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# Changes and challenges

How HLF is responding to the current economic climate



## Political change in 2010

- Comprehensive spending review
- Public bodies bill
- Focus on Lottery administration costs
- Lottery shares consultation

# Funding context for heritage

- HLF grants budget of around **£300m p.a.** from 2012-2013 onwards
- Significant reduction in Government and local authority funding across all parts of heritage over next four years

# Recent responsive measures (1)

- Reduced match funding requirement for Heritage Grants and Parks for People
- Heritage Grants projects can now count management and maintenance costs towards match funding
- Major batch over £5m – removed fixed timetable from second round applications

# Recent responsive measures (2)

- Greater willingness to consider grant increase requests
- Short-term help available to improve the financial sustainability of past projects
- Clarification that we will fund some fundraising and business planning costs

# Overview of our consultation



- Our strategic framework and how we work
- Our current grant programmes
- Additional directions, opportunities and challenges

# Proposed new strategic aim

‘making a positive and lasting difference for heritage and people’



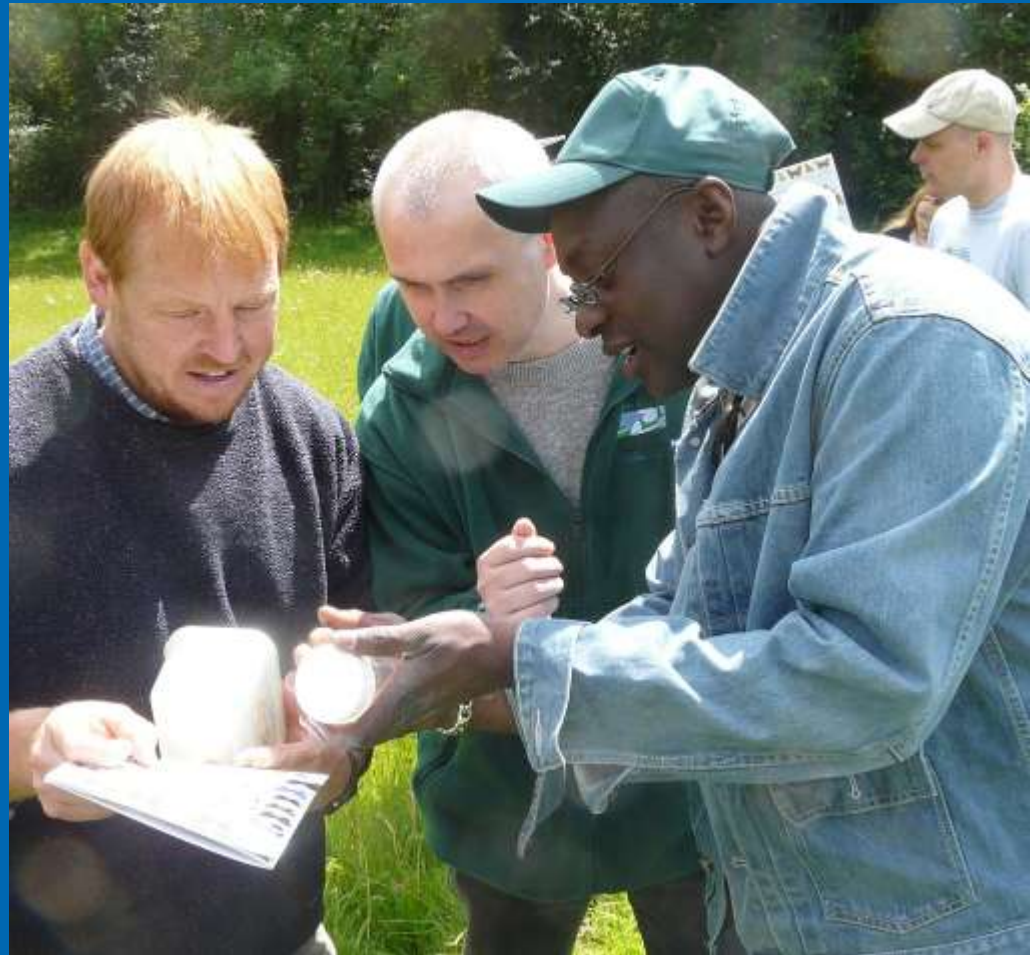
# Balance and direction of funding



- Balance between open and targeted programmes
- Working more strategically alongside others
- Giving greater priority to heritage identified as 'at risk'?

# Building a more resilient heritage community

- Protecting our investment
- Building skills and capacity of voluntary heritage organisations
- Encouraging a culture of giving - of time and money





# General programmes

- Simpler programme for grants £3K-£10K
- New single-round community heritage programme for grants above £10K - up to £200K (tbc)
- Heritage Grants – review match funding levels



# Landscape Partnerships

- Funding of £250,000 to £2 million for landscape-scale projects
- We propose to continue the programme
- Consulting on increasing focus on biodiversity and simplifying our requirements



# Parks for People

- Funding for public parks projects from £250,000 to £5 million
- We propose to continue the programme
- Consulting on including cemeteries in the programme and simplifying requirements



# Public cemeteries

- Few cemetery applications come forward
- Proposal to include public cemeteries within our Parks for People programme

# Climate change

## Proposals

- All projects asking for more than £10,000 to set out how climate change risks will be addressed
- Strengthen our assessment of environmental impacts
- Special initiative to fund innovative approaches to climate change challenges





# Digital heritage

## Proposals

- Change of policy from 2011 to fund digital-only projects
- Special initiative to fund digitisation of heritage assets
- Special initiative to fund digital innovation
- All projects to make use of digital media in an appropriate way

# Heritage in private ownership



## Proposals

- Consulting on whether we should do more to support heritage in private ownership
- And asking for examples or models for how we could do this to ensure public benefit outweighs private gain



# Skills

## Proposals

- Continue requirement for training for all grants over £1m
- Run a further targeted initiative based on Skills for the Future
- Consulting on what skills should be priorities for this



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# Current funding programmes

# Priorities for Funding

To qualify for a grant your project must either:

Conserve the UK's diverse heritage for present and future generations to experience and enjoy (Conservation)

And / or:

Help more people, and a wider range of people, to take an active part in and make decisions about their heritage (Participation)

Your project must also:

Help people to learn about their own and other people's heritage (Learning)



## Your Heritage

Grants of £3,000 to £50,000

- One, short application form
- Decision in 10 weeks
- No minimum partnership funding but some contribution either in cash or in kind



# Heritage Grants

Grants of £50,000 and over

- Two round application process for all Heritage Grants
- Partnership funding required; 5% for grants under £1 million and 10% for grants over £1 million



# Young Roots

Projects involving 13–25 year olds

- Grants of £3,000 to £25,000, for up to 18 months
- Short application form and a decision within 10 weeks.
- No minimum partnership funding but some contribution in cash or in kind
- Delivered through partnerships of heritage and youth organisations

# Targeted grant programmes

## Parks for People

- Grants of £250,000 to £5million

## Landscape Partnerships

- Grants of £250,000 to £2million



## Walks on water

### Dosthill Park Wildlife Group

**Awarded: £49,700**

Local people are learning heritage skills and are involved in conservation and improvement works. New information boards, events, school work, leaflets and trails will also help people learn about the reserve's natural heritage.

# Grow with Wyre

**Forestry Commission**

**Awarded: £1,846,000**

18 projects will facilitate the restoration of ancient forest landscapes, woodland habitats and built heritage. The scheme will also encourage more people to engage with the landscape and improve the quality of information that is available.



# How can the development team help?



- Provide advice and support
- Pre-application form, available on our website
- Workshops in our office every month



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