The HLF Committee for the South West is made up of leading figures in the heritage sector across the region chosen for their wide range of experience and local knowledge. Responsible for making decisions on regional applications to the Fund from £100,000 to £2million, the committee are supported by the regional HLF team who operate from Exeter-based offices.

Evelyn Stacey joins the existing five members of the committee made up of local people appointed through open advertisement. Their expertise widely reflects and compliments the range of heritage applications that HLF receives.

Evelyn Stacey is Chief Executive of South West Lakes Trust and Wheal Martyn Trust and has responsibility for public access, conservation and recreation at 50 inland waterways in the South West of England and Europe's only china clay museum.

Commenting on her appointment Evelyn said: "It is a very exciting time to be joining the HLF Committee in this region. I am delighted to have been invited to join such a skilled and successful team and hope that my experience, particularly in natural heritage and delivering community projects will enable me to make a useful contribution."

Nerys Watts, Head of Heritage Lottery Fund South West England, said: "We are extremely pleased welcome Evelyn to the committee. She brings a wealth of experience to what is already a very strong team of decision makers. Their wide ranging expertise and strong regional awareness will be of great benefit to both HLF and the heritage of the South West."

HLF funds an amazing array of projects that encompass all aspects of the UK's rich and diverse heritage. The South West Committee covers Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire, the cities of Plymouth, Bristol and Bath as well as Torbay, Poole, Bournemouth and Swindon. 2014 is the 20th anniversary of the National Lottery during which time HLF has supported more than 3,700 projects in the South West awarding grants totalling over £538million.

The projects range from restoration of historic buildings, improvements to museums and galleries, makeovers for town parks, purchasing works of art and treasured artefacts, helping to conserve the natural environment, and promoting community involvement in conserving local social histories. HLF is also actively involved in supporting a wide range of projects marking the centenary of the First World War. The projects are both large and small ranging from multi-million pound building refurbishments to local youngsters tracing the history of their local town and filming a DVD or producing a play.

Notes to editors

Other committee members include Simon Timms (chair), Hilary Bracegirdle, Philip Collins, Tamsin Daniel and Cherry Ann Knott.

Biography
Evelyn Stacey
Evelyn Stacey is Chief Executive of South West Lakes Trust and Wheal Martyn Trust and has responsibility for public access, conservation and recreation at 50 inland waterways in the South West of England and Europe's only china clay museum. A member of the Institute of Directors and the Tourism Management Institute, she is actively involved in environmental issues, having held voluntary roles with Exmoor National Park Authority and the Environment Agency. Currently chairing the Exmoor Tourism Partnership, she also assists the Devon & Cornwall Police as an Independent Person in misconduct matters. She lives in South Devon and is a keen runner.

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