



Medway Heritage Place

Opportunities for the voluntary sector

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Our vision

- Shape a long-term, shared ambition for heritage
- Build, connect and empower our heritage community
- Support the development of new projects and ways of working
- Build on our strong tradition of heritage-led-regeneration



What is heritage?

Heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations.



Phase 1 – initiation phase

- Medway Heritage Audit
- Sector and community engagement
- Small-scale community grant funding
- Staff and sector development



What we learned – our strengths

- Exceptional diversity of heritage assets
- Strong links to national and global histories
- Working class and industrial heritage
- The River Medway as a connecting thread



What we learned - opportunities

- Develop infrastructure to support visitor growth
- Align narratives to create a compelling, coherent offer for visitors
- Address volunteering challenges
- Increase accessibility of heritage



Phase 2 – building firm foundations

- A new heritage strategy and sector body
- Targeted sector and professional development
- Putting heritage at the heart of our visitor economy
- Strategic grant funding opportunities



Small-scale development grants

- £250.00 - £8,000.00
- Available to individuals, unconstituted groups and constituted organisations
- To pilot new approaches, tell new stories and learn new skills



Collaborative heritage project grants

- £15,000.00 - £30,000.00
- Available to partnerships of 2 or more organisations
- Pilot new partnership-driven approaches
- To support new ways of working that engage young people



Access and inclusion grant funding

- £1,000.00
- To support heritage sites and ongoing public engagement
- Free access audit, expert support, resources and site visits
- Support to develop an access improvement plan



The National Lottery Heritage Fund grants

- £10,000 - £250,000 - single stage process
- £250,000 - £10m – two stage process
- Support available to apply direct via Heritage Place team and Heritage Fund



- A key part of the project
was doing oral history.



Tempo's heritage volunteering programme

- Supporting heritage organisations to explore new models
- Using time credits to diversify volunteers
- Growing the impact of heritage volunteering
- Addressing sector challenges



Opportunities to get involved

- Add to the Medway Heritage Map
- Follow and subscribe for strategy development opportunities
- Sign up to heritage masterclass workshops
- Apply for project funding



Thank you

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