

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions

October 2024

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National Lottery Heritage Grants

The People's Gallery: A hundred and 10 years of healthcare, hospitals, heritage and healing

Applicant: Sandwell and West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust Charities

Project description: This project will explore the 110 years of the Birmingham City Hospital, saving its built heritage with the relocation of the early 20th century stained-glass windows and creating an exhibition to share the hospital's history.

Decision: Award grant of £248,528 (85%)

The Hooves Group

Applicant: Therapeutic Hooves CIC

Project description: The project will either move their current horse shelters or construct new ones and install new fencing.

Decision: Reject

Saving Minsterley Meadows

Applicant: Middle Marches Community Land Trust Limited

Project description: This project will involve the purchase, conservation and engagement of the local community with the two meadows in Minsterley.

Decision: Award grant of £224,900 (67%)

Harby Bell Restoration Project

Applicant: Harby PCC

Project description: This project will preserve the bells at St Mary's Church Harby, restore the handbells and recruit ringers through outreach activities and regular training opportunities.

Decision: Award grant of £77,293 (80%)

Lets Get Hooked

Applicant: ArtfullyHappy CIC

Project description: This project will deliver knitting workshops with socially isolated women and those with mental health conditions within the local community of Wolverhampton. Focused on developing crochet and knitting skills, the proposal will aim to share the craft's history and local heritage connection with participants.

Decision: Reject

#HP Create Place Heritage & Digital: The Placemaking and Co-Creation Programme for Heritage and Cultural Professionals in North Staffordshire

Applicant: Staffordshire University

Project description: This project will see Staffordshire University establish a training programme to develop leadership skills in heritage, with a particular focus on digital practices.

Decision: Award grant of £206,658 (100%)

Masefield Matters, rediscovering the life and work of the writer John Masefield on the 150th anniversary of his birth in Ledbury

Applicant: Ledbury Town Council

Project description: Working with an inclusive and accessible methodology, the project will explore and commemorate Masefield's life, illuminate his legacy and contribute to the heritage of Ledbury.

Decision: Award grant of £222,220 (90%)

A Stitch in Time: Securing the Sustainability of the Framework Knitters Museum, Ruddington

Applicant: Ruddington Framework Knitters Museum Limited

Project description: This resilience project proposes to review the organisational business model to ensure it is adaptable and financially resilient within the current socio-economic climate.

Decision: Award grant of £244,168 (91%)

CoNHBT: Towards an innovative BPT and a future for the People's Hall

Applicant: City of Nottingham Historic Buildings Limited

Project description: This project has two workstreams: one focused on activities and the other on organisational development. The project addresses the need to secure a viable future for the People's Hall and to develop the capacity of the City of Nottingham Historic Buildings Trust to support the conservation of other historical buildings in Nottingham.

Decision: Award grant of £246,210 (100%)

Nave Roof Restoration

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Somerton

Project description: This project will conduct capital works to restore the nave roof and activities to celebrate the church's heritage, engaging with the community and the natural environment.

Decision: Award grant of £52,491 (45%)

150 Years of Cambridge Corn Exchange (working title)

Applicant: Cambridge City Council

Project description: Through archival research and community engagement this project will uncover and share the missing history of the Cambridge Corn Exchange.

Decision: Award grant of £139,598 (97%)

Inherently Global

Applicant: The Race Equality Centre

Project description: This project will carry out a feasibility study to develop plans related to a wider scheme to create Inherently Global, a heritage centre based in Leicester.

Decision: Award grant of £91,416 (100%)

Stixwold Village Hall; Linking Heritage and Community

Applicant: Stixwold Village Hall

Project description: This project will repair and maintain the Grade II Stixwold Village Hall and provide accessible facilities. It will then deliver a heritage engagement plan that will be accessible for all the community and new audiences.

Decision: Award grant of £240,460 (100%)

How the Centre was Won

Applicant: Candy Arts CIC

Project description: This project will explore the history of Leicester's African Caribbean Centre from 1981 to the present day, with a particular focus on 1981-2000.

Decision: Award grant of £85,446 (95%)

The Peoples Archive of Stratford-upon-Avon

Applicant: Escape: Community Art in Action

Project description: This project will explore and record the community heritage of Stratford-upon-Avon through a series of events and activities.

Decision: Award grant of £246,841 (91%)

Installation of Disabled Toilet Facilities and Additional Fire Escape

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St James The Great, Cradley

Project description: This project aims to erect a new-build extension to offer accessible facilities at St James the Great Church.

Decision: Award grant of £30,065 (31%)

TRDC – Everafter Connect

Applicant: Three Rivers District Council

Project description: This project will add East Lane Cemetery to Three Rivers District Council's new software management system for their cemeteries.

Decision: Reject

SFF grant increases

Forngett: A Village of Stories – The Restoration of St Peter's Church

Applicant: The Upper Tas Valley All Saints Parochial Church Council

Project description: This project will undertake urgent repairs to the fabric of St Peter's Forngett and establish the church as a heritage hub, offering heritage-inspired activities and interpretation. The Grade I listed church is notable for its Saxon round tower of exceptional national significance.

Decision: Award grant increase of £77,182 to make a total grant of £708,644 (90%)

Reawakening St Mary Magdalene, Supporting Newark's Communities

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Newark On Trent St Mary Magdalene with St Leonard

Project description: St Mary Magdalene is a Grade I listed church next to the market square in the heart of Newark, Nottinghamshire. Of national significance, it is similar in scale and size to a small cathedral. The vision is for the church to play a more significant role in the town, be recognised for its heritage significance, and be removed from Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register.

Decision: Award grant increase of £249,000 to make a total grant of £2,814,628 (63%)

Giving the past a future at Creswell Craggs

Applicant: Creswell Heritage Trust

Project description: This resilience project will fund staff costs and development work to plan for a sustainable future for the site, aiming to draw increased visitor numbers from target communities in deprived parts of Bolsover and Bassetlaw. The work is based on business planning and audience development work carried out in 2021 with culture recovery funding. The organisation and its heritage are otherwise at risk of insolvency from rising costs and the need for a revised business model.

Decision: Award grant increase of £250,000 to make a total grant of £499,950 (100%)