The National Lottery at 25

The National Lottery celebrates its 25th Birthday in 2019 and the £40billion raised for good causes in that time has had an extraordinary impact on life here in the UK, ushering in a golden age for UK heritage.

Since the first draw took place on 19 November 1994, The National Lottery has brought about a renaissance in our national heritage, transforming many of our great institutions and reaching into every community in the land.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund's investment amounts to £8billion so far. From Bute to Blaenavon and Derry to Dungeness, we've funded more than 44,000 projects in our 25 years.

Explore below to discover stories of people across the UK celebrating, reviving and sharing their heritage thanks to The National Lottery.