

England, Midlands & East: delegated decisions

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Grant increases

HERITAGE ENTERPRISE: Saving the Iron Duke

Applicant: Great Yarmouth Preservation Trust

Project description: This project will save the Iron Duke from dereliction and loss and return it to viable and sustainable commercial use as a pub/restaurant with self-catering holiday accommodation. The aim is to re-open in Summer 2026.

Decision: Award grant increase of £240,000 to make a total grant of £2,645,884 (76%)

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

Kettering Museum: Building a Resilient Future

Applicant: North Northamptonshire Council

Project description: This project seeks to save heritage through the strategic development of Kettering Museum. It will do this by developing and reviewing its collections, relocating collections and master-planning for the future of the museum.

Decision: Award grant of £196,896 (100%)

Out-Space C.I.C.

Applicant: Out-Space C.I.C.

Project description: This project will purchase Duch Wood, near Diss, Norfolk and erect a facility to house a natural heritage academy. It will act as an alternate provision for young people with additional needs.

Decision: Reject

Re-discovering the Waveney Valley Line (1850-1966)

Applicant: Harleston Players

Project description: This project will explore the history of the former Waveney Valley railway line, between Norfolk and Suffolk, through a community play and a range of local activities.

Decision: Reject

Saving St James the Great, Ocle Pychard

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of Ocle Pychard

Project description: This project will complete essential repairs to the Grade II* listed Church of St James the Great in Ocle Pychard, near Hereford. It will also enhance the natural heritage around the church.

Decision: Award grant of £216,779 (100%)

Recounted Chronicles

Applicant: Gospel Link 360 C.I.C.

Project description: This Birmingham-based project looks to archive, digitise and share Black British Gospel heritage in an online, accessible library and learning hub. This aims to reaffirm Gospel heritage as an influence in Britain's cultural, musical and social story.

Decision: Reject

Christ Church - a re-formation

Applicant: Friends of Christ Church

Project description: This project will improve the electrical wiring of the unlisted Christ Church, in Wellington Heath, near Ledbury, Herefordshire. It will enable the building to support study and research, host exhibitions and concerts and provide reliable access to the internet.

Decision: Reject

GY Heritage and Culture Enabler

Applicant: Great Yarmouth Borough Council

Project description: This project in Great Yarmouth will create a Heritage and Culture Enabler, as well as dedicated work-streams to build capacity. This will extend institutional efficiency and resilience, stimulate pride in place and foster economic opportunities.

Decision: Reject

St Mary and St Edmund Church roof and restoration project

Applicant: Catesby Parochial Church Council

Project description: This project will repair the roof structure and apex cross of the Grade II listed St Mary and St Edmund Church in Catesby, Northamptonshire, as well as repointing some external walls.

Decision: Reject

Norwich Community Hospital - Heritage Garden

Applicant: Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust Charitable Fund

Project description: This project will restore and relocate five stone monuments to a new garden at Norwich Community Hospital, that can be traced back to being a workhouse that was built on the site in 1859.

Decision: Reject

The Old Cavendish Experience 2026-2028- "Step Inside the Lab that Changed the World"

Applicant: Old Cavendish Experience Limited

Project description: This project aims to provide a heritage experience to show and protect the heritage of the Grade II listed Old Cavendish Laboratory of Cambridge University, birthplace to scientific discoveries of international importance.

Decision: Reject

One Voice: Stories from Survivors

Applicant: Zinthyia Ganeshpanchan Trust

Project description: This is a project collecting, sharing and exhibiting cultural experiences of domestic violence and abuse. It will look conduct oral histories of domestic violence and abuse from a range of cultural, ethnic and religious perspectives in Leicester since 1975.

Decision: Award grant of £229,594 (94%)

Threads of Heritage Project

Applicant: Skilled Hands Organisation CIC

Project description: This project will deliver a series of workshops and exhibitions focused on Nottingham's lacemaking heritage.

Decision: Reject

Reaching New Heights

Applicant: The Dean and Chapter of Worcester Cathedral of 8 College Yard Worcester WR1 2LA

Project description: This project seeks to save heritage through repairing the pinnacles of the north west tower of the Grade I listed Worcester Cathedral, along with engagement activities and events.

Decision: Award grant of £249,956 (61%)

Saving St Nicholas' Church, Cuxwold

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of St Nicholas Church, Cuxwold

Project description: This project will stabilise the tower of the Grade II* listed St Nicholas Church, Cuxwold, near Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, alongside a small programme of public engagement activities.

Decision: Reject

Reordering the West End of St Mary's Church to create an inclusive and accessible space for community and educational activities and social events

Applicant: Parochial Church Council Finedon

Project description: This project will reorder the west end of the Grade I listed St Mary's Church, Finedon in Northamptonshire, to create accessible community facilities, an exhibition and to increase its programme of events.

Decision: Award grant of £97,992 (67%)

Roots of Luton

Applicant: Mitalee Youth Association

Project description: This oral history project intends to document the lived experiences of migrant communities in Luton.

Decision: Reject

Grantham Museum: A New Century

Applicant: Grantham Community Heritage Association

Project description: This project will build organisational capacity and a public engagement programme, with the aim of securing the future of Grantham Museum, Lincolnshire as a resilient, inclusive and accessible museum.

Decision: Award grant of £243,800 (79%)

Peterborough Lido at 90. Reflecting on the Past; Diving into the Future.

Applicant: Peterborough Culture, Heritage, Learning and Leisure LTD

Project description: This project will celebrate and secure the future of the Grade II listed Peterborough Lido as it reaches its 90th anniversary in May 2026.

Decision: Reject

TITLE NET100; A Centenary in Motion Sharing. Celebrating the progress of netball and inspiring future growth

Applicant: ALL ENGLAND NETBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED

Project description: This England-wide project, based in Loughborough, Leicestershire, will preserve, celebrate and share 100 years of netball's heritage. It will ensure that the stories, people and communities who shaped the sport are recognised and protected for future generations.

Decision: Award grant of £193,106 (100%)

Baripen Archive and Research Centre

Applicant: Compas

Project description: This Peterborough-based project looks to build on Compas's previous project to save the heritage of Roma communities, and share their stories through digitising a recently donated collection and creating an online archive.

Decision: Reject

The Mann Wood Wilderness Heritage Project

Applicant: Wilderness Foundation UK

Project description: This project will revitalise a vulnerable 92-acre ancient woodland, near Chelmsford, Essex, restoring traditional habitats, historic features and reconnecting people with nature and local memory.

Decision: Award grant of £176,328 (59%)

Get Active in Nature

Applicant: Colchester City Council

Project description: This Colchester-based project will deliver engagement sessions to encourage people to appreciate their local green spaces and develop natural heritage management skills.

Decision: Reject

The Workshop @Carnegie King's Lynn: unlocking community heritage and co-designing a future

Applicant: The Garage Trust Limited

Project description: This project aims to preserve and celebrate the heritage of King's Lynn's Grade II listed former Carnegie Library, to repurpose it as a cultural and heritage hub.

Decision: Reject

"Seeing Nature, Shaping Culture: Art and Identity in Prehistory"

Applicant: Celtic Harmony

Project description: This archaeology-based project, near Hertford, will enable the Celtic Harmony charity to host exhibitions in their Prehistory Centre, showcasing artefacts from local and national museums and hosting events and workshops to engage the community with its heritage.

Decision: Defer

Northampton Saints Foundations - Developing a Heritage Strategy for Club and Foundation

Applicant: Northampton Saints Foundation

Project description: This resilience project will involve the review of the collection and archive of Northampton Saints Rugby Club, establishing a strategy and framework for how it should be conserved and exhibited.

Decision: Award grant of £54,032 (100%)

Grant increases

Repairing our Round Tower Church

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Mardyke Team Ministry

Project description: This project will deliver the first phase of the repair works required to remove the Grade I listed St Nicholas of Myra Church in South Ockendon, Essex from the Heritage at Risk register. The project will also engage the community through an activity plan.

Decision: Award grant increase of £249,858 to make a total grant of £445,429 (89%)