



**Devon & Cornwall Police**  
Building safer communities together

## Devon & Cornwall Police

2006 to 2008

## Driving Heritage

Driving Heritage was a project completely devised, designed and managed by myself. The aim of the project was to increase access to the stored collections of Devon & Cornwall Police and to develop the collection's educational remit through an outreach programme. I funded the project by successfully applying for a Your Heritage grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for just under £41,000, and securing additional match-funding which brought the project total to £69,000.

The project was complex with a number of interlinking elements:

- ❖ the design and commissioning of a bespoke outreach van;
- ❖ sourcing and researching the contents of handling boxes;
- ❖ the design and commissioning of a "pop-up museum" - a new concept I borrowed from my childhood love of pop-up books;
- ❖ recruiting, training and managing an education officer;
- ❖ devising and writing outreach material for schools which fed into the National Curriculum;
- ❖ developing audiences and marketing the project and programmes to schools and other organisations.

Project funder: Heritage Lottery Fund  
Project budget: £69,000  
Project time-scale: 2 years

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During the two years the project ran, the Driving Heritage van filled with items from the collection was taken to 18 schools across Devon and Cornwall and visited 17 hospitals, care-homes and support groups. In total:

- ❖ 5,288 people participated in or visited the imaginative workshops and displays;
- ❖ 2,600 children learned about Citizenship, Heritage, History and Policing, and discovered that Devon & Cornwall Constabulary could support and inspire;
- ❖ 1,340 retired and older citizens took part in reminiscence sessions or heard about the history of the Constabulary.

In 2007 the project featured in the Museums Journal as an example of an innovative project run by a small museum.

