Polar exploration first up for Chair's visit to East of



Sir Peter Luff at the Polar Museum Brendan Kelly

Our new Chair Sir Peter Luff is visiting Cambridge and Duxford to see first-hand how money raised by National Lottery players is benefiting heritage in the East of England.

Over the past two decades more than £438million has been invested in brilliant projects across the region celebrating and preserving an amazing range of heritage.

Sir Peter will have the chance to see some of these projects in action, meet the people working hard to make them a success and find out what they're trying to achieve.

Here's a quick look at what Sir Peter will be doing:

- Visiting Cambridge's Polar Museum which has seen its collections and popularity grow thanks to nearly £3m of HLF funding. The museum, set up in 1920 as a memorial to Captain Robert Scott and his crew, tells the fascinating story of the exploration of two of the harshest environments in the world – the Arctic and Antarctic
- Taking a look behind the scenes of the Mill Road History Project where residents, traders and community groups have teamed up to explore the history of the diverse and historic street, home to Cambridge's first workhouse and first cinema

- Touring the wonderful Imperial War Museum Duxford, the site of one of the earliest Royal Air Force stations and now established as a European centre of aviation history. Sir Peter will also meet those behind the museum's re-development of the American Air Museum, set to open next year
- Meeting New Heritage Solutions CIC which is leading a project to explore the impact of the Second World War and the arrival of the American Army Air Force in East Anglia on local lives and landscapes.

It's an exciting time for HLF. As well as welcoming Sir Peter to the team, we're also celebrating our 21st birthday this year and of course continuing to fund fantastic heritage projects across the UK.

This is Sir Peter's fifth stop on his mission to visit each of the 12 regions where our teams are based. He's already been to Scotland, Yorkshire and the Humber, East Midlands and the South East and the North East is next on his list!

Follow his travels on Twitter using #LuffHeritage and let us know about your favourite heritage project in your region!

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