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Dear Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ06474

Thank you for your request for information relating to Heritage Champion.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

- **1. Are you aware of Historic England's Heritage Champion Initiative?** Yes, we can confirm that we are aware of Historic England's Heritage Champion Initiative.
- 2. Does your local authority currently have an appointed Heritage Champion and if so, when were they appointed?

No, we do not have a Heritage Champion.

- **3. Do you have the name and contact details of the Heritage Champion?** This is not applicable, please refer to question 2 response.
- 4. If you do not have a Heritage Champion, do you have any plans to appoint such a person?

The authority has plans to develop a heritage strategy with partners and has discussed this with Historic England and the National Heritage Lottery Fund amongst other stakeholders. While we do not currently have a designated Heritage Champion, the Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities has responsibility for the heritage agenda. Work on a partnership Heritage Strategy will identify any needs for advocacy of heritage in Coventry across the partners, including the Council, and result in recommendations for the Council, which may include the appointment of a Heritage Champion.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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