

Scrutiny Briefing Note

The Tourism and Visitor Economy Scrutiny Panel have asked to monitor progress on the following issues. This briefing contains the latest position as at 14th March 2021.

Subject: Heritage Starter Fund for North East Lincolnshire

Introduction

This brief sets out details of the Heritage Starter Fund with the support of National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) to develop a range of new heritage projects.

Background and Current Stage

In July 2020, The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) solicited an application for a grant of £250,000 to co-ordinate and develop engagement with community heritage across North East Lincolnshire. North East Lincolnshire was deemed a priority Area of Focus (one of 13) for NLHF given the relatively low levels of investment and heritage engagement and high levels of deprivation. A successful application was submitted in August 2020 which outlined activities to enable this to take place. This was fully approved in December 2020 following collaboration with National Lottery Heritage Fund to develop plans for delivery.

The programme supplements other investments into arts, culture and heritage in North East Lincolnshire such as the Cleethorpes Townscape programme, Grimsby Heritage Action Zone and Grimsby Creates.

A key element of the application centred on the development of a Heritage Network for North East Lincolnshire. The first meeting took place in April 2021 and has seen a further four meetings take place. These have been developed and facilitated working in partnership with Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire.

The network has helped establish a 'Heritage Starter Fund' to support local heritage projects, especially for groups who have not previously accessed heritage grant funding previously.

The Heritage Starter Fund

To date 15 projects (total value of £127,500) have been supported to encourage audiences from NEL and beyond to re-examine what they know, or think they know, of North East Lincolnshire and its place in the world, through creative interpretation of stories, ideas, the built fabric of the Borough and current issues.

The projects explore a wide range of elements of heritage ranging from the natural environment at Humberston Fitties, iconic local songwriter Rod Temperton, memories of Grimsby Town FC, landmark building Weelsby Hall and our Viking links. A full list of projects supported can be seen here:



Organisation	Name of Proposal	Applicant Summary	Amount approved
VESR (CIC - Visitor, Economy, Services and Retail)	(working title) 'The VIKINGS are COMING'	This three-day festival will celebrate Grimsby's Viking heritage. With support from Jorvik Viking Centre and a portfolio of partners, this family friendly event will see heritage, arts and culture activities, delivered around the town centre and re-claim the 'Grim' in Grimsby. This festival aims to become a flagship, returning, annual event for local people as well as drawing visitors. The fund will pay for a heritage event Producer.	£10,000
Foresight in Partnership with WEA	Documenting my Ability	Foresight, working in partnership with the WEA, will run workshop courses to provide disabled people in North East Lincolnshire with the skills and knowledge to create mini-documentaries of their lives and the 20 years history of Foresight, which will be made available to the public and in an online archive.	£4,933.95
Historic Motor and Sail (HMS)	Tea with Spider T.	HMS, working with local heritage enthusiasts, will research, record, collate and showcase early 20th Century history of vessels on the Humber, particularly rare Humber Sloop, Spider T. working the Humber /Grimsby from 1926 and still sailing from Grimsby today. It is on the National Historic Fleet Register and locally owned.	£10,000
Our Big Picture	Great British Fish and Chips - Grimsby Chapter	To research the Grimsby chapter of a graphic novel and associated exhibition/extended engagement. Using fish & chips as an entry point to explore notions of cultural and social history, national identity, migration etc Exploring Grimsby's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shared heritage (including Iceland) • fishing industry growth and decline, and the impact on communities and industry • recent and future heritage 	£9,300
Capacity Buildings Limited	Capturing Cleethorpes Cultures	We will engage with Cleethorpes residents to find out about traditions and customs that are important to them as part of historical cultural events or linked to specific buildings or places in the resort. We will capture residents' memories and create new ones for future generations to shape and re-enact.	£10,000

Pastures Development Company Ltd.	FISH TOWN. 1990 TO 2020. The EU Years.	a) Publish a book containing the Fish Town collection of images and written workers reflections, following local consultations, on Grimsby's fish docks documenting the cultural era between 1990 to 2020, the EU years. b) Deliver a professional photographic exhibition showing the full 110 printed and framed images at Grimsby Central Hall.	£9,998
Linkage Community Trust	Exploring Weelsby Hall's heritage and environment	This project will allow us to continue our collaborative exploration of Weelsby Hall's heritage through a client-focused video assignment and engagement with local heritage/arts organisations. It will also enable us to gain specialist environmental, sustainability and accountancy advice, which will support the development of our emerging proposals for Weelsby Hall.	£9,800
Grimsby Town Sports & Education Trust	History of Grimsby Town	This project will look to open a small 'pop up' museum within the town centre to present factual information on the history of the club. This will include actual artifacts such as shirts, as well as presentation boards on prominent dates.	10,000.00
Heritage Trust of Lincolnshire	The remarkable legacy of Edward Watkin, 'Mr Grimsby'	Working with The Edward Watkin Society, an education specialist, local event organiser and six local schools, we wish to develop a pilot education resource on Victorian philanthropist, innovator and industrialist Edward Watkin and explore potential for creating a large education resource and community event, focusing on Grimsby and Cleethorpes.	£9,900
The Fitties CIC	Highlighting Humberston Fitties Heritage	Create a collection of materials to promote the heritage of the Humberston Fitties with the aims of preserving the Conservation Area of this site, educating new chalet owners, and engaging the local and visitor communities about the importance of the social history of the Fitties.	£6,400
East Marsh CIC	Street Name Stories	EMI CIC will work with East Marsh residents who are interested in community research sessions for volunteers to help research stories behind the surnames of people who had streets named after them around Grant Thorold Park. An event will share their findings with more residents to promote the idea wider.	£10,000

Lincolnshire Bird Club*	Survey of the birds of North East Lincolnshire from the earliest times to the present	The proposal is to explore our avian heritage - changes in population and distribution within North East Lincolnshire of up to 300 different bird species since records began.	£4,510.00
West Marsh Development Trust	The Untold Stories and Memories of The West Marsh	We will use funding if successful to develop a West Marsh area-based History Group which supported by us could take on the leadership of a much larger and more extensive project resulting in the production of a film and book that will preserve that history for future generations.	£7,500.00
The Culture House	Local Legends – Rod Temperton	The Culture House in partnership with Trinity Sounds, Grimsby Institute of Further & Higher Education, NEL Music Hub and Creative Start will research and develop visual & digital artwork and live music event to celebrate Rod Temperton as a pilot for a wider project called Local Legends. Working with young people to widen access to heritage.	£6,050.00
Welholme Works	Restoring our street pride	Through planting workshops, and by providing growing kits we'll help restore pride in front gardens and urban spaces in the Heneage ward. We'll create a 'then & now' visual display for people to visit that allows memory documenting and a chance to create further plans for our streets.	£9,460.00

*Partially awarded as development work taking place.

The Heritage Starter Fund remains open to applications and to ensure a wide geographic spread across the Borough applications from Immingham, Waltham and the Wolds are strongly encouraged. Applications from underrepresented groups are also strongly encouraged.

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