Heritage Places

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We want to boost pride in place and connection to heritage across whole places, rather than individual projects.

Heritage Places is a long-term, strategic investment in up to 20 different places across the UK.

Driven by our Heritage 2033 strategy, our aim is to make heritage integral to plans that are making local areas better places to live, work and visit.

In October 2025, we announced our six new Heritage Places:

- Barking and Dagenham, London
- Belfast Historic Waterfront, Northern Ireland
- Dudley, West Midlands
- Orkney Islands, Scotland
- Tameside, Greater Manchester
- Ynys Môn (Isle of Anglesey), North Wales

These join the nine areas, towns and cities announced in 2023:

- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council Area
- Castell-nedd Port Talbot (Neath Port Talbot)
- County Durham (focused around Shildon and Newton Aycliffe)
- Glasgow (focused on Sauchiehall Street, in the city centre)
- Leicester
- Medway
- North-East Lincolnshire
- Stoke-on-Trent
- Torbay

Who can apply

Our investment is helping partner organisations in each of our Heritage Places to work collaboratively with the local community.

Together, they are creating and delivering plans to boost the capacity and resilience of local heritage.

As with National Lottery Heritage Grants, we welcome applications from a range of not-for-profit organisations; for example, local authorities, museums and community organisations. We can also consider applications from private owners of a heritage asset for grants up to £250,000. Please refer to our standard guidance for more information.

In your application, you will need to demonstrate that your project is part of the plans for your Heritage Place and provide a supporting letter from your lead local partner organisation.

Here's a list of the lead partner organisations in each of the Heritage Places, should you need to contact them.

Places announced in 2023:

- Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Council Area: Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
- Castell-nedd Port Talbot: Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
- County Durham (focused around Shildon and Newton Aycliffe): Durham County Council
- Glasgow (focused on Sauchiehall Street, in the city centre): Glasgow Life and Glasgow City Council
- Leicester: Leicester City Council
- Medway: Medway Council
- North-East Lincolnshire: North East Lincolnshire Council
- Stoke-on-Trent: Stoke-on-Trent City Council
- Torbay: Torbay Council

Places announced in 2025:

- Tameside: Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council
- Dudley: Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (historic.environment@dudley.gov.uk)
- Belfast Historic Waterfront: Belfast Maritime Trust: Belfast Historic Waterfront
- Barking and Dagenham: The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
- Orkney Islands: Orkney Islands Council
- Ynys Môn (Isle of Anglesey): Cyngor Sir Ynys Môn Isle of Anglesey County Council

If you are unsure whether your project should be part of Heritage Places, you can contact your local team.

Considerations for a Heritage Place application

Our ambition by 2033 is to have supported projects in Heritage Places that:

- **Target place-based investment** that increases pride in place and connects communities and visitors with heritage
- **Increase the capacity of local heritage** to maximise its contribution to places and communities and enhance the wide-ranging benefits it can bring
- **Create integrated and holistic schemes** across the breadth of heritage, including, for example, anchor institutions, cultural heritage, and the natural environment
- **Take a people-centred approach** enabling everyone’s heritage to be recognised

We will consider these aims alongside our standard requirements for National Lottery Heritage Grants, including responding to all four investment principles, when assessing your application.

How to apply

Applications for Heritage Places projects are made using our National Lottery Heritage Grants. Please read through the corresponding guidance, in addition to this page. To help us identify your project as part of this strategic initiative, you must:

- start your project title with the hashtag '#HP'
- provide a supporting letter from your lead local partner(s)

Heritage Places can apply for funding from £10,000 up to £10million throughout the strategic initiative to work towards their aims.

Initial projects are likely to focus on activities that increase capacity, engage communities, and define long-term priorities for heritage with larger applications following afterwards. However, we expect each Heritage Place's approach to be different depending on local needs.

For grants up to £250,000, you can submit an optional?project enquiry?to get feedback?on your project idea.

For grants over £250,000, you must first submit an expression of interest.

Please note: the £200million for Heritage Places is the overall budget for the strategic initiative and is not £10million per place or geographic area.

Receiving your grant

If you are awarded funding, please follow the below guidance which sets out what we expect of you before, during and after receiving it.

- Receiving your grant: £10,000 to £250,000
- Receiving your grant: £250,000 to £10million

How we make decisions

In addition to our processes under the National Lottery Heritage Grants programme, we will assess how your project addresses the considerations of the strategic initiative.

For grants of less than £250,000, decisions are made on a monthly basis by the staff in your nation or area. For grants above £250,000, recommendations will be made by nation/area committees, with final decisions made on a quarterly basis by our Board of Trustees.

Branding and acknowledgement

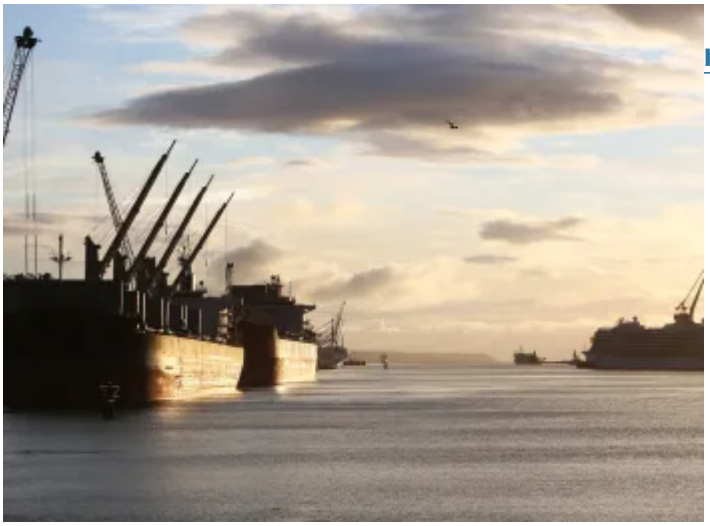
Projects funded through this initiative should use our acknowledgement guidance for Heritage Places.

Find out more

- Explore our Thriving Places hub for place-based case studies, stories and blogs.
- Delve into our Heritage Places: year 1 evaluation report
- Data for Heritage Places – a new analysis using the Heritage Index
- Learn how we're working with lead partners in each of our Heritage Places

You might also be interested in...





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Belfast Historic Waterfront at sunset. Photo: Maritime Belfast Trust.



es together and unlock the potential of heritage

Heritage Places grant acknowledgement requirements