

## **Celebrating Greensand Country - Stories of the Landscape, Call out for Local Voices**

- Do you live or work in Greensand Country?
- Have you ever lived or worked in Greensand Country?
- Do you visit Greensand Country and feel passionate about the area?
- Does your village or town have unique traditions and a legendary story to share?
- Would you like to help preserve your community's stories for future generations?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions, then we'd love to hear from you!

We'd also love to hear from you if you have a particular connection to and passion for:

- Moggerhanger Park
- Shuttleworth
- Chicksands and Chicksands Priory
- Woburn Abbey
- Ridgmont Station Heritage Centre and the Marston Vale Line
- Sandy RSPB The Lodge
- Rushmere Country Park and Stockgrove
- Hazells Hall
- Humphry Repton

### **What are we looking for?**

Greensand Country Landscape Partnership is looking for locals to share their memories of Greensand Country as part of our Oral History Project.

### **How will it work?**

Trained Volunteers will interview you and help capture your stories.

The interviews will all be conducted remotely and take place from February – May 2021.

The stories you share will provide inspiration for our commissioned artists, whose work will be presented in May 2021 and form part of the Greensand Country Oral History Suite.


### **Commitment and requirements**

- You will need access to a computer and a quiet place to be interviewed
- We will ask for you to sign an agreement which allows for your memories to be shared publicly

### **How to apply:**

To find out more about the project please email Community Arts Officer, Sally Christopher on [sallyc@greensandcountry.com](mailto:sallyc@greensandcountry.com).

Please note: We are committed to ensuring that this opportunity is accessible to everyone. If you experience or anticipate any barriers within the process, or require any, please contact us. We can also be contacted at The Old School, Cardington, Bedford, Bedfordshire, MK44 3SX.



### **Information about Greensand Country**

'Greensand Country' is an island of distinctive, beautiful and loved countryside, based on a band of higher ground 'Greensand Ridge'. The Greensand Ridge is a narrow, wooded sandstone ridge over 40 miles long, stretching from Leighton Buzzard to Gamlingay, rising out of the surrounding clay vales.

It contains all of Bedfordshire's remaining heathland, more than half of its woodland, and more surviving historic parkland than any other landscape in the country, often surrounding notable manor houses. This landscape character is a legacy of its underlying Greensand geology, which led to much of it being regarded as 'marginal land' not suitable for agriculture, as well as its management over centuries by major estates.

Greensand Country Landscape Partnership are thrilled to have gained funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to deliver a Landscape Partnership programme and an array of exciting projects which will help us raise awareness of the heritage value of the Greensand Country and to reverse the gradual decline in the distinct landscape character of this beautiful and loved place. The Heritage Lottery Fund awarded this funding in January 2017. The programme will run until June 2021.

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