

HER Update for CODS Meeting 3 March 2010

A major part of EH's continuing implementation of Heritage Protection Reform is the development of HERs with particular regard to the built environment. To facilitate this EH have launched a one year grant scheme entitled: HER21: Developing Historic Environment Records for the 21st Century: A Historic Environment Enabling Programme

There are essentially two strands to the scheme;

HER21 Scheme Structure

The scheme will comprise the following strands of activity

- 1) **Strategic research** . Projects will be commissioned by tender. They will aim to provide the sector with greater understanding of user requirements, integration of HERs with wider planning process, and establish standards or guidance for HER development.
- 2) **Developing Pilots and Case Studies**). Projects will be anticipated that will be developed by, or in close conjunction with, local authorities to explore and demonstrate new methods of integrating the full range of historic environment data into HERs, to forge effective links with relevant datasets held outside those HERs, and to explore the challenges and opportunities presented by increased on-line public accessibility to HER data. HER backlog projects will not be considered.

Projects funded within the scheme will be required to deliver formal reports which can be taken forward to develop standards and guidance that will be used by other HERs to shape their own development.

The potential for carrying the project forward after March 2011 will be assessed on the success of the first year. A seminar will be arranged to provide the opportunity for funding recipients to present their results/conclusions.

The funding for the whole scheme is limited to £400K for the initial year. It is hoped that additional funding will be available in future years but this is far from certain at this stage.

The time frame for the scheme is very tight, proposals for projects need to be in by the end of May and full Project designs by the end of June. All projects must be completed by the end of March 2011. The full document is available on the EH HEEP website.

Heritage Gateway

DCC has received a grant of £1700 to cover the start up costs of making the HER available via the Heritage Gateway. This will hopefully be done by the end of April and the data will be updated on a regular basis. The information from the 'Monuments Module' will be made available, this includes all sites finds, buildings and structures currently on the record. The record will go on as it stands at the moment but work will obviously continue to update, edit and enhance the data. The mapping facility on the Heritage Gateway is limited at present but is being developed by EH.

Historic Landscape Character

Work continues on recasting the HLC data. After two pilot areas were done to check the methodology work is now progressing in the Trent Valley.

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