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## **Dartmoor Step Dancing Project wins National Lottery support**

**Folk music charity TASC has received £24,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to carry out research into the traditional step dancing of Dartmoor. Working closely with Dartmoor Folk Festival, which hosts the Annual Step Dancing Championships, the project focuses on the tradition's steps, stories and music and the history behind it.**

By means of interviews, photographs and recordings a team of volunteers will unearth the background to the area's rich tradition, as well as filling in the gaps of what is already known.

Alongside the research there will be opportunities to see and learn about step dancing at different venues in various locations across Dartmoor. Demonstrations, introductory classes and taster sessions for all groups will take place across the region.

"This is fantastic news" said Dartmoor Folk Festival committee member Mark Bazeley, who also plays with the Dartmoor Pixie Band " we're really looking forward to finding out as much as we can and hope as many people as possible will get involved."

Step dancing has seen a strong revival in recent years, and many people are coming forward with their recollections. This will be a chance for the unique story of Dartmoor to be told, and shared, for future generations to enjoy.

Dartmoor Folk Festival will shortly be appointing a Project Officer to co-ordinate this work, and anyone interested in applying for the post should contact the Festival Office [enquiries.dartmoorfolk@gmail.com](mailto:enquiries.dartmoorfolk@gmail.com)