



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 (extended by a year due to Covid 19) commenced in September 2019.

The aims of the project are to:

- Inspire interest in Gosport's built, coastal and natural heritage
- Engage local residents and visitors
- Create free, walking trails 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 have, and will continue 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. These groups have included **Gosport Access Group and Disability Forum (GAGDF)**, **Gosport Heritage Action Zone (HAZ)**, **Gosport Heritage Open Days** and **The Gosport Society**.

Recruit volunteers to help create, research and potentially lead inclusive, informative walks encompassing heritage and storytelling, in six areas of Gosport.

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.

Additionally;



We 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) will also provide continued promotion via their social media and newsletter and we hope to maintain a working relationship with them in to the future. TOG website is about the whole visitor experience and so features places to stay, eat and drink.

Contact:

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