



Background and Principles

The purpose of this document is to set out a clear strategy for Hinckley and Bosworth to guide conservation and heritage activities in the borough from 2018 to 2022.

The borough has a unique and distinctive heritage which should be preserved and enhanced for present and future generations. This strategy advocates a joined up approach to the management of the borough's heritage. Its delivery will require a partnership approach between the council, its partners and key stakeholders.

The historic environment is a valuable asset which contributes to broader strategic objectives including economic development, urban and rural regeneration, tourism, leisure and recreation, community development, good urban design and town planning, provision of formal and informal education, development of skills, and achieving sustainable development. This strategy aims to help define, reinforce and bring these diverse aspects together.

The Heritage Strategy provides a vision and key aims and objectives for the borough's heritage. It is supported by a detailed Background and Action Plan document which reviews the national and local heritage context, summarises key issues and challenges for the heritage sector and service delivery before setting out detailed actions and initiatives to achieve the aims and objectives of the strategy.

The Vision

- To increase our understanding and awareness of the borough's heritage with improved accessibility to the historic environment
- To implement positive action and active management of the borough's heritage to ensure its conservation and enhancement
- To enable an approach of partnership and collaboration where people, groups and communities come together to care for the borough's heritage
- To celebrate and promote the borough's heritage and identity, allowing it to make a difference for people, groups and communities

Key statistics

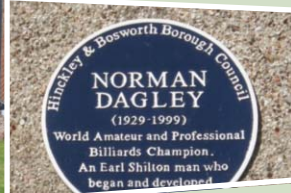
- 340 statutory listed buildings
- An emerging local heritage list with over 100 suggested entries
- 28 conservation areas
- 22 scheduled monuments
- One registered battlefield – Battle of Bosworth 1485
- A thriving Hinckley & District Museum located in a grade II listed building with approximately 3,000 visitors per year
- 15 knowledgeable local history and amenity groups operating in the borough
- Successful regeneration projects delivered at the Atkins building and other urban and rural sites
- An annual budget for undertaking heritage works across the borough (Environmental Improvement Programme)



Key Aims and Objectives

1 Increase understanding and awareness of heritage with improved accessibility

- To ensure **information** on heritage assets is up-to-date, accurate and accessible
- To increase **accessibility** to the historic environment
- To support the development of **learning, skills and training**
- To support existing **educational resources**



2 Implement positive action to manage and enhance heritage

- To ensure **conservation areas** are adequately protected and thoroughly understood
- To develop and adopt a **list of local heritage assets**
- To support and promote the development of **characterisation studies**
- To maximise opportunities to **deliver heritage-led regeneration** projects
- To implement high quality **public realm improvements**
- To regularly review **planning policy** relating to heritage matters to ensure the appropriate tools are available to guide **decision taking**
- To provide **pro-active enforcement** to secure improvements to the historic environment
- To address **heritage at risk** through appropriate management techniques
- To maximise **funding** opportunities for heritage projects and delivery of enhancements to the historic environment



3 Ensure a partnership approach to care for our heritage

- To maintain and develop **positive working practices** with heritage stakeholders
- To increase **community engagement** about heritage matters
- To ensure **integrated and joined-up working** within the council and between relevant local government partners



4 The promotion and enjoyment of heritage

- To promote a positive image and identity of the borough to **increase heritage related tourism**
- To support the **discovery and exploration** of heritage
- To advertise **best practice** in dealing with heritage
- To **celebrate and promote achievement** in the historic environment

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