Cannon Hall Park and Gardens secures Lottery



The project, for which development funding has been provided, aims to restore and repair important features of the Georgian park and gardens including key features such as an ice-house, deer shelter and gardeners' cottage, which will be turned into a volunteers' hub.

Work will also be undertaken to dredge and restore the lakes of the park, which are the subject of a long running local campaign, improving their appearance, restoring original vistas, improving water quality and supporting biodiversity.

There will also be wider community benefits to the project through apprenticeships and planned educational, learning, volunteering and skills development programmes.

Through the project the building will be restored to its former glory and also reveal the many secrets, currently hidden from visitors.

Cllr Roy Miller, Barnsley Council's cabinet spokesperson for Place, said: "We are thrilled to receive this initial support from HLF and very grateful. Many people have worked hard to get to this stage and in particular I'd like to thank the Friends of Cannon Hall who have worked tirelessly towards raising awareness of the need for this work and in fundraising to support the funding application. We are very excited about taking this project forward – it will be transformational for Cannon Hall, a flagship site for Barnsley."

Carole Souter, Chief Executive of HLF, said on behalf of HLF and BIG: “Since HLF's 'State of UK Public Parks 2014: Renaissance to Risk' report was published, it’s become even clearer that parks are facing an uncertain future, in spite of being more popular than ever. Today’s investment - including earmarked support of £2.8m for Canon Hall Park and Gardens - will not only help regenerate seven historic parks, ensuring local people have access to high quality green spaces, but also brings to life exciting plans that will see parks used for training, events and activities.”

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