

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions April 2025



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

One item yet to be announced

4 April

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

Folk Crafts & Rhythms

Applicant: Crane Creatives Coast CIC

Project description: This project will run workshops over five days at The Newarke Houses Museum that will focus on Eastern European traditional crafts, music and dance. Participants will learn new skills and knowledge.

Decision: Award grant of £13,544 (100%)

9 April

Grant increase

Fydell House – Gateway to Boston's Cultural Quarter

Applicant: Boston Preservation Trust Limited

Project description: This project will see Boston Preservation Trust make much-needed fabric repairs to Fydell House, providing universal access to a Grade I listed property at the heart of Boston's heritage offer. The activity plan would engage several new audiences, celebrating the heritage of the wider Boston area.?

Decision: Award grant increase of £249,491 to make a total grant of £1,666,180 (72%)

10 April

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

Vestry Roof Repairs 2025

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of The Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peter, Kington

Project description: To repair the roof to the vestry and make good internal plaster and decoration to this Grade II* listed Warwickshire church.

Decision: Reject

All Saints Toftrees Restoration – Stage 3

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Toftrees

Project description: Restorative capital works to this Grade I listed Norfolk church alongside recording and archiving of information on the headstones and memorials in the churchyard.

Decision: Award grant of £211,790 (85%)

CAFAG Heritage Gardening to Plates Project

Applicant: Chell Area Family Action Group

Project description: To carry out varied activities with a range of natural and industrial heritage sites within Stoke-on-Trent.

Decision: Reject

Trent Valley Past and Present

Applicant: Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Limited

Project description: To protect scheduled ancient monuments in Staffordshire along the Trent Valley by working with communities and landowners to conserve heritage sites.

Decision: Award grant of £250,000 (89%)

Transforming the Sidney Nolan Trust: Inspiring the creative spirit, stewarding heritage, and embracing adventure

Applicant: The Sidney Nolan Trust

Project description: This resilience project will develop a series of strategies and plans to support the long-term sustainability of the Sidney Nolan Trust and its work managing the Grade II* listed Rodd Court Estate and Sir Sidney Nolan art collection near Presteigne, Herefordshire.

Decision: Award grant of £244,849 (99%)

The British–Bengali Birmingham Voluntary Sector Heritage project

Applicant: Bangladesh Council

Project description: To investigate the history of Bengali-led community projects and the voluntary sector in Birmingham over the past 50 years.

Decision: Reject

Finding the Lost Manors of Harlaxton

Applicant: Harlaxton History Society

Project description: This community-based archaeology project aims to identify the location and nature of the three lost manor houses of Harlaxton, Lincolnshire, and further share this heritage through social media, website and on-site interpretation panels.

Decision: Award grant of £12,100 (98%)

The Beautiful Bells of All Saints Litcham

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Litcham and Kempston

Project description: To undertake a capital scheme of repairs to the bells and tower clock of the Grade I listed All Saints Church in Litcham, Norfolk.

Decision: Award grant of £135,143 (84%)

Windrush: Pathfinder

Applicant: Seven Winds CIC

Project description: To celebrate and preserve the contribution of the Windrush generation to British heritage, primarily from the perspective of African Caribbean communities in Birmingham.

Decision: Award grant of £62,960 (93%)

A Story To Tell: Through Her Lens

Applicant: Rosetinted Financial Services CIC

Project description: To run workshops and record 12 podcasts which will improve public understanding about the life of Una Marson, a Jamaican poet, playwright, activist and broadcaster from Walsall.

Decision: Reject

Stoke-on-Trent 100: A Heritage Festival for the Centenary

Applicant: Stoke-on-Trent City Council

Project description: 2025 is Stoke on Trent's centenary year. Stoke's historic industrial past will be celebrated whilst also exploring social and societal change across the city.

Decision: Award grant of £186,300 (100%)

My Must Farm

Applicant: Peterborough City Council

Project description: To create a permanent display for Must Farm's Bronze Age archaeology collection with increased access and engagement with the archive.

Decision: Award grant of £250,000 (96%)

Regenerating Norwich's Historic Parks and Green Spaces – An Area Based Approach: identifying what is achievable, feasible, what options are available and understanding wider community needs.

Applicant: Norwich City Council

Project description: This project focuses on data collection, analysis and planning to improve the management and condition of 22 green spaces of high heritage value in Norwich.

Decision: Award grant of £216,000 (96%)

Restore and Renew Elmley Castle Bell Restoration Project Cantate Domino Canticum Novum (Sing Unto The Lord A New Song)

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Elmley Castle, Bricklehampton, Little Comberton and Great Comberton

Project description: To undertake capital works to protect the historic bells and enable bell-ringing to continue in the Grade I listed St Mary's in Elmley Castle, Worcestershire.

Decision: Defer

St Matthew's Overseal Roof Renewal

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Overseal St. Matthew

Project description: To undertake repair work to the church roof of the Grade II listed St Matthew's in Overseal, Derbyshire.

Decision: Reject

Eaton InSpired: Restoring St Denys

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Eaton

Project description: This project will carry out remedial work to this Grade I listed Lincolnshire church, alongside delivering an activity programme to engage members of the local community with the heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £249,482 (63%)

The Colwick Woods Audio Project

Applicant: Excavate CIC

Project description: To deliver a series of activities to engage people with the heritage of Colwick Woods, a former Nottingham deer park that served as a prisoner of war camp during the Second World War.

Decision: Award grant of £14,735 (97%)

Corby's Cultural Family Festival: Celebrating Traditions, Embracing Diversity

Applicant: Corby CAN Community Interest Company

Project description: The festival will be for the Romanians and Moldovans in Corby to celebrate cultural heritage and provide an opportunity for families to come together and enjoy a day of fun, learning and connection.

Decision: Reject

Harjas: the conservation of divine Sikh musical heritage

Applicant: Sangat Trust

Project description: To save the heritage of sacred Sikh music in Birmingham by recording oral histories and training participants in instrument repair.

Decision: Reject

Spire in the Landscape Feasibility Stage

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the ecclesiastical parish of Peterchurch

Project description: To carry out a feasibility study and planning work to inform a future capital works programme at the Grade I listed St Peter's Church in Peterchurch, Herefordshire.

Decision: Award grant of £20,813 (100%)

Barge Preservation Community Project CIC

Applicant: Barge Preservation Community Project CIC

Project description: To complete the final phase of activities to restore and open the Barge as a tearoom/museum, events space, community hub and wellbeing service in Lowestoft, Suffolk.

Decision: Reject

Derbyshire Makes History – celebrating Derbyshire's heritage of making

Applicant: Derbyshire County Council

Project description: This community engagement programme focuses on and celebrates the county's manufacturing heritage of local crafts and skills, with community grants to support heritage construction skills.

Decision: Award grant of £249,950 (95%)

Protect Perrott's Folly

Applicant: Re. Future Collective

Project description: To undertake a series of surveys and reviews to support both the organisational resilience of the organisation and the development of a future capital scheme to repair this Grade II* listed Birmingham folly, said to have inspired JRR Tolkien.

Decision: Award grant of £42,677 (100%)

Roof Resurrection

Applicant: PCC of St Nicholas Church, Dormston

Project description: To address the first phase of capital repairs to preserve a Grade I listed Worcestershire church on the Heritage at Risk Register.

Decision: Reject

Getting Woodstone Wharf ready to open

Applicant: The Wansford Road CIO

Project description: To fit out the internal spaces of the former Wansford railway station building, relocated to Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, to create a visitor centre with modern services and finishes that resemble a Victorian railway station.

Decision: Reject

"Fellowship with Nature": The Arboretum and Botanical Garden Movement

Applicant: Midland Actors Theatre

Project description: This Leicestershire-based project will engage young people with the heritage of arboreturns and public gardens across the Midlands.

Decision: Award grant of £48,712 (99%)

St Matthews Church Pinnacle Restoration

Applicant: St Matthew, Darley Abbey Parochial Church Council

Project description: This project will repair and reinstate four pinnacles on the tower of this Grade II listed Derby church in the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

Decision: Award grant of £59,009 (35%)

Abbots Langley V80

Applicant: Abbots Langley Parish Council

Project description: This community project commemorates 80 years since the end of the Second World War. It will specifically celebrate the memories of residents of Abbots Langley with lived experience of this period in history.

Decision: Reject

St Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, Inner Vestibule Roof and Ceiling Repair

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Chad with St Mary, Shrewsbury

Project description: To repair the roof of the inner vestibule of the Grade I listed St Chad's Church, contributing to the conservation of a significantly important heritage building.

Decision: Reject

Increasing Accessibility at St Mary's

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Tattingstone

Project description: To install new facilities to improve accessibility and expand the use of this Grade II* listed Suffolk church, to support people's engagement in local heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £232,766 (82%)

Our Story (Working Title)

Applicant: Fifth Word Theatre

Project description: This project will engage with Nottinghamshire's trans+ communities to capture oral histories and explore museum collections and archives to address this under-served hidden heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £163,500 (99%)

25 April?

Grant increase

The Way Forward

Applicant: Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Stebbing

Project description: To undertake capital repairs and conservation work, reordering, upgrading of facilities and accessibility improvements to enhance the community use of the Grade I listed St Mary's Church in Stebbing, Essex. The project aims to establish the church as a community hub open to a variety of groups and uses.

Decision: Award grant increase of £100,000 to make a total grant of £1,669,000 (85%)?

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Operation Chariot Memorial Project

Applicant: St Nazaire Raid Memorial Trust

Project description: To collect and share oral histories, produce educational materials and catalogue and digitise the Trust's archive collection about the Second World War St Nazaire Raid, Operation Chariot. The project will accompany a memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, being funded separately by the Trust.

Decision: Award grant of £237,836 (97%)

30 April

Grant increase

Heritage that is Understood, Respected, Safeguarded and Treasured for Hurst Farm

Applicant: Derbyshire Dales District Council

Project description: To focus on the historic environment surrounding the Hurst Farm estate and the creation of accessible greenspace linking disadvantaged communities with the wider heritage-rich landscape of Lumsdale and the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site. The heritage trail would restore 14.4 hectares of woodland, using the natural and built heritage as a catalyst to improve the landscape,

conserve nature, support a disadvantaged community, improve wellbeing and assist in regenerating a deprived area.

Decision: Award grant increase of £249,400 to make a total grant of £1,258,400 (76%)