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## Sporting Heritage Updates

**Welcome!**

Welcome to our early Spring edition of the Sporting Heritage Newsletter. Sporting Heritage are currently in a developmental phase. We're working on a National Lottery Heritage Fund resilience project until November this year, looking at how we work, what you need, and how we can make sure we continue to be a successful, sustainable organisation into the future. The project is already making such a difference to our delivery. You'll see below there's lots of activity linked to this project and helping us make sure we're fit for purpose from 2024 onwards.

## **Complete our survey to be in with a chance to win a £100 gift voucher!**

To find out if we're working at our very best for you, what we can change, and how we can best support your needs, we're asking you to complete a survey. It aims to find out what you think about our current activity, what's missing, what works, and help us to plan for the future.

The findings of the survey will be crucial to informing our 2023 – 2027 strategy and allow us to plan effectively for what you, the sector, need.

**It should take no more than 20 minutes and you can access the survey via this link:**

**[Please click here to take the survey](#)**

## **What's coming up...**

We're taking this first half of 2023 to take stock of our output so our next event is **National Sporting Heritage Day** which will take place as planned in September 2023. Keep a look out for our next newsletter for details of this year's Sporting Heritage Community Grants and how to get involved in the event.

And then **from 2024**, our core programme will look like this:

- **February:** Sporting Heritage and Art Month
- **June:** The Sporting Heritage Conference and the Sporting Heritage Awards (joint event)
- **September:** National Sporting Heritage Day.

Underpinning our core activity will be our excellent workforce development, networking and training programme, one-to-one support via our membership programme, and further support where needed through our consultancy offer. Just hop over to our website to keep an eye on what's on and how we can help.

**[www.sportingheritage.org.uk](http://www.sportingheritage.org.uk)**

# Partner Updates

## 150 Years of the Exeter Chiefs

During 2022, Devon Archives and Local Studies Service collaborated with the Royal Albert Memorial Museum and the club on an exhibition to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the foundation, in October 1872, of Exeter Rugby Club, who, as the Exeter Chiefs, have risen through the ranks of professional rugby union in the UK and Europe in recent years.



The archives were augmented by objects normally on display at Sandy Park, including many shirts worn by players in important matches, team photographs, and all the club's major trophies. Other items were loaned by supporters and former players, and a small number of exhibits were drawn from the existing Heritage Centre collections.



The exhibition was extremely successful, attracting in the region of 10,000 visitors during the month it was on.

[swheritage.org.uk/news/exeter-chiefs](https://swheritage.org.uk/news/exeter-chiefs).

# Archive Volunteering Award 2023

The Archives and Records Association (ARA) are launching the Archive Volunteering Award 2023. The Award welcomes projects which demonstrate how archives have supported volunteers through the past year and have adapted projects to suit their circumstances, whether remotely or in new ways of working. Winners have a national platform to celebrate their volunteers' contribution to the service and gain publicity for their archive's role in supporting individuals and community through volunteering programmes. It is open to archives across the United Kingdom and Ireland.

**Nominate an archive for a volunteering award at:**

**[www.archives.org.uk/ara-archive-volunteering-award](http://www.archives.org.uk/ara-archive-volunteering-award).**

**The closing date for entries is 9 May 2023 and the award announcement will be during Volunteers Week beginning 1 June.**

*This national award is supported by The National Archives, ARA, the Welsh Government's Museums, Arts, Archives and Libraries Division, and the Scottish Council on Archives.*

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## AHI Engaging People Awards Open for Entries!

As you and your colleagues are involved in new projects that bring sites and their heritage, nature, culture and science stories vividly to life - the Association for Heritage Interpretation (AHI) would love to celebrate your success.

They are looking for examples of great audience engagement that take place indoors, outdoors and online, at one site or across several, that are led by organisations or communities, and are permanent or temporary.

New for 2023 they have a special category for projects and activities that focus on the climate emergency. Plus awards that recognise individuals too: for Young Interpreters new to the sector and those who've made an Outstanding Contribution to it.

**The entry form is easy to fill in and the closing date is 14 April.**

**Take a look at [ahi.org.uk/awards](http://ahi.org.uk/awards), and please do contact them if you have any questions!**

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## DCDC Conference - call for papers

The National Archives, The British Library and Jisc are pleased to announce that the Call For Papers for DCDC23 is now open. After two years of online-only conferences, DCDC23 returns both in-person and online from 11 to 13 July at Durham University.

**Find out more and submit your proposal by 31 March:**

[www.jisc.ac.uk/dcde-conference](http://www.jisc.ac.uk/dcde-conference).

## Inclusion resources

A new online inclusion hub homes in on what exactly inclusive practice is and why inclusive practice is important for archives. The hub also provides a collection of resources that features a risk assessment, a series of wellbeing and inclusive language videos, and inclusive artwork for your service to use.

[www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/advice-and-guidance/running-your-organisation/inclusion](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/advice-and-guidance/running-your-organisation/inclusion).

## ARA's 2023 conference returns to Belfast

The 2023 gathering will serve and strengthen the record-keeping community – the theme will be 'Communities'. Over three days there will be talks about communities of users, stakeholders, colleagues and collaborators. It is an opportunity to revisit and rebuild relationships and connections, and to address issues prevalent in the sector.

**Find out more:** [openingdoors.eventsair.com/ara2023/fees](http://openingdoors.eventsair.com/ara2023/fees).

## Events and Training

### Sporting Heritage Network Meetings

The Sporting Heritage networks are a great way to meet people working in the same field as you, share best practice and find out more about current topics in sport, heritage and much more.

### Booking

It is free to attend our network meetings but we ask that you book your place via the Eventbrite links below so we can anticipate numbers. All meetings run from 10.00am – 11.30am.

The next round of network meeting dates are as follows:

- **Heritage Champions: Tuesday 18 April**

There is no discussion topic set for this meeting yet. If you would like to suggest one please contact Fran on [fran@sportingheritage.org.uk](mailto:fran@sportingheritage.org.uk). If there is no discussion topic we can have an extended member update and pick up topics from this which we can then discuss as a group.

**Booking link:**

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-champions-summer-meeting-tickets-591569318757](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-champions-summer-meeting-tickets-591569318757).

- **National Collections of Sport: Wednesday 19 April**

There is no discussion topic set for this meeting yet. If you would like to suggest one please contact Fran on [fran@sportingheritage.org.uk](mailto:fran@sportingheritage.org.uk). If there is no discussion topic we can have an extended member update and pick up topics from this which we can then discuss as a group.

**Booking link:** [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sporting-heritage-national-collections-of-sport-network-meeting-tickets-591556520477](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sporting-heritage-national-collections-of-sport-network-meeting-tickets-591556520477).

- **Football network: Tuesday 25 April**

We will be continuing our discussion around celebrations and anniversaries.

**Booking link:** [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sporting-heritage-football-network-meeting-tickets-591543020097](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sporting-heritage-football-network-meeting-tickets-591543020097).

- **Scotland network: Thursday 27 April**

The first Scotland specific network meeting for 2023. Come and join us as we revisit the [Scotland Sporting Heritage Strategy](#), discuss what you would like to see in the in-person and online events planned for this year and catch up with everyone's news and activity.

## Sporting Heritage Training Events 2023

We will be launching a new training programme later this year with a mix of in-person events and online webinars. Each nation will have an in-person event followed up by a webinar. So far the 2023 timings are as follows:

- **England** events: May
- **Scotland** events: July
- **Northern Ireland** events: October

The overarching theme for this series of events is 'Sharing Stories'. Each event will include case studies, training session, networking and an opportunity for you to showcase your work from the past year.

**If you have been sharing stories as part of your work and would like to be involved in these events please let Fran know on [fran@sportingheritage.org.uk](mailto:fran@sportingheritage.org.uk). More details including how to book to follow soon.**

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## 2023 International Football History Conference Call for Papers



Image: Hampden Park, Glasgow | Courtesy Scottish Football Museum

The 2023 annual International Football History Conference will take place at Hampden Park, Glasgow, and will be held over two days (30 June and 1 July 2023). Tickets will be on sale soon.

This is a call for papers to be presented at the conference. There will be an opportunity to present on any topic relating to the history of football of all codes.

**To apply to present please send a 100 to 150 word proposal to [footycon@outlook.com](mailto:footycon@outlook.com) by Monday 3 April 2023.**

Selection of presentations will take place by the committee by 30 April. We will ensure confirmation is as soon as possible.

**More Info: [bit.ly/IFHC2023](https://bit.ly/IFHC2023).**

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## **Online Workshops Working with Mixed Collections**

The Section for Archives and Museums are repeating their popular online workshops: 'An Introduction to Mixed Collections Care' and 'Working with Mixed Collections: Documentation and Current Museum Trends'

Both are half day workshops, 10.00am - 12.30pm:

- Friday 21 April
- Friday 28 April

Trainer: Anita Hollinshead

Attendees will gain an overview of standards governing the care and display of objects, as well as an understanding of current issues and trends in the museum sector.

The workshops can be booked individually, but for maximum benefit we suggest delegates sign up for both.

For further information and to book visit Eventbrite:

- **An Introduction to Mixed Collections**  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/564813190457](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/564813190457).
- **Working with Mixed Collections: Documentation and Trends**  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/564878285157](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/564878285157).



# SH Membership

If you are able to join us as a Sporting Heritage member, we would be hugely grateful as we rely on our membership fees to keep running and continue doing what we do.

You can join by visiting our website here:

[www.sportingheritage.org.uk/become-a-member](http://www.sportingheritage.org.uk/become-a-member).

Thank you all for your support!

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As always, we'd love to hear and share your news via this newsletter, and also through our social media feeds (links below).

To send copy for inclusion, please email [aj.glew@ntlworld.com](mailto:aj.glew@ntlworld.com) for deadlines and further information. If you've accessed this newsletter via social media then you can [SIGN UP FOR OUR NEWSLETTER HERE](#).



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