

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions April 2024

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National Lottery Heritage Grants

Save our Floor

Applicant: Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall

Project description: This project will make capital repairs to two teak floor surfaces within Sawbridgeworth Memorial Hall.

Decision: Reject

Saxons In Southend: History through the Arts Education Tour

Applicant: Unpuzzled Theatre Company CIC

Project description: This project will use a theatre performance and workshops to engage schools and local community with the archaeological discovery of Prittlewell Prince, an Anglo-Saxon burial chamber in Southend.

Decision: Reject

Radio history project

Applicant: Gateway Community Media CIC

Project description: This project will focus on the history of Basildon and local radio history. Working with local school children and people with dementia, the applicant intends to capture people's memories of music and local history of Basildon.

Decision: Reject

Hope and Resilience V2

Applicant: The 3E's (Midlands)

Project description: The project will record and share the heritage stories from the African-Caribbean community, who have experienced mental health issues and the local services available as a result. Which is hoped to challenge the stigma of mental health among the black community and raise awareness of the disadvantages faced by this underserved group within mental health services.

Decision: Reject

Grandborough Church Clock Refurbishment

Applicant: Grandborough Parochial Church Council

Project description: St. Peter's Church, a Grade II* listed building. Tower late 14C. Church restored 1863. The tower has clock in moulded stone surround on East facade. This project will restore and refurbish the clock.

Decision: Reject

Smock Makers Dress – from Museums to Make Do and Mend

Applicant: The Big Skill CIC

Project description: This workshop-based project working with 23 organisations will use embroidery and needlework skills to recreate a new interpretation of the 1834 Smock Makers Dress.

Decision: Reject

Resilience through ongoing austerity: Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service

Applicant: Worcestershire County Council

Project description: This resilience project will build staff capacity and resource at the County Archive and Archaeology Service in order to improve the reach, effectiveness and sustainability of its non-statutory work for and with communities.

Decision: Award Grant of £100,568 (100%)

Inspiration Through Our Culture and Heritage

Applicant: The Next Chosen Generation CIC

Project description: This project will seek to deliver a wide range of activities and learning opportunities to showcase African, Asian and Caribbean heritage, with plans to deliver events engaging with Windrush, South Asian History Month, and Black History Month.

Decision: Reject

Young in Brum

Applicant: Museum of Youth Culture CIC

Project description: This project will engage with the community to research and map Birmingham's youth culture creating an exhibition and designs for the interior and exterior of the Museum of Youth Culture in Digbeth (opening 2027).

Decision: Reject

'Soro Soke' – Essex Black Diasporains Oral History

Applicant: Over 50's Black Men Forum CIC

Project description: This project based in Chelmsford, Essex, will collect oral histories from older Black African men who settled in Essex in the 2000s. It will discover and explore topics including migration journeys, the preservation and adaption of cultural traditions, and diasporan identities.

Decision: Defer

St Mary's Drainage

Applicant: Brome and Oakley Parochial Church Council

Project description: This project will repair and reorganise roof drainage systems at St Mary's Church, a grade II* listed church in Brome, Suffolk.

Decision: Reject

The Future of Northamptonshire ACRE's Hunsbury Hill Centre

Applicant: Northamptonshire ACRE

Project description: This project will support Northamptonshire ACRE to be more organisationally resilient and improve the viability of its plans to restore the 18th Century Hunsbury Hill Model Farm into a heritage destination and visitor attraction.

Decision: Award Grant of £156,240 (100%)

Works to Ground Retaining Wall and Buttress Constructions

Applicant: Parochial Church Council (PCC) Holy Trinity Church Middleton Suffolk

Project description: This project will repair a ground retaining wall on the southwest end of the churchyard.

Decision: Reject

Tell Tale Tales

Applicant: Pedestrian Ltd

Project description: This youth-led project will research the folklore of Leicester, a Heritage Place, and engage with diverse communities across the city.

Decision: Award Grant of £94,288 (100%)

Making Connections in the Community

Applicant: Vast Services (1920)

Project description: This project seeks to develop and improve the Dudson Museum in Stoke's heritage activity offer, whilst engaging with the wider community.

Decision: Reject

Winster Community Wakes and Carnival Archive Project

Applicant: Winster Morris Dancers

Project description: This project will use a team of volunteers from the community to catalogue, digitise, archive and preserve the collection of artefacts and documentation relating to the Winster Wakes and Carnival, that dates from 1850. It will work with Derbyshire Records Office and make the memories accessible through a new open access website.

Decision: Award Grant of £64,233 (100%)

Growing Gardening Gurus

Applicant: Vanclaron CIC

Project description: This project will transform an underutilised urban space in Nottingham into a community garden. It will recruit and train volunteers from the local community to maintain the garden through outreach with local community organisations, schools, and businesses.

Decision: Reject

Restoration and Preservation of 1904/5 Traquair Murals at St Peters Church Clayworth, Nottinghamshire

Applicant: Clayworth Parochial Church Council

Project description: This project will repair and restore the Traquair murals located within the Grade I listed St Peter's Church.

Decision: Reject

Leominster Priory Futures Project

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Priory Church of St Peter and St Paul Leominster

Project description: This resilience project aims to support the sustainability of the church by conserving heritage features and through exploring options for the space and new engagement opportunities with workshops, oral histories, walking trails and interpretation.

Decision: Award Grant of £120,850 (87%)

Ardleigh Ringing School

Applicant: Ardleigh Church PCC

Project description: This project will repair the existing bell installation and expand them for the bellringing training school to enable more people to learn and practice the skill.

Decision: Reject

Green Treasure

Applicant: Razed Roof

Project description: This project, based in Harlow, Essex, seeks to engage communities with the natural environment. Activities will be co-created with target groups, with specific topics and themes to be decided through the development of the project around environmental sustainability and conservation.

Decision: Reject

Gazeley Church Roof Appeal

Applicant: Gazeley Parochial Church Council

Project description: This project will repair and restore the roof of the Grade I listed All Saints' Church in Gazeley, Suffolk, whilst producing a digital archive and written descriptions of the 120 roof carvings on its 16th Century chancel ceiling.

Decision: Award Grant of £88,427 (73%)

All Saints Drinkstone Bells Restoration

Applicant: Parochial Church Council of All Saints' Church, Drinkstone

Project description: This project will recast and rehang the church bells of the Grade II* listed All Saints' Church in Drinkstone, Suffolk, to preserve the intangible cultural heritage skills of bellringing. It will engage a wider audience through a series of social events to promote the project

including a bell-themed 'scavenger hunt', talks, interpretation and tower open days and arranging a visit for children from Woolpit primary school.

Decision: Award Grant of £62,450 (45%)