

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions April 2022

Schedule of Decisions under delegated powers to the Head of Investment, England, Midlands & East in April 2022. National Lottery Grants for Heritage.

4 April 2022

Roots in Time

Applicant: Worcestershire County Council

Project description: This project in Evesham, Worcestershire, will work with young people, adults with learning disabilities, and local resident volunteers to carry out a community archaeology project. The site includes a Neolithic Cursus, which will be non-invasively investigated. Excavations will be carried out in areas where trees for a new woodland park are scheduled to be planted.

Decision: Award grant £95,830 (100% of total costs)

28 April 2022

The Generator Loughborough

Applicant: The Generator Loughborough CIC

Project description: To bring the Generator Hall into operational use by 2024, restoring it into a useable and accessible condition. The hall will be fitted out as a performing arts and events venue, including AV rigging, office space, bar, and general furnishings. It will deliver an activity plan by recruiting volunteers, researching and displaying the history of the hall, and engaging the public in pre-launch activities.

Decision: Award Grant £250,000 (9% of total costs)

Bosworth Links 2022–2026

Applicant: Market Bosworth Society

Project description: In 2017 and 2018, Market Bosworth Society carried out archaeological digs of test pits using volunteer archaeologists supported by professionals. This new project seeks to build on the success of this earlier project by taking the digs into the settlements surrounding Market Bosworth, to show the historic links between town and village.

Decision: Award Grant £117,154 (97% of total costs)

Amenities for All in Ashby Parva

Applicant: Ashby Parva Village Hall

Project description: This capital project is to update and modernise facilities at the Grade II Listed village hall, in Ashby Parva, Leicestershire.

Decision: Reject

Community Garden

Applicant: Village Hall and Playing Field

Project description: To create a community garden in the playing field of the village Ancaster, which lies around seven miles to the west of Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

Decision: Reject

Shillington Village hub website

Applicant: The Friends of All Saints' Church, Shillington

Project description: To create a new hub website, including: village walking tour leaflets, a church video tour, educational resources, information on church conservation, photographs from Village Photographic Archive and access to a burial database. Also to update existing village websites, ensuring consistency and accessibility.

Decision: Award Grant £4,485 (76% of total costs)

Norton Disney Big Community Dig 2022

Applicant: Norton Disney History and Archaeology Group

Project description: To support a late summer community digging season, on a site outside of the perimeter of the Roman Villa Scheduled Ancient Monument at Potter Hill, Norton Disney.

Decision: Reject

In Vestigiis Centurionum – In the Footsteps of Centurions

Applicant: Horsley Woodhouse Community Association

Project description: To explore the Roman heritage of the village of Horsley Woodhouse, Ilkeston, Derbyshire. The archaeological dig will be on a stretch of Roman road that runs through the village. It will seek to uncover insight into the Roman occupation of Horsley Woodhouse and its historic connections to the wider county. The findings of the dig will be shared with the local community

through a programme of activities and made available online.

Decision: Reject

Restore the Church – Build the Community: Phase 2

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Roxwell

Project description: To undertake urgent structural repairs to the Church of St Michael and All Angels, in the village of Roxwell, west of Chelmsford in Essex. A programme of activities will take place to celebrate the heritage of the church, wider village and natural landscapes and environment.

Decision: Award Grant £250,000 (65% of total costs)

The Pilgrim Way Church Trail – Phase 3

Applicant: St Michael & All Angels Church

Project description: The third and final phase of a wider project, to complete a trail of six churches in Staffordshire, starting in Tatenhill and leading to Lichfield Cathedral. The 12 mile long "The Pilgrim Way Church Trail", is thought to be part of the route taken by St Chad when he founded Lichfield Cathedral in the 7th Century.

Decision: Reject

'Life in a Gorge' – Stoney Middleton

Applicant: Stoney Middleton Heritage Centre Community Group (SMHCCG)

Project description: This project – based in Hope Valley, Derbyshire – aims to explore and inform the locals and visitors of the story of Stoney Middleton. It will share the histories of the limestone formation that surrounds it in the Peak District National Park. It will produce an exhibition to be housed at the newly built 'The Cupola' Visitor Centre.

Decision: Reject

Restoration of school bell – Carleton Rode School

Applicant: Carleton Rode Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

Project description: To carry out capital works to a Victorian school building, making an original, small bell turret secure and installing a new bell. Three celebratory open weekends will be held, delivered by volunteers including the schoolchildren themselves. It will include presentations by the local history society, the unveiling of the bell, and other general celebratory activities.

Decision: Award Grant £7,500 (99% of total costs)

Apes, Owls and Devils – Dronfield's important medieval stained glass

Applicant: Dronfield Parish Church

Project description: This project at St John the Baptist, Dronfield, aims to conserve significant medieval stained glass and promote the heritage and artistry of the glass.

Decision: Award Grant £179,541 (74% of total costs)

Casta Paintings Restoration Project

Applicant: Leicester Museums & Galleries

Project description: To conserve and restore five 18th Century Casta paintings, create exhibitions, and deliver an engagement programme in Leicester.

Decision: Award Grant £49,665 (86% of total costs)

Stories That Made Us (the South Asian Narrative)

Applicant: Coventry Artspace Ltd

Project description: To increase awareness and engagement with both the Virk Collection and the additional archive belonging to Hardish Virk.

Decision: Award Grant £9,978 (89% of total costs)

We are Low Hill

Applicant: ArtfullyHappy CIC

Project description: To collaborate with the service users of the Low Hill Community Centre in Wolverhampton, to create two pieces of scrap metal art which reflect the area's multicultural heritage.

Decision: Award Grant £9,999 (100% of total costs)

Under the Influence

Applicant: The Museum of Drugs

Project description: To exhibit a collection relating to the heritage of drugs (from the 19th century to present day) at venues in Norwich, Lowestoft and Kings Lynn and deliver lectures and film screenings.

Decision: Reject

Oscari: Celebrating 150 years of the Church of Christ in the community

Applicant: Oscari

Project description: To celebrate the 150 year anniversary of the Church of Christ and its place in the community, in Riddings, Derbyshire.

Decision: Reject

Over Whitacre Pound

Applicant: Over Whitacre Parish Council

Project description: To restore the historic Pound of Over Whitacre hamlet, 16 miles east of Birmingham. The Pound was used prior to the Enclosures Act of 1819 to impound animals which had strayed from the owner's land in the open field farming system.

Decision: Reject

St Andrews Church Community Project

Applicant: St Andrews Church, North Burlingham

Project description: This project, based in Norwich, Norfolk, aims to undertake urgent repairs to the Grade I listed St Andrew's Church. The project will also deliver a programme of activities which will focus on church heritage, nature and conservation.

Decision: Reject

Kings Norton Heritage Project

Applicant: Kings Norton Church Restoration Fund

Project description: To carry out safety and interpretation works at the Grade I listed St John the Baptist Church in King's Norton, Leicestershire.

Decision: Reject

Round at The Vic – 60 years of theatre-making in North Staffordshire

Applicant: Stoke-on-Trent and North Staffordshire Theatre Trust Limited (New Vic Theatre)

Project description: To record 30 in-depth memories, collect 40 short accounts, create a digital film, exhibition and archive for the 60 year anniversary of the New Vic theatre in Stoke-on-Trent. There will also be associated engagement events.

Decision: Award Grant £45,489 (94% of total costs)

The Bake House @ 43

Applicant: Future Living Hertford

Project description: This on-going project, based at the Grade II listed Vale House in Hertfordshire, aims to engage the community with heritage-based skills, and encourage more people to get involved with heritage in innovative and interesting ways.

Decision: Reject

Our Place in Time Jubilee Printmaking Project

Applicant: Oyster Community Press CIC

Project description: This project, in the year of the Platinum Jubilee, will record the momentous events and create three large pictorial wall hangings, as a visual record. These will become permanent additions to the archives held at The Hold.

Decision: Award Grant £9,487 (95% of total costs)

Heckington Windmill Audience Development Project

Applicant: Heckington Windmill Trust

Project description: To develop visitor engagement and income generation at Heckington Windmill, in the North Kesteven District of Lincolnshire.

Decision: Award Grant £133,936 (90% of total costs)

Coastal Connections

Applicant: The Time and Tide Bell Organisation Limited

Project description: This project will be delivered across two locations: Harwich in Tendring and Morecambe in Lancaster. It aims to collect and share stories of local experience, knowledge and memories of coastal life, exploring changes in the environment, landscape and place.

Decision: Award Grant £46,397 (100% of total costs)

Sharing Our Lives

Applicant: Together Arts Productions CIC

Project description: To find, record, curate and share histories of people who have migrated to and from Essex through the Port of Tilbury, up to present day. The aim is to unearth previously unheard or marginalised stories with local narratives

Decision: Award Grant £90,778 (91% of total costs)

Medieval Church Conservation – Recovery from Substance Misuse

Applicant: The Matthew Project

Project description: To repair low level exterior walls and churchyard walls at St Etheldreda's and St Margarets' churches. To provide project participants with experience and skills in conservation building techniques, where there is currently a sector shortage.

Decision: Award Grant £13,935 (100% of total costs)

St Andrew's Church Ceiling Repair Fund

Applicant: Pickenham Parochial Church Council

Project description: To repair the ceiling of St Andrew's Church, North Pickenham, in West Norfolk

Decision: Reject

Securing St Paul's Church and Community Centre for future generations

Applicant: Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Paul, Cambridge

Project description: To carry out repair and conservation works to the external brickwork, masonry and roof of St Paul's Church in central Cambridge.

Decision: Reject

Bee Inspired

Applicant: Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Project description: This project, based in Walsall, West Midlands, aims to create new urban habitats for bumblebees by encouraging the public to take positive micro-actions. It will also pilot their nationwide Bumblebee Volunteering Hub model, to work with local charities and reach a diverse audience.

Decision: Award Grant £222,628 (94% of total costs)

Development funding for new archive building

Applicant: Online Transport Archive

Project description: To plan and create a digital heritage portal and storage to house a collection of 2million still images and 4,000 hours of film relating to international transport, social and industrial history.

Decision: Reject

A Place at the Table

Applicant: Women's History Projects CIC

Project description: To work with participants to research and share the stories of six historic women from Norfolk.

Decision: Reject

Inspired by Nature

Applicant: ADeC (Arts Development in East Cambridgeshire)

Project description: Primarily based at the Babylon Gallery in Ely, this project aims to widen their audience and facilitate engagement with the local landscape.

Decision: Reject

Belper Library Writer in Residence

Applicant: Derbyshire County Council

Project description: This project at Belper library in Derbyshire will provide a residency for a local playwright and poet to work with disadvantaged communities in Belper. They will produce creative responses to the contemporary history of the town.

Decision: Reject

An Indian Princess in Essex

Applicant: Essex Cultural Diversity Project

Project description: This Doddington project, near Brentwood in Essex, would involve volunteers in researching the life and heritage of Princess Helena Randhir Singh Ahluwalia. It will result in an exhibition at All Saint's Church, talks, events, an information leaflet and online interpretation, as well as a short film.

Decision: Award Grant £8,680 (72% of total costs)

Jubilee Digital Library – Reinterpreting the Archive

Applicant: Laundry

Project description: To create a new digital library using 'The Jubilee Community Archive 1974–1994', which is currently in storage. The archive is mainly photographic and captures a key chapter of social movement from the 1970s.

Decision: Award Grant £29,950 (100% of total costs)

Bilthorpe Heritage Museum Disability Facility

Applicant: Bilsthorpe Heritage

Project description: To install an accessible toilet and purchase advertising boards for Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum, Newark, Nottinghamshire.

Decision: Reject

St Andrews Window Repair and Guards

Applicant: St Andrews Parish Centre Trust

Project description: To repair broken stained glass windows and install guards to prevent vandalism.

Decision: Reject

Jubilee Community Pavilion

Applicant: Burston & Shimpling Parish Council

Project description: To install a new outdoor pavilion at Burston Recreation Ground, within the village of Burston, South Norfolk.

Decision: Reject

Sense & National Trust Partnership: Internal Garden

Applicant: SENSE, THE NATIONAL DEAFBLIND AND RUBELLA

Project description: This project is all about inclusion and participation of an often excluded group. It is designed to help disabled people to engage with nature and experience a connection with natural heritage in ways which they otherwise could not.

Decision: Award Grant £64,420 (100% of total costs)

A history of mindfulness & mental health support

Applicant: Sumo4Schools Foundation CIC

Project description: This Cannock project in Staffordshire would involve primary and secondary school students and members of a local history group in exploring and interpreting the history of mindfulness. This includes its origins and different forms and applications in Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Plus, how different meditation techniques have been adapted more recently to support mental health.

Decision: Award Grant £9,800 (100% of total costs)

Llanyblodwel Restoration Project

Applicant: Llanyblodwel Parish Council

Project description: This project based in Oswestry in Shropshire aims to carry out restoration work to a closed churchyard surrounding a Grade I listed St. Michael's church. The closed churchyard contains graves of previous soldiers, a vicar and a Victorian composer.

Decision: Reject

'Cultural Imprints'

Applicant: Sporting Communities Community Interest Company

Project description: This Normanton project in Derby aims to discover hidden memories and artefacts from the community. The project will consult, explore and record the community histories while creating a safe space within the Normanton Park for interpretation.

Decision: Reject

Ancient Astonbury and our Wilder Woodlands

Applicant: Hertfordshire & Middlesex Wildlife Trust Ltd

Project description: To begin managing Astonbury Wood as a nature destination for the public. The Wood is situated around four miles south east of Stevenage, Hertfordshire and the project would both conserve the habitat and host a programme of community engagement activities.

Decision: Award Grant £162,698 (89% of total costs)

Building the Future: Repairing the Past

Applicant: St.Peter's Haveringland Parochial Church Council

Project description: To carry out urgent repairs and improvements, and facilitate a programme of activities to engage the local and wider community.

Decision: Reject

Jubilee of the Community

Applicant: The Big Happiness Experiment CIC

Project description: To gather and share memories of living in Birmingham and the Black Country throughout the Queen's reign with street parties, royal visitors and the coronation.

Decision: Award Grant £10,000 (100% of total costs)

Wiveton – A Church For The Future

Applicant: Wiveton Parochial Church Council

Project description: To carry out urgent high level repairs to the Grade I listed St Mary's Church in Wiveton village – located in the Norfolk Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) near Wells-Next-The-Sea – and also deliver a programme of engagement activities.

Decision: Award Grant £135,997 (69% of total costs)

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South Asian 1990s Photography Project

Applicant: Red Media Love CIC

Project description: To create an exhibition of photographs and videos sharing stories from second generation South Asian communities growing up in the 1980s and 1990s.

Decision: Reject