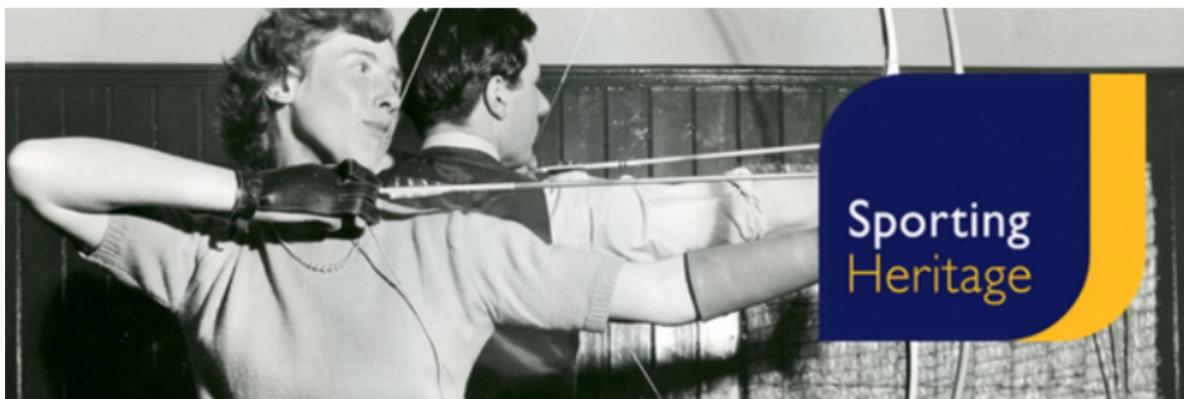


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Welcome to the August edition of our newsletter. Coming up:

- Spotlight on...Hockey
- NHLF Emergency Support
- SH Digital Conference - book now!
- Launch of Sporting Heritage Community Grants
- National Sporting Heritage Day
- Pilot Stage for SH Digital Toolkit
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Spotlight on...Hockey!

Sporting Heritage are proud to launch this year's National Sporting Heritage Day celebrations with the Great Britain's Hockey Olympic Gold Medal Centenary in Woking on 5 September.

The actual centenary of the GB hockey team receiving their gold medals at the Antwerp Olympics in 1920 will be celebrated at The Hockey Museum alongside the launch of a project to make available honours caps to current and former GB players.

You can find out more about the event by visiting:

www.hockeymuseum.net/index.php/newsitems/news-2020/129-news/n-2020/473-a-golden-centenary.

Find out more about this year's National Sporting Heritage Day later in the newsletter - Take part, Get involved: Share your heritage with everyone.

National Sporting Heritage Day 2020: #NSHD2020

National Heritage Lottery Fund Emergency Support

We're delighted to announce that Sporting Heritage have been successful in acquiring funding from the NHLF to support our activity. This funding is to ensure that we can continue to deliver high quality, targeted support over the coming months across the sector.



One-to-one support:

We will be able to build our capacity to support you during this time. From September, we'll be able to allocate support to organisations looking for specific advice and guidance concerning their collections.

Webinars:

We'll be extending our webinar series and providing targeted support based on discussions with the sector.

Digital resources:

We'll be working to create a bank of digital resources to support organisations working with collections during this difficult time to navigate the 'new normal' and access targeted support and advice.

Digital networking activities:

We'll be developing our existing network support over the next couple of months by providing a range of different networking activities including virtual coffee mornings and critical digital advice.

We'll keep you posted on how to access this support through our e-shots and social media channels.

**Sporting Heritage Digital Conference
Book your place now!
22 and 23 October 2020**



We're so fortunate to be able to continue to deliver our annual conference – only this year through a digital platform! Our conference is always incredibly popular and allows us to bring together key members from the heritage and sport sectors, along with sharing best practice case studies, providing hands on advice and guidance, and increasing the confidence and knowledge of those wishing to develop sporting heritage activity.

This year, our focus is on discussing the key issues and opportunities affecting the sector as a direct result of Covid-19, as well as more generally, and providing our delegates with practical support to take back to their activity.

Places are just £20 for non-members and £10 for members for the full two-day conference. We also have a number of supported places to open access to those who would otherwise be unable to attend – to find out more, view the programme, and to book your place, please visit <https://www.sportingheritage.org.uk/content/category/events/conference/2020-sporting-heritage-conference>.

Don't forget, members have a special discount on our conference, so if you haven't joined yet, you can do so at:

www.sportingheritage.org.uk/become-a-member.

Sporting Heritage Community Grants!



As the Subject Specialist Network for sporting heritage in the UK, we have a commitment within our delivery objectives to support a small annual grant giving programme. In the light of Covid-19, although funding is tight, we feel it's important to ensure we still deliver this scheme, albeit at a lower level than previous years.

As a result, we launch our 2020 programme in support of this year's National Sporting Heritage Day to shine a light on the importance of continuing and sharing community sporting heritage to meet wider agendas such as health and wellbeing and community cohesion.

This funding will support increased engagement to local collections which tell the story and stories of sporting activity, heroes, and endeavour. As always, we have a particular focus on sharing hidden histories and engaging non-

traditional audiences.

For further information please visit:

www.sportingheritage.org.uk/content/news/ours-news/sporting-heritage-grants.



National Sporting Heritage Day - Take Part, Get Involved!

30th September

National Sporting Heritage Day is an ongoing campaign and provides a focus point for sporting heritage in the UK. It's time to get involved!

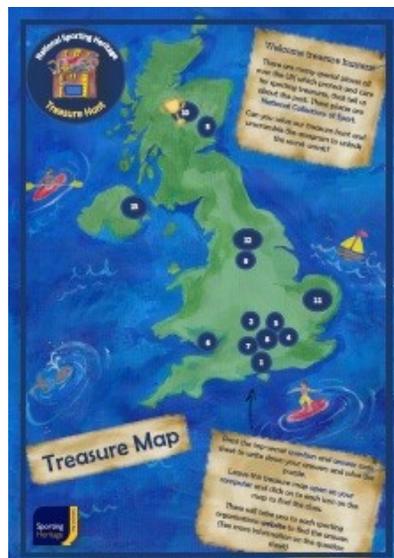
The actions of the national day provide opportunities to explore ways to engage in new and different audiences, and to showcase how sporting heritage can be used to tackle many topics such as education, wellbeing, sport participation and research. The campaign demonstrates the benefits sporting heritage can bring to society and importantly connect people, groups, businesses, and organisations.

NSHD2020 has already shown a great appeal to a broad demographic of groups, organisations, and individuals. Similar to previous years our Sporting Heritage Ambassadors will be active in the campaign supporting through the #NSHD2020 online activities and sharing their stories and collections. You can watch some of their sporting stories here: www.youtube.com/playlist.

We invite everyone to Follow Sporting Heritage social media and get involved in the celebrations using #NSHD2020

National Sporting Heritage Day – Treasure Hunt!

We've been working closely with some of the national collections of sport this year, and part of our activity will lead to an interactive treasure hunt for families as part of National Sporting Heritage Day. Illustrator Jessica Hartshorn, is currently working hard to draw together the activity and we'll share more with you in next month's newsletter. The aim of the treasure hunt is to raise awareness of some of the amazing national collections which exist across the UK, both virtually and physically, and to draw attention to these collections widely.



Once we've established this as a pilot programme, we aim to roll out a further series of similar activities to draw in as many collections as possible – keep a look out for further information!

Pilot stage for the Sporting Heritage Digital Toolkit

We're well underway with the development of our digital toolkit, part of our Sport England programme of activity. We're looking for pilot organisations to test out the toolkit and ensure it is absolutely fit for purpose. The aim of the toolkit is to support those with sporting collections to have easy access to advice and guidance about collecting, looking after, protecting, and sharing their collections. Everything from the first steps of setting up an inventory of what's held in your collection and governance models, to working out how to draw in funding to deliver exhibitions to share the stories held and what to do if your collection is at risk.



If you would like to take part in this pilot stage, please email katie.cav@gmx.com with the subject line Digital Toolkit.



Podcast Corner by our resident podcaster, Russell Todd

I don't know about you but my consumption of podcasts definitely increased during the long weeks of lockdown. It'll be interesting to see what Ofcom reports later in the year when it publishes its 'state of the sector' listenership statistics. Based on trends coming into 2020 inevitably there will be an increase; it reported a 24% annual increase in the numbers of people in the UK listening to podcast each week between 2018 and 2019.

But with people confined to home - with fewer distractions of work, more time to reflect and contemplate; and a curiosity to explore the internet for topics to keep them stimulated - it might be that the increase is greater this year than it might otherwise have been.

I've been helping Sporting Heritage CIC meet that potential for growth since dipping our toes into the water at the 2018 national conference in Liverpool. Since then project-specific content has been produced for the Sporting Heritage and the Armed Forces project and the new Women's and Disability Sport project (supported by Sport England). Stand alone episodes have also been made available when the opportunity rises.

For example, I chatted during lockdown with my neighbour Colin Morgan who studied at Geography at Aberystwyth University in the 1950s; forty years before I did the same. We reminisced for a pair of episodes - one in English, one in Welsh - on the differences between sport and recreation in our respective eras. Colin competed for the University's Athletics team as a middle distance runner.

I couldn't claim any representative sporting honours but was curious to hear what Colin thought of there being a University American Football team (spoiler

alert: there wasn't one in mid 1950s Aberystwyth!). Colin lives alone and was shielding and I know he found the afternoon we recorded a lot of fun; I certainly did. The episodes are on the [Sporting Heritage SoundCloud channel](#).

As content is increasing we have sought to make it simpler to navigate new and older content for you by using SoundCloud's playlists facility so that the project content is grouped; conference recordings similarly; and so on. The simplest thing to do though is to follow Sporting Heritage on SoundCloud and then new episodes will automatically find their way to you. And please contact me on russell@sportingheritage.org.uk if you have any ideas for future episodes.

It would be helpful too if you could like and comment on episodes as this helps boost the profile of the Sporting Heritage channel via SoundCloud's algorithms. And if you use alternative apps to access podcasts, be aware that we are also diversifying across these such as Apple, Podbay, Google and Spotify (with more to follow).

So get your headphones on!

Webinars and Podcasts

How to Make a Podcast

1 October, 11.00am – 12.00pm

Art Fund_

In order to help SSNs, Sporting Heritage members and the wider heritage sector respond to the impact, issues and challenges they face as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic, Sporting Heritage is working with Art Fund UK to offer a series of FREE practical digital skills webinars.

Following on from our first *What's Your Digital Sporting Story* project webinar in July which explored storytelling and filmmaking for sporting heritage collections, we will be hosting our second webinar, *Introduction to Podcasting: Record, Edit and Share*

The webinar will be a practical look at how to get your sporting heritage podcast off the ground. The most impactful podcasts have their own identity and voice; but it can take a while to hone this. The webinar will guide you through the necessary steps such as how to prepare the overall theme(s) of your podcast;

how to plan the content of individual episodes; how to prepare guests to contribute to your podcast; where to host your podcast and how to get people to listen to it; and how to create a community around your podcast.

It will be delivered by Russell Todd, podcaster-in-residence at Sporting Heritage CIC, and experienced producer of over 200 podcast episodes, alongside Project Coordinators, Belinda Scarlett and Kate Turner.

The webinar will take place on Thursday 1st October and places will be available through Eventbrite soon. Our last webinar sold out so keep your eyes peeled for further details of how to book your place!

Our last webinar series was hugely popular and we're just working on our autumn programme. You can catch up with all of our webinar and podcast recordings through our You Tube and Soundcloud channels as soon as possible after the events.

[Click here to subscribe for updates on You Tube.](#)

Visit: www.soundcloud.com/sportingheritage.

Feature

Stoolball: 'What Ball?'

History of the traditional, rural women's sport

One of the sports participating in our Sport England funded collections project is Stoolball. Anita Broad from Stoolball England gives us a whistle stop history of this fascinating, largely female, sport:

'Stoolball is a traditional striking and fielding sport very similar in principle to cricket and played mostly by women in the South-East of England. In its original form, it was played defending a simple milking style stool by rural villagers and farm labourers in fields and local churchyards, and was first documented in 1450.



Chiddington Causeway Stoolball Team, 1921. *Sussex Archaeological Society*

Its history is fascinating, as it emerged from the fields of rural England, travelling to America with the Pilgrim Fathers in 1621 – documented in the ‘Governor’s diary’! The first rules of the sport were recorded in Victorian times and World War 1 brought the next popularity explosion. Major W W Grantham, local Sussex landowner, realised the potential of stoolball as a game that could be easily played by rehabilitating injured soldiers billeted in military hospitals.

World War 2 made it difficult for stoolball to continue and it contracted back into its heartland of Sussex where it continued to be played by women in rural villages across the county. County matches were also played between Kent and Sussex. After the War stoolball became an important social network for rural village women.

Stoolball is very much a family orientated sport and it’s not unusual for mothers, daughters and granddaughters to play in the same team. This is where I come in, sadly I never got to play with my grandmother or mother, but they played together, and I now play with my daughter in that same team.

Stoolball is played in East and West Sussex, Kent, Surrey and Hampshire and is gaining recognition again across the country. It is played extensively in schools in Sussex and there are mixed gender and ladies’ leagues playing throughout the Summer. Indoor leagues are played during the Winter months.

Stoolball has moved into the 21st Century and we even have an England team.

We are by default World Champs, but we aspire to one day play a true international!

Stoolball is an officially recognised sport by Sport England.

www.stoolball.org.uk.

More on stoolball and its collections can be found here:

www.sportingheritage.org.uk/content/what-we-do/projects/the-sporting-heritage-of-disability-and-womens-sports/stoolball-what-ball-history-of-the-traditional-rural-womens-sport.



National Archives Guidance

As part of their digital capacity building strategy, Plugged In Powered Up, The National Archives (TNA) have now released a series of advocacy resources that you can use to convey the value of digital archives and the need to act now to preserve them.

- The first resource is a short video which introduces the digital challenge and explains how TNA are there to help and the impact that small steps can make - you can include this video in emails and presentations to raise awareness of the importance of developing digital preservation, access and engagement skills.
- A leaflet for decision makers complements the video and explains why organisations must invest in the digital management of archives and warns of the risks of failing to preserve digital assets. If you are not a decision maker yourself, you can present this leaflet to your organisation's management and IT department to strengthen your case for support.
- The second leaflet is for archive professionals themselves and lists the ways in which TNA can support you with advice and free skills training. You can download this leaflet as a reminder of the help available or share it with your colleagues. For example, you may have already signed up for the Novice to Know-How online training or used TNA's digital preservation workflows and architecture case studies.



All the resources can be found at:

nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/projects-and-programmes/plugged-in-powered-up/advocacy-resources.



Grants with Deadlines

Transformation Capital Grant Programme 2021/22 (Wales)

The Welsh Government, through its Culture and Sport Division, is inviting Expressions of Interest for its 2021/22 Transformation Capital Grant Programme for museums, archives and libraries. These grants will enable successful organisations to transform service delivery to offer sustainable, modern, attractive facilities and services in museums, archives and libraries across Wales.

The grant scheme will operate as a two-stage process; the first stage of which is submission of an Expression of Interest (EOI). Successful applicants at this stage will be asked to develop and submit a full second stage application. Both stages will be competitive, and subject to confirmation of Welsh Government budgets. A successful EOI does not guarantee funding at stage 2.

Information about the grant scheme and how to apply is available at:

gov.wales/capital-grant-museums-archives-libraries-2021-2022-guidance-applicants.

Download the application form at: gov.wales/capital-grant-museums-archives-libraries-2020-2021-application-form.

Deadline for submission for EOIs: Monday 14 September.

If you have any queries please e-mail MALD@gov.wales (applications may also be emailed to this address).

Jonathan Ruffer Curatorial Grants

Next deadline: 4 September

Find out more at:

www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/programmes/jonathan-ruffer-curatorial-grants

Ongoing Grants

Charles Hayward Foundation (UK)

The Charles Hayward Foundation is a grant-making charitable trust which makes grants to charities registered in the UK. Main grants are available across the UK (£15,000 to £25,000), and small grants for the South West of England and Wales (up to £7,000). Current categories for the main grants are: Heritage and Conservation, Criminal Justice, Hospices, Older People.

www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk

English Heritage - Repair Grants for Heritage at Risk

Grants are available towards the repair and conservation of listed buildings, scheduled monuments and registered parks and gardens. This includes project development actions which enable repair or improved future management. Grants under this scheme are intended to reduce the risk faced by some of the most significant historic sites in England, as shown on the Heritage at Risk Register. Grants focus on those sites which are most in need of repair and where without this grant, a project would not be able to go ahead. This scheme was formerly called Grants for Historic Buildings, Monuments and Designed Landscapes.

historicengland.org.uk/services-skills/grants/our-grant-schemes/repair-grants

And don't forget about the Sporting Heritage free funding finder.

Search potential funders related to your organisation and area of work here: www.sportingheritage.org.uk/content/advice/funding-finder.

SH Membership

We aim to bring as much freely available information and support to the sector at this time and are trying to open access that would usually only be free to our members, to all for the next six months. If you are able to join as a member though, we would be so hugely grateful as we rely on our membership fees to keep running and keep doing what we do.

You can join by visiting our website here:
www.sportingheritage.org.uk/become-a-member.

Thank you all for your support!

As always, we'd love to hear and share your news via this newsletter, but also through our social media feeds. You can follow us on twitter [@sportinghistory](https://twitter.com/sportinghistory), on Facebook and Instagram [@sportingheritagecic](https://www.instagram.com/sportingheritagecic) or Sporting Heritage on LinkedIn using the hashtag #sportingheritage.

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