case study National Trust

The National Trust is Britain's leading conservation charity responsible for 775 miles of coastline, over 248,000 hectares of land and more than 500 historic houses, castles, ancient monuments gardens, parks and nature reserves.

As a charity that has been around for over 120 years, history has always been central to their work and, since 2016, National Trust have been using the Landmark OS Historical Mapping Web Map Service to enhance their digital platforms and make spatial information more widely accessible throughout the Trust.

Landmark's Historical WMS gives National Trust immediate access to over 32,000 historical Ordnance Survey map images ranging from 1855-1993. The WMS is masked specifically to National Trust key sites and areas showing the properties and landscape in their true environment and history – with the ability to switch seamlessly from one time period to the next.

In addition, Landmark provide a password protected weblink for users who are less familiar with GI technology. This link allows users to set the time period of interest via a unique Time Slider which builds a mosaic of historical layers showing the user the map picture exactly as Ordnance Survey would have perceived the landscape at the time.



Ian Dawes, Conservation Information Manager at National Trust, highlights the take up by users within the charity: "We had over 250,000 map requests from users in the first year alone, and this has grown year on year."

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Rick Crowhurst, Public Sector Account Manager at Landmark "We have been delighted to develop this project alongside the National Trust and have been pleased to see the wide range of uses. Ian and his colleagues have provided invaluable support and feedback and we are now adding modern OS mapping to their feed with the option to add further datasets in due course."

Landmark Solutions – part of Landmark Information Group Limited - are experts in geospatial datasets and provide major web platforms for bodies such as Sport England, Natural England, the Met Office and may others. Other users of the Historical Web Mapping Services include Network Rail, Registers of Scotland and several local government bodies.





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