

England, North: delegated decisions March 2025

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Grant changes

Lower Kirkgate Townscape Heritage Initiative

Applicant: Leeds City Council

Decision: Award change in grant percentage from 62.11% to 69.26%

Purchase and Restoration of Ripley Town Hall

Applicant: Ripley Star Club Limited

Decision: Award grant increase of £75,000 to make a total grant of £250,000

National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000

#HP Sir Moses Montefiore Memorial Synagogue, Grimsby

Applicant: Grimsby Hebrew Congregation

Project description: To improve the condition of the building and engage more with the local community. This will involve surveying for and then hosting events and activities the area is lacking but would benefit from, as well as raising awareness of the area's Jewish heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £41,450 (85%)

Remembering the WHEELIE Good Times - A BeSPOKE Heritage of GY95 BMX and Urban Sports

Applicant: GY95

Project description: To celebrate the group's 30th anniversary while engaging disadvantaged young people with members through the creation of a digital archive, oral histories, a documentary film, and an anniversary book, which will all showcase the cultural history of urban sports.

Decision: Award grant of £104,970 (100%)

Clayton-le-Moors Heritage Animation and Book Project

Applicant: Hyndburn Leisure

Project description: To build on the previous Clayton-le-Moors Heritage Project and permanent exhibition with the completion of a website, the research and production of a local history book in-house, an accessible animated film, and learning materials for local schools and care homes.

Decision: Award grant of £10,000 (100%)

Bridging Cultures: A parallel journey of teenage life in the UK and Somaliland

Applicant: Lindley Educational Trust Limited

Project description: To foster pride in Somali heritage by working with women and girls of Somali heritage to research, write and produce a play exploring the parallels of growing up in the UK and Somaliland, with interviews of community elders and learning traditional dance, costume and set craft.

Decision: Award grant of £27,980 (100%)

Lumb Bank - A Storied House in a Heritage Landscape

Applicant: Arvon Foundation Limited (The)

Project description: To secure the future of the home of poet Ted Hughes, and boost engagement with the buildings landscape, literary, industrial and social heritage through the development of a conservation management plan and events, informed by community engagement and built into a five-year business plan.

Decision: Award grant of £188,990 (94%)

Jarrow Archaeological Mission (JAM) - Phase 1

Applicant: Groundwork South and North Tyneside Ltd

Project description: To run a pilot excavation in Jarrow using the mapping and land surveys of St. Paul's monastery, to engage disadvantaged members of the community and volunteers in vocational workshops, offer Level 3 Certificates in Archaeology, and save the areas material history from loss.

Decision: Award grant of £249,188 (97%)

A Towering Presence

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints, Hesse

Project description: To restore the church tower and engage the community through intergenerational heritage projects involving film, art, dance, and public performances, supported by research and participation from local schools, care homes, and other community spaces.

Decision: Award grant of £244,576 (53%)

The Music Identity Project

Applicant: Ngamaba community path

Project description: To preserve and celebrate the musical heritage of Salford's Congolese, Angolan, and Congo Brazzaville communities through oral history recordings, workshops, and intergenerational activities, culminating in a live performance and heritage DVD to foster pride and understanding across generations and communities.

Decision: Reject

Norse Stars

Applicant: Windermere Science Festivals CIC

Project description: To work with their youth group, local enthusiasts, and heritage partners to revive local Viking heritage through performances, art, games, and feasts to engage the community, while exploring the Furness Viking hoard and its historical significance.

Decision: Reject

Living in the Moment with Dorothy Wordsworth and Contemporaries

Applicant: Equal Arts Limited

Project description: To improve the wellbeing of older people and those living with dementia by creatively exploring the literary heritage of Dorothy Wordsworth and the Collinson collection of 19th-century watercolours, developing sensory materials to enhance access and broaden engagement with them.

Decision: Reject

Building Resilience: Sustaining Macclesfield's Silk Heritage to protect, share and enjoy stories of working lives

Applicant: The Silk Heritage Trust

Project description: To transform Paradise Mill and the Silk Museum into a hub of economic activity, skills development, and heritage participation for the community, ensuring financial resilience, organizational development, and audience engagement to preserve Macclesfield's silk heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £227,223 (82%)

Saddleworth Rising: A New Chapter

Applicant: Saddleworth Museum

Project description: To complete repairs and improve the sustainability of the museum and kitchen for community use, strengthen communications, diversify the committee, involve community volunteers and stakeholders in planning, and employ new staff.

Decision: Reject

Hidden Heritage Community grants Project

Applicant: Merseyside Play Action Council

Project description: To support local voluntary organisations with small grants for projects engaging children and young people, fostering new interests and skills, with a focus on inclusivity for those facing barriers, while building a network through stakeholder-led Community of Practice groups.

Decision: Reject

'KFOR and Kosovo +25' in Greater Manchester

Applicant: HEARTSTONE

Project description: To show a 100-picture photodocumentary exhibition across Manchester, Bolton, and Rochdale with diverse speakers, add oral histories, involve educational institutions, promote through regional networks, and train young people to create portable installations for community engagement.

Decision: Award grant of £56,400 (51%)

Accessing Our Hidden History - The Disabled People's Archive

Applicant: Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People

Project description: To celebrate the Coalition's 40th anniversary by launching the newly catalogued Disabled People's Archive, promoting accessibility and inclusion through events, workshops, training sessions, and community outreach, celebrating the heritage of the Disabled People's Movement.

Decision: Reject

Delia Derbyshire Day 10th anniversary project

Applicant: Delia Derbyshire Day

Project description: To celebrate the organisation's 10th anniversary with consultancy, training, events, and online content, while producing multimedia outputs, and involving younger volunteers in presenting Delia Derbyshire Day 2025 in Manchester.

Decision: Award grant of £50,651 (98%)

The History of Castleford and District Amateur Rugby League

Applicant: Tigers Trust

Project description: To document the history of Amateur Rugby League in Castleford from the late 1890s to present, involving community clubs and volunteers to create mini museums, host training workshops for digitisation and oral history recording, and reconnect past players and supporters.

Decision: Reject

Children's Capital of Culture - You're Not from New York City, You're from Rov'Rum

Applicant: Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Project description: To make Rotherham the world's first Children's Capital of Culture, with 25 young Heritage Producers working to preserve the town's heritage, create a digital archive of memories, and collaborate on a creative commission to explore identity and community.

Decision: Award grant of £245,927 (34%)

Time and Toil

Applicant: Boldon Colliery Heritage Group

Project description: To create a monument honouring the community's mining and military legacy, facilitating remembrance, reflection, and connection through heritage exploration and creative activities.

Decision: Reject

The Role of Carnforth Library - From 1936 to 2026 and Beyond

Applicant: Global Link (Lancaster)

Project description: To celebrate Carnforth Library's 90th anniversary by involving local residents of diverse ages, with recently settled refugees and asylum seekers, to reflect on the library's heritage and evolving role in the community through archival research, activities, and shaping its future role in the community.

Decision: Award grant of £68,326 (100%)

Horse + Bamboo Museum and Archive - Reminding and Renewal.

Applicant: Littleworld Ltd

Project description: To create a museum and archive retelling the history of the Horse + Bamboo collective and sharing its position in British theatre heritage, aiming to engage local young people interested in performing arts, and academics.

Decision: Reject

Honoring Strength, Celebrating Heritage

Applicant: Breast Cancer Support Squad

Project description: To record and preserve the stories of Black women affected by breast cancer, and their families, and carers, through oral histories, creative arts workshops, and intergenerational events, culminating in public exhibitions and awareness campaigns to promote early detection and better health outcomes.

Decision: Reject

Parson House Heritage Project

Applicant: Parson House Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Project description: To explore and interpret the heritage of its 200-year-old location and buildings, collect stories and memories from past users, understand changes in the landscape and climate, and explain countryside skills to engage visitors with the moorlands and wider countryside.

Decision: Reject

"Yanzi Heritage Alive - Empowering At Risk Youth Through Culture, Alphabets & Art" Our Story, Our Future

Applicant: SafeHaven Youth CIC

Project description: To preserve and celebrate the Yanzi diaspora by teaching traditional values, fostering literacy and cultural identity, and connecting generations to strengthen mental health, and create opportunities.

Decision: Reject

A Grand Revival - Embracing Heritage and shaping the future of The Grand, Doncaster

Applicant: Doncaster Culture and Leisure Trust

Project description: To create a Masterplan for restoring Doncaster's Grand Theatre into a sustainable cultural and heritage hub, focusing on community engagement, economic growth, and preserving its legacy through comprehensive planning, public engagement, technical assessments, and innovative programming.

Decision: Reject

On Yer Bike: Bradford's Two Wheel Cultures

Applicant: Capital of Cycling

Project description: To celebrate and preserve Bradford's cycling heritage by leveraging City of Culture 2025, documenting diverse cycling stories, creating a digital archive, producing a podcast, hosting public events, and developing a communications strategy to strengthen the heritage focus of future initiatives.

Decision: Reject

An Edible Family in a Mobile Home - Housing a Legacy

Applicant: Daily Life Ltd

Project description: To explore the heritage and impact of post-war social housing on family life through untold stories, present Bobby Baker's 1976 art installation at the Whitworth Art Gallery, run community workshops, create an accessible film, and donate the prefab to a creative and educational organisation.

Decision: Reject

Horden - 125 years and beyond

Applicant: Creative Youth Opportunities CIC

Project description: To celebrate Horden's 125th anniversary by launching a heritage project to preserve local history, connect young people with the village's evolution, and instil pride and understanding in them as future custodians.

Decision: Reject

"Our Story, Our Song" - Restoration of St Nicholas Church Tower to ensure safe access to this hugely significant Church and much-loved community building.

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Nicholas, Guisborough

Project description: To complete essential repairs to St Nicholas Church Tower, ensuring safe access, and transforming the church into a community facility which showcases historical artifacts, and share musical heritage through school outreach programs.

Decision: Reject

Cultural Bridges: 700 Years of Anglo-Portuguese Heritage in the North East

Applicant: Culture Healing Communities CIC

Project description: To celebrate seven centuries of the Anglo-Portuguese alliance and Portuguese heritage in the Northeast through a community festival, showcasing Portuguese art, culture, and heritage.

Decision: Reject

We Are 25: TBTL PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE - celebrating the cultural impact of TBTL with and for communities across Cumbria

Applicant: Cumbria Theatre Trust

Project description: To celebrate the Theatre's 25th anniversary with an exhibition of its history, involving young people in creating performances and digital installations to preserve its legacy.

Decision: Reject

Unearthing Legacies; Digging into the Past to Feed the Future

Applicant: Earth Moves Cooperative Limited

Project description: To restore and preserve Wallasey Market Gardens' natural and cultural heritage by involving people in sustainable farming, climate resilience, land restoration and heritage preservation activities on site.

Decision: Reject

Stomping Ground

Applicant: Hand Of LTD

Project description: To increase around 60 disadvantaged children from North Tyneside and Northumberland's engagement with heritage through creative activities and immersive experiences, while helping them reflect on their region's impact on their lives and aspirations.

Decision: Reject