

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 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 applications are welcome throughout the year, however there is a final deadline of 31st January 2020 for funding within the 2019/20 financial year. It should be noted that the total value of the fund is fixed, and applications will be assessed as they are received.

TIER ONE

- 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. However, 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.

TIER TWO

- 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.

TIER THREE

- 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.

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.

- Heritage Alive Investigation Fund - Grants of up to £4000

This fund is open to projects which seek to investigate or explore options for heritage assets within South Kesteven.

For example, this could include feasibility studies, architectural surveys and other professional services related to the preservation of heritage assets.

This new fund will also provide funding for archaeological works and services where the primary aim is to discover more about the heritage of South Kesteven and engage the community with that heritage.

WHO CAN APPLY

The grant fund is open to any individual, school, youth association, community group, charity or organisation etc. within South Kesteven, who are delivering a relevant heritage project. There is no requirement for the applicant to be a registered charity, but the organisation must have a dedicated bank account.

Funding may be made available to groups and organisations based outside of the district, but only where the project will be completed within the district and be of clear benefit to residents of South Kesteven.

In exceptional circumstances private owners of heritage may apply to the grant. Please see the Application guidance for more details. Private owners of heritage must contact us before making an application.

HOW TO APPLY

Further guidance for applicants, as well as application forms for all grant tiers can be found at www.heritagealive.co.uk .

If you are unable to access the guidance and applications online, please contact us using the details below.

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