



Museum support 2024/25

East Devon

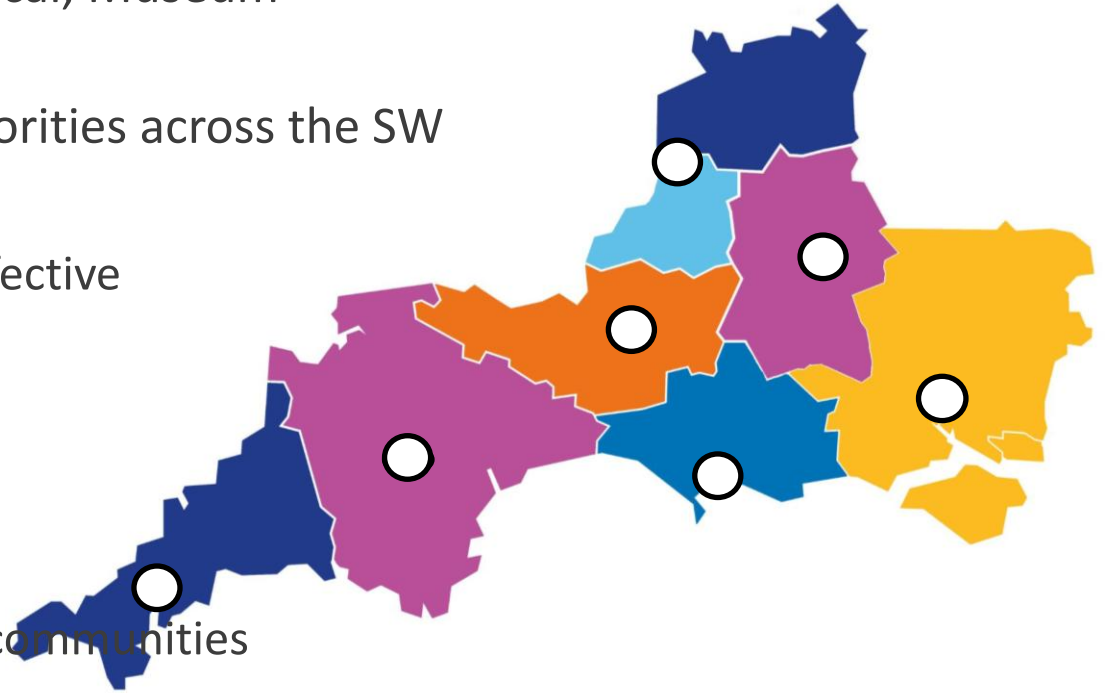
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Local Museum Development Officer network

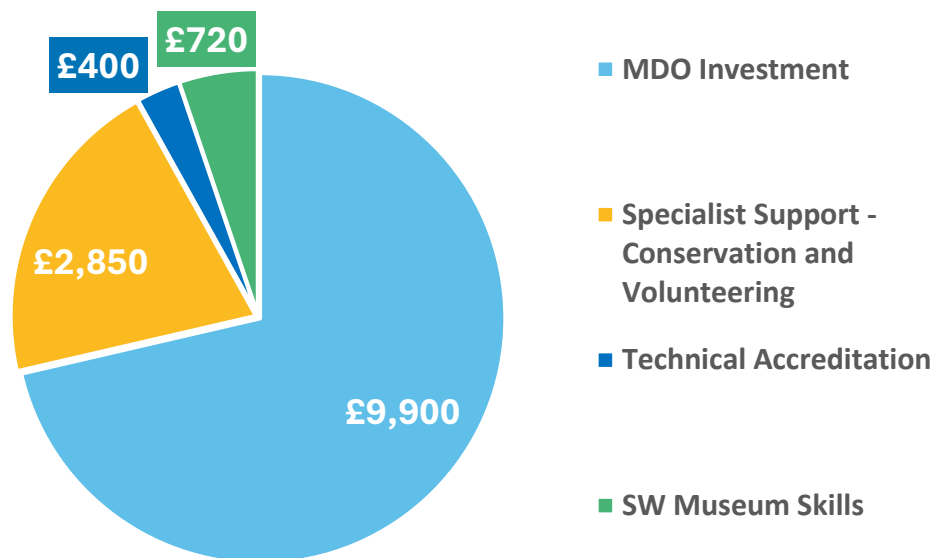
- Each year **£360,000** is invested in a network of nine local, Museum Development Officers (MDO)
- **47% of this** investment is secured from 18 Local Authorities across the SW

Local, place-based MDOs are essential for the delivery of effective sector development providing:

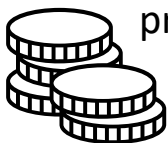
- Responsive 1-2-1 development support
- Facilitate access to specialist technical support
- Understand the role of museums play within their local communities
- Trusted relationship – providing continuity
- Connect, network and collaborate
- Vital and informed advocate



2024/25 Investment – East Devon



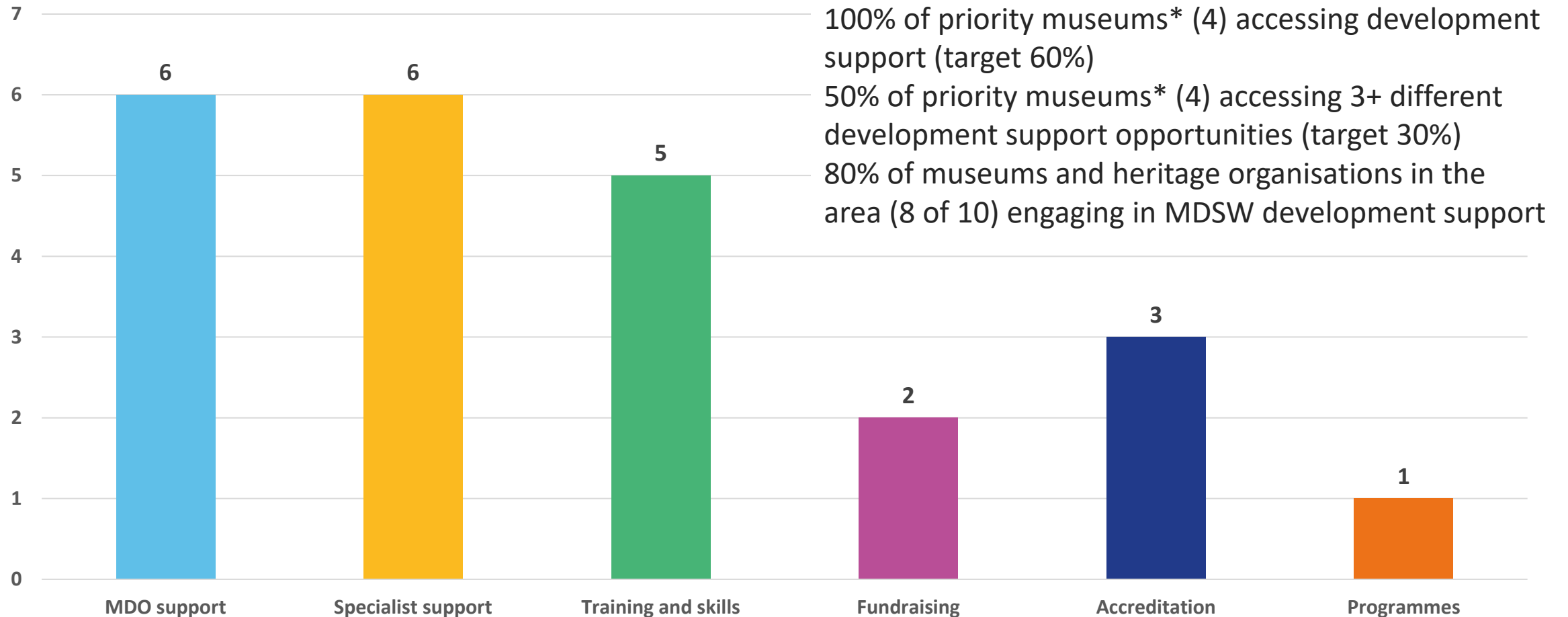
Additionally for 25-26 £2,000 investment in Exmouth Museum and Axe Valley Heritage Museum participating in '**Reducing the Risks: Hazards in Collections**' programme funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund



£13,870 investment - 247% return on EDDC's investment

- **£9,900** invested in local MDO support
- **£2,850** specialist and technical services in conservation, collection care and volunteer development including ongoing support to Exmouth in Volunteering Fit for the Future programme
- **£400** access to Technical Accreditation advice by **3** museum organisations
- **£720** training with **12** delegates from **5** museums

Reach and depth of engagement by museums – East Devon



Number of museums engaging in development support, grants and projects delivered by MDSW in East Devon

Delivery in 2025/26 so far....



- Axe Valley Heritage Museum and Exmouth Museum participation in **NLHF funded Reducing the Risks - Hazards in Collections**
- Axminster Heritage Centre participation in our **Organisational Health Check Programme**
- **MDSW Collaborative Capacity Builder Grant Funding** is enabling three museums (Axe Valley Heritage Museum, Exmouth Museum and Whimble Heritage Centre) to take part in a **Volunteer Leaders Wellbeing Day** at Dartington Hall
- Ongoing support for Exmouth Museum to strengthen their governance by **converting to a CIO**



Capacity Builder

Develop professional skills and build confidence with this grant.

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Annex 1. Museums in East Devon



Museum name	Accreditation no	Accreditation status	Governance type
A La Ronde	1962	Full Accreditation	National Trust
Allhallows Museum*	798	Full Accreditation	Independent
Axe Valley Heritage Museum (Seaton)	0	Non-Accredited	Independent
Axminster Heritage Centre*	2373	Full Accreditation	Independent
Exmouth Museum	0	Non-Accredited	Independent
Fairlynch Museum and Arts Centre*	855	Full Accreditation	Independent
Killerton House	1969	Full Accreditation	National Trust
Ottery St Mary Heritage Museum	0	Non-Accredited	Independent
Sidmouth Museum *	854	Full Accreditation	Independent
Whimble Heritage Centre	0	Non-Accredited	Independent

**Priority Museums : Museums that are Accredited or Working Towards Accreditation.*

Non-priority museums are non-Accredited, non-National or National organisations e.g. National Trust, English Heritage museums in the Area



Thank you

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