



Executive Summary - Heritage Alive Grant Fund

Heritage defies easy definition. It encompasses huge, world altering events, that shape the culture of nations, and small, personal moments which shape the outlook of one person.

Some is tangible, Heritage with a capital 'H': it appears on lists, and is pinned down in textbooks. It is stone and mortar, timber and plaster, churches, castles, mansions and memorials. But much more is intangible, the stories of the people who built the tangible manifestations, the people who lived there and the events that shaped our communities.

From the shadows left by decaying timbers buried for centuries, to towering medieval cathedrals, from the works of great masters to the photographs of great-great grandparents, heritage is part of the fabric of our lives. It underlines our culture, defines our societies, reveals our similarities and celebrates our differences. It is defined by the impact of the legacy that it leaves for individuals, communities and the environment in which we live and work.

Because the heritage is part of our identity, and the fabric of our society, it can be a part of our future, and a major contributor to regeneration and community cohesion.

The Heritage Alive Grant Fund seeks to highlight and celebrate the built and cultural heritage of South Kesteven, through projects which seek to inspire engagement with heritage, interpret the heritage around us, or intervene to protect, preserve, or make our heritage more accessible.

The funding process has been kept as simple as possible, please refer to the guidance notes for details of deadlines.

Heritage Alive Inspiration Fund - grants of up to £500

This fund is open to any project which seeks to inspire, educate or engage people with any aspect of the heritage of South Kesteven.

For example, this could be a community group organising a lecture series or a school local history project. An oral history project which records the memories or knowledge of members of the community, or funding for a community event.

The event does not have to be directly related to the heritage of South Kesteven itself, for example, a community group or school could arrange a talk on 'Understanding Historic Buildings', which could be quite generic, but would allow participants to better appreciate their local environment or care for their homes. Although the projects and applicants will need to be located within South Kesteven.

Applicants should demonstrate how the project will allow participants to better understand or engage with the local heritage.

Heritage Alive Interpretation Fund - grants of up to £2000

This fund is open to projects which involve the interpretation, commemoration or celebration of the heritage of South Kesteven. For example, this could be the installation of a plaque or interpretation panels, research into the history of an influential local individual or group, or piece of public art which celebrates local heritage. It could also include projects which seek to improve accessibility to interpretation materials, such as audio guides, handling exhibits or video tours.

The project must directly relate to the history or heritage of South Kesteven, and must result in a tangible, publically available resource.

Recipients of funding will have an obligation to participate in the national Heritage Open Day festival for at least one year.

Heritage Alive Intervention Fund - Grants of up to £4000

This fund is open to projects which seek to conserve, restore, preserve or improve physical access to significant buildings, artworks, documents or objects.

For example, this could include funds towards the repair of a church window or roof, or the installation of ramps or hearing loops, the digitisation of documents or archives to make them available to the public, the restoration of a memorial or work of art, or installing preventative conservation measures to protect a collection.

Funding will be prioritised towards projects for which intervention will prevent further deterioration of the building or object, or which will provide for greater and more equal access.

Funding may be given for repairs to buildings which are not listed, however if a building is not listed the applicant should explain the significance of the building.

Applications for funding towards feasibility studies for large scale projects will be considered.

Recipients of funding will have an obligation to participate in the national Heritage Open Day festival for at least one year.

In exceptional circumstances, funding may be given for the repair/ restoration/ conservation of significant buildings or objects which are not normally accessible to the public; however there will be an obligation on the recipient to open to the public during Heritage Open Days for a minimum of five years after the receipt of the grant.

The project must directly relate to the heritage of South Kesteven, and should result in a tangible outcome. If funding is given towards a feasibility study, the final aims of the project should produce a tangible outcome.

Funding will not be given to new development, such as adding kitchen/ toilet facilities.

Please note: Applicants to the Intervention fund are asked to submit completed applications by **31st January 2019**, all applications will be assessed after this date.