

# Heritage Lottery Fund

Summary report of the meeting of the Committee for the South East of England held on Wednesday 18 March, at 7 Holbein Place and starting at 9.30 a.m.

**Members** Alastair Fairley (Acting Chair)  
Roger de Haan (Trustee)  
Bill Ferris  
Helen Jackson  
Susan McCormack  
Debbie Tann

**Apologies** Paul Hudson (Chair)

**1. Chair's Report** **Oral**

The Committee noted the report

**2. Minutes of the meeting on 5 December 2014** **CSEE 2015 (1)**

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes** **Oral**

There were none.

**4. Regional overview** **CSEE 2015 (1)**

The Committee noted the report.

**5. Budget paper** **CSEE 2015 (1)**

Lucy Perry, Casework Manager introduced the paper and the available budget.

Grants Budget: There were five second round applications, including one fast track acquisition and ten development grants, totalling £4,812,100 and an available grants budget of £3,093,700.

However, not all first round applications would be supportable and there was likely to be an underspend in the delegated grants budget for 2014-15. On balance, Committee were able to support all second round applications which met the quality threshold and which represented value for money.

First Round Pass Budget: There were ten first round projects recommended for support, totalling £12,901,600 and an available budget of £4,772,900 for this meeting. The Committee would need to prioritise the applications before them.

Officers reported that the level of demand for Heritage Grants and Heritage Enterprise remained high. Ten first round applications had been received for the June Committee meeting, with a total request of just over £10million.

The Committee noted the paper

**6. Declarations of interest** **Oral**

Susan McCormack reported a conflict for

- Museum of Oxford (item 13): Oxford City Council were the applicant and the University of Oxford, for whom she was an employee, would be involved in the project delivery
- Acquisition of J M W Turner's High Street, Oxford (item 22). She was an employee for the Ashmolean, the applicant organisation.

Debbie Tann and Helen Jackson reported conflicts for Secrets of the Solent (item 15). They were respectively Chief Executive and Board member for the applicant body, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust.

#### **SF4 First round case papers for discussion and decision**

- Heritage Grants

#### **7. Brockham and Betchworth Limeworks Restoration, Access and Engagement Project; HG-12-09470 CSEE 2015 (1)**

Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) on behalf of a partnership sought a grant of £914,500, including a development grant of £80,300, to restore and share the industrial heritage at Brockham Limeworks and Betchworth Quarry, Surrey. SWT would carry out a range of capital works at both sites during the 20 month delivery phase. A programme of activities would be delivered and interpretation provided.

Committee agreed this was a low priority project. The project was **rejected** in light of the concerns raised.

#### **8. The Pier's Tale; HG-13-09496 CSEE 2015 (1)**

The Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners (YHC) sought a grant of £812,000, including a development grant of £25,700 for works to replace damaged structural piles along the length of Grade II listed Yarmouth Pier, Isle of Wight (IW) Pier. Interpretation, outreach and learning opportunities would engage a range of people with the heritage of the pier and create new digital resources.

Committee agreed that greater reassurance was required regarding the proposed use of material. In view of this and the high risk nature of the project, it was a medium priority. The project was **rejected** in light of the available budget.

#### **9. Accessible Steam Heritage (ASH): Preserving and displaying steam locomotives for education and enhanced visitor experience; HG-13-20096 CSEE 2015 (1)**

The Bluebell Railway sought a first round pass of £835,000 including a development grant of £29,000 towards a three year project that would create a new locomotive exhibition hall and maintenance facility at the railway's Sheffield Park site. The project aimed to attract wider audiences by making the locomotives more accessible, both physically and intellectually. The railway would tell the story about the heritage that was currently missing, in particular the science and technology behind the trains. The project would also better preserve the stock and enable more effective restoration and maintenance into the future.

Committee agreed this was a medium to high priority for support. The project was **rejected** in light of the available budget.

#### **10. Making a Buzz for the Coast; HG-13-20317 CSEE 2015 (1)**

Bumblebee Conservation Trust, on behalf of a partnership, sought a first round pass of £1,139,800 including a development grant of £112,600 towards delivering a three year project which aimed to make a significant difference to vital bee populations, delivering elements of the recently published National Pollinator Strategy (NPS) in a key target area. The project would improve habitats for

pollinators, collect data needed to develop the NPS and to secure large-scale public engagement in order to raise awareness and create sustainable outcomes.

Committee agreed there was a clear strategic need to raise public awareness to the decline in pollinator species and this high priority project would be key in taking this forward. They **awarded** a first round pass of £1,139,800 including a development grant of £112,600, 85% of eligible development costs.

**11. Langley Vale Wood - putting people at the heart of a resilient landscape; HG-13-21171 CSEE 2015 (1)**

The Woodland Trust (WT) sought a first round pass of £ 1,143,600 including a development grant of £80,600 to conserve, extend and improve public access to Langley Vale Wood in Surrey. The wood would become the flagship site for WT's First World War (FWW) Centenary Woods initiative.

Habitats would be restored, expanded and sympathetically managed and interpretation would be developed to help visitors understand the impact of the conflict on woodland habitats and local communities.

Committee agreed this was a low priority project. The project was **rejected** in light of the concerns raised.

**12. Creating a heritage hub for Guildford; HG-14-00813 CSEE 2015 (1)**

Guildford Borough Council sought a first round pass of £1,991,400 including a development grant of £351,200 towards a project for the redevelopment of Guildford Castle and Museum and

Creation of a heritage hub within the historic heart of Guildford. Physical and intellectual access to Guildford Castle and Museum would be improved.

Committee agreed this was a low priority project. The project was **rejected** in light of the concerns raised.

**13. Museum of Oxford and Oxford City Council Archive Capital; HG-14-02316 CSEE 2015 (1)**

Susan McCormack left the room before discussion commenced.

Oxford City Council sought a first round pass of £1,994,100 including a development grant of £356,000 towards the expansion of the Museum of Oxford from the current two galleries to incorporate the Old Museum area, improving access and event facilities, and providing space within the museum to access the archives through selected display and digitisation. Archive storage within the Grade II\* listed Town Hall would be renovated, to enable further cataloguing. A project archivist would be employed.

Committee agreed this was a low priority project. The project was **rejected** in light of the concerns raised. Committee suggested the applicant should liaise with other successful projects.

**14. Redoubt - Unlocking the Story of Eastbourne; HG-14-05153 CSEE 2015 (1)**

Eastbourne Borough Council sought a first round pass of £1,267,000 including a development grant of £64,100 to restore key areas of the Redoubt fabric, re-establishment of the moat and installation of a lift linking the nearby Pavilion building to the fortress. New signage would be provided on-site and at other areas across Eastbourne. The Pavilion which currently housed a café, would be redeveloped and enhanced and would provide a new shop, visitor welcome area, an adaptable exhibition/education space, toilets and offices.

Committee agreed the project was a high priority and **awarded** a first round pass of £1,267,000 including a development grant of £64,100, 61% of eligible development costs.

**15. Secrets of the Solent; HG-14-06391**

**CSEE 2015 (1)**

Debbie Tann and Helen Jackson left the room before discussion commenced.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust (HIWWT) sought a first round pass of £851,500 including a development grant of £118,400 towards a project which would work with users of the Solent and South Wight marine protection areas to increase appreciation of the value of natural heritage sites. The project would engage local communities, sea-users, local businesses and tourism organisations to encourage positive behavioural change into the future.

Committee considered the project was premature and represented a medium priority. The project was **rejected** in light of the comments raised and available budget.

- Heritage Enterprise

**16. The Economic Regeneration of Priddy's Hard, Gosport; HE-14-06603 CSEE 2015 (1)**

Portsmouth Naval Base Property Trust sought a first round pass of £1,952,700 including a development grant of £32,700 towards a scheme which would restore seven listed buildings on the former Royal Navy ordnance depot in Gosport. The scheme would provide a range of commercial uses including a brewery, ancillary offices, restaurant, two holiday lets as well as a Conservation Centre of Excellence and accommodation for an overnight programme for the National Museum of the Royal Navy.

The Committee noted the project was a high priority for support and **awarded** a first round pass of £1,952,700 including a development grant of £32,700, 85% of eligible development costs.

**17. Prioritisation of first round items**

Debbie Tann and Helen Jackson left the room before discussion commenced.

Committee had rejected the Museum of Oxford and Oxford City Council Archive (item 13) during the case-by-case discussions. The case was ranked a low priority and was not considered supportable. As a result, Committee agreed that the presence of Susan McCormack in the prioritisation process did not represent any conflict of interest.

Committee agreed that the following schemes were a high priority for support:

- Making a Buzz for the Coast (item 10)
- Redoubt - Unlocking the Story of Eastbourne (item 14) and
- The Economic Regeneration of Priddy's Hard, Gosport (item 16).

Accessible Steam Heritage (ASH): Preserving and displaying steam locomotives for education and enhanced visitor experience was a medium to high priority for support.

The Pier's Tale (item 8) and Secrets of the Solent (item 15) were both a medium priority for support.

Brockham and Betchworth Limeworks Restoration, Access and Engagement Project (item 7) Langley Vale Wood - putting people at the heart of a resilient landscape (item 11) and Creating a heritage hub for Guildford (item 12) were all considered a low priority for support.

Committee rejected all low priority projects on the grounds that they were not supportable.

Committee considered the medium priority schemes and rejected Secrets of the Solent (item 15) in light of the concerns raised and the available budget.

Debbie Tann and Helen Jackson returned to the room.

Committee were mindful of the available budget of £4,772,900. Committee reconsidered *Accessible Steam Heritage* and agreed there was less relative urgency and need when compared with other applications before them. They rejected this application and supported all high priority schemes.

### **SP3 Second round case papers for discussion and decision**

- Heritage Grants

#### **18. Hope Springs Eternal - The Deepdene Trail; HG-12-05736 CSEE 2015 (1)**

Mole Valley District Council sought a grant of £1,038,300 towards creating a seven mile heritage trail that would reconnect the surviving features of the former Deepdene Estate, home of Thomas Hope the renowned neo-classical design reformer. The project would reunite surviving features as destinations within the proposed trail, providing interpretation to give a narrative of Thomas Hope's Deepdene. Learning and volunteering opportunities would be provided and built heritage would be conserved. The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £1,162,200, including development funding of £123,700 (81% of total eligible development costs) in March 2013.

The Committee **awarded** a grant of £1,038,300, 79% of total eligible delivery costs.

#### **19. CultureLink South East (RNIB); HG-12-06915 CSEE 2015 (1)**

RNIB sought a grant of £438,900 to work with five partner heritage organisations to engage 150 sight impaired people in heritage learning activity. The scheme would develop and embed good practice in engaging this group in the regular offer of six of the region's leading heritage venues. Cascading initiatives would also seek to improve the heritage offer for blind and partially sighted people across the region more generally. The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £496,000, including development grant of £76,700, 69% of total eligible development costs, in March 2013.

There was an uplift of £19,600. This was largely due to an overall increase in project costs.

The Committee **awarded** a grant of £438,900, 71% of eligible delivery costs.

### **SF4 Second round case papers for discussion and decision**

- Heritage Grants

#### **20. Canadian Pacific - Engineering a Future from the Past; HG-13-04226 CSEE 2015 (1)**

The Mid Hants Railway sought a grant of £895,000 towards the restoration to mainline working condition of Merchant Navy class No.35005 'Canadian Pacific'. Six two-year heritage engineering and joinery traineeships would be provided. A wide range of volunteering opportunities would also be delivered. New interpretative materials would provide background information to both the project and the railway. The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £894,700, including a development grant of £44,700 in June 2014.

There was an uplift of £45,000. This was largely due to the increase in materials and costs for the carriage restorations.

The Committee **awarded** a grant of £895,000, 59% of eligible delivery costs.

**21. Conservation of medieval wallpaintings and other precious heritage assets at St Mary's Church, Chalgrove; HG-13-09162 CSEE 2015 (1)**

St Mary's Church, Chalgrove sought a grant of £544,900 to conserve important medieval wall paintings and make these more accessible and understandable to the public. The wall paintings dated from the 14th Century and were of national significance. A programme of internal and environmental improvements would be made to the church to protect the paintings for the future. These works would be accompanied by an activity programme, new interpretation and volunteer training programme to encourage greater understanding of the importance of the paintings and other heritage aspects of the church. The Committee had awarded a first round pass of £399,000, including development funding of £30,000 in June 2014.

The Committee **awarded** a grant of £544,900, 56% of eligible delivery costs, subject to the continued provision of a mentor, to oversee the activity project elements.

**22. Acquisition of J M W Turner's High Street, Oxford; HG-14-09106 CSEE 2015 (1)**

Susan McCormack left the room before discussion commenced.

The Ashmolean Museum of Art and Archaeology sought a grant of £644,400 towards the acquisition of JMW Turner's *High Street, Oxford*, first displayed in 1810. The fast-track application sought to acquire and secure for the public a significant artwork. The 18 month project included a 'Your View' of Oxford- Public awareness campaign including a Turner Trail, competition for people to produce their 'view' of Oxford via online submissions of artworks, a collaboration with Oxford Town Team to engage businesses and local and national media campaigns.

Committee **awarded** a grant of £644,400, 67% of eligible project costs.

**23. Prioritisation of Items 18 to 22 Oral**

- Grants for Places of Worship

**24. GPOW Overview and Applications CSEE 2015 (1)**

The Committee made the decisions listed in Annex I.

**SF4 First Round Board case papers for discussion and recommendation**

- Heritage Grant: March Meeting

**25. The History and heritage of the National Union of Students, an historical archive; HG-13-10719 CSEE 2015 (1)**

The National Union of Students, lead partner for a consortium, sought a first round pass of £445,900 including a development grant of £45,000 towards a project which aimed to identify, collect, catalogue, preserve and make available important archives relating to the UK's student movement. The project would build an alumni group of former NUS student officers and staff. Members would have the opportunity to maintain contact with NUS and its activities, donate material to the archive, provide oral history recordings and take part in a mentoring scheme between former and current student officers. Alumni will pay for membership which will provide on-going funding for the archive.

The Committee discussed the application and made a recommendation to the Board

**26. Connecting communities to their local heritage; HG-14-07768 CSEE 2015 (1)**

Civic Voice in partnership with the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC), North of England Civic Trust (NECT) and the Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF), with the support of English

Heritage sought a first round pass of £2,690,700 including a development grant of £95,700 towards a four-year English cross-territory project to survey the national collection of Grade II assets using volunteers with the support of historic environment specialists.

The Committee discussed the application and made a recommendation to the Board

**27. Runnymede Matters Bridget Keegan; HG-14-06740 CSEE 2015 (1)**

National Trust, lead applicant, working in partnership with Brunel University, Runnymede Borough Council, Surrey County Council and Royal Holloway University London sought a first round pass of £3,391,600 including a development grant of £173,000 towards delivering improvements at the Runnymede and Ankerwycke landscape site involving conservation, management and interpretation of the landscape and its many features, including buildings, habitats and memorials.

The project would build on the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Magna Carta at Runnymede.

The Committee discussed the application and made a recommendation to the Board

**28. Rambert at 90 (cross territory); HG-14-07342 CSEE 2015 (1)**

Rambert Dance Company and Rambert Trust Ltd sought a first round pass of £339,400 including a development grant of £31,800 towards a project which aimed to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Rambert Dance Company through a touring exhibition and activity project in support of their 2016/17 tour. An exhibition covering Rambert and its history would be developed and displayed at the Lowry, Salford; this will include materials such as photographs, programmes and costumes held in the Rambert archive.

The Committee discussed the application and made a recommendation to the Board

Major Batch: April Board

**29. Major Batch Overview CSEE 2015 (1)**

Committee noted the overview.

**30. Sea More: transforming access to our naval collections; HG-14-03314 CSEE 2015 (1)**

The National Museum of the Royal Navy (NMRN) sought a first round pass of £12,971,500 including a development grant of £438,000 towards a three year *Sea More* project which aimed to integrate the Royal Navy and wider historic dockyard collections within an innovative collections hub; and to provide a reinterpreted and re-displayed Royal Marines Museum relocated to the historic dockyard from the current Eastney site. The new Centre for Discovery for collections storage, displays and activities would be established over four floors within Storehouse 12. The new multi-activity facility will have multi-layered interpretation centred on 60,000 digitised assets and a considerable number of physical items of high heritage significance.

The Committee discussed the application and made a recommendation to the Board

**SF4 Second Round Case Paper for discussion and recommendation**

- Heritage Grants: March Board

**31. HMS Warrior 1860 - Revealing the Secrets of Shipwrights and Sailors; HG-12-12834 CSEE 2015 (1)**

The Warrior Preservation Trust sought a grant of £2,569,000 towards carrying out essential repairs to HMS Warrior, safeguarding future access to the ship as well as opening up the archive to create

a learning resource within Portsmouth Historic Shipyard. HMS Warrior was of great significance as the world's first large, ocean-going, ironclad warship. The Board awarded a first round pass of £2,658,000, including development funding of £89,000 in March 2014.

There was no uplift. Expert advice was supportive.

The Committee discussed the application and made a recommendation to the Board

**32. Capability Brown Festival; HG-13-08210 CSEE 2015 (1)**

The Landscape Institute sought a grant of £145,100 to celebrate the Tercentenary of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown's birth in 2016. The project aimed to tell the story of Capability Brown's creative achievements, impact on the landscape and his legacy, and to present Brown's landscapes as a national heritage collection for the first time. Project outputs would include the development of a database, hosted by the Parks and Gardens UK website, as the authoritative resource for historic parks and gardens including all Capability Brown sites. The project would be delivered across England and Wales with twelve hub sites to signpost and inform visitors about other local sites including ones which were inaccessible or fragmented. The Board had awarded a first round pass of £905,200 including development grant of £139,200 (51% of total eligible development costs) in January 2014.

There was an uplift of £145,100. This represented an improved understanding of the management demands of the complex project. Expert advice was supportive.

The Committee discussed the application and made a recommendation to the Board

- Heritage Grant: May Meeting

**33. Accentuate History of Place; HG-13-09372 CSEE 2015 (1)**

Screen South sought a grant of £858,700 for a three year, activity based project exploring the way in which disability history was linked to the built heritage from Medieval times to the present day. The project, which would build on research carried out by English Heritage, aimed to combine a national engagement programme for young people with disabilities with site based activities at four locations across England culminating in a national touring exhibition in 2018. The Board had awarded a first round pass of £875,900 including a development grant of £77,600 in March 2014.

There was an uplift of £60,400 following the development phase work.

The Committee discussed the application and made a recommendation to the Board

Papers for information

Committee noted the papers for information.

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| <b>34. Communications Report</b>                 | <b>CSEE 2015 (1)</b> |
| <b>35. Minutes of recent Board meetings</b>      | <b>CSEE 2015 (1)</b> |
| <b>36. Committee training and development</b>    | <b>CSEE 2015 (1)</b> |
| <b>37. Business planning and strategy update</b> | <b>Oral</b>          |
| <b>38. Any other business</b>                    | <b>Oral</b>          |

**The next meeting will be held on 16 June 2015**



## Annex I Grants for Places of Worship

Item	Project Title/Reference	Applicant	Decision
24a	Repair to roof following water ingress and death-watch beetle attack GP-12-12847	PCC of St Pauls Church, Wooburn	AWARD GRANT OF £244,700 (69%)
24b	Parish of Hoo St Werburgh Repair and Renewal of floor of Main Worship Area GP-12-10438	PCC of Hoo St Werburgh Church	AWARD GRANT OF £264,700 (71%)
24c	Urgent repairs to protect the beauty and living heritage of Holy Trinity Church, Guildford GP-13-03218	The PCC of Holy Trinity & St Mary's Guildford	AWARD GRANT OF £237,100 (51%)
24d	External Fabric Repair GP-14-06209	PCC of St Martin's Church, Herne	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £286,500, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £42,000 (75% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
24e	Roof repairs and new meeting space at the medieval church of St Matthew's, Winchester GP-14-06508	PCC for St Matthew with St Paul, Winchester	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £95,300, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £9,100 (62% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
24f	Holy Trinity Church, Dartford; repair of stonework, roofs and leadwork GP-13-06552	PCC of Holy Trinity Church, Dartford	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £224,700, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £28,300 (77% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
24g	Raising the Roof at St Mary's Cropredy GP-13-21848	PCC of St. Mary the Virgin, Cropredy	FIRST ROUND PASS OF £256,500, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT GRANT OF £23,900 (66% OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE DEVELOPMENT COSTS)
24k	St Nicholas Church external repairs, Leeds (Kent) GP-14-05895	Leeds & Broomfield PCC	REJECT