

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions June 2025

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Heritage 2033 National Lottery Heritage Grants for £10,000 to £250,000?

Mirror Project - Memories In Reflection: Roots Our Relationships

Applicant: Ethnic Minority Council

Project description: This Wolverhampton-based project will preserve, celebrate, document heritage of diverse ethnic minority communities by creating opportunities to share their stories, memories.

Decision: Reject

All Saints Church, Cople: Sponsor a Tile to Save our Chancel Roof

Applicant: Cople Parochial Church Council

Project description: This project will repair the damage to the chancel roof of the Grade I listed All Saints Church, Church Cople, Bedfordshire, which has resulted in water ingress into the chancel and lady chapel.

Decision: Reject

Vision through Time

Applicant: Beacon Centre for the Blind

Project description: This project will involve interviewing of up to 250 blind and partially sighted individuals across the Black Country and South Staffordshire, working with a local archive to document and record the social history of sight loss, while linking with historic collections and photographs to raise awareness.

Decision: Award grant of £111,242 (100%)

West Row Parish Museum

Applicant: West Row Historical Society

Project description: This project would erect a temporary building to create a Parish Museum in the village of West Row, Suffolk, to house a collection of artefacts related to West Row's local history, currently housed by members of the West Row Historical Society.

Decision: Reject

Where in Brazil are you from? (Phase 1)

Applicant: Brazilian Cultural Centre CIC

Project description: This Nottingham-based project forms the first phase of a two-phase project that will feature interviews of Brazilians living in the UK, alongside public exhibitions, talks and workshops related to Brazilian culture and heritage to strengthen cultural ties and raise awareness.

Decision: Award grant of £101,558 (100%)

St Peter's Roof Project

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council Of The Ecclesiastical Parish of Ellastone With Stanton

Project description: This restoration project would repair four parts of the roof of the Grade II listed St Peter's Church roof near Ashbourne: the chancel, the side-chapel, the porch and the tower.

Decision: Reject

Nene Rivers Trust: a time of change

Applicant: Nene Rivers Trust CIO

Project description: This project would see the Nene Rivers Trust carry out resilience activities to improve organisational sustainability, support the expansion of potential partnerships and explore income-generating opportunities.

Decision: Reject

A Towering Legacy: A Museum Reborn

Applicant: Earls Colne Heritage Museum

Project description: This Essex-based project is for the acquisition of the freehold for the Grade II listed Earls Colne Water Tower; to carry out building repairs, install infrared heating, insulate the water tank and establish it as a museum with a re-interpreted collection.

Decision: Reject

Piecing together our Heritage: Restoring the unique historic mosaic Reredos in St Lawrence Church

Applicant: Parochial Church Council of Great Waldingfield

Project description: This project will undertake capital works to the reredos of this Grade I listed church near Sudbury, Suffolk and run an accompanying engagement programme for community members of all ages.

Decision: Award grant of £102,237 (81%)

ycat@30 - Celebration of Anglo Yoruba

Applicant: Yoruba Contemporary Arts Trust

Project description: This UK-wide project would celebrate 30 years of the Birmingham-based Trust's operation and will involve a series of performances, discussions, workshops, exhibitions and live music events to showcase Yoruba culture, music, artefacts and history.

Decision: Reject

Reviving the Past: Restoring Thurmaston's Old School House for Future Generations

Applicant: Generation Youth C.I.C.

Project description: This project involves restoring and repurposing the Old School House in Thurmaston, Leicestershire as a base for community engagement, preserving its historical significance while adapting it to meet modern educational needs.

Decision: Reject

Epping Forest Heritage for All

Applicant: Epping Forest Heritage Trust

Project description: This project aims to save, protect and increase awareness of the natural heritage of Epping Forest, Essex, through community engagement and conservation work.

Decision: Award grant of £189,612 (100%)

WW2 Spirit and the Hope Of Cheadle

Applicant: Cheadle Discovery Group

Project description: This Staffordshire-based project will digitise at-risk records and capture reminiscence recordings to save heritage, alongside an art mural and engagement activities to promote greater inclusion, access and participation.

Decision: Award grant of £25,064 (85%)

Corby: 75 years a New Town

Applicant: 60 Miles by Road or Rail Ltd

Project description: This project would deliver a series of engagement activities focused on the culture and memories of those living in the town of Corby, Northamptonshire, from when it was designated as a new town in 1950 until 1980.

Decision: Reject

Sink or swim: the delightful dumpling

Applicant: Silver Road Community Centre

Project description: This project aims to preserve the recipes and stories related to dumplings from local people in Norfolk.

Decision: Reject

Essex Boobs, Tubes & Bottles: Women, Babies, and a Century of Feeding Change

Applicant: Southend-On-Sea Young Men's Christian Association

Project description: The project will collect the personal stories and experiences of women feeding their babies from the last 100 years in Southend, Essex.

Decision: Reject

All Saints' Nettleham: Restoring Our Heritage, Celebrating Our Church, Strengthening Our Community

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Nettleham

Project description: This project will complete works to repair and conserve the Grade I listed All Saints Church tower and clock in Nettleham, Lincolnshire, with a public engagement programme to highlight the heritage of the Church and explain the building repairs.

Decision: Award grant of £248,000 (71%)

Stories Uncovered

Applicant: National Centre for Writing

Project description: This project will deliver a range of engagement activities aimed at increasing the number and diversity of those engaged in the heritage of Dragon Hall, a Grade I listed medieval building, regarded as one of Norwich's 12 most important historic buildings.

Decision: Award grant of £68,516 (71%)

From The Earth Wealth: working life in, under and around Coalville

Applicant: Coalville CAN Communities and Neighbours Limited

Project description: This project aims to gather stories of working life in Coalville, Leicestershire, in the post-war period and create a series of podcasts and documentaries.

Decision: Reject

Heritage Treasure: Traditions and Roots

Applicant: Tezaur Folcloric CIC

Project description: This Hertfordshire-based project aims to engage people through community events on Romanian cultural heritage. These include workshops, storytelling sessions, music and food competitions, dance and festivals.

Decision: Reject

Brecks Landscape Resilience: establishing a sustainable Landscape Partnership

Applicant: Suffolk County Council

Project description: This resilience project aims to develop a long term sustainable model for partner organisations working towards heritage conservation and community-led landscape management of the Brecks landscape of Norfolk and Suffolk.

Decision: Award grant of £248,073 (91%)

Historical evidence erasing the perception that same-sex relationship is un-African - case study: Nigeria

Applicant: LMS Supported Homes CIC

Project description: This Birmingham-based project would uncover the history of same-sex relationships and gender diversity in pre-colonial Nigerian societies, and increasing the public access to this history.

Decision: Reject

Home, Identity, and Belonging: A British South Asian Journey

Applicant: UK South Asian Digital Archive

Project description: This Leicester-based project would engage with South Asian communities across the East Midlands to collect a wide range of archival materials for the developing digital archive.

Decision: Reject

Alfreton Heritage Sculpture Trail

Applicant: Alfreton Town Council

Project description: This Derbyshire project would involve the commissioning of artworks to create the Alfreton Heritage Sculpture Trail, which will be crafted to represent key aspects of Alfreton's history, such as its coal mining heritage, textile industry and the Alfreton Horse Fair.

Decision: Reject

Voices of Change: from volunteering to social action - oral history narratives from grassroots community changemakers (2015 - Present Day)

Applicant: People's Voice Media

Project description: This England-wide project, based in Shropshire, would involve curating stories and recording oral histories from the Community Reporter online network of grassroots activist organisations to create a dedicated, open-access archive to ensure their visibility, long-term preservation and continued gathering.

Decision: Reject

Roots & Rhythms: Celebrating Kwanzaa Through Culture and Creativity

Applicant: Mass Invazion

Project description: This Leicester-based project would deliver a range of creative workshops related to the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa, a celebration of African heritage, creating a series of costumes and digital outputs that will act as learning aids on this topic for local schools.

Decision: Reject

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Restore and Renew Elmley Castle Bell Restoration Project: Cantate Domino Canticum Novum (Sing Unto The Lord A New Song)

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Elmley Castle, Bricklehampton, Little Comberton and Great Comberton

Project description: This project will undertake capital works to repair and conserve the historic bells and bell frame of the Grade I listed St Mary's Church in Elmley Castle, Worcestershire, together with associated activities.

Decision: Award grant of £119,555 (66%)

27 June

Grant increase

NT Project 2025

Applicant: The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty

Project description: To support the National Trust to complete a feasibility study and due diligence around the asset transfer to prepare a comprehensive business case and operating model for the acquisition of Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (IGMT). This would safeguard IGMT's built heritage and stories of the Industrial Revolution for future generations to enjoy.

Decision: Award grant increase of £123,746 to make a total grant of £291,746.