

To help us celebrate our anniversary, 15 organisations that have received HLF funding will be hosting a range of events throughout the autumn. We thank them for their support and hope you will join us at one or more of these events to celebrate the difference our funding has made to the heritage of the South West.

You can find out more about the events from the enclosed flyer, or by calling the HLF South West team on 01392 223950.



Pond-dipping at the Peat Moors Centre in Somerset, neighbouring an HLF-funded RSPB nature reserve.

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Brixham Battery Heritage Group

Forest Enterprise England
Castle Neroche

Devon Wildlife Trust and the Marine Biological Association
Wembury Voluntary Marine Conservation Area

Dorset Wildlife Trust
Lorton Meadows Nature Reserve

Falmouth Art Gallery

Geevor Tin Mine Museum
St Just

Gloucester Cathedral

South Somerset District Council
Ham Hill Country Park

Leach Pottery
St Ives

Swindon Borough Council
Lydiard House and Park

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
Peat Moors Centre/
Ham Wall Nature Reserve

ss Great Britain
Bristol

Exeter City Council
St Nicholas Priory

Trebah Gardens
Mawnan Smith, near Falmouth

The National Trust
Tyntesfield

15 years of making a difference in the South West



Since 1994, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has awarded more than £404million to over 3,000 projects in the South West.

From Porthcurno to Chipping Camden, our funding has reached every corner of the region, helping people from every walk of life to get involved with the heritage that inspires them. Fifteen years of funding has revitalised museums, parks historic buildings, town centres landscapes and wildlife sites, boosted the region's economy and created jobs. We thank our grantees for making this possible and for looking after our heritage.

But there is more to do, and much of our heritage remains at risk. We believe in the value of heritage to modern life and look forward to investing in our shared future.



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Our funding in figures



Ham Hill is a Scheduled Ancient Monument in south Somerset, and one of the largest hill forts in Europe. An HLF grant of £149,500 was given for access improvements, interpretation and a wide programme of community learning and engagement with the site.



A £2,264,000 grant helped to conserve redundant mine buildings and set up a museum of hard-rock mining on the site of Geevor Tin Mine, Cornwall.



A school workshop at Gloucester Cathedral exploring Edward II's tomb. HLF helped to fund the restoration of the tomb with a £50,000 grant.



Volunteers at Brixham Battery Military Museum. HLF grants have helped to restore a series of World War II batteries, and has funded activities to raise awareness of their importance for the wartime heritage of the area.

Natural heritage

We have:

- awarded £37.5million for nature conservation in the South West;
- given £35million to regenerate 25 public parks, boosting their visitor numbers by up to 70%;
- helped buy land equivalent to over 5,440 football pitches for nature conservation;
- awarded nearly £23million to more than 230 biodiversity activity projects, including schemes benefitting rare species such as horseshoe bats and basking sharks;
- given grants to National Parks, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty to conserve our beautiful landscapes.

Industrial heritage

From *ss Great Britain* to Geevor Tin Mine, we have invested over £120million in more than 230 projects revitalising the region's industrial, maritime and transport heritage.

This includes funding for the restoration of rare vessels, engines and vehicles – from *Judy*, the 1930s steam locomotive that inspired the *Thomas the Tank Engine* stories, to the *Newquay*, *Treffry* and *Dove*, three of the oldest pilot gig rowing boats, built in the 1800s and still raced today.

Built heritage and historic buildings

£312million of HLF funding has helped to save, conserve and open up historic buildings and monuments across the South West for everyone to enjoy.

- Over 1,400 historic buildings and monuments have been given a new lease of life, and 27 towns from Bristol to Penzance rejuvenated.
- 240 churches and chapels, 3 cathedrals and 1 synagogue have been conserved.
- Over £12million has been awarded to nearly 90 archaeology projects for the conservation of sites and to help people learn more about archaeology.

Museums, libraries and archives

Our funding helps improve the housing, cataloguing and presentation of collections, making them more relevant and accessible. We have also helped museums and galleries buy objects or works of art and carry out essential conservation work.

- £108million of HLF funding has helped over 100 museums and galleries improve learning facilities, collections, displays and the overall visitor experience.
- Over 50 archives and libraries have been given over £18million for more than 80 projects, including around £1.2million to acquire works of art and other objects.