

England, London & South: delegated decisions August 2023

Schedule of decisions under delegated powers for England, London & South at The National Lottery Heritage Fund on 2 August 2023.

National Lottery Grants for Heritage

Sustainable Somerset

Applicant: Wells Food Network

Project description: By emphasising the link between the local landscape and local food, it will raise awareness of the importance of farming in harmony with nature. This in turn will conserve the countryside, enhance wildlife and biodiversity and boost resilience in food supply and local rural communities.

Decision: Reject

Nurturing Roots

Applicant: NurtureWild CIC

Project description: To create a series of workshops integrating rural skills and crafts with wellbeing and education. By working with natural materials and simple tools using historic and traditional methods, these peaceful activities aim to support people of all cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000

St Augustine's Church Floor repairs and upgrade of heating and electrics

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Augustine's, Scaynes Hill

Project description: To restore the integrity of the floor so that the building is fit for purpose in the 21st century, and can be used creatively for the benefit of the whole community.

Decision: Reject

Reading's DIGITAL Revolution

Applicant: Reading Borough Council

Project description: A timely project to document and share Reading's computer technology heritage, with a particular focus on Digital Equipment Corporation.

Decision: Award grant of £87,145

Silk Wood Community Woodland

Applicant: Forestry Commission

Project description: The Silk Wood Community Project will bring together approximately 600 participants from key stakeholder groups including volunteers, community groups and schools. Five hectares of Silk Wood will be replanted following an attack by Chalara ash dieback disease. The restored woodland will provide an accessible space for people to enjoy the wellbeing benefits of connecting with nature and our natural heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £249,359

Sussex By Train

Applicant: Culture Shift

Project description: To deliver a creative approach to heritage which supports adults with learning disabilities to have better access local heritage, confidence to travel, skills development and improved wellbeing. Through a process of co-design, a suite of resources will be created to stimulate curiosity and enthusiasm for heritage and travel, encourage people to share their heritage stories and offer a platform for new heritage sites to join in the future.

Decision: Award grant of £93,027

East Knoyle Village Hall – Replacement of old, damaged floor tiles.

Applicant: East Knoyle Village Hall

Project Description: To repair the village hall flooring.

Decision: Reject

LGBTQ+ History Club – Young LGBTQ+ natural heritage wellbeing workshops

Applicant: The Wild Mind Project CIC

Project description: To run a series of six natural heritage, mental wellbeing programmes for the young LGBTQ+ community. This natural heritage project will create new wildlife habitats and restore a neglected green space in Stanmer Park, near Brighton, through a series of heritage and wellbeing programmes.

Decision: Award grant of £33,501

Bringing Ladbroke Grove to Live!

Applicant: Community Integration Project-ASSADEP

Project description: This project aims to upskill young people in local heritage, community research and communication skills.

Decision: Award grant of £9,998

Commemorating 150 years of the People's Palace

Applicant: Alexandra Park and Palace Charitable Trust

Project description: To focus on the production of a commemorative mural and an online exhibition for the 150th anniversary of Alexandra Palace.

Decision: Award grant of £88,779

Caring for St Bridget's, Bridgerule

Applicant: Bridgerule Parochial Church Council

Project description: To repoint the Grade I listed church tower and deliver a programme of engagement activities with young people through the support of a youth organisation and the general public. It aims to introduce audiences to the heritage of the site and there will be opportunities for upskilling in horticultural skills, bellringing skills and research skills.

Decision: Award grant of £13,2208

Mousehole Wild Bird Hospital Oral History project

Applicant: Awen Productions Community Interest Company

Project description: An environmentally driven oral history project to celebrate, raise awareness and engage with Mousehole and wider Cornish/international community about the historic and very special Mousehole Wild Bird Hospital.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000

Strengthening our foundations; building our future

Applicant: Tiverton Museum Of Mid Devon Life

Project description: To strengthen community engagement and long term sustainability over two years. It aims to recruit and develop the volunteer team to represent a more diverse volunteer base and undertake essential work towards developing an environmentally sustainable building, reducing running costs and preparing for future development.

Decision: Award grant of £248,276

OITIJ-JO Kitchen: Preserving: Bottling for Future

Applicant: THE OITIJ-JO COLLECTIVE

Project description: To engage under-served communities with traditional techniques of preserving, pickling and fermenting Bangladeshi food. It will be delivered through the documentation of written recipes, photographs and videos. Research and recipes will be deposited in the Community Library and shared on social media.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000

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Saving Kensal Green Cemetery, the last of the 'Magnificent Seven' Victorian Cemeteries

Applicant: General Cemetery Company

Project description: To take essential steps in exploring a stainable method to protect Kensal Green Cemetery's heritage assets. This will involve the transfer of heritage assets to a charitable trust.

Decision: Award grant of £43,000

Give me shelter! St Mary-at-Finchley church & churchyard project

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Finchley

Project description: To undertake urgent roof repairs, improve the courtyard and deliver a range of engaging activities. This two-year project will be delivered through workshops working with Barnet Mencap users and improving environmental sustainability.

Decision: Award grant of £250,000

Renovation of memorial plaque recording Percy Bysshe Shelley's ancestral links with the parish of Warnham

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Margaret's Warnham

Project Description: To reinstate the wording on the memorial plaque keeping as close to the original lettering as possible using the services of a local stone mason.

Decision: Reject

Our Space At Westerland Valley

Applicant: The Groundwork South Trust Limited

Project description: Our Space: Westerland will empower currently disengaged residents to become more involved and feel increased ownership of Westerland's natural heritage. Tailored engagement and activities will take place which appeal to their specific wants/needs.

Decision: Award grant of £249,739

Okehampton Memories

Applicant: Everything Okehampton

Project description: To collect and share a wide range of social and historic memories – photographs, ephemera, film and audio which will be digitally preserved and presented via an interactive website for the community to share and engage with.

Decision: Award grant of £9,850

Making Memories in Petersfield and East Hants

Applicant: Petersfield Community Radio Ltd

Project description: To capture audio memories of Petersfield and East Hampshire. This will include visits to care and residential homes and clubs, talking with residents and club members and recording conversations for future generations to be able to listen to.

Decision: Reject

Malaysian Angels of the NHS

Applicant: Newham Chinese Association

Project description: To record, document and preserve the stories of over 20 nurses who came to the UK from Malaysia in the 1960s, 70s and 80s, and who trained and worked all their lives in the NHS.

Decision: Award grant of £67,150

Our Life Stories, from Institution to Independent living.

Applicant: United Response

Project description: To record the social history of learning disabilities in the UK over the past 50 years, as the sector moved on from offering institutionalised care to non-clinical support.

Decision: Award grant of £249,657

Archiving the LGBTQ+ Futures Equity Fund

Applicant: Consortium of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Voluntary and Community Organisations

Project description: To create a digital archive of the LGBTQ+ Futures: Equity Fund Celebration event. Through high quality digital recordings of the event in videography and photography, as well as creating an archive of resources from the participating groups and the funding processes, we will build a hugely valuable community resource emphasising the value and need for specialist resourcing to small, intersectional groups working at the forefront of communities who are often overlooked and under-resourced.

Decision: Reject

Terrence Higgins Trust Archive Digitisation: Bringing 40 years of HIV Activism, Campaigns and personal stories from the AIDS crisis online.

Applicant: The Terrence Higgins Trust

Project description: To explore 40 years heritage for the charity and to bring human stories from the AIDS crisis to life, as well as digitise their archives to make them more accessible.

Decision: Reject

Practice in Place

Applicant: Bannerman Arts

Project description: To explore the social heritage/culture of the local area, particularly around the history of drinks production.

Decision: Reject

Chalkhill Ninja Trail

Applicant: Brent council

Project description: To introduce a new activity trail aimed at a wider age range in comparison to our usual playgrounds. An onsite solar-powered clock will also provide a new 'competitive' element to our play, allowing users to attempt to 'beat their score', something not yet explored in our current park play setup.

Decision: Reject

Facing the Cliff: The Race to Uncover and Share the Folkestone Villa at East Wear Bay

Applicant: Canterbury Archaeological Trust Limited

Project description: The East Wear Bay project will excavate, study, preserve, record and share this Scheduled Ancient Monument before more of it is lost to the sea.

Decision: Award grant of £226,375

Four Courts Community project

Applicant: ExploreTheArch Theatre Company LTD

Project description: To launch an authentic community voice online by publishing this research on the new website and driving traffic to it from social media and the live events programme. Heritage will be identified and better explained because St Leonards-on-Sea is more than its origins as a coastal retreat.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000

Pitch: Celebrating and Archiving Queer Football Histories

Applicant: The Pleasance Theatre Trust

Project description: To bring together a diverse group of LGBTQ+ people to capture and record the hidden histories of queer football fans. Utilising oral histories and banner making, the project will present a collage of historical and present day queerness in relation to football.

Decision: Award grant of £9,846

Godolphin Cross Community Training Dig

Applicant: Godolphin Cross Community Association

Project description: To hold an archaeological training dig at Wheal Breage to coincide with the Festival of Archaeology, followed by a series of community events and activities with families and children.

Decision: Award grant of £5,600

Art and The Red House

Applicant: Autism and Nature

Project description: To support the Red House education team to engage a wide range of disadvantaged people with the cultural heritage of the Red House, Suffolk composer Benjamin Britten and the natural history in his garden that inspired his music.

Decision: Reject

Secret Sounds of the Forest: an immersive creative experience raising awareness of the natural heritage of Beechenhurst Woods for marginalised people in the Forest of Dean

Applicant: Sound UK Arts

Project description: An innovative collaboration between ecology, heritage and arts to create a unique outdoor and virtual experience about unseen heritage of the Forest of Dean.

Decision: Award grant of £9,750

The Winter Stories workshop series and podcast

Applicant: Tidal Tales Collective CIC

Project description: To run workshops which help young people to explore folk songs and stories from around the world. To also create an educational theatrical podcast as a free resource.

Decision: Reject

LEARN – PRACTICE – TASTE THE DR.-CONGOLESE INTANGIBLE/TANGIBLE CULTURAL, ARTISTIC HERITAGE.

Applicant: ICASAC (International Congo Aid – Smile African Children)

Project description: To explore Congolese intangible cultural heritage, targeting young people of Congolese heritage in Croydon and surrounding areas. It aims to raise awareness of traditional dance and culinary culture.

Decision: Reject

The Tower Stories

Applicant: FRIENDS OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH, MERE, WILTSHIRE

Project description: To carry out urgent and essential repairs to the Grade I listed Church of St Michael The Archangel in Mere.

Decision: Award grant of £247,843

BACstory – a living archive

Applicant: Bridport Arts Centre

Project description: To conserve our existing physical archive and to work with, and train, volunteers to build a digital 'social' archive. Both archives will be used to creatively interpret our heritage through the production of a web portal, community play, visual arts exhibition, workshops and future visioning manifesto.

Decision: Reject

Reels of Time

Applicant: Exeter Phoenix Ltd.

Project description: To preserve, digitise, respond to and share a reel of 16mm film footage with communities across Devon. The film was donated to the organisation anonymously and while the full contents are yet to be uncovered, the film appears to track one family's travels and activities from the 1930s–60s. It documents several significant historical events including the aftermath of the Crystal Palace Fire and 1937 Paris exhibition.

Decision: Award grant of £48,736

HIV history in Berkshire

Applicant: Thames Valley Positive Support

Project description: To produce a website where we can collate our history – including oral, visual and archive material, all documenting the impact of the HIV epidemic in Berkshire.

Decision: Reject

140 Years of Stratford East

Applicant: Pioneer Theatres Ltd

Project description: To undertake repairs to the Grade II* auditorium and develop a community outreach programme, along with public events. This work aims to increase access and engagement with the theatre and its work, culminating in TRSE's 140th anniversary year.

Decision: Award grant of £238,108

Refurbishment of the Walker Lines Gymnasium

Applicant: The Walker Lines Gymnasium

Project description: To refurbish the interior of Walker Lines Gymnasium to increase accessibility and bring the facilities up to a modern standard.

Decision: Reject

The Huguenot Museum – A New Future

Applicant: Huguenot Heritage Centre

Project description: To make the Huguenot Museum financially resilient and sustainable by creating a programme of redisplay and temporary exhibitions. This will enable formal and informal learning activities to restart by investing in a greener, lower-cost solution to heating and ventilation of the Museum's learning space. It will also restart venue hire activities to contribute income to the Museum.

Decision: Award grant of £237,620

Wilman Lodge

Applicant: Walton Firs Foundation

Project description: To replace the ageing and outdated accommodation with specifically designed and flexible new buildings. This will enable the foundation to offer a comprehensive programme. It will increase the centre's accessibility for young people who find it difficult to participate in outdoor learning, are disabled or are from families and communities which historically have not been able to benefit from these opportunities.

Decision: Reject

Treasured Memories of My Travels

Applicant: Positive Change Consultancy CIC

Project description: To run workshops in the community which will collect photographs and oral histories to be included in the archives at Valance House. Work will be done with participants to design and create a textile mural, capturing their lived experience of moving to the Becontree Estate. The mural will be in the form of a wall hanging which will be added to the Museum's permanent collection.

Decision: Reject

Selsey Pavilion

Applicant: Selsey Pavilion Trust

Project description: To restore and revitalise the Selsey Pavilion and provide opportunities for the community to engage in heritage-based activities, in-line with our mission to "Educate and Inform". The vision is to create a welcoming, inclusive, multi-purpose community hub that includes cinema and theatre.

Decision: Award grant of £249,405

SE.E NE.W Histories

Applicant: Fitzrovia Noir Community Interest Company

Project description: To explore industrial/scientific heritage across the sites, highlighting linked innovations from 1790–1920, spanning early photographic creation/capture, through to mass market use. To unearth images stored unseen for generations, hosting tours and restoration workshops, involving participants in research/selection for our series of publication

Decision: Award grant of £184,069

Cornwall's Queer Collection

Applicant: Queer Kernow CIC

Project description: To research and curate Queer Kernow's collections, both present and future.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000

Frampton Bell Restoration Fund

Applicant: Parochial Church Council of Frampton

Project description: To preserve the historic bell installation at St. Marys church in Frampton and to teach locals how to ring the bells.

Decision: Reject

Birdwatchers' Code – micro:bit adventure

Applicant: DIGIT

Project description: To teach children the importance of nature and bird populations. They will learn how technology can be used to track and make important decisions to maintain specie populations through data science and coding.

Decision: Award grant of £5,160

Mind the GAP

Applicant: Art in Romney Marsh

Project description: To create a queer history trail, increase audience reach and to encourage LGBTQ+ participants to explore local LGBTQ+ heritage. To build an archive of personal responses to a wealth of queer heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £31,790

Through the Front Door

Applicant: Openstorytellers Ltd

Project description: To create and tell the story of how the lives of people with learning disabilities have changed and how inclusion has changed.

Decision: Award grant of £82,334