

England, North: delegated decisions December 2025

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Schedule of decisions under delegated powers for England, North at The National Lottery Heritage Fund on 12 December 2025.

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

Pathways to Nature

Applicant: Plantlife International – The Wild Plant Conservation Charity

Project description: A nature conservation project to enhance biodiversity, increase access and widen engagement with Three Hagges Wood Meadow in North Yorkshire.

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

THE HOMECOMING: 50 years of the Royal Exchange Theatre – A Celebration of Costume, Craft & Storytelling

Applicant: Royal Exchange Theatre Limited

Project description: To celebrate, preserve and share the Royal Exchange Theatre's costume collection and deepen community engagement and awareness.

Decision: Award grant of £185,872 (84%)

BYAFAAYO – Black Immigrant Women's Stories of Belonging in Merseyside UK.

Applicant: Women and Digital Inclusion (WODIN)

Project description: To interview first and second-generation Black migrant women about how they construct belonging in Merseyside and the UK, creating an oral history archive.

Decision: Award grant of £108,013 (100%)

Soothe Through Heritage: Exploring Knutsford's Stories, Senses and Traditions Through Creative School Workshops

Applicant: Stable Minds CIC

Project description: A schools-based project that will engage 75 young people from five schools with their local heritage through participatory activities celebrating intangible and natural heritage.

Decision: Award grant of £15,825 (100%)

England's Miners: The Very Last Generation

Applicant: National Coal Mining Museum for England

Project description: Working collaboratively with heritage partners to create a sustainable future for the museum and its collections, through the recruitment of project staff, strategic planning and events and workshops.

Decision: Award grant of £235,000 (89%)

Tradition in Transition: Youth Journeys Through Heritage Craft

Applicant: Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust Limited

Project description: A co-created youth engagement project focusing on skills, training and mentorship in four heritage crafts across three regional areas.

Decision: Award grant of £134,363 (92%)

Developing a new vision for Birkenhead Park, the pioneering People's Park

Applicant: Wirral Council

Project description: To produce a long-term masterplan for the park to guide its future direction and create a route map for its next phase of development.

Decision: Award grant of £177,700 (78%)

#HP Heritage Channel – broadcasting NEL's diverse heritage

Applicant: Hammond House Ltd

Project description: To deliver a programme of digital heritage engagement in North East Lincolnshire, along with training and work placements in media skills.

Decision: Award Grant of £249,980 (95%)

The St Cuthbert's Project

Applicant: Parochial Church Council of Norham & Duddo

Project description: To undertake capital work to improve access to the church, remove barriers to engagement and deliver remedial work to a historic gate, along with an interpretation plan and programme of activities.

Decision: Award grant of £245,513 (67%)

The 7 Ages of Women

Applicant: The Equality Practice Ltd

Project description: To record and share the experiences of women in Lincolnshire to demonstrate how womanhood has changed through different eras, through a co-curated exhibition, oral histories and intergenerational engagement.

Decision: Reject

A radical approach to crafting the future of The Peace Museum

Applicant: The Peace Museum

Project description: To strengthen governance and organisational resilience through the recruitment of project staff and strategic planning work.

Decision: Award grant of £191,634 (94%)

Lines of Protest

Applicant: Comics Youth CIC

Project description: A youth-led intergenerational project exploring how comics and zines have shaped UK social movements, through the creation of oral histories and original comics, workshops and exhibitions.

Decision: Reject

Joining the Dots – supporting community-led heritage in Salford

Applicant: Salford City Council

Project description: A capacity-building project that aims to strengthen Salford's heritage sector through community engagement, training and digital innovation.

Decision: Award grant of £173,820 (90%)

Rise in Nature – connecting women and girls from minoritised ethnic communities to urban nature in Old Trafford

Applicant: The Conservation Volunteers

Project description: To empower women and girls to explore and connect with urban nature, increase access and facilitate stewardship through a range of workshops.

Decision: Reject

Bringing the Past to Life: Exploring Identity, Culture and History in the Modern World

Applicant: Davren: Community Solutions C.I.C.

Project description: To explore Roma language and culture through language classes and the creation of a Roma dictionary and documentary film.

Decision: Reject

Pride, Passion and Skills – Made in Sheffield

Applicant: Ken Hawley Collection Trust

Project description: To preserve the heritage of Sheffield's toolmaking and cutlery through digitisation, co-creation and outreach activities.

Decision: Award grant of £228,381 (97%)

Hope On The Frontline

Applicant: LET'S GO (YORKSHIRE) CIC

Project description: To explore the history of protest and the experiences of mid-20th-century migrants from South Asia in Huddersfield and the wider Kirklees area, producing a range of outputs including a touring exhibition, learning resources, a storybook and film.

Decision: Reject

140 Years of Stories: Celebrating the Heritage of The Edge

Applicant: Waters Edge Arts Ltd

Project description: To engage audiences with heritage through community research, the creation of short films, music, a digital archive and a community theatre piece.

Decision: Reject

Tenacious by Nature: Creating a 'Greenprint' for Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's Flagship Nature Reserves and their Nature Discovery Centres.

Applicant: Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Project description: A strategy development project focusing on four flagship nature reserves, aiming to create a shared vision, frameworks and tools that can be applied across sites to unlock their full potential.

Decision: Award grant of £224,853 (82%)

St. John's, Lytham, bell restoration fund

Applicant: St. John's Church Bells Restoration and Maintenance Fund

Project description: To replace the 150-year-old oak bell frame and to recruit and educate new bell ringers.

Decision: Reject

Beacon of Hope

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of St Peters Warmsworth Doncaster in the Diocese of Sheffield

Project description: To carry out 'phase one' repair work at St Peter's Church in Warmsworth, undertake an accessibility audit and strengthen engagement with the local community.

Decision: Reject

Pride in Nature 2026

Applicant: Natural England

Project description: To expand and increase the scale of the existing Pride in Nature programme, including more organisations and additional outdoor events.

Decision: Reject

Voices of Dalton Mills – Community Hub

Applicant: Future Transformation CIC

Project description: To deliver a temporary community hub close to Dalton Mills which will be used to engage the local community in a range of activities to connect them to the Mills' history.

Decision: Reject

Raise the NAAFI roof, introduction of community research facility and community hub

Applicant: RAF Snaith Museum

Project description: To complete necessary repairs and improve access to a wartime building, alongside the creation of a research hub for community engagement.

Decision: Reject

The History of Wigan Rugby League – they became Warriors

Applicant: Wigan Warriors Community Foundation

Project description: To gather and celebrate memories of rugby league in Wigan, through oral histories, memorabilia and an online museum.

Decision: Reject

Aawaz: A 30 year reflection.

Applicant: Aawaz

Project description: To research the history of Aawaz and look back at the projects it has delivered over the past 30 years, with oral histories, photographs and memorabilia collected.

Decision: Reject

Reconnection between young people and elders' Cultural wellbeing through heritage, identity, and creativity Empowerment of the Ndebele (Mahlabezulu) community in the UK

Applicant: ISINTU SAMAHLABEZULU

Project description: To record, document and share the heritage of the Ndebele and broader Mahlabezulu community in Manchester through film, oral history and digital storytelling.

Decision: Reject

Steel City Sport

Applicant: The Reporters' Academy Limited

Project description: To create a digital museum dedicated to Sheffield's sporting heritage.

Decision: Reject

Roots and Futures: Preserving and Celebrating African Heritage, Culture and Community in Manchester through Oral Histories, Storytelling, and Intergenerational Exchange

Applicant: Manchester African Trust

Project description: To document, preserve and celebrate the heritage of Manchester's Black African communities through oral histories, storytelling workshops and a digital archive.

Decision: Reject

African Heritage Festival: Connecting Cultures in the North East

Applicant: Tynesocial Community CIC

Project description: To showcase African cultural heritage in the North East through the delivery of a one-day African heritage festival and associated activities.

Decision: Reject

The 1857 Drinking Fountain Project

Applicant: Kendal Civic Society

Project description: To clean and relocate an 1857 drinking fountain away from an area within a planned flood relief scheme to safeguard the heritage.

Decision: Reject

African Roots, Northern Voices. or Echoes of Africa: Heritage in the North East

Applicant: Perfect Solution Foundation

Project description: To test and demonstrate ways to preserve and celebrate African traditional heritage in the North East through the creation and delivery of an Afro-heritage cultural hub.

Decision: Reject

"Once a Saint – Always a Saint" St Helens – the town, the rugby club, industry, heritage & essentially the people

Applicant: Saints Community Development Foundation Limited

Project description: An archiving and sharing project to create permanent static and mobile museums showcasing the heritage of St Helens Rugby League Club and links to broader local social and industrial heritage.

Decision: Reject

From Needing to Leading: 40 years of NTDF

Applicant: North Tyneside Disability Forum Ltd

Project description: An oral history project that will reflect the changing aspects of disability in society through a programme of speakers, collections and creative sessions.

Decision: Reject

Pointing to the Future

Applicant: Northgate Church Trust

Project description: To complete capital repairs in the church, including addressing issues of failing pointing and water ingress.

Decision: Reject

South Asian Heritage Digital Hub

Applicant: South Asian Heritage Trust

Project description: To create a digital platform dedicated to preserving, celebrating and sharing the histories, lived experiences and contributions of the South Asian diaspora in the UK.

Decision: Reject

Grant review

St Laurence's, Kirby Misperton: Bringing an Historic Country Church Back to Life

Applicant: Parochial Church Council of Kirby Misperton with Normandy and Salton

Project description: To carry out conservation and new build works to the Grade II* listed church, along with partnership working to reach new audiences.

Decision: Agree change in grant percentage from 83% to 57%