£193,502 awarded to local heritage projects across



Uncovering the Second World War pillbox in Pontypridd

Second World War Pontypridd pillbox and popular park in Britton Ferry among 24 projects receiving a 15-Minute Heritage grant.

The £193,502 is being shared between projects that connect communities with the heritage around them and is based on the 15 minute city concept.

In a 15-minute city, most daily necessities can be accomplished by either walking or cycling from residents' homes. This is the second year The National Lottery Heritage Fund has run the programme with Cadw - the Welsh Government's historic environment service.

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“In Wales we are surrounded by heritage, not just in our museums, castles and historic structures, but in anything that inspires a sense of belonging,” said Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport Dawn Bowden.

“I’m pleased that Cadw is once again collaborating with The National Lottery Heritage Fund to help communities explore, celebrate and share their local heritage stories.”

Dig for Victory

Pontypridd Town Council’s Second World War pillbox project is receiving £7,100 to lay out an allotment near the pillbox in Trallwn as a "Dig for Victory" plot.

Volunteers will grow crops that ordinary people would have grown to supplement their wartime diet.

A corrugated iron Anderson bomb shelter is being built on one side of the allotment and children will be able to visit the pillbox.

A shelter for the community



The location of the new shelter in Jersey Park in Britton Ferry

Britton Ferry’s Friends of Jersey Park will receive £10,000 to build a shelter to encourage more people to make use of the park.

Gardening groups will be able to meet during poor weather and the wider community can learn about the park’s historic, natural and social heritage.

The shelter will also encourage people with physical disabilities to use the park and help reignite a sense of community ownership of local heritage.



Andrew White, Director of The National Lottery Heritage Fund in Wales

Heritage is for everyone

“Heritage is for everyone and local heritage – whether that’s a building, a landmark, a nature reserve or even our local shop, helps to create and shape our communities," said Andrew White, Director of The National Lottery Heritage Fund in Wales.

“It’s been a pleasure to work again this year with Cadw on the 15-Minute Heritage Fund and support even more communities across Wales to get in touch with their local heritage.

“It’s a very popular programme. Through it, in all, we have funded more than **120 projects** the length and breadth of the country over the last two years and provided over £600,000 in grants.”



One of last year’s grantees: Tin Shed Theatre company



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Nature Networks Fund: £7.2million to protect Wales’ threatened species and habitats