£13.7million boost for nature, communities and



River Tweed at Leaderfoot Viaduct. Credit: Keith Robeson.

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Threatened species in Scotland, a hard-hit Northumberland community and a once-bustling mining town in Cornwall are among those set to benefit.

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Helping heritage thrive into the future

Eilish McGuinness, Chief Executive of The National Lottery Heritage Fund, said: “I am delighted that we were able to support these exciting projects, which put heritage at the heart of people and places.

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“It is so uplifting to see the continued ambition in the light of the impact of the pandemic and ongoing challenges, protecting our precious heritage and supporting communities to recover and thrive.

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Six projects on a mission to aid recovery

Species on the Edge

NatureScot has been awarded **£4,232,000** to support 37 of Scotland’s most vulnerable species through conservation and community action, including the great yellow bumblebee and soprano pipistrelle bat.

Blyth Heritage Community Response

People stand around a workbench using tools

In the Blyth Tall Ship workshop.

Blyth Tall Ship has been awarded **£636,600** to launch a new skills programme, helping vulnerable people in Blyth improve their wellbeing and employability prospects.

Redruth Buttermarket: Rediscovering the Market Town

Redruth Revival CIC has been awarded **£2,734,875** to restore historic buildings in the market town of Redruth, Cornwall and to aid local economic recovery.

Leeds 2023

Leeds Culture Trust has been awarded **£2,120,230** to celebrate the city’s culture and boost the resilience of the local heritage and cultural sector.

Destination Tweed: Source to Sea Restoration and Revitalisation

Tweed Forum has been awarded **£2,980,000** to restore natural and built heritage along the River Tweed, reconnect communities with green spaces and boost the local economy.

Hurst Farm Heritage Trail

Derbyshire Dales District Council has been awarded **£1,009,000** to enhance the woodland and biodiversity surrounding Hurst Farm Estate and improve access to nature.

Apply for funding

Our National Lottery Grants for Heritage programmes have a focus on helping people, communities and places recover from the impacts of the pandemic.



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challenges and opportunities

Credit: National Forest Company

£6million to nurture England’s woodlands, boost skills and wellbeing