



Gosport Voluntary Action has been awarded a **Heritage Fund** grant to deliver an exciting programme of local historical walks, which we've entitled '**Walking Past**'. This one-year funded project commenced in September 2019, and we are planning to launch the first walk in March 2020.

The aims of the project are to:

- Inspire interest in Gosport's built, coastal and natural heritage
- Engage local residents and visitors
- Create free, led walks at a wide range of heritage sites that appeal to a diverse range of people
- Motivate people to become involved in and support their heritage with a variety of volunteering opportunities



In order to do this we need to:

Work with local groups and individuals including those involved in heritage, access and tourism to gather knowledge, help promote the walks and find volunteers.

Recruit Volunteer Walk Leaders and train them to lead inclusive, informative walks encompassing heritage and storytelling.

Research and develop six heritage routes, which will be led by volunteers during the project.

Create a legacy by allowing the walks to be self-led and accessible to view, download and print when the project ends.

Create a roving display which can be moved to different locations in Gosport providing information on the project and the routes.

How you can help:

If you can help by engaging volunteers and encouraging them to get involved by becoming Walk Leaders or Heritage/Access Advisors, please get in contact.



We also have an exciting opportunity to work with Julia Bradbury's **The Outdoor Guide** (www.theoutdoorguide.co.uk) to host our six walks on their website, providing a legacy for the project. The Outdoor Guide (TOG) can offer us a package to film one of the walks featuring local groups; host a podcast; and provide continued promotion via their social media and newsletter. TOG website is about the whole visitor experience and so features places to stay, eat and drink. We are now looking for potential sponsors to contribute and participate in this unique opportunity.

Please contact Emma Kemp, Walks Co-ordinator by emailing gospportw4h@gva.org.uk or calling **02392 583836** for more information.