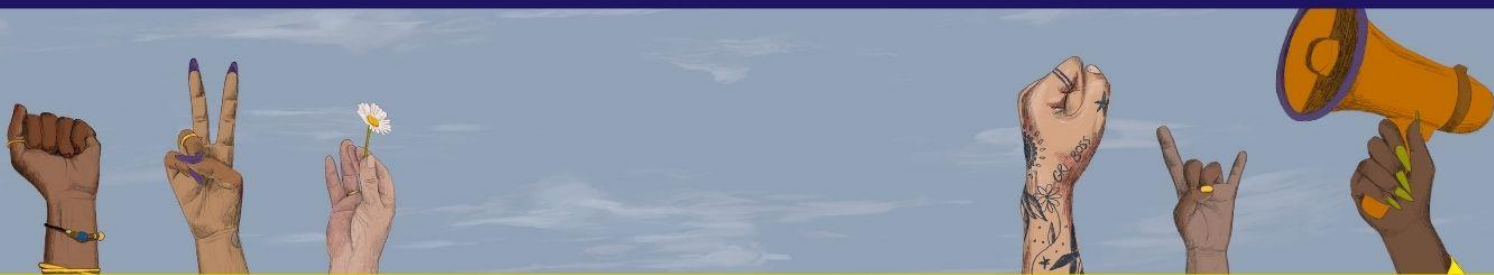




Blaggrave.

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Request for expressions of interest

Exploring the origins of Blaggrave wealth

October 2024



Blagrave Origins Story

About Blagrave

Blagrave is a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) dedicated to serving young people who are challenging and experiencing injustice in their individual lives and within society. We hold investments of circa £40 million, which along with other income sources, funds all the work we do including grant-making. We fund work nationally, as well as having a specific focus on several counties in the South East of England.

Our mission is to promote and empower young people as powerful forces for change, and support work that ensures their voices are heard in matters that affect them. We do this primarily by providing grants to organisations working with young people, influencing youth policy alongside them and investing directly in young changemakers. We also increasingly act as a facilitator and agent for change, bringing groups of young people and partners together to explore, share and learn together.

You can read our full 2022 – 2026 strategy [here](#).

We are an ambitious, agile, collaborative, and passionate organisation. Our focus and direction are increasingly driven by what the young people we are here to serve prioritise and we are working to develop ways of being accountable to those young people. Our work is underpinned by strong values, including being intentional in the use of all our resources in pursuit of our mission, and inclusive and equitable, bringing diverse people together to redress power imbalances.

Context

The Blagrave Trust was founded in 1978 by Herbert Henry Gratwicke Blagrave who left an endowment to the trustees primarily consisting of the Linkenholt Estate which trustees subsequently sold in 2009 for a reported £25 million.

In 2019 Blagrave commissioned a report '[The Blagrave Trust, 1981-2018 Changing the Story](#)' by the Institute for Voluntary Action Research (IVAR) which focused on Herbet Blagrave and the evolution of the Trust. This exploration into the origins of our wealth will build on the IVAR report and look further back to understand the history of the wealth which enabled the Blagrave endowment to be made. Whilst we understand the journey of the capital for which we steward at the Blagrave Trust from 1978 onwards, we have a limited understanding of how that wealth was created prior to the founding of the Trust. We are keen to go back further, to understand how the capital was established and how it has moved throughout history. As an organisation that holds transparency central in our organisational values it feels important for us to pursue greater understanding and transparency around the origins of our wealth.

Specification

The Blaggrave Trust is looking for a genealogist to complete a family tree for Herbert Blaggrave tracing back to approximately John Blaggrave (d. 1611). This should include Blaggrave ancestry through evidence including birth, death, and (where relevant) marriage certificates. The focus of this research will be tracing the Blaggrave wealth through investigating inheritance records, key properties and businesses, specifically wills and deeds. Blaggrave has carried out initial desk research tracing the family and key properties, this needs to be verified through reviewing documentation, primarily at the Berkshire Records office.

Budget

The project has a budget of up to £5,000. Please provide a budget including a breakdown of research time (indicating day rate), and anticipated additional costs e.g. travel, certificates and photocopying.

Desired timeframe

We have an ambitious timeline for this work and internal milestones we would like to meet including a key presentation in February 2025. However, we remain flexible and open to hearing from those with expertise in this area of work on proposed amendments to the dates given below following the deadline of the EOI:

- **Deadline for EOI:** 5pm on 1st of November
- **Kick off meeting:** 6th or 7th of November
- **Research carried out and reported prepared:** 8th November – 12th December
- **Check-in Meeting:** Week Commencing 25th November
- **End of process meeting:** Week commencing 16th December

Desired outputs

- **Written report:** Blaggrave requires a robust, objective report which presents the lineage of the Blaggrave family, specifically leading to our founder Herbert Henry Gratwicke Blaggrave (b.1899). The focus of the report should evidence both the family tree, and the associated inheritance passed down the family with a clear timeline of how the wealth we now hold was developed. Blaggrave has prepared desk research including a draft family tree and details of key properties of interest. This work was carried out primarily using online records from the Berkshire Records Office, therefore hard copy records will need to be reviewed and copies taken of relevant documentation, including birth and marriage certificates, wills and deeds to evidence the report.
- **Visual assets:** A clear and visually appealing family tree which can be shared externally.
- **Kick off meeting:** An initial meeting with Blaggrave to ensure a shared understanding of the intentions and expectations of the project. And an opportunity for Blaggrave to share our initial desk research with a shared understanding that these findings need to be verified.

- **Check in meeting mid-way, sharing progress to date:** An update on progress and findings to date, including a draft report on findings. Due to the nature of the work, it is understood at this stage there may be gaps or challenges in the findings, the meeting should include a plan on how to address these and an estimated timeline.
- **End of process meeting:** Blagrove will share reflections on the report and both parties will feedback on the process, determining what further research could benefit the work.

Instructions

Please provide an expression of interest explaining:

- Relevant experience on similar work. If available, please provide examples and/or references.
- Your planned approach to the work, including contingency for addressing challenges.
- Anticipated timeline.
- Budget, including day rate.

If you have questions or need this information in a different format, please contact Geraldine at geraldine.warren@blagravetrust.org

Closing date: 5pm on the 1st of November, late submissions will not be considered. Please email your EOI to Geraldine at geraldine.warren@blagravetrust.org