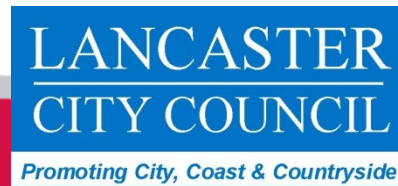


Beyond the Castle (Lancaster City Park)



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What is Beyond the Castle?

Lancaster Square Routes 'Three Big Ideas':

Lancaster Lore and Legends, Georgian Gem and the **City Park**.

Rejuvenate the historical city centre and destination for both visitors and residents



QUAY MEADOW

CITY PARK

VICARAGE FIELDS

CASTLE PRECINCT

GEORGIAN GEM

SUN SQUARE

MARKET SQUARE

HORSESHOE CORNER

GAGE STREET

CHURCH STREET

LANCASTER LORE & LEGENDS

Beyond the Castle – the site and issues

- Nationally important archaeology – little or no interpretation
- Steep slopes, especially up towards the castle – makes access difficult
- Poor connections from the Castle down to St George’s Quay—doesn’t currently draw visitors through the site
- Site currently underused although because of its interest and location, good potential to involve people in the project



- Varied landscape including grassland, woodland and river environment
- Historic views to and from the Castle/Priory restricted by woodland in places

The origins of Beyond the Castle



Feb 2012 - Lancashire County Council taking on the development of the Lancaster Square Routes City Park project in collaboration with Lancaster City Council

Summer 2012 - **Beyond the Castle** working title and key values emerging from Lancaster University's PROUD co-design project

- Realise the site's historic importance;
- Understand the site can be a cultural hub and strong pulling point to the city centre;
- Keep involving people in a meaningful way in the process; and
- Focus on The Arts – performance, sculptures, Re- enactments etc.

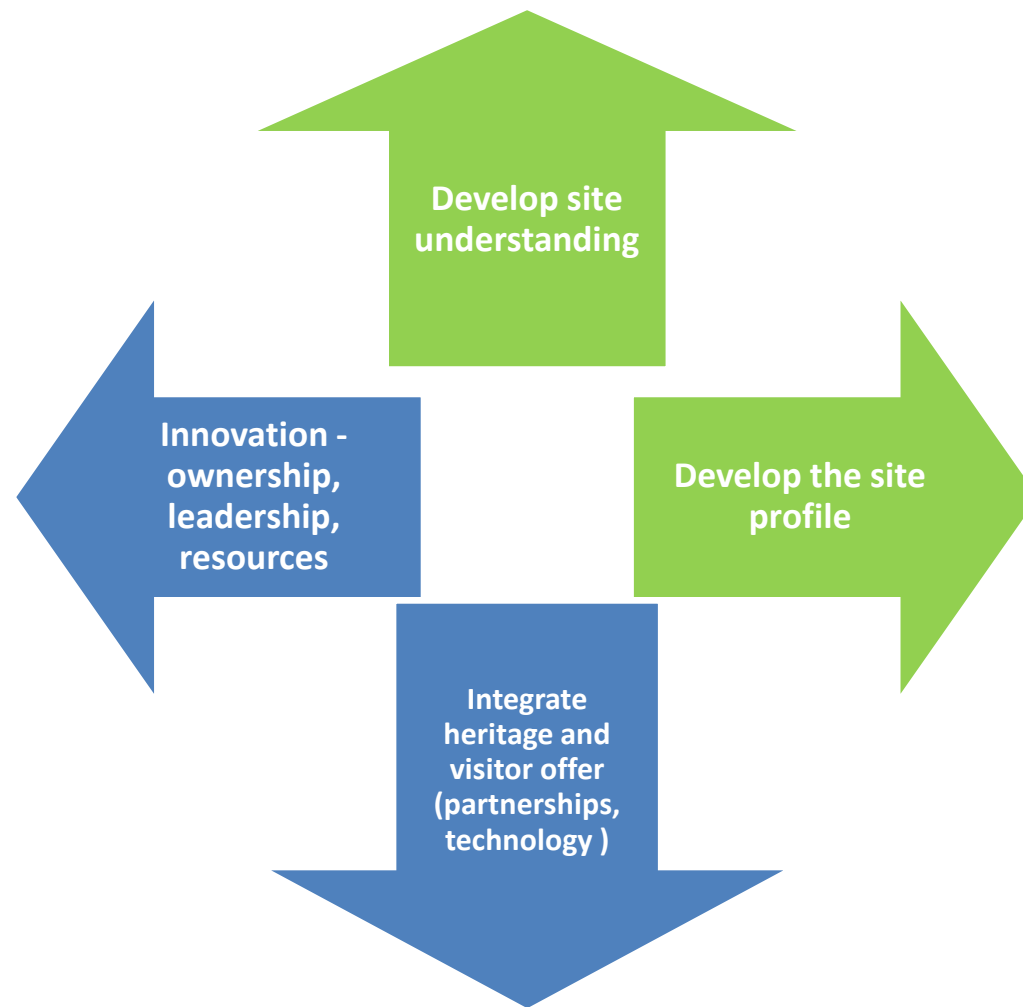
Beyond the Castle project development



Dec 2012 – 2014

- A series of targeted workshops on heritage, ecology and landscape have taken place identifying substantial gaps in knowledge about the archaeology and the site's history
- A Bioblitz' held in May 2013 where naturalists and the community worked together to record wildlife on the site over an 18 hour period
- Ongoing volunteer activity on site and at the Judges Lodgings garden;
- Continued liaison with partners and stakeholders including Museums and Adult Learning Services, Arts Partners, Quay Connections, Lancaster BID, Lancaster Vision.
- Funding bids developed and submitted including to the Heritage Lottery Fund 'Our Heritage' programme. Funding secured in March 2014 - **£59,600**

Quo Vadis Beyond the Castle?



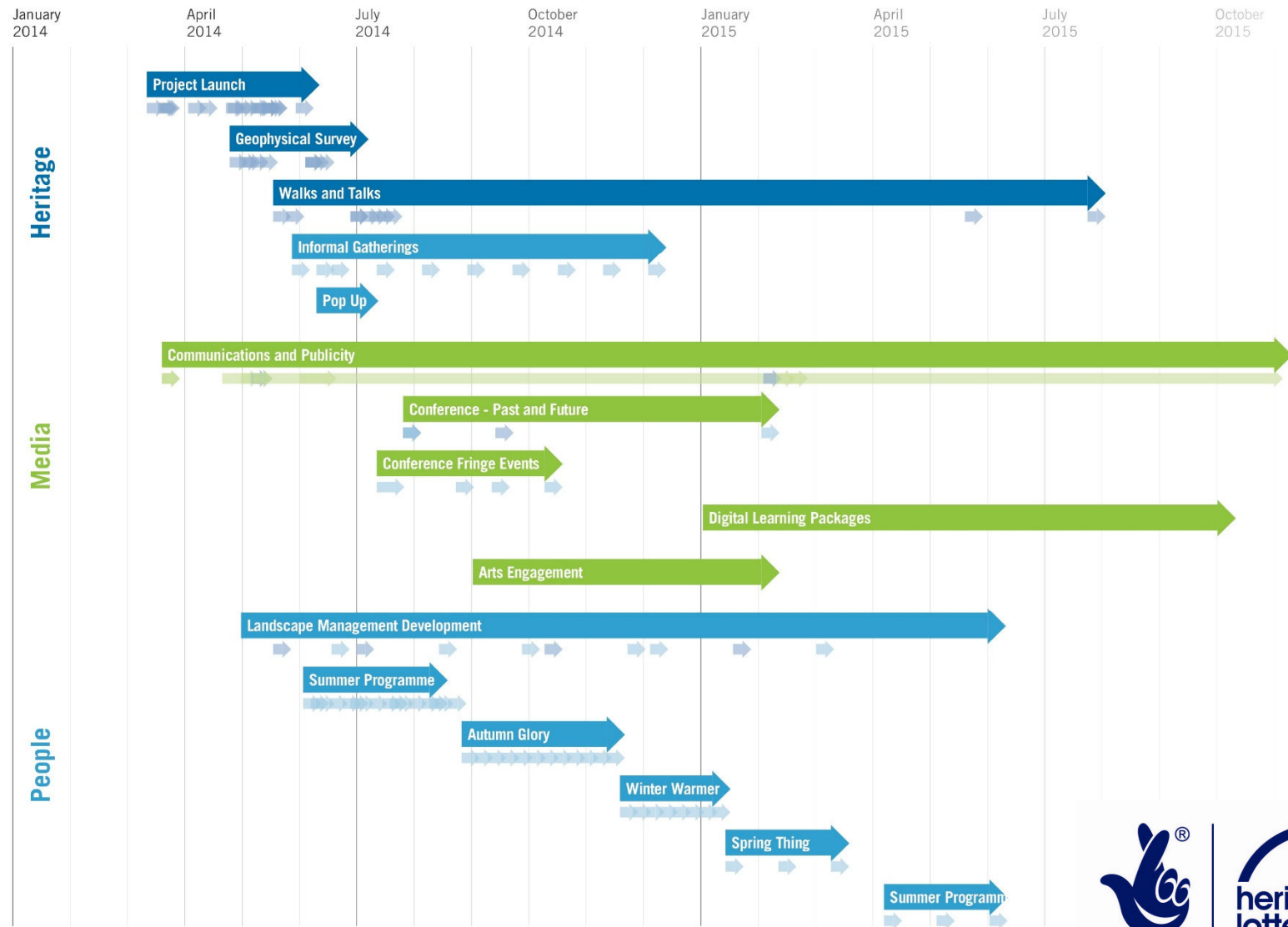
Our Heritage Lottery Focus

People – make heritage engaging and **relevant**, dynamic, interesting, fun

Heritage – urban green space with 400 years of roman occupation, never investigated, never built on!

Media – engage people throughout, open data, digital strategy, formal and informal events, working with digital and physical space

Our Heritage Project Timeline



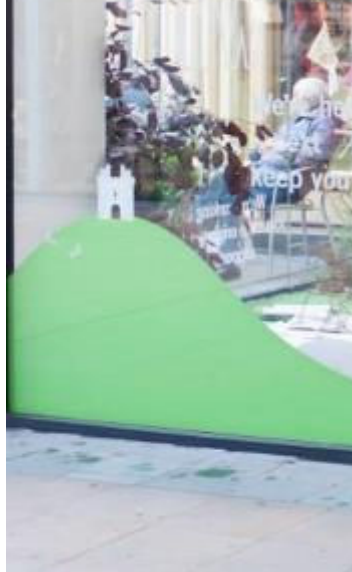
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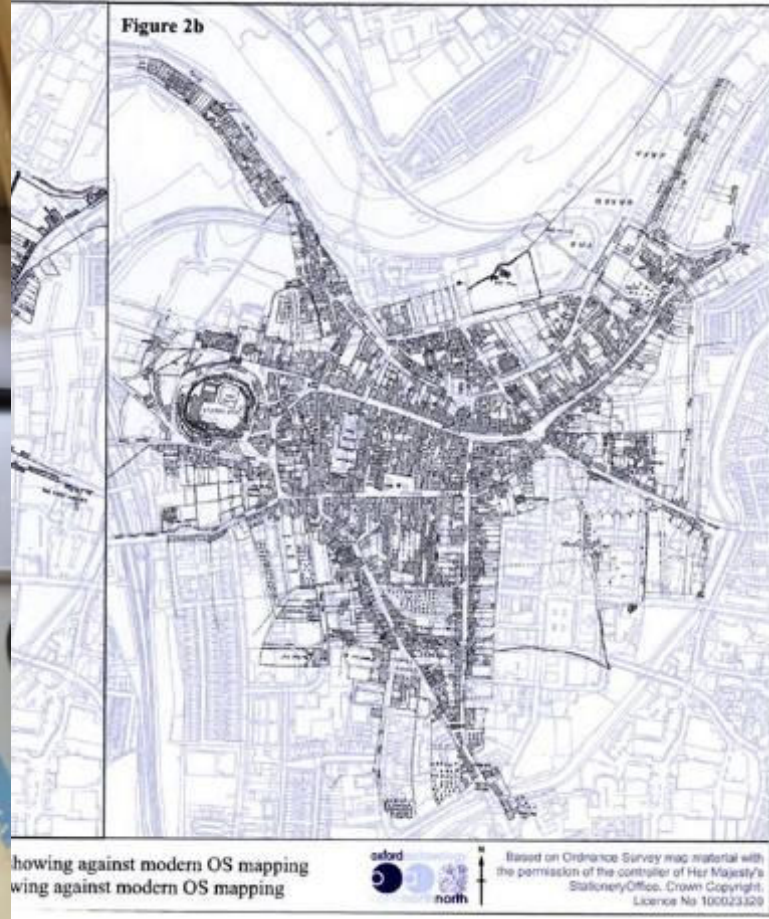
Recent Activity













BEYOND THE CASTLE

FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY 2014

Get hands-on with the past this summer

As part of the nationwide Festival of Archaeology, Beyond the Castle is hosting 7 events to celebrate archaeology in Lancaster and bring it to life.

Programme

All Events Free

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| 23 JULY | 24 JULY | 6pm – 7pm | Meet at the Castle Gate | |
| Walk & Talk: Lancaster's Roman heritage. | | | | |
| 24 JULY | | 1.30pm – 3.30pm | Vicarage Lane | |
| Volunteer planting and landscaping: Vicarage Lane and Amphitheatre. | | | | |
| 25 JULY | 26 JULY | 9.30am – 4pm | Lancaster Priory | Register to attend |
| 'Learn to mow' scything and traditional landscape management skills training. Call 01772 538650 to register | | | | |
| 25 JULY | | 12 noon – 5pm | Vicarage Field | |
| Archaeology Field Day: try your hand at archaeology using the latest survey techniques with Oxford Archaeology. | | | | |
| 26 JULY | | 1pm – 5pm | City Museum | |
| Young Archaeologists (8 – 13 years): Living History and activities. | | | | |
| 26 JULY | | 1pm – 5pm | Lancaster Priory | Register to attend |
| Heritage Lancaster: A future for our history Oxford Archaeology and Andrew White (local historian). In association with the Regional Heritage Centre. | | | | |
| Register: beyondthecastle.org/heritagelancaster | | | | |



Where do we want to be in Oct 2015?

Learning &
Profile

Dialogue &
Partnerships

Emerging integrated
proposals & concept design



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