

Heritage Project



Gravity FM was lucky enough to be awarded £3400 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for an exciting project to bring history alive on the radio. Led by volunteers from the local community the idea for a regular history show came about following listener requests and an online survey. This showed that listeners wanted a deeper insight into their heritage and sense of identity.

Grantham has a rich history being the birthplace of Sir Isaac Newton and Margaret Thatcher as well as having a notable industrial heritage (Coles Cranes, Aveling Barfords) which places it as a town of national importance – highlighted by the Civic Society being awarded 7 blue plaques. In addition Grantham has enviable heritage properties such as [Belton House](#), [St Vincents](#), [Belvoir Castle](#), [Grantham House](#), and [Woolsthorpe Manor](#), the majority of which are listed, some of which are under National trust ownership.

Gravity FM, like all Community radio stations is owned and operated by a non-profit organisation as local participatory radio. We rely on the goodwill of volunteers to maintain the service and bring a balance of focused local and topical information, features, interviews, as well as music and the promotion of local events in and around Grantham. Gravity is working with residents and other community groups, providing opportunities to get involved in heritage learning and bringing this project to air. We go to air with a different

feature each month, the last Thursday of the month (except December) from 9pm. There is some opportunity for residents to get involved in workshops to learn how to record oral history using digital technology, audio editing and preparing to broadcast. Those interested should contact helen@gravityfm.net or (01476) 573300 now.

Have a look at some of the features we have completed, they are now on our You Tube site if you missed them first time around.

Features we are working on at the minute include RAF Spittlegate, Pubs in and around Grantham and Farming Past and Present.