



Sussex Heritage Trust  
*design for the future,  
respect for the past*

## Sussex Heritage Trust Appoints New Chief Executive

Sussex Heritage Trust is delighted to announce the appointment of Claire Robinson as its new Chief Executive Officer. Claire will officially take up the role on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2025, succeeding Helen Reeve, who steps down after eleven successful years leading the charity to take up a new role with The Outward Bound Trust.

Claire joins the Trust from the Chichester Community Development Trust, where she has spent six and a half years, most recently as Sustainability and Social Impact Director. In that role, she led on fundraising, strategic partnerships and communications, bringing a strong track record of community engagement and organisational development.

Claire brings with her a wealth of experience that will support the continued growth of the Sussex Heritage Trust's flagship Awards and its expanding education and training programmes. This includes the recently announced The National Lottery Heritage Fund grant to deliver the Trust's Heritage Skills Taster Day programme over the next three years.

David Cowan, Chairman of the Sussex Heritage Trust said:

*"We are thrilled to welcome Claire to the Trust. She brings a wealth of experience and a passion for community impact, and we are confident she will build on Helen's remarkable legacy and lead the Trust into its next exciting chapter."*

Claire Robinson, added:

*"I am honoured to be joining the Sussex Heritage Trust at such a pivotal time. I look forward to working with the team, Trustees, and partners to champion heritage, education and skills across Sussex."*

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### Notes to Editors

#### **About Sussex Heritage Trust**

Founded in 1977, Sussex Heritage Trust is a registered charity dedicated to preserving, improving, and encouraging the appreciation of the architectural and natural landscape of Sussex. Its educational work includes bursaries and training in heritage crafts and conservation.

[www.sussexheritagetrust.org.uk](http://www.sussexheritagetrust.org.uk)

#### **About The National Lottery Heritage Fund**

Our vision is for heritage to be valued, cared for and sustained for everyone, now and in the future. That's why as the largest funder for the UK's heritage we are dedicated to supporting projects that connect people and communities to heritage, as set out in our strategic plan,

*Heritage 2033.* Over the next 10 years, we aim to invest £3.6 billion raised for good causes by National Lottery players.

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