New Forest remembers untold stories of World War II wins HLF support

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The project will carry out essential archaeological surveying of part of the New Forest National Park including an airborne infra-red LiDAR survey (light detection and ranging), mapping work and field surveys. These will record World War II archaeological sites and their conservation needs.

Volunteers will be recruited and an outreach programme will be designed to engage local communities, groups and organisations. Teaching resources and educational activities will also be developed to link World War II archaeology with the National Curriculum.

On the ground a range of new information and outreach materials will show visitors the important part the New Forest and its people played during the war.

Stuart McLeod, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund in the South East, said: ‘The New Forest holds many clues to the stories of World War II and how it impacted on the communities in the area. With this grant, volunteers will not only expand their knowledge and learn lots of new skills, but it will also provide a unique record of the area for others to learn from, enjoy and be inspired by for generations to come.’

Julian Johnson, Chairman of the New Forest National Park Authority, added: ‘We’re delighted that the Heritage Lottery Fund has given us this grant. The Second World War changed the New Forest forever. It played a vital role and it is important that we have an accurate picture both on the ground and through people’s memories and experiences of this unprecedented period of history.’

Notes to editors

About the New Forest National Park Authorit

The New Forest National Park was designated in March 2005. Its unique landscape has been shaped over the centuries by grazing ponies, cattle and pigs which roam free. Majestic woodlands, rare heathland and a spectacular coastline provide fabulous opportunities for quiet recreation, enjoyment and discovery.

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