

20 January 2020

Our ref: 5968866

Thank you for your request received on 16 January 2020, for the following information:

Heritage Champions are encouraged by Historic England as an executive member of the council who has lead responsibility for heritage. The person is expected to work closely with local community groups, Conservation Officers and Planning officials.

Would you be able to provide the following information?

- * Are you aware of Historic England's Heritage Champion Initiative?**
- * Does your local authority currently have an appointed Heritage Champion and if so, when were they appointed?**
- * Do you have the name and contact details of the Heritage Champion?**
- * If you do not have a Heritage Champion, do you have any plans to appoint such a person?**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

**** Are you aware of Historic England's Heritage Champion Initiative?***

Yes

**** Does your local authority currently have an appointed Heritage Champion and if so, when were they appointed?***

Yes. The post was created around 3 years ago and the current Heritage Champion was appointed in May 2019

**** Do you have the name and contact details of the Heritage Champion?***

Councillor Stephen Sowerby MA. cllr.s.sowerby@barnet.gov.uk

*** If you do not have a Heritage Champion, do you have any plans to appoint such a person?**

N/A

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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