



# Characters of the Chase: Storytelling Performance

## Summary

The **Cranborne Chase and Chalke Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme** (Chase & Chalke LPS) is an exciting programme funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) that will enable a wide range of people to engage with the natural, historic and cultural heritage of the area. The Scheme will deliver a programme of 20 projects which will increase the conservation and enjoyment of the area and tackle the key threats to its character. It runs from early 2020-2024. More information can be found on the Landscape Partnership website <https://cranbornechase.org.uk/chaseandchalke/>, a map of the area is given at the end of this brief.

The Chase & Chalke LPS aims to create and strengthen connections between the landscape, history and culture of Cranborne Chase, and the communities living within, nearby and visiting the area. A number of creative arts projects have been incorporated into the 'Cultural Landscapes' element of the scheme.

As part of the 'Characters of the Chase' project we are seeking to engage an artist/storyteller, to help bring to life one key character of the Chase. To; research an agreed figure from local history, devise a short (c 30-45 minute) in character, site-specific performance and perform the piece at an agreed location(s).

The performance(s) will form part of the Chase & Chalke LPS's Walking Festival events and possibly the End of Scheme Celebration in autumn 2023/spring 2024.

Those wishing to express interest in this work should be aware that there is a budget of no more than **£800 (excluding VAT)**. Please note this includes all fees, travel expenses and costume hire.

Specific details about the work can be found in Section 2 of this brief.

Please note the deadline for expressions of interest is **17<sup>th</sup> April 2023**.

## Section 2: Characters of the Chase, Storytelling Brief

### 2.1 Aims and Outcomes

The Characters of the Chase project aims to bring to life key characters associated with the Chase & Chalke area.

Professional performers will devise short stories that can be performed as part of events within the programme. These stories will raise awareness and connect audiences with inspiring characters that have strong links with the landscape and heritage of the area.

A minimum of 1, but possibly 2, performances of each character driven story will take place.

### 2.2 Scope of Brief

**We are currently seeking to engage an artist/storyteller to research and create a site specific, story walk based on an agreed 'Character' from Cranborne Chase. The created piece to then be performed in costume at an appropriate site/venue on Cranborne Chase.**

**The performance to take place in Summer 2023, with a possible second performance in Autumn 2023/Spring 2024.**

### 2.3 Objectives of Brief

This project should aim to meet the following Chase and Chalke LPS outcomes:

- People, communities and businesses currently disconnected from the landscape supported to build a relationship and value it more highly
- People having a stronger sense of place, better experiences, they understand and value the landscape, together with the benefits it provides
- People actively participating in initiatives, acting as advocates for the importance of this landscape, playing a positive role in caring and valuing it

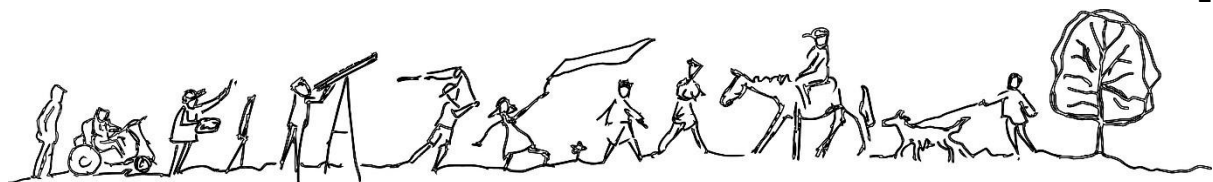
### 2.4 Target Audience

This project aims to engage people living in the Chase & Chalke area, those in neighbouring areas and visitors to the region, in all cases to include those who are familiar with Cranborne Chase and those whose are not yet engaged in any way.

### 2.5 Project Evaluation and Monitoring

The client for this work is Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), on behalf of the Chase & Chalke LPS Board. The AONB and Chase & Chalke LPS Team are hosted by Wiltshire Council. The Chase and Chalke Landscape Partnership Community Engagement Officer will act as the 'Project Lead' for the Chase and Chalke Landscape Partnership, acting as manager for this project and be the day-to-day contact for the successful applicant.

The successful applicant will agree a timeline for the work with the Community Engagement Officer. Payment will be made on completion of agreed milestones. Reviews will be built in to ensure the work is on track and, to make adjustments as required.



The successful applicant will provide timely progress reports to the Project Lead via email or other appropriate channel of communication. They will attend meetings as necessary with Chase and Chalke project staff and any associated individuals or groups. Communications with Chase and Chalke need to be clear and regular.

### 3.0 Budget

Those wishing to bid for this work should be aware that there is a budget for this work of no more than **£800 (excluding VAT) for research, composition of story/performance, costume hire/creation and one performance.** Please note this includes all fees and travel expenses of the applicant. An additional sum is available for a second performance if required.

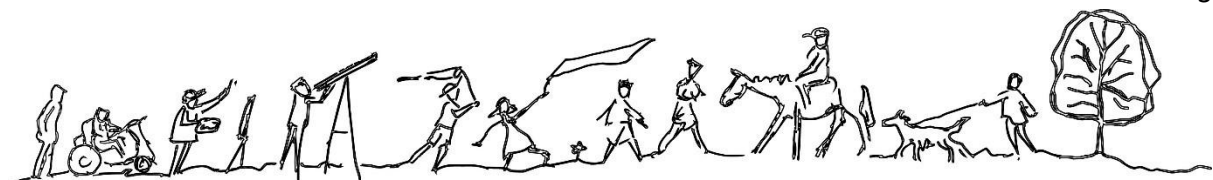
### 4.0 Enquiries and To Apply

Those wishing to be considered for the work should write, providing a copy of their CV, to include two referees, to:

Rachel Limb, Heritage and Community Engagement Officer

Email: [rachellimb@cranbornechase.org.uk](mailto:rachellimb@cranbornechase.org.uk)

By post to Rachel Limb, Chase & Chalke Landscape Partnership, Cranborne Chase AONB, Rushmore Farm, Tinkley Bottom, Tollard Royal, SP5 5QA.



Map of the Chase & Chalke area, within the Cranborne Chase AONB

