England, London & South: committee decisions March 2026

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Schedule of decisions for The National Lottery Heritage Fund Committee for England, London & South meeting on 5 March 2026.

Funding decisions

Grant increases

Leas Lift: Restoring Folkestone's gem for the community

Applicant: The Folkestone Leas Lift Company CIO

Decision: Award grant increase of £2,242,294 to make a total grant of £7,047,729 (grant percentage increase from 71% to 76%)

Kingsley Hall – Making Young Lives Better!

Applicant: 1625 Independent People

Award grant increase of £1,270,000 to make a total grant of £6,027,562 (grant percentage decrease from 58% to 56%)

National Lottery Heritage Grants £250,000 to £10million delivery round

Speaking For Ourselves: the Living History of the Care-Experienced Movement

Applicant: Thomas Coram Foundation for Children (Formerly Foundling Hospital)

Decision: Award delivery grant of £954,650 (88%)

Bradbourne Re-bourne

Applicant: Sevenoaks District Council

Decision: Award delivery grant of £1,633,549 (72%)

Transforming the South Asia Gallery

Applicant: Victoria & Albert Museum

Decision: Award delivery grant of £4,072,505 (50%)

Tor to Shore

Applicant: Cornwall Wildlife Trust

Decision: Award delivery grant of £3,329,391 (69%)

Transforming the Tower of London Schools and Community Programme

Applicant: Historic Royal Palaces

Decision: Award delivery grant of £4,715,945 (21%)

Preserving William Dobson's Self-Portrait c.1639

Applicant: The Board of Trustees of the Tate Gallery

Decision: Award delivery grant of £360,000 (69%)

The Poor Priests' Hospital (formerly the Marlowe Kit)

Applicant: The Marlowe Trust

Decision: Award delivery grant of £4,401,573 (52%)

The Wren Project

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

Decision: Award delivery grant of £4,725,000 (20%)

National Lottery Heritage Grants £250,000 to £10million development round

Stour Valley Restore

Applicant: Kent County Council

Decision: Award development round grant of £173,400 (68% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £2,359,999 (67% of total eligible delivery costs)

Hedgehogs in Focus: tracking trends for community conservation

Applicant: People's Trust for Endangered Species

Decision: Award development round grant of £143,450 (72% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £1,629,502 (69% of total eligible delivery costs)

Sustainable Accessibility @ The Poly

Applicant: The Royal Cornwall Polytechnic Society Limited

Decision: Reject

Pendennis: Keep Connections

Applicant: The English Heritage Trust

Decision: Award development round grant of £466,565 (80% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £2,392,235 (68% of total eligible delivery costs)

Athelney, Alfred and England

Applicant: South West Heritage Trust

Decision: Award development round grant of £131,620 (84% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £998,640 (77% of total eligible delivery costs)

Moor Invertebrates

Applicant: Buglife – The Invertebrate Conservation Trust

Decision: Award development round grant of £64,079 (80% of total development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £438,634 (69% of total delivery costs)

Securing the Fabric and Future of St Mary & John, Cowley Road, East Oxford

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Cowley St John, Oxford

Decision: Award development round grant of £305,117 (68% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £718,951 (59% of total eligible delivery costs)

St Andrew's Farnham: Routes & Ringers

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Andrew's Farnham

Decision: Award development round grant of £520,348 (70% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £3,297,559 (78% of total eligible delivery costs)

Dorset History Centre: Past Lives, Future Proofed

Applicant: Dorset Council

Decision: Award development round grant of £618,131 (83% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £3,456,407 (79% of total eligible delivery costs)

Live from Amberley: Bringing the story of broadcasting to life

Applicant: Amberley Museum and Heritage Centre

Decision: Reject

Guns on the Plain: connecting communities and collections at the home of the Gunners

Applicant: Royal Artillery Museum

Decision: Award development round grant of £286,999 (39% of total eligible development costs) with the potential delivery grant of £4,633,223 (30% of total eligible delivery costs)

Investing in our Welcome – Phase 2 of the 2020's Vision

Applicant: Dean & Chapter Exeter Cathedral

Decision: Reject