



KOSB represented at the English Heritage Chair's Reception, 4th October 2023.

In October KOSB collections were put on display at Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, as part of a reception hosted by English Heritage. The 'Chairs' reception is an opportunity for English Heritage to showcase its work with audience of MPs, major donors, grant giving bodies and leaders in the heritage sector. Over 150 people attended. The KOSB material – a portrait of Private Arthur Roberts (enlisted 1917) and two letters from Thomas Sparrow, (sent from India in 1876), were displayed alongside other material from the EH collection: an 18th century Dutch landscape painting, a 13th century carved head from Clifford's Tower in York, and Neolithic antler tools from Grimes Graves in Norfolk.



At the event, English Heritage Curator Kevin Booth gave a short speech on the Berwick Barracks project, dedicating the first section to Thomas Sparrow and the KOSB.

The event brought the Borderers to the mind of everyone in attendance. The majority of the guests came to look at the KOSB objects, with conversations mainly focussing on the soldier's experience, duty and friendships. They took away that sense of the personal

perspective, of direct experiences shaping an individual's life.



Arthur Roberts



Letters of Thomas Sparrow