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Please ask for: Teresa Evans
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Dear Ms Mason

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Further to your request for information that we received on 11 November 2019, please find our response below. You asked:

As part of Civic Voice's ongoing Big Conservation Conversation campaign, we are undertaking research across England to ascertain how many local authorities currently have a Heritage Champion.

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?

Yes

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

No, however the previous Champion was in role for over 5 years

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

Not applicable

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

The elected member that was formerly our Heritage Champion did not stand for re-election. In the New Year we will be discussing the option to canvass interest in the role from other Councillors.

We trust this information is of interest and assistance. However, if you are dissatisfied with the response you have received and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled under the legislation, you should write to the following address or reply to the email to which this letter is attached:

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If having exhausted the review process you are not content that your request or review has been dealt with correctly, you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO will not make a decision until you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate). Website: www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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