

EHKOS: The English Heritage Knowledge Organisation System

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EHKOS: Background

- The EHKOS project began in 2006.
- Internally developed.
- For use by both EH and the wider heritage sector.
- A tool capable of integrating the reference data held in various systems and interacting with existing and new IS systems within English Heritage and the wider heritage sector.



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What does it do?

Allows us:

- To create and maintain multilingual reference datasets
- To develop and implement platform-independent, data standards
- To export reference data in a variety of formats which satisfy user expectations
- To work collaboratively with peers, partners and other third parties on the development of common standards.
- To provide a framework to enable the mapping of disparate reference datasets
- To avoid duplication of both effort and data in the day to day management of reference data.
- To implement version control and harmonize reference data across the organization and externally.



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Why do we need it?

- Existing tools are out of date:
 - NMR Thesauri website is nearly 10 years old
 - Flat HTML
 - Non-searchable other than via A-Z
 - Have to perform numerous searches
 - EH Corporate systems need updating
 - AMIE and LBS use same reference data but 2 separate tools
 - HPR Unified Designations System
- To empower the community:
 - Community resources not just EH
 - Build together not in isolation
- Interoperability
 - Provide exports in a variety of platform-independent formats

Accessing EHKOS

There are 2 publicly accessible websites:

Public users: <http://www.ehkos.org>

Registered users: <http://external.ehkos.org/>



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