

Funding Opportunities for the West Midlands

- *Please note, tight deadline grants are still included in case of 'ready to go' projects.*
- *Region-specific grants located first in newsletter. England and UK-wide located later.*
- *Please scroll right down for funds with no deadlines or repeats from previous month.*
 - *None of the funds listed are specifically endorsed by Natural England.*
- *Please tell us about any funding successes following our newsletter suggestions!*

UK Community Foundations: Please check these for locally based Community Foundations who can offer various grants and support:

- [Worcestershire Community Foundation](#)
- [Herefordshire Community Foundation](#)
- [Heart of England Community Foundation \(Coventry, Warwickshire, Solihull, Birmingham & The Black Country\)](#)
- [Community Foundation for Staffordshire and Shropshire](#)

Birmingham and Black Country Communities Fund (Birmingham & the Black Country)

The Birmingham and Black Country Communities Fund has now reopened! The fund has grants up to £3,000 and aims to support people in Birmingham and the Black Country.

Applications must meet one of the following aims:

- Promote health and wellbeing
- Tackling disadvantage
- Support local solutions to meet local needs
- Promote community cohesion
- Develop sustainable and supporting communities

Harborne Parish Lands Charity (Birmingham)

Harborne, Smethwick and parts of Bearwood and Quinton. The priorities for funding are: Food and household goods distribution; Debt Awareness and money management support; People with mental ill health; Core funding for organisations working with disadvantaged groups who are impacted by local and national funding reductions. For individuals - funding is available for essential household items, up to a maximum of £700 - applications are only accepted from recognised referral agencies. For organisations, funding is available to relieve need within the geographical boundary of Harborne Parish Lands charity. **The closing date for applications is 7th March 2025.**

John Feeney Charitable Trust (Birmingham)

The Feeney Trust is a long-established grant making trust which gives priority to applications which are about the arts, heritage and open spaces within or near to the City of Birmingham. The Trust have a special interest in encouraging new work in the arts. Grants of between £500 and £5000 are available to organisations that are based in or have a working presence in the City of Birmingham or make a significant contribution to artistic life in Birmingham. Applications for open space projects must be in or near Birmingham. Trustees are unlikely to be able to consider applications that do not fall into these categories. **The closing date for applications is 31st March 2025.**

Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire (CSW) Communities Fund

The **Coventry, Solihull & Warwickshire Communities Fund** grants are awarded from the earnings of the Foundation's own endowment fund. There are grants of up to £3,000 available to support people in Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire.

Applications must meet one of the following aims:

- Promote health & wellbeing
- Tackling disadvantage
- Support local solutions to meet local needs
- Promote community cohesion
- Develop sustainable & supporting communities

Tipton Education Fund (Tipton)

The Tipton Education Fund was established to raise the educational attainment of Tipton. Through this fund, we aim to support projects which meet one of the following themes:

- Overcome barriers to learning e.g. using art, drama, sport or music as an engagement tool,
 - Raising aspirations of children and young people,
 - Supporting family learning and encouraging healthy living,
 - Encouraging and supporting children to read outside of the school day,
 - Providing enrichment opportunities for children, young people and families that they wouldn't otherwise have access to. For example, learning how to cook together, arts, gardening etc.
- Small grants of up to £3,000 and large grants of up to £10,000 per annum are available.

Natural Networks Programme (Worcester City only)

Offering grants and advice to projects which aim to create/restore wildlife-rich habitats. It is a partnership between Worcestershire County Council and Worcestershire Wildlife Trust, offering free professional Biodiversity surveys carried out by the Trust who will assess your project site and make recommendations on how to create or enhance your land to maximise habitats for wildlife. Grants of £1,000 - £15,000 are available (up to 70% of the total project will be available to help you carry out recommendations in the survey).

- Private sector organisations will be expected to match fund at least 50% of the project
- Public or voluntary sector organisations will be expected to match fund at least 30% of the project

Applicants need to email naturalnetworks@worcestershire.gov.uk to request a link to the registration application portal.

Herefordshire Community Foundation - CPRE (Herefordshire)

The Herefordshire Community Foundation exists to benefit disadvantaged communities by making grants to support relevant charitable or voluntary organisations, which make a difference to their local communities. Through the CPRE programme the foundation provides funding to organisations working to preserve and support the tranquillity of Herefordshire's countryside. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Crowdfund Shropshire (Shropshire)

Crowdfund Shropshire, the new civic fundraising platform where community groups can get their projects funded by public and grant funding, is opening in the next month. Projects can bid for up to can pitch for up to £10,000 from the Shared Prosperity Community Fund and up to £20,000 from the Green Spaces and Active Travel Fund. Currently 5 projects crowdfunding at the moment. They include Rural Art Hub, Walking in Wem, Multicultural Children's Day, Little Stars in the Community and Get Crafty With Words. [Check out their projects here](#) for inspiration and donate or spread the word to help them reach their goal.

National Forest Company - Small Grants Fund (Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire)

Through the National Forest Small Grants Scheme funding is available to support projects that contribute to the aims and objectives of the National Forest. Those who operate within the Forest area can apply for grants to support a range of projects and activities. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Saintbury Trust (West Midlands, with focus on Birmingham and Worcester)

Arts, heritage, the environment and helping those with disabilities. £1,000 - £5,000. Larger grants tend to be awarded to charities of which the trustees have special knowledge or in the work of which they have a particular interest. **Ongoing**

UK/England wide:

The Warburton Foundation – Community Grants (England, Scotland & Wales)

The Warburton Foundation funds local projects that help strengthen communities across England, Scotland, and Wales by making grants to support relevant charitable or community organisations that make a difference within their local area. Grants of £400 are available. To support a range of activities which improve Health, Place or Skills for families in their community:

- Health: supporting families to care for each other and lead healthier lives
- Place: supporting families to flourish in communities that are safer, greener and more inclusive
- Skills: supporting families to gain useful skills for life and work

Applications are considered every quarter. Decisions are typically made within six weeks of the deadline. **The closing date for applications is 3rd February 2025.**

Funding for Activities to Improve People's Lives (UK)

Grants for UK registered charities seeking to enhance and improve people's lives through advancing the arts, health and medical welfare, and the environment. The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust typically awards grants of between £500 and £6,000 for projects and core costs, with a preference for small-scale, locally based initiatives e.g. promoting access to the arts, conservation activities, music and art therapy to improve mental health and wellbeing, and providing breaks for carers. 3 meetings annually. Projects should have a start date of at least 3 months after the meeting date. **deadline 4th February 2025.**

Grow Wild Kew Community Programme (England)

The Grow Wild Community Programme offers a £2,000 grant to enhance urban spaces for people and wildlife. Eligible community groups focus on biodiversity improvements through UK native plants or fungi. The funding will support activities and costs such as seeds, plants, soil, materials, events, workshops, specialist experts, and volunteer costs. Applications close **3pm Thurs 13th Feb.**

The Idlewild Trust (UK)

Supports registered charities concerned with the encouragement of the performing and fine arts and crafts, the advancement of education within the arts and the preservation for the benefit of the public of lands, buildings and other objects of beauty or historic interest in the United Kingdom. The Trust awards around £140,000 each year in grants and considers making grants of up to £5,000. In 2020 the Trust awarded 33 grants totalling £128,055, an average of nearly £3,880. **14th Feb 2025.**

Grants of up to £100,000 Available for Community Facilities (England)

Registered charities, churches, parish councils, local authorities and CASC-registered sports clubs can apply for grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 to provide, maintain or improve community facilities. This can include village halls and community centres, public play areas, publicly available multi-use games areas, skate parks and BMX tracks; sport and recreation grounds including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access; churches – community spaces only; nature reserves; public gardens, parks, country parks and woodlands with at least dawn to dusk access; and Museums. available to projects within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment site. The next application closing date is **5pm on the 19th February 2025.**

The Royal Countryside Fund - Supporting Rural Communities Grant Programme (UK)

This UK-wide grant programme supports transformative, community-led initiatives in rural areas. It aims to inspire change and encourage economic vibrancy by funding innovative solutions. The programme targets projects that align with themes such as keeping young people in the countryside, powering up rural communities, increasing environmental sustainability, and building emergency resilience. Isolated rural areas where alternative services are unavailable receive focused support. Projects must be community-led, demonstrating a clear understanding of local needs and showcasing characteristics like long-term vision, collaboration, and innovation. The closing date for applications is **21st February 2025**.

Enovert Community Trust (UK)

Enovert Community Trust (formerly Cory Environmental Trust in Britain) is an Environmental body which supports community and environmental projects. The Trust awards grants under the terms of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), providing funding to a broad range of projects that have a positive impact on local communities. The Trust is committed to supporting community and environmental projects across the UK. These include improving community halls, the creation of new play areas and skate parks, and restoring green spaces. Fundraising by applicants is looked upon favourably by the Trustees. Applicants will need to secure a 10% third party contribution which will be payable to Enovert Limited prior to the project commencing. **The closing date for applications is 28th February 2025.**

The Dulverton Trust Fund (UK)

There are grants of up to £5,000 available for organisations and funding must be spent within 1 year. Applications must meet one of the following priorities:

- Youth opportunities
- General welfare
- Conservation
- Heritage

Application deadline: Panel meetings will take place in October 2024 and February 2025.

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust Sustainable Futures Fund (UK)

Through the Sustainable Future Programme, the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) aims to support work that develops and promotes sustainable, low-carbon alternatives to the current consumerist and growth-based paradigm. Funded projects will focus on: Better economics that reflect the true costs and risks of resource depletion, climate change and other environmental problems: Campaigns, initiatives and work that promote alternatives to consumerism: Campaigns and movements that give a voice to young activists and marginalised groups on issues of economic and environmental justice. **The closing date for applications is 3rd March 2025.**

Turning Point Community Innovation Fund Grants to Promote Wellbeing & Reduce Social Isolation (England)

Charities, community groups and social enterprises in England can apply for up to £2,500 in seed funding to support initiatives aimed at reducing social isolation and enhancing wellbeing for vulnerable people in their local areas. The funding is provided by health and social care organisation Turning Point, through its Community Innovation Fund. Eligible activities should focus on promoting physical activity, fostering social connections, learning new skills, encouraging volunteering, and practicing mindfulness. Previously funded projects include a community crafting club, a sensory garden, a pottery course, and a storytelling club for men recovering from addiction. Groups can apply through nominations from Turning Point teams in the areas where Turning Point operates. **Applications can be submitted at any time, and will be considered in the next funding round in spring 2025.**

Final season for Nature for Climate tree funding at the NHS Forest (UK)

The planting season is upon us and this may be the last year we offer this many fully funded trees in one go. Whilst the NHS Forest project will continue, our Nature for Climate and Trees Call to Action **funding is planned to finish in March 2025**, so we invite you to take advantage of this fantastic tree offer while you can. This is a chance to do something positive and lasting for your healthcare site by planting a legacy for future generations. [Find out more on the NHS Forest website.](#)

We have a magnificent selection of trees, from robust broad-leafed bundles to the sweetest fruit trees. Trees come with stakes, guards and mulch mats, offering huge savings and incredible value. All this is completely free of charge for your site and is paid for by our Defra funding. Order now to include tree planting in your Christmas celebrations for staff, patients and the local community.

Forestry Commission England Woodland Creation Offer (England)

England Woodland Creation Offer is one of a suite of Forestry Commission initiatives to support woodland creation and tree planting across England. Landowners, land managers and public bodies can apply to the England Woodland Creation Offer for support to create new woodland, including through natural colonisation, on areas as small as 1 hectare. The grant will cover standard capital costs for tree planting (up to a per hectare cap), as well as rewarding farmers and landowners for providing public and/or wider environmental benefits. **Closing date 30th June 2025.**

Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust (England)

The Robert Clutterbuck Charitable trust is a grant giving organisation that makes grants of between £1,000 and £3,000 to charities to fund specific items or support projects primarily within Cheshire and Hertfordshire. Projects supported by the trust include: programmes that benefit the Armed Forces and Ex-Servicemen and women; sport and Recreational Facilities for young people, the welfare, protection and preservation of Domestic Animal Life; natural history and wildlife; and other charities associated with the counties of Cheshire and Hertfordshire. The Trustees generally meet twice in each year to approve grants. **The closing date for applications is 30th June 2025.**

The Cruach Trust (UK)

The Trust has a preference for supporting gardeners, retired gardeners and for preserving gardens throughout the United Kingdom. Previous grants have been awarded to support horticultural apprenticeships; gardens, wildlife and the natural environment; music, the arts and cultural charities; medical research and support and to organisations working with children, the elderly and vulnerable. **The closing date for applications is 12th September 2025.**

Persimmon Community Champions (England, Scotland and Wales)

Persimmon Homes Charity Foundation is providing grant funding of up to £1000 to registered charities, clubs, schools and other organisations which have already raised vital funds themselves towards projects to enhance their local community. The type of projects supported to date have included support for foodbanks; projects within schools; and sports projects; etc. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Woodland Trust - Free Trees (UK)

The Woodland Trust has free tree packs to give away to schools, community and youth groups. The free tree packs are available for planting on one publicly accessible site. Packs will be awarded on a first come first serve basis. All applicants need to do is find a suitable site and supply the volunteer planters and tree protection. Tree packs for schools and communities offer the perfect opportunity to bring people together to plant trees - encouraging local wildlife, protecting our landscape against tree disease and creating beautiful wooded areas that people can enjoy for years to come.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Funds with no application deadline, carried over from previous month.

Funding for Projects that Promote Better Understanding of the Environment and Countryside (UK)

UK based schools and not for profit organisations can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research. Whilst the Trust does not specify a minimum or maximum grant amount that can be applied for, an analysis of previous grants would suggest a maximum of £5,000 per year for up to three years. Previous projects supported include Castlemilk Day Nursery which received a grant of £5,000 to build a multi-function shelter with provision for special needs teaching; and St Joseph's Specialist School & College, which received a grant of £4,000 towards a community garden expansion. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

England's Community Forests: Trees for Climate grants (England)

Trees for Climate is a multi-million pound woodland creation programme. Trees for Climate is delivered by the 13 Community Forests across England, who have extensive experience in supporting landowners to establish and manage woodlands. Trees for Climate grant funding can cover the costs of woodland creation, fencing, paths and other infrastructure, and ongoing maintenance for up to 15 years. Design, planning and planting support from professional woodland advisors is also available. **Applications can be submitted at any time**

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation - Small Grant (UK)

Grants to small - medium sized local organisations with a demonstrable track record of success working to address local issues in communities of extreme urban deprivation and deprived rural districts. Funding of between £2,000 and £10,000 to charitable organisations with an income of less than £250,000 for projects that focus on Community Support. Examples of the kind of projects: Community Services; Community Centres; Alternative Education; Training, mentoring, employment and volunteering opportunities; Youth; Counselling; Family Support Services; Substance Misuse. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Hedley Foundation Grant (UK)

The fund's main objective is Young people: their education, recreation, support, training, health and welfare. The subsidiary objectives are disabled people and the terminally ill: provision of specialist equipment and support for carers. Most successful grants will be of capital or one-off nature, but the Trustees sometimes agree to help fund the introduction of new and innovative projects with a series of up to 3 annual grants. Few grants exceed £5,000 (the average being £3,000) and most of them go to charities where they can make an impact. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Bernard Sunley Foundation Funding for Projects that Raise People's Quality of Life (England & Wales)

The Bernard Sunley Foundation aims to raise the quality of life in England and Wales, particularly for the young, disadvantaged and older people. Through the Health funding strand, the Foundation supports building and refurbishment projects, specialist new transport and the creation of outdoor or recreational spaces for care homes, hospices, day centres and other facilities that provide relief and sanctuary for patients, their families and those with special needs. The emphasis is on helping charities that are providing an excellent standard of care and support within their communities.

There are large grants of £20,000 and above; medium grants of up to £20,000 and small grants of £5,000 and under. Funding is only available for capital items. Revenue costs are not funded.

Applications can be made at any time.

Rhododendron Trust (UK)

Grants of £1,000 to £2,000 to registered charities supporting the disadvantaged in the developing world and the UK and to those supporting the arts and wildlife. Smaller Charities are prioritised. In the UK, support is given to charities working with those disadvantaged by disability or mental illness; prisoners and ex-offenders; drug addiction; homelessness; carers; the elderly; disadvantaged children. Arts and Nature funding is mainly through the National Churches Trust and Fauna and Flora International, however proposals for the protection of cultural and natural heritage or environmental sustainability are accepted. **Applications can be submitted at any time**

Rufford Foundation Grants Programme (UK)

The Foundation is a UK based charity who's main remit is to offer Rufford Small Grants for nature conservation projects in the developing world. The Rufford Small Grants Foundation supports small scale or pilot projects with a nature/biodiversity conservation focus and has a broad scope of interest, as well as the conservation of particular threatened charismatic species, the protection of which is likely to benefit their natural habitat, it is also interested in those often neglected or less well known species. It is also keen to support projects which go beyond a species specific focus to provide habitat protection at a wider scale. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Stobart Group Sustainability Fund (UK)

A new fund to support community-led environmental and sustainability projects across the UK. For not-for-profit organisations, community groups, and educational facilities, such as schools and colleges, in transforming their local communities through projects that:

- tackle climate change
- reduce carbon emissions
- protect and enhance the environment

The fund aims to help educate communities on how they can make a difference by supporting diverse projects and initiatives making a positive change. Organisations are invited to specify the level of funding they require in their application. **No application deadline is given.**

The Edward Gostling Foundation Grant (UK)

Providing grants to charities with the aim of enhancing quality of life for people in need, more particularly those living on very low incomes who have a physical and/or a mental disability or the elderly. Grants are available under the following 4 themes: Health and Wellbeing; Independent Living at Home; Respite; Transition. **Applications any time.**

Millward Charitable Trust (UK)

Millward Charitable Trust makes grants to organisations involved with community buildings, facilities and open spaces, social welfare projects, for the performing arts, medical research and animal welfare. One off grants range from £1,000 to £20,000. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**
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Rayne Foundation Grants Programme (UK)

Offering grants to tackle entrenched social issues through the arts, health, wellbeing, and education. With a particular focus on connecting communities, building bridges between marginalised groups and mainstream society, and enabling individuals to reach their full potential. The annual grant making programme is in the region of £1.5 million and grants typically fall in the range of £10,000 to £20,000 per annum for up to three years. Funding is available both for capital and revenue expenditure. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation (UK)

Grant making foundation that give grants to small and medium sized local organisations in the UK with a demonstrable track record of success working to address local issues in communities of extreme urban deprivation and deprived rural districts. Small grants programme provides funding of between £2,000 and £10,000 to charitable organisations with an income of less than £250,000 for projects that focus on Community Support. E.g. Community Services; Community Centres; Alternative Education; Training, mentoring, employment and volunteering opportunities; Youth; Counselling; Family Support Services; Substance Misuse. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Albert Hunt Trust (UK)

The Trust will consider applications from registered charities, organisations and projects based in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland that provide Hospice Care; provide support for the Homeless and promote health and well being; including physical and learning disabilities, physical and mental health, plus social challenges and deprivation. **Applications can be submitted at any time. Currently closed to Capital Funding requests.**

The Allen Lane Foundation (UK)

The Foundation aims to fund work benefitting people affected by mental health problems – lessening their isolation and feelings of stigma, improving wellbeing and promoting recovery, and enabling people to feel included in their local communities. The Foundation funds organisations that provide general services and activities to people with mental health conditions; as well as groups working with people affected by specific or particular issues – such as bipolar disorder, or depression, or self-harm, or eating disorders for example. The maximum grant is £15,000. The average grant size is around £5,000-£6,000. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

MacRobert Trust (UK)

The MacRobert Trust makes grants to registered charities in the areas of Services and Sea; Education and Training; Children and Youth; Science, Engineering and Technology; Agriculture and Horticulture; and Tarland and the Local Area. Grants can range between £1,000 and £50,000 and occasionally the Trustees make a recurring grant of up to three years. In addition a small grants programme facilitates awards of up to £10,000. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Wooden Spoon Society Grant (UK)

Schools, charities and community organisations can apply for grants for projects that improve the quality and prospect of life for children and young people who are disadvantaged physically, mentally or socially including those Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). The grants available include capital projects such as medical treatment and recovery centres, sports and activity areas, sensory rooms and gardens, playgrounds and hydrotherapy pools as well as revenue grants to support outreach programmes for children in their communities. **Applications can be submitted at any time**

John Ellerman Foundation - Environment: People and Planet (UK)

Grants to charities that work to promote a healthier environment for both people and nature. The scheme prioritises projects that enhance ocean health through stronger marine protected areas and on land and in freshwater through sustainable management, habitat restoration, and landscape-scale conservation. The scheme also aims to address the impact of human activities like climate change and pollution on air, land, and water. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Biffa Award Main Grants Scheme (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)

Under this scheme, Biffa look to award grants to projects that provide or improve biodiversity, community spaces, cultural facilities, and places for outdoor recreation. The type of activities that could be funded could be to improve community buildings; site-based projects to protect and enhance a species or habitat; improving an open space such as a park, play area or woodland that needs transforming to benefit local people of all ages. Between £10,000 and £75,000 is available for projects of less than £200,000. Ten percent of the award needs to be third party sourced.

Applications can be submitted at any time

Swire Charitable Trust (UK)

The Swire Charitable Trust makes grants to charities supporting some of the UK's most vulnerable people to overcome barriers and realise their potential, and to charities who are protecting the environment and heritage. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

HS2 Community and Environment Fund (England)

The HS2 Community and Environment Fund (CEF) has been established to offset the disruption caused to local communities throughout the construction phase of HS2. The aim of the CEF is to award grants of up to £75,000 to projects that will benefit communities along the route. Supported projects could include, for example: Pedestrian, equestrian or cycle access; landscape and nature conservation / enhancement; enhancement / replacement of sports and recreational facilities; refurbishment / re-use of historic buildings and monuments. Capital and revenue costs can be funded. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

The Masonic Charitable Foundation - SEN and Disabilities (England & Wales)

Small grants of between £1,000 and £5,000, and Large grants of between £10,000 and £60,000 for charities who are working to improve the wellbeing and independence of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and to ensure their parents/carers have the resources and support they need. Services and interventions may include: practical/life skills; supportive education, volunteering and work opportunities; assistive technology etc. Applicants are invited to submit an EOI, and if successful, will be invited to complete a full application. **Can be submitted at any time.**

The Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance grant (England, Scotland & Wales)

The Trust is an independent grant-making charity that supports general, environmental and wildlife charities. Through the Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance grant programme the charity provides grants of between £1,000 and £2,000 to support the conservation and maintenance for the benefit of the public of the natural environment and its indigenous woodland flora and fauna with particular reference to the conservation and maintenance of the character and amenity of rural areas.

Applications can be submitted at any time

CLA Funding for Projects to Help Disabled and Disadvantaged People Connect with Nature and Teach Children about the Countryside

Charities, Schools, PTAs and other not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects that help disabled or disadvantaged children connect with nature and the countryside. The funding, which is made available through the CLA Charitable Trust, supports projects that improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people who are disabled or disadvantaged by helping them to visit and participate in recreational and educational opportunities in the countryside. **Priority is given to projects that focus on children and young people, disadvantaged financially, physically, mentally, or from areas of deprivation.**

Funding can be used to support projects, capital works and running costs. School projects supported in the past include funding for outdoor classrooms, forest school provisions, horticulture areas within school grounds.

National Lottery Heritage Grants

Guidance and application forms to apply for a **National Lottery Heritage Grant** under their new **10-year strategy, Heritage 2033** have now launched on their website.

NLHF fund projects that connect people and communities to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK. Organisations can apply at any time for grants £10,000 - £250,000. To get feedback and advice before starting an application, applicants can submit a **Project Enquiry**. Organisations can also apply for grants £250,000 - £10million, but must first submit an **Expression of Interest** and, if successful, will be invited to apply.

4 **investment principles** guide all grant decision making and must take all four principles into account in an application. The emphasis on each principle is for them to decide and demonstrate.

The Investment Principles are:

- saving heritage
- protecting the environment
- inclusion, access and participation
- organisational sustainability

National Lottery Grant Schemes

The National Lottery has two regular community grant schemes which are ongoing (**no firm deadline**).

- **Awards for All**: Offers grants between £300 and £20,000 for up to 2 years.
- **Reaching Communities**: Offer grants from £20,001 for up to 5 years.

Both programmes fund projects or organisations that will do at least one of these things:

- bring people together to build strong relationships in and across communities.
- improve the places and spaces that matter to communities.
- help more people to reach their potential, by supporting them at the earliest possible stage.