



# Volunteers

Heritage Lincolnshire

Autumn 2017



Heritage Trust Lincolnshire is keen to develop its team of volunteers as they are central to the successful delivery of the Trust's charitable activities. Our volunteer Co-ordinator Jackie Goodall has recently been appointed and has set up a volunteer steering group. The group has met for the first time and plan to meet every couple of months with the following aims:

- To ensure that all volunteers are looked after and valued by Heritage Lincolnshire.
- To ensure that all HTL volunteers are kept informed of volunteering opportunities
- To provide opportunities for all volunteers to meet up, share experiences, have fun and become involved in developing future learning experiences.
- To encourage volunteers to contribute ideas for new initiatives.

## Funding

We are applying for small grants to enable us to organize volunteer events throughout the year. Our aim is to hold a volunteer celebratory event in June 2018 as part of national Volunteer Week. We should know whether we've been successful within the next three months. Being optimistic we've provisionally booked the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018 so please keep this date free.

## Forthcoming Events

We are planning five consultation/recruitment events commencing in September 2017. We know that Lincolnshire is a large county and that our volunteers travel some distance when attending activities. We are therefore looking for venues close to Stamford, Grantham, Boston, Caistor/Market Rasen and Lincoln. These will provide an opportunity to meet fellow volunteers, to participate in taster activities taken from the various HTL projects and have a good excuse to indulge in cake eating.

Venues already booked are:  
 Grantham Museum 19<sup>th</sup> October 10am-1pm  
 Canwick Village hall, Lincoln  
 31<sup>st</sup> October 10am-1pm





## Volunteering Opportunities

Coffee morning kitchen supervisor and helpers would be really appreciated at our volunteer recruitment events. Cake making for these events would be appreciated as well

### Gardener/Grounds maintenance

Are you able to give an hour per week to make Heritage Lincolnshire's Old School site look cared for? We need someone who will come and pull out the weeds and keep the site tidy. No heavy work is involved.

### Library Volunteers

- needed to make digital copies of reports (it isn't hard, really)!
- to enter publications into the library database (it really isn't hard once you've found the book)! Full training will be given and you won't be working alone.



### The Hilary Healey Collection

Do you fancy a challenge? Hilary's very large collection of local history has been donated to the Trust and is in need of being sorted and accessioned. HTL is arranging an induction and training session so that we volunteers know what we're doing.

### Educational Opportunities

Heritage Lincolnshire is looking for a volunteer with experience in education (primary school/early years education ideally) to assist our Education & Engagement Officer in delivering after school archaeology clubs, preparing for a wide range of educational activities and undertaking administration tasks such as confirming bookings and sending out programme information. If this would interest you, please contact us for a full role description and we will invite you in for an informal chat.

If you are interested in any of the above volunteering opportunities then do please get in touch [Jackie.goodall@heritagelincolnshire.org](mailto:Jackie.goodall@heritagelincolnshire.org)

**Should you feel a little shy we have a very good 'Volunteer Buddy' scheme so that we can pair you with a more experienced volunteer by way of encouragement.**

## Digger's Corner

**What might you find at the bottom of a hole in your garden?**



Clay Pipe bowl  
c.1880 – 1900

Most people have at some time or other come across the remains of clay pipes whilst digging their garden. (see pic.) Usually they are plain stems. Sometimes you may find one with a decorated bowl.

However, if you were really lucky, you might find one like this.

This example is a figural pipe bowl of an elephant's head found in Kings Lynn on an excavation carried out by APS.

It is near-identical to examples produced by the Gambier pipe-making firm in France in the period 1880-1890. (*Pijpenkabinet nd*)

Although there is a possibility that this is a French product, it is more likely to be an English copy, probably produced in London. Other figural pipes copying French and Belgian originals have previously been identified as being produced in London. (*Woodcock 1989, 19*)



Some more common clay pipes.

If you have any interesting finds dug up in your garden then please let us have a photo and details. If you have any unidentified finds then let us have the details since our archaeologists may be able to help.



## Spotlight

Armed with a paintbrush, teaspoon and dental pick a member of the Old Sleaford Heritage group has developed a volunteering opportunity that occupies on average a couple of days per week. Pete Roberts first became involved with Heritage Lincolnshire by volunteering to participate in the Old Place dig at Sleaford, - Fascinating finds including Mediaeval, Iron Age and Roman artefacts encouraged him to volunteer at the Trust's base in Heckington where he assists in washing and sorting finds from community fieldwork projects including finds from the Heckington test pits, part of Lincoln university's project and he even found a piece of Anglo Saxon pottery missed by the experts!

His passion and former business as a tattoo artist came to an abrupt end due to disability but as one door has closed another opens. Pete is now using his artistic talents during training to be an volunteer archaeological illustrator with the Trust with training and guidance from archaeologist Denise Buckley.



*Pete removing the fill from a pot*



## Out and About

**Layers of History** A warm welcome to our 109 new volunteers who have already completed the on-line training and attended induction events. This is a really exciting three year project so there'll be lots of varied activities for volunteers to engage with.

**The Old King's Head, Kirton** Welcome to the team of 7 who have just started meeting on Wednesday afternoons to research this fascinating 17<sup>th</sup> century building which is subject to a multi-million pound restoration by the Trust. They are getting their teeth into a very interesting box of old documents obtained by the Trust and have made excellent progress with the development of the building's time line. The artist's impressions of the renovated building are now available for viewing so we'll ensure that they're brought to all our planned events.

**The South Lincolnshire Walking Festival** Welcome to Keith Thompson and John McDonnell who have volunteered to help maintain the digital records associated with the Festival.

**Heritage Open Days** Volunteers have, once again been busy behind the scenes ensuring that heritage sites are registered. Lots of volunteers will be running special events 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September. If you'd like to be involved then do please get in touch.

## Viewpoint - A young persons' perspective

### Lily's adventure

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> July, I have had a work experience placement at Heritage Lincolnshire based in Heckington. During these five short days I have learnt a lot for example, how to clean archaeological finds and how parts of an archaeological dig are organized. I was very interested in what a huge role Heritage Lincolnshire plays in the local community, in terms of monthly visits to heritage sites and meetings at schools to teach young people about history in their local area. As a teenager I was pleasantly surprised at how enjoyable my time has been and I believe that more young people should volunteer as they can improve and learn skills such as, ICT and journalism. I have made posters on the computer and written informative text for a newsletter. Young people can also learn about heritage sites which they might not have even known about! Until this week I had no idea there was so many in Lincolnshire and fortunately I had various exciting occasions where I visited stunning sites such as, Tattershall College and Topholme Abbey.



### Eve

Eve, 14 also spent a week on a work experience placement and stated how fun the time was, "I've had a great time because there's never been a dull moment. All the activities I've been doing are so diverse and varied".

### Olivia

Alongside Eve and Lily, Olivia from Spalding High School promotes a similar message, "I have spent two weeks with HTL and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience".

I am a year 10 student at St. George's Academy and I spent five days at the Heritage Lincolnshire for my work experience placement.



### The Rumour Mill

The word on the street is that Harlaxton may be a potential site for Layers of History volunteers. Research may be centred around the village which has been entrenched. Will it become enlightened during 2018? We'll keep you posted. In the meantime we hear that the Gregory Arms does a good lunch.

Yes it is true that there is going to be a fungus hunt so that varieties can be identified but no we don't mean the type between ones toes. However keep the cream handy and the diary available.

### Down Memory Lane

We are trying to produce a folder of Heritage volunteers' recollections of their volunteering experiences. I'm sure that many of you have fond memories and good stories to share with us. Please send them to me for inclusion in our memory bank.



*Get in touch!*

Contact details for individual projects are included above. Alternatively please contact the admin team at [htladmin@heritagelincolnshire.org](mailto:htladmin@heritagelincolnshire.org) or call 01529 461499.

If you are interested in a specific role, a volunteer application form can be downloaded from the volunteer page of our website: <https://www.heritagelincolnshire.org/volunteer>.

