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Project Title: 'Science at the Seaside: Pleasure Hunts in North Devon'

UOA: 27 - English Language and Literature

Research Timeline

| Date | Rationale of research activities and decisions undertaken |
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| September 2013 | Awarded a grant of £30,704 from North Devon FLAG (Fisheries Local Action Group) for a collaborative research and public engagement project with Ilfracombe Museum, Dr Kyriaki Hadjiafxendi (Bath Spa University) and Professor John Plunkett (Exeter University) on 'Science at the Seaside: Pleasure Hunts in North Devon'. |
| January-September 2014 | Programme of research and public engagement activities delivered in collaboration with Ilfracombe Museum (see activities leaflets for more details). |
| November 2013-September 2014 | Research into the Ilfracombe Museum collection related to nineteenth-century natural history, collection and the growth of Ilfracombe as a tourist destination. This research fed into both a commissioned chapter for an OUP collection, and the items that were to be digitized and made publicly available via E-Hive with meta-data. |
| July 2014 | Launch of new permanent exhibition (cases and display boards) and exhibition guide at Ilfracombe Museum devoted to seaside science and the rise of North Devon as a tourist destination, based on research into artefacts in the museum collection and other primary sources. |

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| October 2014 | Launch of Ilfracombe Museum digital E-hive collection containing circa 2700 items from the collection, which is freely available and searchable (see E-hive information and supporting documentation). |
| January 2015 January 2016 | Further research on nineteenth-century natural history and popular science and the influence of the work of Phillip H Gosse, Charles Kingsley, George Henry Lewes and other visitors to North Devon at Ilfracombe Museum and Gosse Family papers at Cambridge University. Submission of chapter to OUP collection in January 2016. |
| July 2017 | Publication of co-authored article with Professor John Plunkett, 'Science at the Seaside: Pleasure Hunts in Victorian Devon', in <i>Coastal Works: Cultures of the Atlantic Edge</i> . Editors: Groom N, Smith J. pp. 181-203. Oxford University Press, Oxford 2017. |
