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Kathryn Gee and Douglas Hulyer are reappointed as Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund

The Prime Minister has reappointed Kathryn Gee and Douglas Hulyer as Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund. Their second terms of appointment will run 10th September 2009 until 9th September 2012. Three year terms are a requirement of the National Heritage Act.

Biographical notes

Kathryn Gee is Director of Volition Associates which provides consultancy, executive coaching, facilitation and evaluation to the cultural sector. She started with the Cookworthy Museum at Kingsbridge, Devon and then the Wheal Martyn Museum at St Austell, Cornwall, where she played an active part in regional tourism and museum strategic development. A period as a consultant followed which saw her working for a wide range of independent and voluntary museums, publishing local history books while writing landscape interpretation and guide books for the National Trust in the South West. From 1990 and 2006, she held the post of Chief Executive of the West Midlands Regional Museums Council and then of Museums, Libraries and Archives West Midlands. During this period, she chaired the West Midlands Cultural Forum. She has undertaken no political activity in the past five years.

Doug Hulyer has been employed in wildlife conservation, environmental education and sustainable development for 30 years, and is a consultant for various organisations in both the nature conservation and heritage sectors. He has been Director of Conservation Programmes at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, and Project Director of the London Wetlands Centre. He was a Council member of English Nature from 2002 and now sits on the Board of Natural England. He is Chair of the Education and Public Understanding Group for the England Biodiversity Strategy, formerly Chair of the Wetland Vision for England Partnership, Vice-President of the Surrey Wildlife Trust, and a Foundation Member of the Great Fen Project. He is a Member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Commission on Education and Communications, and of the Learning Advisory Panel for the National Trust. He has undertaken no political activity in the past five years.

National Heritage Memorial Fund

The National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF) is the fund of last resort for the nation's heritage, coming to the rescue by funding emergency acquisitions. The Fund is for grants to help acquire, maintain or preserve any land, building or structure, or any object or collection which is of outstanding scenic, historic, aesthetic, architectural, scientific, or artistic interest. The 'memorial' title shows that these grants are made to preserve in memory those who gave their lives for this country.

The NHMF and its Trustees also have the major task of distributing the heritage share of Lottery money for good causes, which it now operates through the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). The HLF enables communities to celebrate, look after and learn more about the UK's diverse heritage. It funds the entire spread of heritage – including buildings, museums, natural heritage and the heritage of cultural traditions and language

NMHF Trustees are entitled to claim an allowance of £6,461 per annum, which is paid monthly.

These reappointments have been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments and reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.