

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions

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National Lottery Heritage Grants

Save the Messing Hatchments

Applicant: Friends of Messing Church

Project description: This project will restore and conserve five ancient funerary hatchments dating from 1652 to 1720.

Decision: Award grant of £25,000 (83%)

Sowing your seeds – heritage crops for a resilient future

Applicant: The Henry Doubleday Research Association

Project description: This project will focus on the genetic heritage of heirloom vegetables in the Midlands. It will document and gather seeds, share knowledge and carry out interviews to discover stories related to this heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £174,291 (100%)

The Forgotten Generations: Lest We Forget – Commemorating the public service of black RAF veterans from the West Midlands since the Second World War.

Applicant: The Forgotten Generations CIC

Project description: Black servicemen and women have served in the Royal Air Force since it was founded in 1918. This project seeks to tell the stories of those men and women from the Second World War to the present.

Decision: Award grant of £108,400 (100%)

ST CUTHBERTS RENOVATION AND REPAIR

Applicant: Thetford Parochial Church Council

Project description: This project will involve repairing structural defects to the South Aisle East elevation, repointing and masonry repairs.

Decision: Reject

Protecting the Heritage of Carnival Art in the UK

Applicant: Luton Carnival Arts Development Trust

Project description: This project will protect the Luton Carnival Arts Development Trust Carnival collections and promote organisational sustainability by assessing and digitising collections and completing feasibility studies for the building and organisation.

Decision: Reject

St Basil and St Paisios, Lincoln – project for the our future

Applicant: Greek Orthodox Church of St Basil and St Paisios in Lincoln

Project description: This project will undertake preparatory surveys and reports to inform capital and engagement plans to improve the understanding of the condition of the heritage asset and enable planning for capital repairs.

Decision: Award grant of £51,763 (100%)

The Get On Track Project

Applicant: The Cooke E-Learning Foundation

Project description: This project will undertake community-based archaeological excavations and research at the Castle Hill Park in Beaumont Leys, Leicester.

Decision: Reject

The Stained Glass Museum: Securing the Future

Applicant: The Stained Glass Museum

Project description: This project will conserve the stained glass collection currently held at Ely Cathedral, provide enhanced public engagement and continue long-term development of the organisation's future business model.

Decision: Reject

Exploring the built and natural heritage of Alfreton

Applicant: Alfreton & District Heritage Trust

Project description: This project will engage the local community of Alfreton with the town's heritage, providing opportunities for participation, education and training within a varied program of activities and events.

Decision: Award grant of £85,310 (98%)

A Sense of Chesterfield – Heritage Arts Trail

Applicant: Chesterfield Borough Council

Project description: This project will research and install a heritage arts trail around Chesterfield's town centre alongside an in-person events and digital outreach programme.

Decision: Award grant of £77,421 (59%)

Town Hall Refurbishment

Applicant: B:Music Limited

Project description: This project will carry out essential improvements to the building's fabric to enhance its environmental and financial sustainability and make the Grade I listed Town Hall a more accessible concert hall. The existing exhibition will be replaced with a multimedia celebration of historic moments.

Decision: Reject

Churchyard Wall Project

Applicant: Bury Parish Council

Project description: This project is for capital works to repair the damaged sections to the listed wall along with handrails to improve accessibility and a new wayfinding board.

Decision: Reject

Woods and Trees are for Everyone – Diversifying Volunteering at The Woodland Trust

Applicant: The Woodland Trust

Project description: This project will see the Woodland Trust work towards diversifying its volunteer workforce and reducing barriers to participation.

Decision: Award grant of £207,829 (85%)

Stories That Made Us: Roots, Resilience, Representation

Applicant: Culture Coventry

Project description: This project will deliver an exhibition on British South Asian heritage. It will focus upon the experiences of the Virk family, exploring themes of migration, music, fashion, social gatherings and political activism.

Decision: Award grant of £131,350 (80%)

Our Heritage: Walsall Community Heritage Fund

Applicant: Walsall Council

Project description: This project will deliver a crowdfund community grants scheme in Walsall, named 'Walsall Community Heritage Fund'.

Decision: Award grant of £249,840 (100%)

Raising community awareness of the Melton Navigation

Applicant: Melton and Oakham Waterways Society

Project description: This project will clear Eye Kettleby lock and introduce the history of the Melton Navigation to the local community.

Decision: Award grant of £20,110 (100%)

Routes to Roots: Sharing Thurrock's Heritage with Communities New and Old

Applicant: Thurrock Council

Project description: This project aims to both save heritage and support community cohesion by preserving and sharing Thurrock's history, promoting inclusive storytelling and fostering collaboration.

Decision: Award grant of £144,531 (100%)

Let's Not Forget – A Walk in the Past

Applicant: Mary Seacole Housing Association Limited

Project description: This project aims to create an engaging digital heritage trail of the Rothesay Conservation Area in Luton, incorporating Augmented Reality technology.

Decision: Award grant of £205,347 (90%)

A Tile in Time

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Hinstock

Project description: This project will replace the tiles on the main roof, tower and porch and rectify internal damage; conserving historic fabric and reducing risk for long-term use of the building.

Decision: Award grant of £50,622 (44%)

Beyond the Barriers: Developing a fully inclusive cataloguing practice

Applicant: Archives West Midlands

Project description: This project will work with 10 member services to remove problematic catalogue descriptions in two archive collections they hold.

Decision: Reject

Grant increases

Charterhouse Heritage Park Phase 1, Coventry

Applicant: Historic Coventry Trust

Project description: To repair and conserve Coventry's Charterhouse, a 14th-century Carthusian Prior's House, a Grade I listed building that sits on the grounds of a Scheduled Ancient Monument. Works would enable the building to be opened up as a visitor attraction delivering community activities supported by volunteers.

Decision: Award grant increase of £249,965 to make a total grant of £6,347,075 (72%)