



Museum support 2025/26

East Devon

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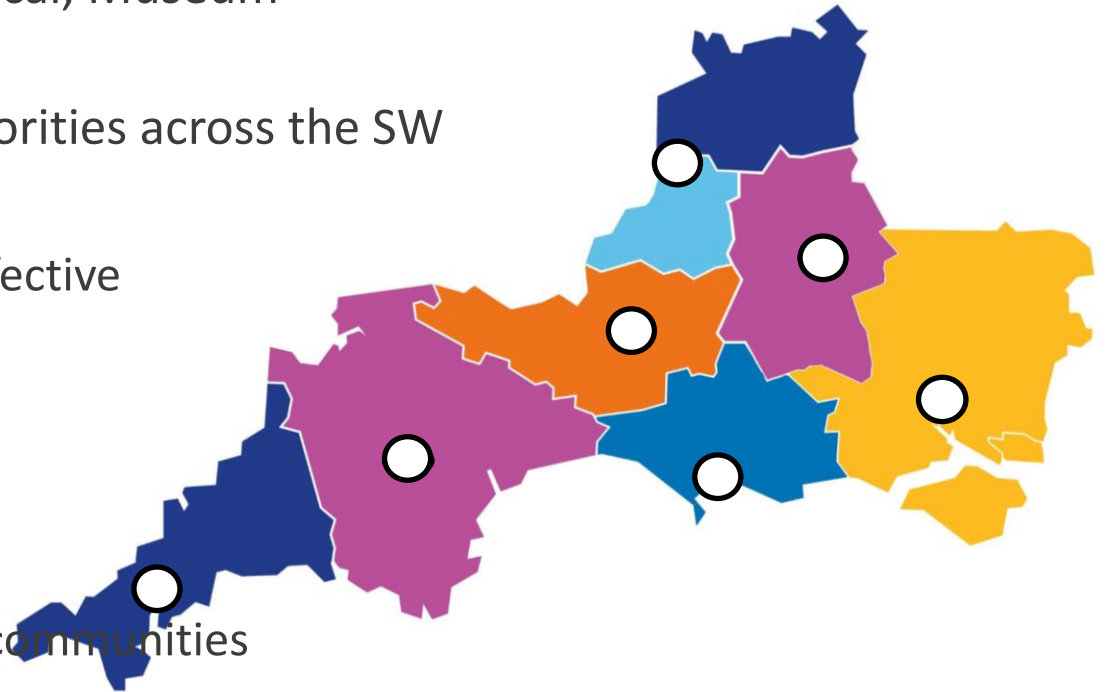


Local Museum Development Officer network

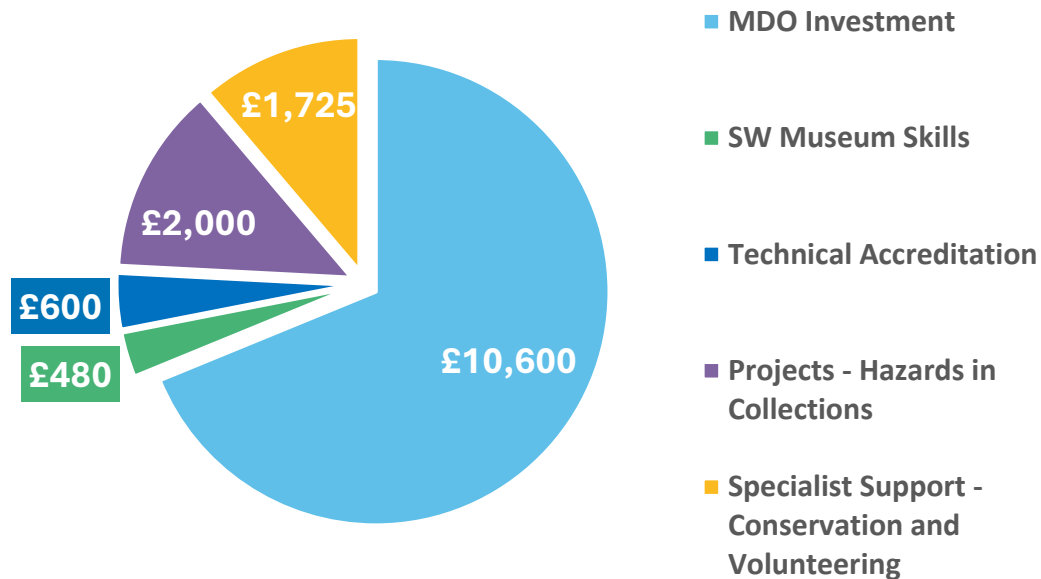
- Each year **£360,000** is invested in a network of nine local, Museum Development Officers (MDO)
- **47% of this** investment is secured from 18 Local Authorities across the SW

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



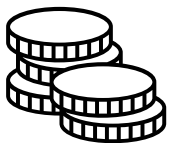
2025/26 Investment – East Devon



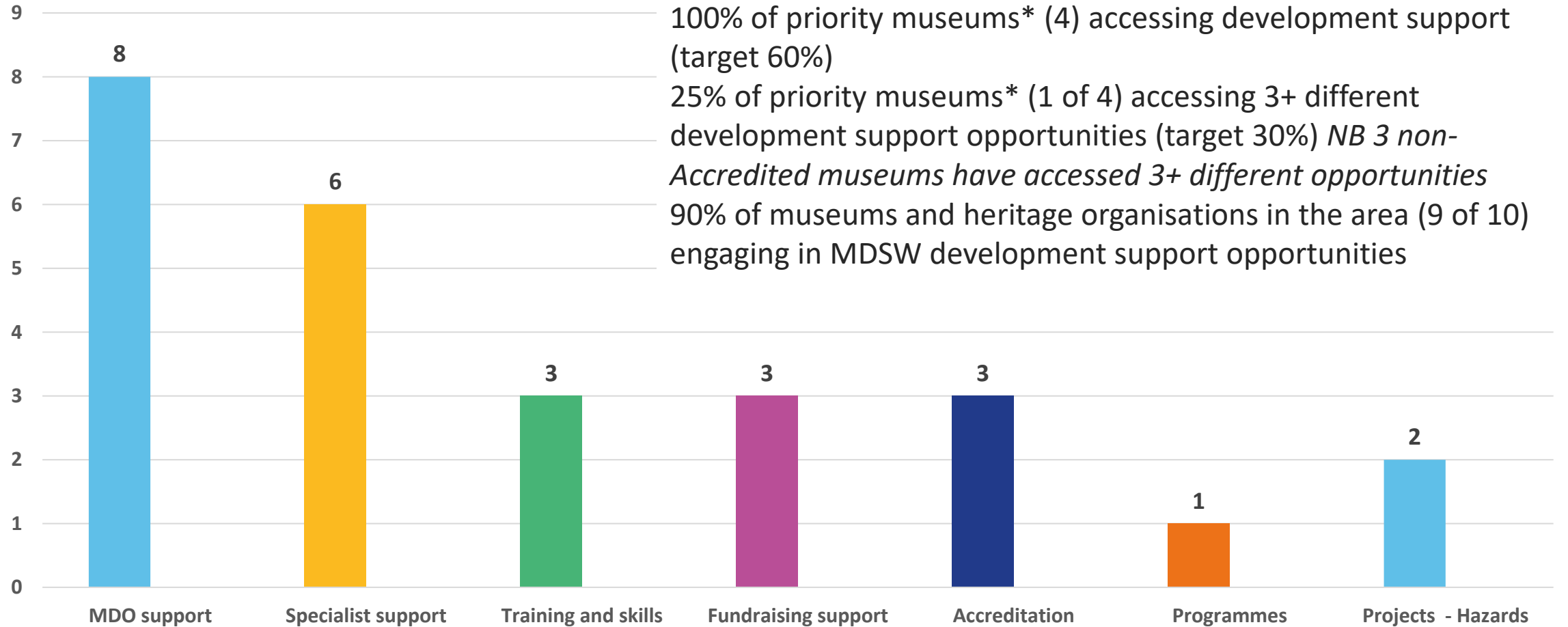
£15,045 investment - 275% return on EDDC's investment

- **£10,600** invested in local MDO support
- **£1,725** specialist and technical services in conservation, collection care and volunteer development accessed by 6 museums including ongoing support to Exmouth in Volunteering Fit for the Future programme
- **£600** access to Technical Accreditation advice by 3 museum organisations
- **£480** training with 8 delegates from 3 museums

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



Reach and depth of engagement by museums – East Devon



100% of priority museums* (4) accessing development support (target 60%)

25% of priority museums* (1 of 4) accessing 3+ different development support opportunities (target 30%) *NB 3 non-Accredited museums have accessed 3+ different opportunities*

90% of museums and heritage organisations in the area (9 of 10) engaging in MDSW development support opportunities

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

Delivery in 2025/26...



- Axe Valley Heritage Museum and Exmouth Museum participation in **NLHF funded Reducing the Risks - Hazards in Collections** receiving Hazard Kits and access to specialist training and 121 support
- Axminster Heritage Centre participation in our **Organisational Health Check** Programme
- Ongoing support for Exmouth Museum to strengthen their governance by **converting to a CIO**
- **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.



Capacity Builder

Develop professional skills and build confidence with this grant.

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"It was good to mix with and get to know people from other Devon museums. To share problems and to have some fun in a supportive environment."

"I learnt how important it is to think about yourself and your wellbeing. Take time out to collect my thoughts and prioritise what work needs to be done first."

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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