

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions June 2024

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National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000

Alvechurch Tower – tales of heritage and sawfish

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

Project description: This project will undertake capital repair works to the church tower to remove the church from the Heritage at Risk Register and enable activities to promote its heritage to local communities.

Decision: Award grant of £189,245 (67%)

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National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000

1940s Melton Mowbray – D-day 80

Applicant: 1940s Melton Mowbray

Project description: This project is a two-day event to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in the Second World War.

Decision: Reject

National Lottery Heritage Grants £250,000 to £10million Development round applications

Restoration of the Dudley No 2 Canal in Selly Oak

Applicant: Lapal Canal Trust

Project description: This project will re-create a section of the Dudley No. 2 Canal between the Worcester & Birmingham Canal and Harborne Lane Bridge in Selly Oak.

Decision: Reject

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St Laurence Bell Tower and Lychgate Heritage Preservation Project

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish Church of Blackmore St Laurence

Project description: To repair the bell tower and lychgate of this Grade I listed Essex church and provide inclusive activities for the community.

Decision: Award grant of £231,720 (64%)

Repair and re-glazing of the Chancel Altar window

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the A453 Churches of South Nottinghamshire

Project description: To repair stonework, reglaze the chancel altar window and develop volunteer skills at the Grade I listed Holy Trinity Church at Ratcliffe-on-Soar, Nottinghamshire.

Decision: Award grant of £10,667 (38%)

Healing Hands – Honouring The Legacy of Black Nurses In The UK

Applicant: Serenity For Girls CIC

Project description: This Birmingham-based project will provide opportunities for young girls to research the history of black nurses in the UK.

Decision: Reject

The Heritage of Caring Project

Applicant: Blade Education

Project description: This project will recognise, preserve and celebrate the history of South East Essex's high support needs community.

Decision: Reject

The history of women's rugby in the West Midlands

Applicant: Avery Fields Community Foundation

Project description: This project will research women's rugby in Birmingham and across the Midlands.

Decision: Reject

Eyam Museum Options Project

Applicant: Eyam Museum Limited

Project description: To conduct audience consultation, an options appraisal and other resilience work to review the future redevelopment of Eyam Museum in Derbyshire to mark its 30th anniversary.

Decision: Award grant of £72,996 (88%)

Unlocking The Vaults: Exploring the history and legacy of Birmingham Municipal Bank at The Exchange

Applicant: University of Birmingham

Project description: To undertake archival research into the history of Birmingham's Grade II listed Exchange building (formerly the Birmingham Municipal Bank and known as 'the People's Bank'). The project will explore the financial heritage of audiences across Birmingham. It will interpret and improve understanding and care of the building's physical and intangible heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £173,250 (90%)

Huntingdonshire History Festival

Applicant: Huntingdonshire History festival

Project description: This project will promote local history of Huntingdonshire with a festival marking the 100th anniversary of 'The Thinking Soldier' war memorial and the 425th birthday of Oliver Cromwell.

Decision: Reject

Soldiers from the Sky

Applicant: South Kesteven District Council

Project description: This project will save stories about the Airborne Forces troops from Britain, the United States and Poland who were stationed at South Kesteven, Lincolnshire during the Second World War. It will involve community archaeology, educational programmes, creating physical and digital heritage trails, a website and events at two airfields.

Decision: Award grant of £147,550 (91%)

The Restoration of All Saints Church, Toftrees

Applicant: All Saints Church Toftrees Parochial Church Council

Project description: To carry out a capital scheme of repairs to a Grade I listed church in Norfolk with a view to removing the site from the Heritage at Risk Register.

Decision: Reject

The Power of Worcester

Applicant: Crave Arts

Project description: This project explores the history of electricity in Worcester. It will engage the local community in the history of the Worcester Generating Station site and the 140th anniversary of Europe's first hydroelectric power station at Powick Mills.

Decision: Award grant of £42,831 (95%)

The Focus on Local Landmarks Project

Applicant: Mercian Educational Trust

Project description: This project will work with school children in nine towns and villages across England to gather stories from older residents about heritage landmarks in these places.

Decision: Reject

Howard Higgins Heritage Centre @ Govardhan Eco Farm

Applicant: Fergus Quinn

Project description: To build a barn on the eco-farm used for storage and workshops.

Decision: Reject

Commemoration of the Somali Culture/Traditions

Applicant: Somali Development Services CIC

Project description: This project will deliver an annual two-day event celebrating Somali culture in Leicester coinciding with Black History Month. The project will provide opportunities for attendees to experience examples of intangible cultural heritage from the region.

Decision: Reject

Kimberley's Chapel on the Hill External Restoration

Applicant: Kimberley Town Council

Project description: This project will repair and conserve this Grade II listed chapel in Kimberley, Nottinghamshire, through repointing using lime mortar.

Decision: Reject

All Saints Church, Great Thurlow: Repair Works

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of All Saints Great Thurlow

Project description: This project will address maintenance and repair issues identified to the Grade II* All Saints Church in Great Thurlow, Suffolk.

Decision: Reject

When you're alone, we're together: Remembering Radio Orwell

Applicant: Cohere Arts CIC

Project description: To collect memories and memorabilia related to Radio Orwell in Suffolk ahead of the 50th anniversary of the station's founding in 2025, creating events and archive material.

Decision: Award grant of £18,559 (100%)

The Congolese twins' birth and naming ceremony

Applicant: V12 OCEAN CIC.

Project description: This project will involve raising awareness of the intangible Congolese heritage of birth and naming ceremonies for twins, engaging young people through intergenerational workshops and training in oral history recording and transcription.

Decision: Reject

Fortifying the Future

Applicant: Snodhill Castle Preservation Trust

Project description: This resilience project will help improve the Trust's core infrastructure, engaging new audiences and strengthening collaborative partnerships to help improve its management of the Grade II* listed castle and Scheduled Ancient Monument near Dorstone, Herefordshire.

Decision: Award grant of £201,104 (100%)

Celebrating Wensum Lodge and its importance to Norwich and Norfolk 1807-2024

Applicant: WISEArchive

Project description: This project will celebrate Norwich's Grade I listed Wensum Lodge and its history as an adult learning centre from 1954 to 2024. It will save heritage through the collection of local oral histories, making these available to all on a website and in local exhibitions.

Decision: Award grant of £27,808 (100%)

Black Shuck Festival Heritage Programme 2024

Applicant: Black Shuck Festival Group

Project description: This project will reconnect East Suffolk communities with their shared heritage: historical, cultural and natural, creating tangible outcomes through increased participation and engagement from the community.

Decision: Reject

Let's Go Fly 'The Kite': Cambridge's People Power Heritage Discovery Project

Applicant: Together Culture CIC

Project description: This project will explore, share and celebrate the heritage of 'The Kite' which is an area in central Cambridge, its boundaries forming the shape of a kite, that has a long history of community activism.

Decision: Award grant of £55,950 (60%)

The D.H. Lawrence Integrated Resources Project

Applicant: D.H. Lawrence Society

Project description: To research, categorise and make publicly accessible the D.H. Lawrence collections held by the D.H. Lawrence Society, the Birthplace Museum and Eastwood Library.

Decision: Reject

Hey! Earthlings!

Applicant: Participate Contemporary Artspace C.I.C

Project description: This project will invite people from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds in Shrewsbury to share and celebrate their cultures, connect with nature and build stronger ties to land and community at local heritage sites.

Decision: Award grant of £50,919 (100%)

The Lights of Leamington: Switched on Stories

Applicant: Whittle Productions CiC

Project description: This project will research and preserve the heritage of a significant cultural festival held in Leamington, Warwickshire from 1951 to 1961.

Decision: Award grant of £64,038 (94%)

Passing It On: Framing the Stories of Football in Our Community

Applicant: Art Reach (Trust) Ltd

Project description: To explore the past, present and future of Nirvana Football Club, a Leicester club celebrating its 30th anniversary. The project will culminate in an outdoor exhibition at a Leicester-based international arts festival.

Decision: Award grant of £43,420 (100%)

24 June

National Lottery Grants for Heritage – Grant increase applications

Re-imagining Greyfriars: 800 years of stories in the making

Applicant: City of Lincoln Council

Decision: Award grant increase of £207,610 to make a total grant of £2,159,510 (66%)?

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Project Update

Applicant: Potten End Village Hall

Project description: This project will refurbish the kitchen located in the caretaker's living quarters at Potten End's Village Hall.

Decision: Reject

National Lottery Grants for Heritage – Grant increase applications

St. Edmund's Heritage Thatched Roof Renovation

Applicant: St. Edmunds PCC

Project description: This project will carry out urgent, high level repairs to a medieval church. It will carry out churchyard wildlife improvements and associated activities.

Decision: Award grant increase of £18,324 to make a total grant of £186,376 and grant percentage decrease from 79% to 59%