

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions February 2023

Schedule of Decisions under delegated powers to the Head of Investment, England, Midlands & East in February 2023. National Lottery Grants for Heritage.

2 February 2023

Steel Town Tales: Corby's Industrial Past in Virtual Reality

Applicant: METRO-BOULOT-DODO LIMITED

Project description: To explore the history of the steel industry in Corby, Northamptonshire. The project will create immersive Virtual Reality (VR) experiences to recreate and represent the sights and sounds of steel making factories, with furnaces and machinery.

Grant Request: £249,462 (96% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

6 February 2023

A peal for Mary Tudor

Applicant: St. Margaret's PCC of Westhorpe

Project description: Install new bells and refurbish an old bell in a Grade I listed church, bringing bellringing back into operation whilst providing skills opportunities and interpretation on local heritage.

Grant Request: £142,033 (84% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

9 February 2023

Wirksworth Reaches Out

Applicant: Wirksworth Heritage Centre

Project description: To deliver a programme of exhibitions on local heritage, employ staff, contribute to overheads, and generally develop the centre's offer.

Grant Request: £249,590 (90% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

The Thomas Wolsey 550 Project

Applicant: Ipswich Borough Council

Project description: Through public events, an exhibition, a schools programme, and wide consultation, the project will explore and build a new legacy for Thomas Wolsey in Ipswich, and in locations connected with Wolsey's life and career across England.

Grant Request: £249,975 (100% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

Grant Increase Application

Well, Well, Wells! The Restoration of St Nicholas Church, Wells-next-the-Sea

Applicant: Wells Parochial Church Council

Decision: Award grant increase of £23,535 to make a total grant of £344,435 (70% of total costs)

16 February 2023

Inspire

Applicant: Empowr-U CIC

Project description: To allow young people from five under-served areas of Coventry to engage with heritage through a range of workshops, site visits and community projects.

Grant Request: £106,950 (100% of total costs)

Decision: Reject

Project Hoot!

Applicant: Hawk & Owl Trust

Project description: To capture data on urban tawny owls at 50 sites around the city of Norwich, as well as engaging the community.

Grant Request: £112,781 (88% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

Derbyshire Blue John – Public Engagement and Digital Assets

Applicant: C.W.Sellors (Gold And Silversmiths) Limited

Project description: A public engagement programme and digital content for a new exhibition space at the National Gemstone and Jewellery Design Centre, commissioned by jewellers C. W. Sellors, in Carsington, Derbyshire.

Grant Request: £99,862 (100% of total costs)

Decision: Reject

Great Dunham 180

Applicant: Unity Education Trust

Project description: 2023 marks the 180th anniversary of the founding of Great Dunham School. This is one of the oldest village schools in Norfolk and the project will mark this occasion with a number of events.

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

Decision: Award grant

Scanning Artefacts, Digitising Archives and Creating a Virtual Museum

Applicant: Combined Military Services Museum

Project description: Digitise 500 objects held in the collection of the Combined Military Services Museum in Maldon, Essex, and create a virtual museum experience.

Grant Request: £227,809 (100% of total costs)

Decision: Reject

Graveyard path access to the playground

Applicant: Staffordshire University Academies Trust

Project description: To create a scenic footpath from an existing gate at the rear of the school which leads into the churchyard.

Grant Request: £8,650 (59% of total costs)

Decision: Reject

Bridging the Past Project

Applicant: The Derwent and Wye Valley Railway Trust Limited

Project description: Deliver capital restoration along with an intergenerational activity programme that will share stories of the Darley Dale Railway Station and its contribution to local life.

Grant Request: £223,353 (92% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

Sinai Park House Options Appraisal and Viability Study

Applicant: Sinai Park House Trust

Project description: To discover the best future use of Sinai Park House and the nearby meadow. It will establish the condition of the damaged wings and provide a roadmap for the site over the next five to 10 years.

Grant Request: £51,118 (100% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

#DYC Changing Collections: embedding relevance and representation for 2025

Applicant: Walsall Council

Project description: Expand and diversify a Community Collections Panel at The New Art Gallery Walsall, aiming to embed visible change in the way the collection is displayed.

Grant Request: £85,000 (100% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

Attenborough for All

Applicant: Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust

Project description: Consult diverse audiences on engaging with Attenborough Nature Reserve and planning new approaches to remove barriers to access.

Grant Request: £100,649 (95% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

Chivers and Sons Ltd 1873–1959 – Their pioneering contribution to the food preserve industry and the prosperity and welfare of the local community

Applicant: Histon and Impington Village Society

Project description: Based in Histon, Cambridgeshire, the project aims to share the contribution that Chivers and Sons Ltd made to the development of fruit preservation and distribution.

Grant Request: £14,500 (97% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

Victoria Embankment Water Play Park

Applicant: Nottingham City Council

Project description: This project will restore and bring back to use the historic Paddling Pool in the Victoria Embankment public park. It will also deliver activities in partnership with stakeholders and community groups to use the paddling pool to expand audiences, enhance social connections, illustrate the area's heritage and biodiversity and to support wellbeing.

Grant Request: £250,000 (33% of total costs)

Decision: Defer

All Saints Resilience & Recovery Project

Applicant: 'The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Leamington Priors

Project description: To build on post-coronavirus (COVID-19) recovery and develop the church's capacity to engage with more people from within and beyond their diverse community.

Grant Request: £9,900 (100% of total costs)

Decision: Reject

A Journey through Kidderminster's Town Hall

Applicant: Kidderminster Town Council

Project description: Conserve and interpret heritage assets of Kidderminster town hall through a volunteering programme and school and college engagement. It will contribute to a wider project to enhance the town hall offer and boost footfall to the area.

Grant Request: £249,696 (100% of total costs)

Decision: Defer

Next Chapter – Stepping into Dragon Hall's Story

Applicant: National Centre for Writing

Project description: This project at Dragon Hall, Norwich, will restore, share and reinterpret its heritage.

Grant Request: £103,486 (30% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

Nothing on Earth 2023

Applicant: Pursued by a Bear Productions

Project description: To complement the tour of the Nothing on Earth play, reproducing exhibition materials from a previous project, holding oral history sessions and creating short videos relating to research on historical heroines.

Grant Request: £6,797 (100% of total costs)

Decision: Reject

Phantasmagoria

Applicant: ERM (Eastern Region Media) CIC

Project description: To involve young people and communities in Thetford and rural areas of south Norfolk in exploring and creatively interpreting local folk stories and traditions linked to magic and illusions in the Victorian era.

Grant Request: £74,000 (100% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

Renovation of Switch Room

Applicant: Lichfield Waterworks Trust

Project description: To repair and rent the external switch room at the Sandfields Pumping Station.

Grant Request: £4,639 (100% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

Culture Heritage Exchange in a Place of Sanctuary

Applicant: Local Welcome CIO

Project description: To take place in four locations across the West Midlands and East Midlands, creating spaces for cultural exchange between refugees or people seeking asylum and host communities. The project will also collect oral histories from both groups about the diversification of

communities.

Grant Request: £97,438 (98% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

Extra Time

Applicant: Suffolk Artlink

Project description: To involve primary school children and older people in reminiscence and exploration of Suffolk's football heritage. The project will work with Suffolk Archives to use materials held in the collection to inspire creative activities and resources.

Grant Request: £139,749 (95% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

Out Of The Blue

Applicant: Mitchell Memorial Youth Arts Centre Ltd

Project description: To make the theatre and its history accessible to everyone by providing a one-day theatre trip experience for schools, and youth and community groups. It will explore the history of Reginal Mitchell and his links to the theatre.

Grant Request: £10,000 (88% of total costs)

Decision: Reject

Weobley Big Dig; History in Your Garden

Applicant: Weobley & District Local History Society

Project description: 2023 is the 50th anniversary of the Weobley and District Local History Society. To mark the occasion, this project will involve the community in finding out more about the archaeology, heritage, and history of the village.

Grant Request: £9,668 (89% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

Building Shropshire Wildlife Trust's Organisational Resilience

Applicant: Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Project description: To address skills and knowledge gaps, build capacity, reduce risk and support new revenue streams for the wildlife charity.

Grant Request: £182,744 (100% of total costs)

Decision: Reject

Kirton Pinfold Community Project

Applicant: Kirton Parish Council

Project description: To restore the Pinfold using traditional methods. It will involve local residents and schools, local employers and students from a construction college working alongside a professional stone mason and Notts County Council Heritage team.

Grant Request: £9,933 (62% of total costs)

Decision: Reject

Horrox – A Forgotten Cambridge Hero

Applicant: Corkscrew Theatre Company

Project description: To plan events around the play 'Horrox' to increase community engagement, especially that of young people and children. The play brings to life the short life of one of the greatest astronomers in history and his quest to prove for the first time that the earth is not at the centre of creation.

Grant Request: £9,800 (83% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant

Coventry City of Culture Trust – Legacy Winter 2022

Applicant: Coventry City of Culture Trust

Project description: To build on the successes of the Coventry UK City of Culture 2021 programme by delivering legacy activities that will continue to empower and engage communities.

Grant Request: £250,000 (73% of total costs)

Decision: Reject

22 February 2023

Lichfield Cathedral Central Spire: Restore, Reopen, Reveal

Applicant: The Cathedral Church of Saint Mary and Saint Chad in Lichfield

Project description: Restore the central spire and reopen the central tower to visitors to recommence tower tours at Lichfield Cathedral. There will be a programme of public and schools

activities to increase engagement with the Cathedral and its heritage, fostering a greater sense of ownership and belonging among the local community.

Grant Request: £248,962 (28% of total costs)

Decision: Award grant