200 towns and cities in 16 northern European countries and we are reviving these links.

In May 2019 Boston residents will have the fantastic opportunity to get involved in the dig next to the River Witham.

Free supervision and training will be given by professional archaeologists and we hope to discover the site of Boston's Hanseatic warehouse or 'Stillard', which was built about 1300, and to find further artefacts from that time.

Come and join us!

For more details see www.bostonhanse.co.uk

We want to involve as many Boston residents as possible, whether you have lived here all your life or are new-comers. We can't guarantee what you will find but can promise an interesting experience! Interested?

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Photography Competition for the 2020 Calendar

Do you love Lincolnshire's heritage and know your way around a camera? We're looking for stunning and unusual photos of historic sites, buildings and landscapes that are less well known and publicised.

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@heritagelincolnshire.org by 1st August 2019. The image must be in jpg format, a minimum of 3000 x 2000 pixels and accompanied by a completed entry form. Download and complete the [Photography competition entry form](#) and email it to photocomp@heritagelincolnshire.org with your image.

Visit <https://www.heritagelincolnshire.org/photography-competition> for more information.





Fundraising Dinner for Heritage Lincolnshire & Launch of the Benefactor Membership

Over 80 people, including the Lord Lieutenant Toby Dennis and High Sherriff Ian Walker, attended a Fundraising Dinner hosted by our President; Lord Cormack on Friday 22nd March.

The Chapter House in Lincoln Cathedral was the setting for Lord Cormack to introduce the charity and the amazing work that has been completed throughout the county. Speeches were also made by our CEO Liz Bates, and Chair Simon Erskine Crum to set the scene for the launch of our new Benefactor Membership. This new membership for £500 per annum will directly contribute to the charity's future plans and the conservation and enhancement of Lincolnshire's rich heritage.

For more information about the Benefactor Membership please go to the website <https://www.heritagelincs.org/support/benefactor-membership> or contact htladmin@heritagelincs.org

Volunteers needed for Mill Hill Lime Washing

After an unexpected delay, we are now looking at once again being able to proceed with the lime washing at Mill Hill, Little Steeping. Heritage Lincolnshire would like to offer this as a volunteering opportunity, to allow volunteers to become more familiar with the theory and techniques of lime washing as well as undertaking a practical element!

We will prepare the building at the beginning of the week. Day One (which is the essential training course) will take place on **Wednesday 1st May** with the two lime washing practical days taking place on **Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd May**. All volunteers will be required to attend Day One, then ideally both Days Two and Three or at least one of those days.

If you are interested or would like more information on the process this will take please contact Gail on gail.graham@heritagelincs.org, stating which days you would be able to make (i.e. definitely the Wednesday but either Thursday and/or Friday). Please send through all expressions of interest by Friday 26th April.



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Update on Greyfriars Project

We have made some great progress on our Greyfriars project in partnership with City of Lincoln Council, who own the building. We are applying for the next round of funding to develop the project further in May. If successful we will have lots of activities coming up from September onwards which we would love our members to get involved with. Volunteers are already working with us to research the history of the free school which used the building for 332 years. They will be helping us to create a small temporary exhibition which you will be able to see at the building during Heritage Open Days on Friday 20th September.

Greyfriars is an internationally important building; the most intact Franciscan building in the UK. This year marks 15 years since its last permanent use. With the help of our partners, funders, and members we will breathe new life into the site, which will become a high quality venue for events and exhibitions, and a heritage attraction telling the stories of the Greyfriars with cutting edge technology.

Volunteer Highlights Spring 2019

Welcome to David and Judith Jarratt who have joined the collection care team. They have made a brilliant start sorting through and organising the various map cupboards, a task that is going to take some time since new maps continue to be discovered! The team has begun to digitise the Hilary Healey archive notes on local history. Phil Bayly another 'newish' volunteer has teamed up with Doreen Bamford to produce the first Hilary Healey collection to be exhibited at the Heckington show in July. The 'Do Something New' event was a resounding success. This was organised entirely by volunteers and

aims to promote Heritage Lincolnshire and all its projects, encourage new volunteers to sign up and to facilitate networking between voluntary organisations in specific localities. For the first time we teamed up with Boston CVS and held the event at the Boston Stump.

The Old King's Head research team have continued to work steadily behind the scenes. Carol Lidgett should receive a special mention since she has put together an Old King's Head Kirton presentation and has presented at least two talks to different groups over the past few months. We are also particularly grateful since she has donated her speaker fees to Heritage Lincolnshire. A special mention should go to Lisa Tomlinson and Ann Hunt who have pulled together everyone's research and are now producing the first draft of the guide book.

Heritage Lincolnshire Conference 2019

We are excited to announce the **Heritage Lincolnshire Conference** is to be held on **Saturday 8th June** at the Epic Centre, Lincolnshire Showground and tickets are now on sale! The theme for the conference is 'Unlocking the Potential of Lincolnshire's Heritage' where we will have a variety of speakers and breakout sessions throughout the day to help you learn, think and motivate you to protect our heritage for future generations.

Our Key Note Speaker has just been announced as Dr Jonathan Foyle, the architectural historian, broadcaster and advocate for all things heritage.

For tickets please go to <https://www.heritagelincs.org/shop/tickets/heritage-lincolnshire-conference>



2019 Events Calendar

- 9th April** Layers of History Coffee Morning in Harlaxton
- 28th May, 4th, 11th & 18th June** GROW Course – Industrial Heritage of Lincolnshire
- 16th May & 23rd May** GROW Course – Reveal the History of your Town or Village at Conco Rooms (Louth)
- 18th May – 2nd June** Lincolnshire Wolds Walking Festival
- 30th May & 6th June** GROW Course – Making Heritage your Business
- 8th June** Heritage Lincolnshire Conference
- 13th June** Parks and Gardens Layers of History with Steffie Shields
- 20th June** Harlaxton Photography Course with Layers of History
- 25th June** Bardney Village Hall Photography with Layers of History
- 27th June** Reminiscence Cookery with Layers of History



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