



# Prospectus 2016–17

The National Heritage Science Forum (NHSF) brings together the leading organisations that create and use heritage science research. Members work together to build the community of heritage science in the UK and demonstrate its public benefit.

### **The Forum achieves this by:**

- Strengthening the infrastructure to support future research
- Widening the scope of partnerships with other fields of research
- Opening up heritage science research so that more people engage with and contribute to the research agenda.



Examining losses using UV illumination. © the British Library Board.

## In 2016 and 2017 the Forum will focus on the following key areas:

- Launching the 'Filling the Gaps' report\* as a framework to take forward the National Heritage Science Strategy and as a basis for identifying new partnerships and collaborations with scientists and researchers in other domains;
- Supporting Open Access to heritage science research to maximise its impact and increase engagement with it;
- Strengthening sustainable networks within the heritage science community by promoting collaborative approaches to projects, to the use of equipment, and to the development of research proposals;
- Ensuring the sector speaks up with a coherent voice; developing stronger links with the bodies determining the research agenda and shaping the funding environment.

## Actions

- Open up the 'Filling the Gaps' research to crowd-sourcing to maximise contributions
- Extend 'Filling the Gaps' to address issues of capacity in the heritage science sector
- Launch the results of 'Filling the Gaps' at the new Scottish Centre for Conservation, Stirling
- Publish a position statement on Open Access to heritage science research publications and research data
- Seek to support Open Access to heritage science research
- Increase content in the NHSF Kit-Catalogue to show equipment available for heritage science research
- Seek opportunities to influence policy through consultation responses
- Develop partnerships and networks to support the delivery of the National Heritage Science Strategy
- Raise the profile of NHSF and its work by contributing to events and conferences

\* Filling the Gaps is an NHSF research project to review the National Heritage Science Strategy 5 years on from its publication and identify research that has addressed the gaps publicised by the strategy, and the gaps that remain.

## Join the Forum

NHSF members benefit from being part of a community of heritage and academic organisations engaged with heritage science research. The Forum provides a platform for sharing information and collaborating to shape the heritage science research landscape. It supports efficiencies by facilitating access to shared resources and it helps practice make better use of research by sharing research priorities and developments. It uses the collective strengths of its members to influence policy and speak on behalf of the community.

### Full membership

For organisations engaged in heritage science research or using the outputs of heritage science. Examples include museums, universities, heritage organisations and professional bodies.

Rate: **£3000 per annum** (membership year runs 1 May to 30 April)

### Associate membership

For organisations that support the aims of NHSF and are active in the field of heritage science but are not producers of heritage science research. Examples include strategic and policy bodies and organisations that represent allied fields of activity.

Rate: **£2000 per annum** (membership year runs 1 May to 30 April)

For full information on membership benefits and how to join visit:  
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