Parks template press release

This template can be used to create a press release for your project. The highlighted sections explain what information should be put in each section and examples are included. Text in brackets should be replaced with your own relevant information.

Once it is completed send it to your Grants Officer and The National Lottery Heritage Press Office who will arrange sign off and add a quote if required.

# Logos

Insert your organisation’s logo next to The National Lottery Heritage Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund logos at the top of the page.

# Embargo

If you would like the story to be published after a particular date you could include an embargo date and time so the story isn’t printed early.

Embargoed until (time) on (date)

# Title

The title should tell the story in a few words. Avoid anything too creative as it may not explain the grant properly.

**(Project name or name of organisation) awarded National Lottery funding**

# Main text

The first paragraph should include all key information about the grant. Who has received it, where you are based, what the project will do and when work will start/ the finished building re-open.

Example: (Name of organisation) has received a confirmed National Lottery grant of (grant amount) for the (name of project) heritage project, it was announced today.

The money has been awarded jointly by The National Lottery Heritage Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund. It will enable the project to (main aims of project).

Further down, insert a short description of the project. Avoid detailed architectural or scientific information. Stick to educational and community benefits that are of interest to everybody and avoid jargon. Include information on opportunities for volunteers and your staff, training/educational courses/workshops, and learning new skills.

Example: Supported through The National Lottery, the project aims to carry out essential conservation work, digitise the collections and join them through a single web portal, allowing on-line public access to the collections for the first time. An educational programme is also planned and will aim to be run in 21 different locations in England, with volunteers given training so they can help care for the collection.

Add some interesting historical information – why is this place/building/piece of your heritage so important?

Example: The building is a focal point for the local community and is currently used by over 60 community groups. It was built in 1800 and has been used for various purposes over the years.

# Quotes

Add a quote from your organisation: keep it short, in natural speech and enthusiastic. Aim to create a ‘sound bite’ the media will want to use.

Example: Commenting on the award, (name of project spokesperson) said: “We’re delighted that we’ve received this support thanks to National Lottery players. The social centre has given the village a place for live entertainment, public meetings and large group activities for the past 100 years, and it’s great to know that we are a step closer to preserving it for another century.”

Add a quote from The National Lottery Heritage Fund on behalf of both National Lottery funders. Email your draft release to The National Lottery Heritage Fund Press Office and your grants officer and they will insert a quote from the relevant spokesperson.

# Notes to editors

Notes to editors is a useful way to include further background information about your organisation and both National Lottery funds. Always use the paragraphs exactly as provided.

## Notes to editors

### About (name of your organisation)

(Insert information about your organisation)

**National Lottery and public parks**

Since 1996, more than £950million raised by National Lottery players has been used to support the regeneration, conservation and increased enjoyment of public parks and cemeteries across the UK. Find out more about how to apply at [www.heritagefund.org.uk](http://www.heritagefund.org.uk)

### About The National Lottery Heritage Fund

Using money raised by the National Lottery, we **Inspire, lead** and **resource** the UK’s heritage to create **positive and lasting change** for people and communities, now and in the future. [www.heritagefund.org.uk](http://www.heritagefund.org.uk).

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**About The National Lottery Community Fund**

We are the largest community funder in the UK – we’re proud to award money raised by National Lottery players to communities across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Since June 2004, we have made over 200,000 grants and awarded over £9 billion to projects that have benefited millions of people.

We are passionate about funding great ideas that matter to communities and make a difference to people’s lives. At the heart of everything we do is the belief that when people are in the lead, communities thrive. Thanks to the support of National Lottery players, our funding is open to everyone. We’re privileged to be able to work with the smallest of local groups right up to UK-wide charities, enabling people and communities to bring their ambitions to life.

[Website](http://www.TNLCommunityFund.org.uk) │[Twitter](https://twitter.com/TNLComFund) │[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/TNLCommunityFund) │[Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/TNLCommunityFund)

# Further information

Add contact details which media can use for further information

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For further information, images and interviews please contact (name of contact) at (organisation) on (telephone number and email address).