



**Funding raised by
The National Lottery**
and awarded by the Heritage Lottery Fund



Press Release

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Lottery Funding Boost to Engaging with our Nautical Heritage

The Nautical Archaeology Society (NAS) is delighted to have been awarded an £83,900 Resilient Heritage grant by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The UK's nautical heritage is under constant threat from the ravages of nature as well as human impact. The NAS' objective is to advance education and awareness of nautical and maritime archaeological heritage so that it can be saved for future generations.

Thanks to National Lottery players, this grant will help NAS deliver their strategic plan to build awareness of that threat and greater engagement and support from a larger and more diverse public audience and private sector organisations.

This will involve new involvement and fundraising strategies, additional staff, trustee and volunteer training, the re-development of marketing and fundraising materials and greater use of social media to reach a larger and broader range of people.

Mark Beattie Edwards, the Chief Executive Officer of NAS, said: *"This National Lottery grant presents and amazing opportunity for the Society to become a more resilient organisation that is fit to serve its communities in the future. The grant will help us deliver a stronger message of why nautical heritage needs greater public support and private sector involvement to withstand threats and to adapt to a changing world"*.

Michelle Roffe, Head of HLF South East, commented: *"Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, this project will help to strengthen the Nautical Archaeology Society and ensure that the UK's rich and fascinating nautical heritage is better managed, protected and shared with a wide range of people"*.

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About the Nautical Archaeology Society

Founded in 1972, the Nautical Archaeology Society is a leader in nautical archaeology, promoting an understanding and interest in nautical heritage through participation, education and events. The NAS offers an award winning international education programme and publishes the world's leading peer-reviewed journal on the subject.

The NAS encourages and facilitates community and individual participation in understanding and safeguarding this important cultural heritage by providing a focus for this activity. They promote

engagement by archaeological and diving enthusiasts and significant numbers of volunteer/avocational participants in activities related to recording and preserving our maritime cultural resources.

About the Heritage Lottery Fund

Thanks to National Lottery players, we invest money to help people across the UK explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about - from the archaeology under our feet to the historic parks and buildings we love, from precious memories and collections to rare wildlife. www.hlf.org.uk. Follow us on **Twitter**, **Facebook** and **Instagram** and use #NationalLottery and #HLFsupported.

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