

The Culture Recovery Fund's £15.5million festive boost for heritage

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Heritage Minister Nigel Huddleston's visit to grantee Alexandra Palace. Credit: Lloyd Winters
Nearly 140 heritage organisations across England will benefit from the government's latest round of funding, helping to achieve financial sustainability for 2022.

Awards range between £6,300 and £1,012,900 and are part of the third round of the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage, which we've delivered on behalf of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), in partnership with Historic England.

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Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive of The National Lottery Heritage Fund



Grantee Silverstone Interactive Museum. Credit: David Levenson

Protecting England's cultural sites

The funding will help a range of organisations, allowing them to continue providing events and activities that educate and engage people with England's rich heritage sites. This includes those that support diverse ethnic communities, disabled people, the LGBTQ+ community and young people.

Grants will be used for:

- job retention and volunteer recruitment
- vital work to ensure heritage sites are COVID-19 safe
- the creation of 'digital heritage experiences' to showcase exhibitions, trails and historic heritage online
- ensuring restoration and renovation plans, put on hold because of the pandemic, are completed

Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive of The National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: "This latest round of the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage provides a welcome Christmas boost for Heritage organisations. With the situation changing daily, the funding will be crucial in helping heritage sites navigate their seasonal activities, ensuring the safety of their visitors and their communities."



Christmas event at Truro Cathedral, one of the grantees. Credit: Claire Wilson, LLE Photography

Where we're making a difference

From cathedrals to museums, there are many different organisations that will be supported with the funding:

- The Grade II listed **Alexandra Park and Palace** has been awarded **£702,000**. Funding will support with staffing and plans to deliver a calendar of theatre and large outdoor events in 2022.
- An award of **£710,700** was granted to the **Silverstone Interactive Museum**, the home of motor racing heritage. Funding plans will help improve the museum's interactive visitor experience.
- **Truro Cathedral in Cornwall, built in 1910, is receiving £232,300**. The funding will enable the cathedral team to develop a diverse programme of events and activities for 2022, ensuring the safety of visitors, volunteers and cathedral staff.

You can see the [full list of organisations that have been awarded grants](#).

We've now awarded a total of £138m from the Government's £2billion Culture Recovery Fund to help heritage organisations reopen and recover from the pandemic.

Find out more and get inspired

If you missed out on this round of government funding, [see what other funding we have available](#).

We fund heritage organisations across the UK, [explore some of our other projects](#).



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