



## Selsey Photo Archive Project

### Selsey Town Council wins National Lottery support

Selsey Town Council has received a National Lottery grant of £9,900 for an exciting heritage project to preserve and make accessible a significant collection of photographs, which document Selsey's history. Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, the project will focus on creating a dedicated website as an invaluable photographic resource for everyone.

Supported through the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the project will bring together volunteers from the community with members of the Manhood Wildlife & Heritage Group, former members of Selsey Society, Selsey Town Council and expert staff from the West Sussex Record Office to catalogue the images, scan the best and create a website. Full training for volunteers will be provided by the Records Office staff.

The Selsey Society, which dissolved in 2015, collected a wide-ranging collection of 4000 photographs, postcards and other artefacts. The collection has images dating from the 19th century to the present day and covers significant topics unique to Selsey and rare in Sussex, such as lifeboats, coastal erosion, fishing industry, railway carriage homes, the Selsey Tram light railway, caravan and holiday parks. All parts of the town are covered. The collection, for its safe-keeping, is to be transferred to the West Sussex Record Office in Chichester. This project aims to ensure it is easily available for local people to use while also ensuring the long-term preservation of the originals.

Commenting on the award, Cllr Mike Beal, Chairman of Selsey Town Council said, "We are delighted that this worthwhile project can go forward thanks to National Lottery players, meaning that all these important visual images of Selsey's past will be available to the town's current and future residents for years to come."

Anyone who is interested in volunteering for this fascinating and rewarding project should contact Selsey Town Council on [01243 605803](tel:01243605803) or email: [enquiries@selseytowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@selseytowncouncil.gov.uk) or email the Project Co-ordinator at [chairmt@mwhg.org.uk](mailto:chairmt@mwhg.org.uk)

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