

# Community heritage



Visiting the 1950s hairdresser at Beamish Museum. Credit: Nigel Roddis

Celebrating community heritage can help people come together, feel pride in where they live and save stories and traditions.

Since 1994 we have awarded £590million to more than 27,600 community and cultural heritage projects across the UK.

## What do we support?

We fund projects that are researching, conserving and celebrating the heritage of a community or place.

These projects could include lots of types of heritage, such as people celebrating [living customs](#) or improving a historic green space. What's most important is that the project involves and benefits the community.

## Project ideas

Our funding could help people:

- research the impact of a historical event on their town, and share their findings through displays, talks and online
- investigate the names on a war memorial
- crowdsource documents and photographs linked to the LGBTQ+ community, creating an online archive and exhibition
- set up an audio trail around a range of buildings, parks and monuments in a town
- enable a youth group to research their local history and create an animated film about their learnings

For more inspiration, see the stories below or [browse projects we've funded](#).

## **How to get funding**

Our National Lottery Grants for Heritage programme is open for applications.

[Find out more and apply](#)