

<p><b>Institution: The University of Huddersfield</b></p> <p><b>Unit of Assessment: 30 History</b></p> <p><b>a. Overview</b></p> <p>Historical research at Huddersfield is pursued by more than twenty academics based mainly in the Department of History, English, Languages and Media in the School of Music, Humanities and Media (MHM) and includes researchers at all career stages from post-doctoral research fellows to senior university managers. There is a community of twenty research students and University facilities include an archive, currently undergoing major refurbishment and expansion supported by a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £1.6 million. All staff are affiliated to the History Research Group and a number are involved in the Centre for the History of Public Health and Medicine (CHPHM), the Centre for Visual and Oral History Research (CVOHR), the Arms and Armour Research Institute (AARI) and the Academy for British and Irish Studies (ABIS). These centres reflect our key strategic aim - partnership working with a range of agencies in the heritage and community sectors facilitated by close interdisciplinary links to units in science, health, social sciences and media.</p> <p><b>b. Research strategy</b></p> <p><b>Review</b></p> <p>The review period has seen significant development in the research aims and strategy of the History Group. We have sustained the intellectual content and performance objectives of 2008 while expanding and enhancing our methods, context and research themes with a view to putting public engagement, partnership working and co-production at the heart of our research activity. Our intellectual focus has remained the history of place and its relationship to gender, religion and political history with new appointments (section c) building on these themes and permitting an expansion of interests to include health and welfare, landscape and battlefield archaeology. We have developed research clusters on Welfare and Community, Religion and Power, Arms and Armour and British Political Identities, including labour history, and these will form the intellectual and organizational basis for research activity in the next cycle. The performance objectives of 2008 have been exceeded. The proportion of research published in journals has increased from one third to over half with multiple submissions in key general (<i>History, Historical Research</i>) and specialist (<i>Gender and History, Social History of Medicine</i>) outlets. We have increased significantly our contribution to the discipline both through involvement in journals, editorial boards and the management of societies and by leading and supporting a range of events. Moreover, there has been a clear internationalization of both the content and the context of our research with projects exploring the interaction of British individuals, agencies and icons with the wider world. This is evident in, for example, <b>Ward</b> and <b>Martin's</b> Beefeaters and Britishness project funded by the University Research Fund (URF), <b>Gill's</b> Nuffield supported research into Save the Children and <b>Foard's</b> work on battlefields in Flanders on behalf of the Flemish Heritage Service.</p> <p><b>Partnership Working</b></p> <p>Interdisciplinary research activities have expanded substantially and provided the basis for our key strategic development during the review period – partnership working with other institutions and especially non-academic agencies. These trends are most evident in the formal research groups and centres which have facilitated projects with physics and metallurgy (AARI), political science (ABIS), allied health sciences (CHPHM) and Media (CVOHR). These structures have also provided the basis for much of the public engagement work, such as <b>Foard's</b> partnerships with the Battlefield Trust and Royal Armouries, <b>Ellis's</b> extensive network of mental health heritage and community agencies and <b>Ward's</b> links to groups promoting ethnic cultural heritage. Collaboration has been extended to institutional and research level engagement with academic institutions nationally and internationally. An AHRC BGP Capacity Building Route award with the University of Hull has facilitated joint research student support and has led to BGP2 success for the Heritage Consortium which will work closely with external partners to extend the skills of our doctoral candidates. <b>Lewis</b> has formed the Bishop's Eye research network with the University of Lincoln</p>
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leading to the Huddersfield hosted Medieval Masculinities conference. **Ward's** external partners with interests in identity formation include Mark Hampton at Lingnan University, Hong Kong and Ben Wellings of the Australian National University. **Ward, Hewitt** and **Dodd** are developing research links with the British Studies Centre at Cergy-Pontoise. **Gill** is working with Bertrand Taithe of Manchester University on Save the Children's Interwar work in Africa. **Foard** has co-authored a book on Bosworth with Anne Curry, University of Southampton. **Doyle** co-organised a seminar series on Urban Civic Culture with the University of Limerick while **Webster** has been a visiting fellow at the University of Tasmania and **Kirk** at ANU (e).

The broad aim of increasing recruitment to and effective completions of research degrees has been met by a combination of successful AHRC applications, an effective policy of institutional investment in research PGRs and strong support and monitoring of students (cii) with completions almost doubling in a shorter assessment period. A number of students have supported our public engagement strategy through collaborative projects (CDAs), community-based methodologies in oral history and topics exploring marginal groups, for example the Huddersfield/Hull BGP students. This has led to the award of a BGP2 CDT – the Heritage Consortium – with six other UK universities. In a similar vein external income has increased with many of the projects incorporating an element of public engagement (d).

### Organisation

There is a History Strategic Advisory Board which brings together external experts including academics from overseas, political advisers, chief executives and directors of national bodies comprising John Walton, of the University of the Basque Country, Jon Cruddas, MP (currently leading the Labour Party Policy Review), Steven Burt, former Director of the Royal Armouries and Becky Sullivan, Chief Executive of the Historical Association. All staff are entitled to attend meetings with the Advisory Board, which are held twice per year, to discuss the future direction of History research at Huddersfield. There is an MHM Research Committee which oversees research strategy, sabbaticals and other activities. All research co-ordinators and professors are members. There is a History Research Co-ordinator (**Lewis**), who provides mentorship, supports grant applications and organises research seminars and staff development activities.

### Strategy 2014-20

Our central research aim for the next review period is to enhance and extend our public engagement and partnership working especially through the co-production of content with heritage and community partners on a national and international scale. The intellectual basis for attaining this aim will be our four main research clusters: Welfare and Community, Religion and Power, Arms and Armour and British Political Identities. These will be woven together by the enduring interests in gender, identity, locality and political change. Sustainability and effectiveness will be achieved by the key performance objectives of:

- Staffing appointments within these thematic areas with a preference to extending the geographical reach of the research team.
- Focused recruitment of PGRs to support the development of partnership working.
- Enhancement of internal research support, training and monitoring procedures to ensure successful outcomes, including further improvements in publication quality, PGR recruitment and completion, external income generation and collaboration with academic and non-academic partners.
- Effective utilization of departmental, university and external funding to meet these objectives.

### c. People, including:

#### i. Staffing strategy and staff development

Most of those submitted in RAE 2008 are still in post and have been augmented by the appointment of thirteen new full and part time staff members. Historians hold a number of senior posts in the institution including, Dean of Music, Humanities and Media (**Hewitt**) and PVC Teaching and Learning (**Thornton**). **Doyle, Foard** and **Ellis** have been appointed as full-time staff while **Morris, Shepherd, Webster, Taylor** and **Kirk** have fractional research contracts. In addition

to these mid and senior career appointments the sustainability of the History group has been facilitated by the appointment of four post-doctoral research fellows. These appointments are designed to underpin existing specialties, promote the health of new research strands and meet the strategic aim of increased public engagement and partnership working. **Doyle** and **Ellis**, supported by **Atkinson**, have consolidated work in health and welfare. In 2010 we appointed **Morris** and **Foard** assisted by a research assistant to found the core of an interdisciplinary team working with applied sciences to examine landscape and battlefield archaeology. Our relationships with ABIS and CVOHR have been strengthened by the appointment of **Webster** and **Dodd** who have also contributed to the emerging theme of community and welfare. In 2011 we strengthened the established expertise in Labour History via the fractional appointments of **Shepherd** (who has written with **Laybourn**), **Kirk** (who brings a transnational perspective) and **Taylor** (also a co-author with **Laybourn**) collectively supported by **Martin**. Co-production and community engagement activity has been enhanced by the appointment of **Leeworthy** as a lecturer in community history to underpin the work of **Ward** in this emerging area.

### Staff Development

Staff development for historians takes place within a highly developed university context enhanced and extended by provision within the research group. The University was granted the HR Excellence in Research Award by the European Commission in September 2011 in recognition of the alignment of its processes and plans with the principles of the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers and with the European Charter for Researchers and Code of Conduct for their Recruitment. Our progress in achieving exemplary standards through our action plan is overseen by our Concordat Steering Group, which reports directly to the University's Senior Management Team. History uses the UoA-specific results of the national surveys, CROS and PIRLS, to monitor our progress and to benchmark our provision. The University provides a wide range of training events and is developing a leadership programme aimed at guiding research staff through the promotion processes. Within the research group senior staff lead workshops on themes such as building an esteem profile and developing and managing non-academic partnerships. All early career staff are mentored by established members of staff and all grant applications are subject to internal review prior to submission. Every member of staff undertakes an annual research audit assessing the progress of their research strategy while all staff on permanent full or part-time contracts can apply for a sabbatical after four years of service, subject to an acceptable research proposal. Annual promotion processes are in place for teaching and research and research only staff with pathways to Reader and Professor or Senior and Principal Research Fellow. There is no quota and applications are assessed internally and externally against published criteria.

### Research Culture and Events

All staff, including RFs, are involved in sustaining the research culture through attendance at and papers to the research seminar run in conjunction with the local Historical Association branch. The group have hosted or supported a number of conferences and workshops, including invited events, open colloquia, international themed conferences and the regular meetings of associations. PDRFs and research students have been involved in the organisation of these events – for example **Martin** led the Luddite conference in 2012 and **Atkinson** the Economic History Society-Social History Society joint colloquium on Living Standards and Consumption in 2011. PDRFs have access to the same resources as other staff including IT, funds to support archival trips and conference attendance and have low teaching loads to ensure appropriate experience without hampering their research capacity. All of the PDRFs have benefitted from some career progression, for example from research assistant to research fellow. Pathways exist for promotion to senior research fellow. Funding is available through the University's £300,000 p.a. Researcher Development Fund for staff to participate fully in their fields, for example by conference attendance; visiting archives and libraries or attending meetings.

### Equality and Diversity

Equality and diversity are addressed through a number of initiatives. The University participates in ['Every Researcher Counts'](#) to improve equality and diversity for researchers within higher education and its commitment and progress is reviewed as part of its implementation plan for the

[Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers](#). Together these seek to ensure that equality and diversity in relation to research staff is understood, visible and prioritized by providing training, mechanisms to share good practice and resources for all staff. Initiatives include the 'Women in the Hud' (WiTH) network for women across the University inspired by the Athena SWAN action plan. Moreover, the University has joined the Stonewall Diversity Champions Programme and two researchers have enrolled for the Stonewall Leadership Programme with a view to becoming Diversity Champions. Progress has been made across the institution to improve female representation rates at professorial level with the result that while the number of Grade 10 professorial posts has increased by 39% the number of female professors has increased by 69%.

### External Relations

The History group has made positive attempts to stimulate exchanges between academia and external organisations, especially public bodies. Very close links have been developed with the Thackray Medical Museum leading to a CDA, the use of **Doyle's** research in museum activities and support for their successful 2013 bid to the Arts Council to renew their galleries. **Ellis** has been made a visiting fellow by the Stanley Royd Mental Health Museum in Wakefield and **Foard** and **Morris** have been involved in a wide range of projects with heritage organisations in the UK and Europe. **Gill, Morris, Webster** and **Ward** form the core of the Imperial War Museum North academic advisory group which has included sponsorship of a colloquium in 2013.

### Research students

The History group has an established postgraduate community of about 20 full- and part-time students, from a range of educational backgrounds. The cohort has more than doubled since RAE 2008 with successful PhD completions (including by publication) almost trebling. Our success has been recognised in the joint award of a BGP2 Centre for Doctoral Training with Hull and other partners. History has a robust policy of admissions and takes students on evidence of their academic ability, their research proposal and its own research expertise. There is a system of monitoring student progress including quarterly progress reports and an annual (biennial for part-time) report and presentation meeting at which advice is given to the student on successful completion (though registration can be terminated at these points, if necessary). Research students who join without MAs must attend appropriate modules on the History MA or draw from other MA and research courses throughout the University to the tune of 60 credits. The postgraduate community is varied, covering British history from Medieval to Modern, some European and Asian history, oral history and sport history. Many of these projects have highlighted the shaping of identity politics whether in rugby or cricket, the masculine identities of Richard I and his brothers, Victorian Yorkshire or Britain's islands in the Second World War.

### Organisation and infrastructure

There is a University postgraduate charter which outlines the expectations we have of our research students and each student receives the *Guidelines for History Postgraduate Researchers*. All research students are expected to see themselves as part of a collective endeavour to develop high quality research and its dissemination. Hence it is envisaged that they will attend and present at national and international conferences, seminars and training courses, organise postgraduate workshops, apply for grants and gain teaching experience. Research students convene an annual Postgraduate Conference, now in its fifth year. Student successes include editing a book derived from a conference run jointly with the Society for the Study of Labour History; organising the Voluntary Action History Society workshop 'Gendering the History of Voluntary Action'; co-editing an edition of *Sport and Society*; convening a symposium published as a special edition of the *International Journal of the History of Sport*; winning the Yorkshire Society's Beresford and the Bramley prizes; and co-organising the interdisciplinary 'Masculine Identifications' conference with students from English.

### External Funding

In a highly competitive atmosphere History at Huddersfield has had a number of significant achievements. Since 2008 we have secured a student with a British Academy award, 2 standard AHRC awards and a full time student through the BGP Capacity Building Route collaboration with Hull. Moreover, in line with our public engagement strategy we have secured three AHRC

Collaborative Doctoral Awards working with Teesside Archives, the Thackray Museum, and English Heritage. One of these students is now Education Officer for the Transporter Bridge in Middlesbrough while another is working with the Thackray on their new galleries. The successful award of the BGP2 Heritage Consortium ensures at least one fully funded studentship per annum over the next five years as well as exciting opportunities for our students to work collaboratively with other institutions, disciplines and partners.

### **Institutional Support**

These developments will be bolstered by the current University strategy to utilize University Scholarships to support PGR development, including the Vice Chancellor's Scholarships for students obtaining a first-class degree or an MA distinction. The £250,000 p.a. Researcher Development Fund is open to postgraduates for financial support and this can be used to attend conferences, travel to libraries and archives and to meet with partners in business or public/third sector organisations. Overall these schemes have allocated over £70,000 to date to support students in History while the Researcher Development Fund's conference presentation support for PGRs has allowed our students to present papers at conferences in California, Kalamazoo, Australia, Europe and Hong Kong; organize events like the Northern Identities postgraduate conference; undertake essential fieldwork and attend training and development workshops. Moreover, the University recognizes significant student achievement by awarding £250 from its Exceptional Output Fund for postgraduates publishing in peer-reviewed publications, such as Simon Bradley's piece in *Oral History*. Additionally, History spends around £1,000 per year on financing postgraduate conferences while in 2013 the RHS supported seminar presentations in Huddersfield by four postgraduate students.

## **d. Income, infrastructure and facilities**

### **External Research Funding**

External funding has been secured from research councils (AHRC, ESRC), major charities (Wellcome, Nuffield) and a range of small awards from charitable, academic and community bodies including the Economic History Society, South West Yorkshire NHS Trust, Society for the Study of Labour History. This funding has supported the development of our public engagement strategy. **Ward's** ESRC/AHRC 'Imagining Different Communities' grant brings together a wide range of academic and community partners. The AHRC Sound, Craft, Vision, Place award secured by **Morris** in 2011 saw us support various mental health projects through the HLF All Our Stories call, leading to a Connected Communities award for **Ellis** in 2013. **Foard** has been successful in drawing funding from both the British Academy and national and international heritage organisations, including the Flemish Heritage Service, while Nuffield funding for **Gill** allowed her to work directly with Save the Children. **Ward** has undertaken advisory work for the Government of South Australia. Staff and students have been effective in gaining support for departmental events from the Economic History Society (**Doyle, Atkinson**, research students) and the Lipman Milliband Trust (**Martin**), while personal awards have been made to **Kirk** (Harold White Fellowship) to work at the National Library of Australia and a Curran Fellowship for **Hewitt**.

### **Infrastructure**

Scholarly infrastructure has been built up through the acquisition of online resources and by institutional investment in the University Archives. School funds and History QR has been deployed on sources such as State Papers Online and newspaper collections including the Times and the Guardian. The University Archives contain a large collection of documents covering Rugby League, local cricket, and the labour movement, as well as the G. H. Wood and the J. H. Whitley collections. The Archives secured £1,585,000 from the HLF for a major redevelopment of the service focused on facilitating and promoting co-partnership and production with external agencies. **Ward** is a member of the project steering committee. The collections have underpinned a number of research projects in the review period, for example PhDs based on the Rugby League, cricket, Huddersfield Mechanics Institute and Yorkshire collections, while the research of **Doyle, Laybourn, Atkinson** and **Ellis** has utilized material on the Labour Party, Storthes Hall Hospital and the Yudkin and Wood collections on health, nutrition and living standards. The Archive has acquired the papers of the House of Commons' Speaker, J H Whitley, which are being explored

with the assistance of a University Masters' bursary. Other joint activities with the service include the JISC funded *History to Herstory* project led by **Ellis** which brings together a range of local and regional partners in the heritage sector. History research makes use of the University's highly equipped Researcher Hub which provides space for conferences, lectures and seminars and visiting researchers. In addition to the normal research facilities available in the School, our research students have a dedicated research room providing access to computers and a range of software and databases.

### Institutional Investment

Institutional investment in History has been strong. Core funding has come from the University Research Fund (URF) for activities such as the Beefeater Oral History project which employed **Martin** as a PDRA to work with **Ward** and Historic Royal Palaces (Tower of London) examining the culture of the Beefeater. It has also provided support for the development of the AARI by initial funding for the salaries of **Morris** and **Foard** and it has sustained PDRFs for CHPHM, CVOHR and the Religion and Power research group. Further resources have been provided through the six headings of the Researcher Development Fund (RDF). This has ensured staff can bring their research to international audiences, including the hosting of conferences such as Medieval Masculinities and the biennial meeting of the Voluntary Action History Society, and has underpinned the strategic aim of engagement and partnership through work with Thackray Medical Museum, Imperial War Museum North and Royal Armouries. This policy has been augmented by the deployment of History QR funds for archival research and research assistance, the research seminar programme and additional support to conference attendance.

### e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base

The development of collaborative projects and an enhanced contribution to the structures of the discipline have been central strategic aims of the past five years.

**Collaborations** have included the Bishop's Eye research network with Lincoln University leading to a conference and edited collection (**Lewis**). A workshop series on Urban Civic Cultures with Anthony McElligott, University of Limerick, resulting in a journal special issue and a partnership with Fritz Dross, University of Erlangen, on Hospitals before Welfare States (**Doyle**). **Ellis** has collaborated extensively with non-academic partners including Thackray Medical Museum, Leeds City Museums, Stanley Royd Mental Health Museum, SW Yorkshire Mental Health Trust, and Leeds Men Cap. **Foard** is working with Steven Champion at the Defence Academy, Cranfield University, on historic weapons ballistics. Working through the Department of Physics and the Arms and Armour Research Institute, he has conducted non-destructive experiments to determine interior structure of battlefield projectiles at the neutron-beam facilities at Switzerland's Paul Scherrer Institute and France's Institut Laue-Langevin. **Gill** co-edited a volume of essays with Tom Crook (Oxford Brooks) and Bertrand Taithe (Manchester). **Hewitt** is developing a network on nineteenth century diaries with Jim Jaffe of University of Wisconsin-Whitewater while **Laybourn** is involved in the formation of an 'International Network of Labour History' led by the International Institute of Labour in Amsterdam. **Thornton**'s research on the Jersey Royal Charter has led him to work with the legal profession in the Channel Islands and his findings have been drawn on in a number of legal cases. **Ward** is a lead Co-Investigator on a £2.4m ESRC/AHRC interdisciplinary grant 'Imagining different communities and making them happen' led by Graham Crow (Edinburgh) and Co-Is Angie Hart, (Brighton), Sarah Banks (Durham) and Kate Pahl, (Sheffield).

Huddersfield History staff have organised a number of **events** including the Social History Society/Economic History Society conference on consumption, the biennial Voluntary Action History Society International Conference, 2013 (**Atkinson**); *Luddism and other 19th Century protest movements*, 2012 (**Martin**); *Britishness, Identity and Citizenship: The View from Abroad*, 2008, *Identity and the 'Other British Isles'*, 2010 and a linked ESF-funded workshop on 'History teaching after Empire', 2011 (**Ward**); and Society for the Study of Labour History Conference, 2010 (**Laybourn**). In addition **Doyle** is lead convenor for the annual Urban History Group Conference; **Laybourn** and **Kirk** have organised a number of SSLH events, and **Lewis** co-organised 'Virtue, Vice and Virility: Men in the Middle Ages', University of Newcastle in 2009 which secured support from the RHS.

Staff have given **invited papers** to a range of research groups and meetings nationally and internationally for example: Université de Caen, (Dodd); London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, (Doyle); University of Birmingham, (Ellis); Tower of London, Battlefield Archaeology Conference, Brownsville, Texas, (Foard); Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, Geneva, Université Paris Diderot, (Gill); Universities of Leeds, Lincoln and York, (Lewis); University of Leeds, University of Gloucestershire (Martin); Edinburgh Literary Festival, Deutsch-Britische Gesellschaft Rhein-Main (Morris); Aberystwyth, Political Studies Association (Ward); Australian National University, University of Tasmania (Webster). Foard and Morris both presented at the Chalke Valley History Festival.

And **keynotes** to: Urban History Group Conference, Oxford; 'Community, Cohesion and Social Stability', Bangor; (Doyle). Labour and Society Research Group of Northumbria and Newcastle Universities, (Gill). Society for Medieval Archaeology Annual Conference (Morris). 'Citizenship, Identity and Patriotism in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries', Teesside, (Ward). University of Oxford and University of Tokyo (Webster).

Staff at all career stages have provided **referee reports** for more than thirty journals, including, *Continuity and Change*, *English Historical Review*, *Gender and History*, *Historical Journal*, *Journal of British Studies*, *Journal of Contemporary History*, *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History*, *Medical History*, *Nations and Nationalism*, *Sixteenth Century Journal*, *Speculum*, *Twentieth Century British History*. And **readers' reports** to, for example: Australian National University Press, Bloomsbury, Boydell and Brewer, CUP, Manchester University Press, OUP, Palgrave, Routledge and University of British Columbia Press.

Staff have held the following **Editorships**: Chetham Society (**Thornton**); *North American Journal of Welsh Studies* (**Ward**), *Oral History* (**Nicholson**) and *Annual Bulletin of Historical Literature* (**Laybourn**). **Ellis** Co-edited a special issue of *The International Journal of the History of Sport*. **Editorial Board** membership includes, *Australasian Victorian Studies Journal*, *Nineteenth Century Prose*, *Urban History*, *Labour History Review*, *Labour History* (Australia), *Women's History Review*. **Series Editorships** include: 'New Approaches to Economic and Social History' (CUP); 'British Identities since 1707', (Peter Lang) and **Editorial Boards**: Boydell and Brewer's 'Gender in the Middle Ages'; RHS, 'Studies in History Series'; Liverpool UP, 'Studies In Labour History'.

A number of staff have been **grant referees** either as AHRC Peer Review College members: **Doyle**, **Hewitt**, **Laybourn**, **Ward** and **Webster**; or in other capacities for, AHRC, ESRC, Wellcome Trust, Council for Assisting Refugee Academics (CARA), Council for the Humanities of the Netherlands. **Morris** is Chair, HLF Expert Panel.

**Other esteem indicators** include **Morris** is a Frened Medallist and **Foard** a Fellow of Society of Antiquaries; **Atkinson**: won the Local Population Studies Society's 2011 prize for the best first article; **Dodd**: invited to contribute to Joan Tumblety (ed.), *Memory and History: Understanding Memory as Source and Subject* (Routledge, 2013). **Doyle**: Member, British Steel Archive Project, Advisory Group; Council Member and Trustee, Economic History Society, Member, Executive Committee, Chair Publications Committee, Committee, Social History Society. **Gill**: Advisor to Imperial War Museum North First World War centenary exhibition; **Laybourn**: Honorary Fellow of the Historical Association; President of the Society for the Study of Labour History, Martin: Executive of the Society for the Study of Labour History; **Morris**: Member English Heritage Review Committee; Trustee National Heritage Memorial Fund and HLF.

Submitted staff have been **PhD examiners** at Cambridge, Canterbury Christchurch, Durham, Lancaster, Leeds, Leeds Met, Liverpool, London Met, Melbourne; Nottingham, Oxford, Oxford Brookes, Queens Belfast, Sheffield, Sheffield Hallam, Sydney, Tasmania, UCL, UEA, York.