

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions May 2025

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

Manor Historisque Building new roofs and refurbished

Applicant: Southend Manor Football Club

Project description: This project will replace the football clubhouse's roofs and refurbish windows, benches, painting, toilets and flooring.

Decision: Reject

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1940s Melton Mowbray VE Day 80

Applicant: 1940's Melton Mowbray Event Team

Project description: This project aims to fund Melton Mowbray's annual 1940s event, with the focus this year being commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. This project also includes an online walking trail.

Decision: Reject

Inspiring the Future

Applicant: BAK UP CIC

Project description: This project focuses on the Windrush Generation (1948–1971) in Northamptonshire, preserving their stories and legacy through reminiscence recording, interpretation through art outputs and a celebration event to mark the 77th anniversary.

Decision: Reject

St. Peter's Church, Neatishead, Heritage Restoration Appeal

Applicant: Neatishead Parochial Church Council

Project description: The project aims to address heritage at risk at the Grade II listed St Peter's Church in Neatishead, Norfolk, by restoring and re-hanging an 18th-century bell, repairing the boundary wall and creating a digital photographic archive.

Decision: Award grant of £75,343 (89%)

"Preserving Windrush and Caribbean Heritage: A Legacy for Future Generations"

Applicant: Antoin Akpom Achievements Foundation

Project description: This project aims to deliver a range of creative workshops and a fashion show, engaging Caribbean communities within Leicester and recording their heritage, with a particular focus on the Windrush Generation.

Decision: Reject

Re-imagining the Classics: A First Nottingham Mozart

Applicant: Streetwise Opera

Project description: This project aims to engage participants with experience of homelessness through a series of workshops to create a musical response that reimagines The Marriage of Figaro with contemporary perspectives. This work will be showcased as part of a festival alongside Opera North's performance of The Marriage of Figaro at Theatre Royal Nottingham, relating to its first performance in Nottingham in the 19th century.

Decision: Reject

Kings Norton – pitch, putt and paddle

Applicant: Arts 50 Alive Network

Project description: This project aims to bring together local groups of people of different ages and abilities in the King's Norton area of Birmingham to share their knowledge and experiences about the social history of the area by recording oral histories and creating an exhibition.

Decision: Award grant of £15,145 (100%)

The re-roofing of the nave and chancel of St Peter's Church West Lynn with best Welsh slates.

Applicant: The Incumbent and Parochial Church Council of St Peter's Church West Lynn

Project description: This is a re-roofing project of the nave and chancel of the Grade II listed St Peter's Church, West Lynn in Norfolk, including a bat survey, asbestos survey, re-roofing and the publicity of a local 'Donate a Slate' scheme.

Decision: Reject

Cromwell's Watch

Applicant: The Cromwell Museum Trust

Project description: This project will see the purchase and display at Huntingdon's Cromwell Museum of a 17th-century watch, known as a Puritan Watch, said to previously belong to Oliver Cromwell.

Decision: Award grant of £54,450 (50%)

"St. John's Church & School 150th Anniversary: Celebrating Faith, Education, and Community Heritage"

Applicant: The Saint John's School Parent Teacher Association

Project description: This project celebrates the 150th Anniversary of the founding of St John's Church and School in Spalding, Lincolnshire. It aims to capture and document stories and ephemera from members of the local community that are otherwise at risk of being lost.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000 (67%)

Repairing, preserving and ensuring the sustainability of the Murray Edwards College library roof

Applicant: THE PRESIDENT AND FELLOWS OF MURRAY EDWARDS COLLEGE, FOUNDED AS NEW HALL, IN THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Project description: This project will undertake the urgent repair of the roof of the Rosemary Murray Library at the Grade II* listed Murray Edwards College, Cambridge.

Decision: Reject

Heritage for All: Boosting Volunteering in Stoke Museums

Applicant: VAST SERVICES (1920)

Project description: This resilience project seeks to develop and establish a framework of volunteering to support the heritage sector across Stoke-on-Trent.

Decision: Reject

Without a Face: African Seamen in The Royal Navy in The Second World War

Applicant: Learning Through The Arts CIC

Project description: This Watford-based project will recapture the 'untold' stories of approximately 50,000 forgotten African seamen, who served in the Navy as part of the Allied Forces during the Second World War, using photographs and archive materials.

Decision: Reject

SHAKE Theatre Projects 2025-2027

Applicant: SHAKE Festival CIC

Project description: This Suffolk project will create and perform a stage production of Ronald Blythe's Akenfield, and Lucy Hughes-Hallett's The Scapegoat. Akenfield was a 1975 film set in a fictional village and was a poetic retelling of Suffolk rural life, regarded as an early example of oral history collecting.

Decision: Reject

Restoration of the bells of St Andrew's church, Earls Colne

Applicant: Earls Colne Parochial Church Council

Project description: A project to undertake the dismantling, restoration and retuning of the eight bells situated within the Grade I listed, St Andrews Church in Earls Colne, Essex. Once restored, diverse audiences will be encouraged to visit and learn bellringing.

Decision: Reject

Central Methodist Church: Sustaining Mission and Celebrating Heritage

Applicant: Central Methodist Church, Chesterfield

Project description: A project to upgrade the current heating system and develop a 'Statement of Significance' within the Grade II listed Central Methodist Church in Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

Decision: Reject

Samuel Pepys House: Home of an English Chronicler

Applicant: Pepys House Charity

Project description: This resilience project seeks to provide a wide-ranging review of organisational operations, governance and income-generating activities at the Grade I listed Pepys House, near Brampton, Huntingdon.

Decision: Award grant of £127,954 (96%)

SB DAWN – NEW HORIZON COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT [PILOT STAGE]

Applicant: The Dawn Sailing Barge Trust Limited

Project description: This pilot project intends the registered historic ship, s.b. Dawn, to trial a new use as a sailing community hub containing the recreation of a traditional Sailor's Reading Room and an exhibition on maritime heritage. It will host weekly sessions in four ports across Essex with three days of activities at each port.

Decision: Award grant of £238,400 (100%)

Timber window frames at Wellington Orbit

Applicant: The Clifton Community Arts Centre Ltd

Project description: This project will replace the front timber framed windows at the unlisted Wellington Orbit building near Telford, Shropshire, which have become rotten following years of neglect.

Decision: Reject

The Heritage Telephone Box Project

Applicant: Cayr Charity

Project description: This project will build telephone boxes as interactive heritage listening stations in Calverton, Nottinghamshire, preserving and exploring Calverton's working-class history of mining, textiles and everyday life, supported by activities and skills training.

Decision: Award grant of £46,417 (49%)

The Future Vision for the Northamptonshire Heritage Forum

Applicant: North Northamptonshire Council

Project description: This resilience project is to build Northamptonshire Heritage Forum's capacity and financial resilience to enable them to further provide heritage organisations with access to training, funding advice and networking opportunities helping with their longer term sustainability.

Decision: Reject

Woodbridge Shire Hall Restoration Project

Applicant: Woodbridge Town Council

Project description: This project aims to carry out restorative works to the Grade I listed Shire Hall in Woodbridge, Suffolk, alongside developing an options appraisal and business plan for future use of the asset.

Decision: Reject

The Birmingham Bajan Heritage Project

Applicant: 2nd Generation of Barbadians & Friends Birmingham

Project description: This project will involve monthly community heritage workshops in which British Bajan people of all ages will learn about, research, share and record core aspects of Birmingham-Bajan heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £15,520 (100%)

8 Bowling Green Street, Leicester and its Living Archive

Applicant: Serendipity Artists Movement Ltd

Project description: This Leicester project will undertake a capital scheme of repair and conservation, alongside improvements to building accessibility and sustainability for this Grade II listed Victorian Gothic Revival building that houses the charity's archive.

Decision: Award grant of £249,762 (89%)

Amplify Town Hall: Past, Present and Future

Applicant: B:Music Limited

Project description: The project will expand and digitise the archive of the Grade I listed Birmingham Town Hall. This will inform a curated exhibition situated throughout the lower floor of the building.

Decision: Award grant of £123,651 (86%)

Reanimating Coalhouse Fort

Applicant: Thurrock Council

Project description: This project will develop a long-term operational strategy for community use for the disused Coalhouse Fort, a Scheduled Ancient Monument and former artillery fort in East Tilbury that forms part of a nature reserve.

Decision: Award grant of £236,500 (96%)

Our stories(Discovering our LGBT+ Hidden Histories)/The forgotten stories of the falling tombstones

Applicant: Derbyshire LGBT+ Ltd

Project description: This project will engage people from the LGBTQ+ community in Derbyshire to tell their stories, with a particular focus on the history of the HIV crisis in Derbyshire.

Decision: Award grant of £226,396 (100%)

Exploring the origins of Cusop

Applicant: Cusop History Group

Project description: This project will undertake geophysical surveys of Cusop Castle in Herefordshire, as well as carrying out a series of small-scale archaeological excavations and conducting new surveys of the churchyard of the nearby Grade II* listed St Mary's Church.

Decision: Award grant of £25,875 (97%)

From Ruin and Rodents to Regrowth and Regency Revival

Applicant: Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust

Project description: This resilience project will support Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust in developing and growing its income streams to give it a sustainable future as the public access point to the Grade I listed Buxton Crescent in Derbyshire.

Decision: Award grant of £248,700 (100%)

BRUMMY SOMALILANDERS

Applicant: Allies Network C.I.C

Project description: This project will focus on the recording and sharing of the heritage of the Somaliland community within Birmingham, cumulating in a showcase and exhibition at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery and a Somaliland Annual Festival.

Decision: Reject

Let's Make More History!

Applicant: Spinning Wheel Ltd

Project description: This project will support children and young people in exploring the history and influence of the Romans and the Anglo-Saxons in Norfolk, culminating in theatrical performances that will be co-created with children at Thetford's Ancient House Museum and Lynn Museum in King's Lynn.

Decision: Award grant of £249,443 (92%)

Church of the Holy Cross – Retaining Wall

Applicant: Bury Parish Council

Project description: The project aims to restore the wall to the churchyard of the Grade I listed Church of the Holy Cross in Bury, near Huntingdon.

Decision: Award grant of £13,831 (32%)

Making the White Lion Project Happen – a resilience review

Applicant: Pailton Parish Council

Project description: This resilience project will enable Pailton Parish Council to test the viability of plans to restore the Grade II listed White Lion, a former public house, as well as complete emergency repairs and deliver activities to increase community participation.

Decision: Award grant of £219,170 (100%)

Northamptonshire Heritage Connect – Connecting Communities, Preserving Heritage

Applicant: University of Northampton

Project description: This project aims to strengthen the Northamptonshire heritage sector by addressing key challenges to result in a more resilient, collaborative and sustainable county heritage sector.

Decision: Reject

Derby Cathedral: Building Foundations for the Future

Applicant: The Dean and Chapter of Derby Cathedral

Project description: This resilience project will support Derby Cathedral to deliver its new strategy, to become more sustainable and to plan for a major capital project to address its needs and risks.

Decision: Award grant of £244,401 (100%)

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Grant decrease

SPIRE 1172 – Saving St Peters Church, Horninghold and Involving People with our Heritage

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Horninghold

Project description: This project will carry out a capital scheme to repair this Grade II* listed church and deliver an engagement programme centred around the use of Collyweston slate.

Decision: Award grant percentage decrease from 68% to 66%