Community heritage grants deliver wellbeing boost



Campfire discussions at Clynfyw

Our 15-Minute Heritage programme to support mental and physical wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has awarded grants to 84 projects across Wales.

We launched the 15-Minute Heritage programme in September with Cadw – the Welsh Government's historic environment service – in response to the pandemic.

The programme's aim is to connect communities with their local heritage. Projects in each of Wales's 22 local authorities have had a share of the £680,000 fund.

Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism, Lord Elis-Thomas said: "I am delighted that Cadw has been able to work with The National Lottery Heritage Fund to support so many projects that are finding new ways to connect people to heritage in every part of Wales."



Tin Shed Theatre Company.

Where we’re making a difference

In mid Wales, the Discovering Abbeycwmhir project in Powys is receiving £5,500 to collect oral histories, run online talks and create community heritage trails.

Tin Shed Theatre Company will be helping their community explore the story of the 'In The Nick of Time Clock', a dynamic timepiece that once towered over shoppers in Newport's John Frost Square.

The Hidden Heritage project in the north-east Wales town of Holywell is getting £9,800 to raise awareness of the Greenfield Valley’s role in the Industrial Revolution.

Swansea’s Friends of Hafod Morfa Copperworks have been awarded £10,000 to run a project about the history of the copperworks.



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In Cardiff, Watch Africa Cymru is receiving £9,600 for a project that will see young people exploring the history of Llanrumney and its connection with the famous pirate Captain Henry Morgan.

And in Pembrokeshire, Clynfyw CIC is being awarded £8,100 to run outdoor activities for people who have learning difficulties and/or poor mental health.

Why local heritage matters

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“We’re all probably more aware of our local areas of late and local heritage – whether that’s a building, a landmark, a nature reserve or even our local shop – is important because it helps create and shape our communities.

“Connecting with our heritage is also good for our wellbeing and thanks to National Lottery players and our partnership with Cadw we have been able to encourage a diverse range of people right across Wales to get out and about to explore and rediscover their local area.”







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