

Table 8. Iron Age NHLF-funded community projects

This information was compiled from the Lottery’s own website and other websites and publications that record information about individual projects. No additional information was found for some of the older Iron Age-themed projects listed by the National Heritage Lottery Fund, and these have not been included in this table. This information was assembled by Richard Hingley in 2018 and was last updated in September 2023.

England

<i>Name of site</i>	<i>Main organization</i>	<i>Nature of project</i>	<i>date</i>	<i>Type of project</i>
Barbury: Living History at Iron Age Barbury, Swindon, Wiltshire	Swindon Borough Council	‘Living History at Iron Age Barbury’. Building of a replica roundhouse close to the site of Barbury Castle hillfort. This had a school educational role, but the roundhouse has since been burnt down by vandals (£28,000).	2006	commemoration
Bearwood Primary School, Bearwood, Dorset	Bearwood Primary School	‘Bearwood Roundhouse’. Grant to rebuild an Iron Age roundhouse in the playground, with assistance from Pool Museum. This aims to encourage the children to learn more about the archaeological heritage and history of the area and also about the building (£8,500)	2016	commemoration

Blackdown Hills, Devon	Carousel Project	'Local Stories'. To help families and children discover more about the Blackdown Hills. This involved a range of events, including a visit to Dumpdon Hillfort with 'Celtic' cakes and Iron Age games' (£3,400). More recently excavations have been funded on an ironworking site (£21,700).	2013 - 2014	community archaeology, commemoration
Bore Place, Chiddingstone, Edenbridge, Kent	Commonwork Land Trust	'Food, farming and energy for the Iron Age to the future, Low Carbon Age', including workshops and guided walks (£44,400)	2008-2010	commemoration
Buckland Rings Iron Age Fort, Hampshire	SpudYouth	'Buckland Rings Iron Age Hillfort Access and Interpretation Project'. This involves improving access and interpretation to bring the site to life, including some Iron Age-inspired seating and sculptures (£47,800).	2016	ancient monument
Celtic Harmony, Hertfordshire	Celtic Harmony	'The Prehistory Education Centre'. A grant for Fundraising development. This includes an arts amphitheatre for performances and exhibitions, spaces for learning and displaying ancient objects. (£10,000). This organisation has also received previous grants from the NHLF.	2015 - 2017	commemoration
Cheshire's Sandstone Ridge, Cheshire	Cheshire County Council	'Habitats and Hillforts of Cheshire's Sandstone Ridge Landscape Partnership Scheme'. This involved local	2008-2012	ancient monument

		people who undertook ‘investigation and management’ at 6 hillforts and a range of other environmental works. (£1,446,600).		
Chester Farm, Irchester, Northamptonshire	Northamptonshire County Council	‘Chester Farm Heritage Park’. Substantial multi-phase project involving an archaeological interpretation centre in the redeveloped farmhouse on the site. Several Iron Age sites have been excavated here and the interpretation centre will display the information from these sites. The Iron Age archaeology is just part of this project, which also includes Roman and Medieval archaeology (£4,000,000).	2013	museum collection
Chichester, West Sussex	Chichester District Council	North Berstead Iron Age warrior display at Novium Museum, Chichester. The funding was to study the man’s DNA to establish his geographical origins and appearance and to make the finds available to the public through a free exhibition. (£50,000).	2020	museum collection
Chilterns, Buckinghamshire	Buckinghamshire, Chilterns Conservation Board	‘Beacons of the Past - Hillforts in the Chilterns Landscape Project’. Part of a larger grant to research, promote and conserve hillforts and other prehistoric features in the local countryside. To raise awareness of the rich ancient history of this designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty,	2016	community archaeology, ancient monument

		including LIDAR survey, events, educational activities and some conservation work (£50,200).		
Cirencester, Gloucestershire	Cotswold District Council	'Stone Age to Corinium: Discovery the Archaeology of the Cotswolds', interactive gallery to tell the story of the Cotswolds during prehistory and the Roman period. (£773,200). This venue has received earlier NHLF funding.	2015	museum collection
Cornwall	Cornwall Council	'Cornwall's Archaeological Heritage: A Field Guide to Accessible Sites' On-line guide to accessible archaeological sites of all dates in Cornwall, including Iron Age Sites, created with funding from the NHLF.	2009	ancient monument
Credenhill Iron Age Hill Fort, Herefordshire	Woodland Trust	Conservation work and some excavation at this substantial Iron Age hillfort (£377,500).	2007	community archaeology, ancient monument
Danebury Hill Fort, Hampshire	Hampshire County Council	'Access study of Danebury Hill Fort/Museum of the Iron Age'. (£18,400).	2003	ancient monument
Danebury Hill Fort, Hampshire	Hampshire County Council	'Bringing Hampshire's Iron Age to life', Storytelling for schoolchildren and the construction of a bench on the site of one of the roundhouses at the hillfort, linking into the Museum of the Iron Age at Andover. (£42,000).	2011-2013	ancient monument, commemoration

Dudsbury, West Parley, Dorset	Bournemouth Guides Camp Association	'Interpreting and conserving Dudsbury Ancient Hill Fort and the History of Girlguiding on it'. Grant to investigate the hillfort of Dudsbury near then Bournemouth Guides campsite. Using the earlier excavations to design interpretation boards and for a new website and ideas for practical Iron Age workshops (£32,300).	2017	ancient monument, commemoration
East Riding Museums, East Yorkshire	East Riding of Yorkshire Council	'Acquisition, Conservation & Display of the South Cave Weapons cache'. Money to purchase, conserve and display a number of Iron Age weapons from a find made by a metal detector user. (£130,500).	2005	museum collection
Eaton Camp: Iron Age Hillfort, Herefordshire	Eaton Camp Historical Society.	To conduct an archaeological, conservation and history project at this Iron Age hillfort. Involving some guided walks, living history projects and some limited excavation. (£28,500).	2011-2013	ancient monument, commemoration
Fane Road, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire	Oxford Archaeology East	'The Romans of Fane Road'. Excavations on a Roman villa site also uncovered evidence for Iron Age roundhouses. (£88,200).	2013	community archaeology
Fin Cop, Derbyshire	Longstone Local History Group	'Fin Cop - Solving a Derbyshire Mystery'. Excavation of the hillfort ditch uncovered human remains of people who may have been killed when the site was destroyed and	2009-2010	community archaeology

		captured. Funding was provided by NHLF, the Peak District National Park Authority and English Heritage. The project involved local volunteers and school children. (£49,000)		
Folkestone, Kent	Folkestone People's History Centre	'A Town Unearthed: Folkestone Before 1500'. This has involved excavations in the town and has unearthed information for the Iron Age and Roman periods, including evidence for quern manufacture. The project included volunteers. (£298,700).	2009 - 2014	community archaeology
Foulness Valley, East Yorkshire	East Riding Archaeological Society; Hull University	'Valley of the First Iron Masters'. This project involved the production of an interactive website that describes the Iron Age iron working activities in this valley, which has been supported by NHLF funding and involves local people in learning to excavate (£84,000).	2003	community archaeology ancient monument
Great Chilton Iron Age site, nr Ferryhill, County Durham	Limestone Landscapes Programme	Excavation of an Iron Age farmstead that may have continued into the Roman period, part of a much large project which focused on the region (£1,900,000).	2012-2013	community archaeology

Ham Hill Hillfort, Somerset	South Somerset District Council	'Ham Hill - Learning & Discovery for all'. Project to employ a fulltime educational officer for Ham Hill Country Park, which contains an Iron Age Hillfort and other natural and cultural features. This helped to develop a new website, leaflets, an audio trail and education pack (£149,500).	2007-2009	ancient monument
Harborough Museum, Leicestershire	Harborough Museum	'East Leicestershire Hoard'. A NHLF contribution to the gallery that displays this substantial and important hoard from Hallaton to the public, including the purchasing of the hoard, its conservation and display at the Harborough Museum and Hallaton Museum (£650,000)	2009	museum collection
Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre, Dorset	Bournemouth Borough Council	Work to create a visitor and education centre just inside the substantial ramparts Iron Age site, with an exhibition including archaeology and natural history interpretation, with around half of the costs funded by NHLF. (£432,0000).	2012	ancient monument
Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre, Dorset	Bournemouth Borough Council	'Performing the Past'. Researching the life of the prehistoric occupants of Hengistbury Head through Citizens Science projects, events, exhibitions, a volunteer training and engagement project and mapping and survey project	2019	community archaeology, commemoration

		with Bournemouth University. The aim is to improve visitor's understanding of the archaeology and to help protect the visible archaeology. This includes experimental archaeology and may involve the re-construction of a roundhouse (£44,999).		
Herd Farm, Leeds, Yorkshire	Friends of Herd Farm	Iron Age Village Project has involved the construction of three full sized Iron Age roundhouses and these form part of a residential and activity centre which provides services for schools, including Stone Age and Iron Age activities and 'The Romans are Coming!' experience (£24,900).	2004	commemoration
Hinchingbrooke Country Park, Cambridgeshire	Cambridgeshire County Council	'The Iron Age Farm, Hinchinbrooke Country Park'. A roundhouse had been built here earlier. The roundhouse was subsequently burnt down by vandals (£44,940).	2003	commemoration
Hunsbury Hillfort, Northamptonshire	Friends of West Hunsbury Park	Preservation and maintenance of Hunsbury Iron Age hillforts and surrounding parkland' (£32,200).	2017	ancient monument
Ipplepen, Devon	University of Exeter	'Ipplepen Archaeology'. Funding for the excavation of a Roman site discovered by metal detector users has been provided by several institutions. The excavation also uncovered evidence for Iron Age roundhouses. The University of Exeter's 'Understanding Landscapes' NHLF	2017	community archaeology

		grant is being used to involve volunteers, support landscape survey and community workshops connected with this project (£261,000).		
Ipswich Museum Suffolk	Ipswich Museum	‘Wickham Market Hoard’. Financial resources to help acquire a very substantial Iron Age coin hoard and to enable it to be displayed in Ipswich. (£226,000).	2011	museum collection
Liverpool, Liverpool	Museum of Liverpool	‘Malpas Hoard’. A collection of coins from Malpas (Cheshire), including seven Iron Age coins and twenty eight Roman coins. Acquired for the Museum with a grant to support the acquisition of two hoards for the Museum (£65,000)	2015	museum collection
Marcham, Oxfordshire	Vale of the White Horse and Ridgeway Archaeological Trust	‘The Trendles Project’, to conduct post-excavation work on the finds from the excavations of Iron Age and Roman sites at Marcham/Frilford, including the theatre. (£96,000). This project has received earlier NHLF funding.	2012	community archaeology
Nidderdale, Harrogate, North Yorkshire	Iron Age (Nidderdale) Community	A project that explored the Iron Age and later landscapes of Nidderdale, addressing landscapes from the Iron Age to industrial revolution. Has received NHLF funding and ran from 2004 to 2016 (£41,000).	2008-2016	community archaeology

	Archaeology Group			
North Duffield, North Yorkshire	North Duffield Conservation and Local History Society	‘North Duffield Iron Age project’. Various activities including fieldwalking and geophysical survey and also the production of an education pack focusing on the Iron Age for North Duffield Community Primary School, aiming to think about what life as a child was like 2,000+ years ago. This also include the re-construction of a roundhouse (£25,700)	2011	community archaeology, commemoration
North Wiltshire, Wiltshire	Wessex Archaeology	‘Celts and Romans in North Wiltshire’. This project aimed to help local people to explore the rich archaeological heritage of North Wiltshire, involving teams of volunteers in exploring the Iron Age and Roman sites including one at Chiseldon which recently produced an usual hoard of cauldrons (£36,600).	2010- 2011	community archaeology
Northumberland National Park, Northumberland	Northumberland National Parks Authority	‘Discovering our hillfort heritage’. This had support from the European Union and the NHLF and involved surveys of the hillforts and areas around them and the publication of a monograph.	1998-2001	ancient monument

Rendlesham Roundhouse project, Suffolk	Suffolk County Council Archaeology Service	Project to re-construct an Iron Age roundhouse based on local archaeological evidence, also involving Suffolk's school services and the Forestry Commission. It also included the building of a 'Roman kitchen' and bread oven. This included 6 weeks of experimental archaeology for around 70 young people drawn from rural and urban Youth Clubs and the participants were offered the opportunity to spend a night on site. (£25,000).	2009	community archaeology, commemoration
Riverside Park, Medway, Kent	Cantiaci Iron Age Living History	'Cantiaci Iron Age Living History'. No detailed record was found but this was presumably tied in with the re-constructed roundhouse which formed the base of this re-enactment group. The roundhouse was destroyed some time ago (£4,000)	2000	commemoration
Ryedale Folk Museum, Hutton-le-Hole, Yorkshire	Ryedale Folk Museum	'Roundhouse Project, Ryedale. An Iron Age roundhouse built with NHLF funding (£37,500).	2007-2008	commemoration
Slough, Berkshire	Langley Academy	'Back to the Iron Age: Houses, Life and Learning'. This is intended to engage young people, volunteers and wider groups with Slough's Iron Age past through site visits, re-construction of a roundhouse and an exhibition (£7,500).	2017-2018	ancient monument, commemoration

St Albans Museum, St Albans, Hertfordshire	St Albans Museum	'From Boudicca to Bribery: 10 facts about St Alban's new Museum and Gallery.' New Museum opened in 2018. This has major collections from the Iron Age <i>oppidum</i> and Roman town. (£2,800,000).	2018	museum collection
Stoney, Cambridgeshire	20Twenty Productions CIC	'The Iron Age meets the App age'. Project to develop, promote and research this low-lying hillfort, involving a series of talks to local community groups and schools, open days for the public and the creation of a mobile app to provide a more immersive visitor experience. Involving Oxford Archaeology East. (£37,400).	2017	ancient monument
Tendring, Essex	Friends of Tendring Primary School	This group used the grant to design and build an Iron Age roundhouse with information derived from excavations in the locality. A Roman kiln was also built, and a vegetable garden established (£9,400)	2009	commemoration
Wernee Woods, near Hereford, Hereford and Worcester	BODS outdoor education charity	'Fire and Food', examines how Iron Age people lit fires, foraged, stored and prepared food. Working with up to 1,200 participants in Werndee Woods, the participants will learn lost skills upon which their ancestors relied, including foraging, identifying edible plants and plant for medicinal uses, making snares and fishing techniques. The results	2010	commemoration

		will be made available to a wider audience through a website and videos. (£38,000)		
Whirlow Hall Farm, Sheffield	The Time Travellers	'Discovering our lost Iron Age and Roman heritage at Whirlow Farm, Sheffield'. This focuses on an Iron Age and Roman site on this farm, including excavation and interpretation. This involves volunteers and a professional archaeological group. (£59,500).	2015	community archaeology
Woolston Castle/Fingle Wood, Devon	National Trust/Woodland Trust	'Bringing Fingle Woods Back to Life'. To enhance the restoration of the wood and also to help preserve Woolston Castle Iron Age hillfort and remove it from the Heritage at Risk Register (£730,000).	2014	ancient monument
Wrawby Lincolnshire	Wrawby Local History Group	'Wrawby Roman Site' project. Although focused on the excavation of trial trenches on a suspected Roman site, this project also produced evidence for an Iron Age site, characterised by an enclosure ditch and possibly by round houses. (£18,800).	2008	community archaeology
Wye Valley, Herefordshire	Herefordshire Council	'Overlooking the Wye'. Public, private and volunteer organizations working together to conserve heritage sites across the area. This includes the remains of an Iron Age	2008-2012	community archaeology, ancient monument

		hillfort at Little Doward and volunteers helped with the excavation (£1,995,000)		
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Scotland

<i>Name of site</i>	<i>Main organization</i>	<i>Nature of project</i>	<i>date</i>	<i>Type of project</i>
Clactoll Broch, Highland	Coigach-Assynt Landscape Partnership/ Historic Assynt	‘Coigach and Assynt Living Landscape Partnership’. Ambitious project to conserve the landscape of Coigach-Assynt, including extensive environmental work and the excavation and display of the Iron Age settlement at Clachtoll Broch. (£3,000,000 for entire project).	2014	ancient monument
Edinburgh	The School of Ancient Crafts	‘Farming for food and for fashion in Iron Age Scotland’ and ‘Iron Age Citizen Archaeology Project’. This was aimed to enable local children to learn how ‘Iron Age Celts’ worked the land by cultivating the ground and planting Iron Age-type seeds. This now seems to have expanded in subsequent years to address Roman, Vikings, Neolithic people and Mary Queen of Scots in addition to	2013 - 2017	commemoration

		the Iron Age. The Iron Age work included farming, milling and ideas about building a hillfort or roundhouse. At least two grants have been given and the latest is for an 'Iron Age Citizen Archaeology Project' (£20,000).		
Nybster Broch, Caithness	Caithness Archaeological Trust/AOC Archaeology	Archaeological excavation work at the broch which is involving community work and has been part-funded by the NHLF (£48,000).	2010	community archaeology
Tayvallich, Argyll	Tayvallich Primary School	Joint project with Mill Strand Primary School at Port Rush in Northern Ireland to research the story of their shared Iron Age and medieval heritage, working with Kilmartin House Museum and the University of Ulster, involving visits to archaeological sites and archive work	2012	ancient monument, commemoration
Wester Ross	Lochbroom Field Club	'Selective Test Pitting of Roundhouses in Wester Ross'. Taking three areas and establishing when and how roundhouse dwellers occupied these houses in Achiltibuie, Gairloch and Lochbroom. Involving volunteers to train them in archaeological techniques. (£19,000)	2012	community archaeology

Whithorn, Dumfries and Galloway	Whithorn Trust	‘Whithorn Roundhouse: Iron Age Grand Design’. This has involved the re-construction of an Iron Age roundhouse based on a local example (£87,000).	2015-2017	commemoration
Whithorn, Dumfries and Galloway	Whithorn Trust	‘Iron Age Style: colour, culture and imagination in the 5th century BC’. This has enabled young people to turn their hands to ‘Iron Age interior design’, exploring how they would have lived in a roundhouse, from furniture to the music they would have danced to (£10,000).	2017	commemoration

Wales

Name of site	Main organization	Nature of project	date	Type of project
Caer Alyn, Llay, Denbighshire	Caer Alyn Archaeology and Heritage Project	‘Harvesting the Past’. To encourage young people to learn about different aspects of the local heritage on a site with a re-constructed roundhouse (£77,500)	2006-2011	commemoration
Caerau Iron Age Hillfort, Cardiff	Action in Caerau and Ely (community enterprise group)	Fifteen young people designed a new heritage trail across this hillfort to help more people to get to know the site. This included an ‘Iron Age-themed mural’ on the wall of an underpass close to the sites (£10,000).	2012	ancient monument

Caerau Iron Age Hillfort, Cardiff	an unnamed local community group	‘Caerau hillfort community project’. This hillfort, which on CADWs ‘Heritage at Risk’ list is subject to vandalism, fly-tipping and drug use. The grant aims to increase visitor numbers and will include a hillfort heritage centre, heritage trails and signs, a themed children’s playground and other environmental works. Cardiff University is a partner in this project (£830,000).	2019	ancient monument
Heather and Hillforts, Denbighshire and Flintshire	Heather and Hillforts Landscape Partnership	‘Heather and Hillforts’. A project to conserve and maintain the heritage of an important group of 6 hillforts and also the heather moorland in this area. This also included an event that involved lighting beacons on the hilltops in 2010 (£50,000).	2006-2011	ancient monument
Pembrokeshire	Amgueddfa-Cymru/National Museum of Wales	‘Discovering Ancient Heritage: the first Celtic Iron Age chariot burial in Wales’. The exact location of this find has not been released due to concerns about potential metal detecting. The NHLF grant enabled the partial excavation of this important chariot burial, discovered several years earlier as a result of metal detecting. All previous chariot burials have been uncovered in northern England, with a single example in lowland Scotland, making this a major	2019	museum collection

		new discovery. The finds will be displayed at the National Museum of Wales (£51,600).		
Pontypool Museum, Pontypool, Monmouthshire	The Stag Folk History Community Theatre, Yr Hyddgen, Torfaen, Wales	‘The Heroic People of the Silures (Mae Pobl Arwrol y Syllwg)’. A series of Iron Age activities and sports performed by the Yr Hyddgen troupe for schools group to learn about ‘our ancestors’, (£8,000).	2016-7	commemoration
St Fagans, National History Museum. Cardiff	National Museum of Wales	A grant has enabled the redevelopment of the Museum, which tells the stories of human life in Wales over 200,000 years. This has included the re-construction of a small Iron Age farmstead at Bryn Eryr. This includes a fully furnished roundhouses and has been accomplished by the use of volunteers supervised by experts. It was opened in 2017. (£11,500,000).	2012	commemoration