

**Heritage Science and Societal Challenges**

We’re collecting case studies on ways in which heritage science delivers benefit to society.

In 2021, the NHSF Research Group identified five ‘societal challenges’ – big issues of importance to society that can’t be solved by one sector or discipline alone.

We want to use case studies and our background document [Heritage Science and Societal Challenges: a blueprint for action](https://www.heritagescienceforum.org.uk/documents/NHSF_SocietalChallenges_Blueprint.pdf) to show how heritage science research contributes to addressing the five challenges, to inspire new research, and to encourage connections between people working in the field of heritage science and other disciplines.

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You can find [example case studies here](https://www.heritagescienceforum.org.uk/what-we-do/societal-challenges-and-heritage-science-research). Please send completed case studies or any questions to Caroline Peach administrator@heritagescienceforum.org.uk.

The five societal challenges are:

* **Sustainable development** – Use heritage science as an enabler of sustainable development, assessing its contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and to the long-term management of heritage as a global resource for the benefit of societies around the world.
* **Climate emergency** – Collaborate with environmental sciences and social sciences to both extend our understanding of the impact of a changing climate on heritage whilst also using knowledge derived from the study of heritage assets to address the climate emergency and deliver progress against the UK’s net zero targets.
* **Improved wellbeing** – Bring together heritage science, social science and health science methods to better understand the role of cultural heritage in notions of identity, self and sense of place, and how this contributes to wellbeing.
* **Equality and inclusivity** – Address the collective responsibility for equal opportunities for people from all backgrounds to participate in heritage science and define the questions that are asked about heritage and the methods used to understand the past, inform current actions and shape future opportunities.
* **Digital society** – Integrate technological innovation and data science into heritage science research and practice to transform the way that collections, buildings and archaeology are managed, accessed and understood.

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| Keywords*Choose up to 15 keywords that describe the content of your case study.**The keywords will be used to tag the case study if it is shared online (e.g. as part of the NHSF blog, website or impact mapping)* |  |
| Societal challenge*Choose the ONE societal challenge you are demonstrating with this case study** *Sustainable development*
* *Climate emergency*
* *Improved wellbeing*
* *Equality and inclusivity*
* *Digital society*
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| Type of initiative *Choose the initiative from the list below that best describes your case study: research, policy, engagement, institutional research strategy, teaching programme* |  |
| Short description (300 words)*Provide a short overview of the initiative and what it achieved.*  |  |
| Contribution to tackling the Societal Challenge (200 words)*Describe how the initiative connects to the societal challenge you identified including the benefits of the initiative.* |  |
| Beneficiaries of initiative*Please indicate which of the following audiences benefitted from the initiative and provide a short description of the benefit.*Internal colleagues (within department/team)Internal colleagues (within organisation but external to department/team)Organisation’s trustees or governing bodyExternal heritage science research colleagues and peersExternal research colleagues and peers from non-heritage science disciplinesEnd-users of heritage science research (e.g. conservators, education and learning teams)GovernmentPolicy makersFundersIndustryPress/mediaSocial media influencersPublic (including visitors if your organisation is open to the public)Other (please describe) |  |
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