

The first 100 Major Grants, June 2015

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173 Major Grants have now been made, and the first 100 of them are complete. Many have been finished for a decade or longer, giving us the opportunity to review the long-term, sustained benefits that have been achieved.

Major Grants – key findings

- HLF has awarded £1billion to the 100 completed Major Grants. A further £2bn has been raised through partnership funding.

- 94 million visits are made each year as a result of these Major Grants – a 130% rise. The biggest increases in visits were from families and young people.
- Local tourism businesses are receiving an extra £480m in revenue as a result of increased visits - creating an extra 9,600 new jobs.
- In addition, HLF funding created 2,536 new jobs within 46 of the funded organisations.
- 49 organisations extended their work with schools as a result of their Major Grant, and 58 new education spaces – such as classrooms, lecture theatres and training rooms – have been created.
- 54 organisations increased the number of volunteers they work with.
- Through these 100 completed Major Grants, HLF has funded:
 - 6 world heritage sites
 - 16 Grade I listed buildings in England and Wales
 - 5 Grade A buildings in Scotland
 - 14 Grade II* listed buildings in England and Wales
 - 10 Grade II listed buildings in England and Wales
 - 2 Grade B buildings in Scotland
 - 6 buildings that have been removed from the *Heritage at Risk Register*
 - 4 scheduled ancient monuments
 - 36 National Collections
 - 8 designated collections

- 43 accredited museums
- 2 accredited archives
- 6 works of art now in public collections
- 3 historic archives that would have been broken apart
- 5 ships on the National Historic Register of Ships
- 7 of the top 10 most popular visitor attractions in England: the British Museum, National Gallery, Southbank Centre, Natural History Museum, Science Museum, the V&A and Somerset House
- 4 of the top 5 attractions in Scotland: National Museum Scotland, Scottish National Gallery, Kelvingrove and the Riverside Museum
- 65 visitor attractions in total: 23 in London; six in Manchester; three in Liverpool; two in Edinburgh; two in Glasgow; two in Bristol and one each in, Brighton, Cambridge, Canterbury, Cardiff, Chichester, Exeter, Falmouth, Harrogate, Hull, Leeds, Newcastle, Norwich, Nottingham, Oxford, Portsmouth, Reading, Sheffield, Swansea and Worcester

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