

Report on People and Places Project

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Summary: The People and Places project, which was awarded a grant of £13,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund in January 2007, is now underway and is seeking volunteer help to create a collection of profiles of famous people and places connected with the Chilterns. The profiles will be displayed on the AONB website along with information on places to visit in the area.

Purpose of Paper: To seek suggestions of famous figures to include in the project and for recruitment of more volunteers.

Background

1. The People and Places project aims to raise awareness of famous people associated with the Chilterns and to encourage visits to those areas associated with those people. This will be achieved by preparing at least 100 profiles of famous people and places connected with the Chilterns and to display these profiles in a new section of the AONB website.
2. The aim is to create a unique resource on the history and culture of the Chilterns that is not only educational but acts as a promotional tool for the countryside and local attractions of the area. By increasing people's understanding and appreciation of local history it is hoped they will make more of what the Chilterns has to offer and feel a deeper connection with it.
3. Information is being gathered not only on the lives and times of historic figures but also on what people can visit in the Chilterns today connected with them.
4. The project needs volunteers to carry out the research, write the profiles and identify related places which can be visited by the public

Support and timescale

5. In January 2007 the Heritage Lottery Fund awarded the Board a grant of £13,200 towards the 'People and Places of the Chiltern Hills' project. This grant is 44% of the total project cost of £30,065.
6. The other sources of funding for the project are: £3,000 from the Board, £2,000 from The Chiltern Society (to be confirmed), £3,000 from local authorities and £8,850 representing the value of volunteer time.
7. The project is being managed by the Board, in close co-operation with The Chiltern Society.
8. The project began in March 2007 and will continue until November 2008.

List of profiles to be included

Name	category	Where
Eric Gill	Artist	North Dean, Nr. High Wycombe
John Nash	Artist	Several
John Piper	Artist	Several
Stanley Spencer	Artist	Cookham
John le Carre	Author	Several
John Bunyan	Author	Beds
John Milton	Author	Chalfont St.Giles
Roald Dahl	Author	Gt.Missenden
Enid Blyton	Author	Beaconsfield
Graham Greene	Author	Berkhamsted
Mary Shelly	Author	Marlow
Jerome K Jerome	Author	Eweleme/Thames
Oscar Wilde	Author	Goring
Shardeloes House	Building	Amersham
Missenden Abbey	Building	Gt.Missenden
Ashridge House	Building	Asridge
Berkhamsted Castle	Building	Berkhamsted
Chequers	Building	Nr.Princes Risborough
Greys Court	Building	South Oxon
Mapledurham House	Building	South Oxon
Katherine Ferrers (The Wicked Lady)	Folklore	Markyate
Bomber Harris	Historic figure	Cryers Hill near High Wycombe
Earl Cardigan	Historic figure	Hambleden
Capt James Cook	Historic figure	Chalfont St.Giles
John Hampden	Historic figure	Several
Benjamin Disraeli	Historic figure	Hughenden Manor
Clement Attlee	Historic figure	Prestwood
Black Prince	Historic figure	Princes Risborough
William Penn	Historic figure	Penn/Jordans
Liberty family	Historic figure	The Lee, Gt.Missenden
W H Smith	Historic figure	Hambleden
Sir Francis Dashwood	Historic figure	West Wycombe
Henry VIII	Historic figure	Several
Elizabeth I	Historic figure	Several
William the Conqueror	Historic figure	Berkhamsted
Rothschild family	Historic figure	Several
Clementine Churchill	Historic figure	
Duke of Bridgewater	Historic figure	Asridge/Great Union Canal
Maharajah of Benares	Historic figure	Stoke Row
Lord Camoys of Stonor	Historic figure	Stonor
Humphrey Gainsborough	Historic figure	
Jethro Tull	Historic figure	Crowmarsh
Lord Nuffield	Historic figure	Nuffield, South Oxon
Civil War	Historic event	Several
World War II	Historic event	Several
Ewelme	Historic place	Ewelme, South Oxon
Dusty Springfield	Musician	Henley
George Harrison	Musician	Henley
Rupert Brook	Poet	Lacey Green nr. Princes Risborough
John Betjeman	Poet	
Percy Bysshe Shelly	Poet	Marlow
Wilfred Owen	Poet	Dusden, near Caversham

Name	category	Where
Steve Redgrave	Sports	Marlow/Henley

9. A draft profile of Wilfred Owen, the First World War poet is attached as Appendix 1

Progressing the project

10. A number of volunteers are already involved with the project, but more are needed. The Board could help by taking on profiles to complete or suggesting potential volunteers that could be asked to get involved.
11. Suggestions of further people and places to be included would also be welcome.

Recommendations

1. **The Board suggests potential volunteers to help with the project**
2. **The Board identifies further famous people and places that should be included.**