

State Aid award data for year end December 2020

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We are required under the European Commission transparency requirements to include State Aid individual award data on our website, including details of any exemptions.

The following projects have been awarded with State Aid exemptions by the Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund for the year ending December 2020.

The Loughborough Bellfoundry Trust

- **Date of grant:** 9 December 2020
- **Reference:** HE-18-01575
- **Type of enterprise:** Small / medium size enterprise (SME)
- **State Aid element:** £3,455,400 (63%)
- **Aid instrument and exemption:** Article 17 (SME Investment Aid) General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) and Article 53 (Aid for Culture and Heritage Conservation)

Project summary

Culture and Heritage: the project will repair and preserve the UK's last surviving specialist bell foundry, The Taylor's Bellfoundry, which is located in Loughborough.

The grantee will carry out essential repairs to the building, which dates from 1859, to ensure its safety and survival. The grantee will ensure the continued use of the bell foundry as an economic concern producing bells, and offer skills training to keep the craft of bell making alive.

An on-site museum will be created to tell the story of the site, the history of Taylors Bells and outreach projects will be run to engage new audiences with the bell foundry.

The project meets an urgent need, providing skills training and expertise for servicing bells worldwide. The economic impact will benefit a highly deprived area, complementing local housing and regeneration strategies. The management and conservation plan will ensure long-term viability of the bell foundry, creating a visitor attraction, and provide ongoing opportunities for training and engagement with the local community.

Brymbo Heritage Trust

- **Date of grant:** 4 March 2020
- **Reference:** HG-17-01715
- **Type of enterprise:** Small / medium size enterprise (SME)
- **State Aid element:** £4,147,200 (63%)
- **Aid instrument and exemption:** Article 17 (SME Investment Aid) General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) and Article 53 (Aid for Culture and Heritage Conservation)

Project summary

Culture and Heritage: connected with the industrial heritage of Brymbo. It will develop a visitor attraction, a learning hub and a small business space. This will contribute to the regeneration of the area, which was gravely impacted by the closure of the steelworks.

The project will also allow the exploration and excavation of the 300 million year old Brymbo Fossil Forest, preserved under the site, with associated interpretation and engagement activities.

The long term business plan is based around tourism, learning, rentals and events. Creating a small business hub will lead to an economic

Dover District Council

- **Date of grant:** 15 September 2020
- **Reference:** HG-17-08407
- **Type of enterprise:** Small / medium size enterprise (SME)
- **State Aid element:** £4,272,599 (46%)
- **Aid instrument and exemption:** Article 17 (SME Investment Aid) General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) and Article 53 (Aid for Culture and Heritage Conservation)

Project summary

Culture and Heritage: the project will renovate and restore the Grade I listed Maison Dieu, a 13th century building, restored in the gothic revival style in the 19th century.

The project will reopen the building to visitors and reinvent it as a cultural venue, as well as bringing the history and heritage of the building alive for the community and visitors. Arts, archaeology and heritage events will be held within the restored building. In partnership with the Landmark Trust, a self-catering holiday unit will also be developed, bringing much needed revenue to the mid-town area of Dover.

Creative Youth Network

- **Date of grant:** 4 March 2020
- **Reference:** HE-17-02647
- **Type of enterprise:** Small / medium size enterprise (SME)
- **State Aid element:** £4,222,499 (56%)
- **Aid instrument and exemption:** Article 17 (SME Investment Aid) General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) and Article 53 (Aid for Culture and Heritage Conservation)

Project summary

Culture and Heritage: the project will restore the Old Magistrates Courts, which is the last unrestored prominent historic public buildings on the Bridewell Island site in the heart of Bristol. The specialist conservation work will enable heritage training opportunities for young people through apprenticeships and other learning opportunities.

As part of the restoration the exterior and interior spaces will be adapted to provide workspace for creative industry businesses, and deliver support for talented young people from disadvantaged backgrounds who have been locked out of employment in the creative sector.

The building will also offer facilities for conferences, events, exhibitions, performances and other activities, meeting a current city-wide lack in the availability of affordable and flexible venues.

Age UK Sheffield

- **Date of grant:** 18 June 2020
- **Reference:** HE-17-01894
- **Type of enterprise:** Small / medium size enterprise (SME)
- **State Aid element:** £581,500 (60%)
- **Aid instrument and exemption:** Article 17 (SME Investment Aid) General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) and Article 53 (Aid for Culture and Heritage Conservation)

Project summary

Culture and Heritage: the project will restore the Grade II listed Old Coach House and Potting Shed at Hillsborough Park, Sheffield. The site will be developed into a community café and events space supporting a wide range of accessible and dementia friendly activities and services for older people. The community cafe will represent a new income stream which will support the delivery of the grantee's charitable work on an ongoing basis.