



The Pilgrim Trust

Preservation & Scholarship Grants

Please find information below on the 12 grants made in the past quarter, March 2021, from our preservation and scholarship fund.

Organisation:	Project Title:	Amount awarded:	The Story:
The British Glass Foundation	Raising a glass to good health at the White House: preserving The Dudley Glass Collection	£20,000	<p>The Pilgrim Trust's grant will help relocate 'The Dudley Glass Collection', allow it to be accessible to the public once again and create and maintain conditions suitable for the collection's long-term conservation.</p> <p>Numbering over 10,000 items ranging from ancient glass to contemporary glass, glass making machinery and equipment and extensive archive materials, The Dudley Glass Collection is, quite simply, one of the finest world-wide holdings of British and international 18th, 19th and 20th century glass.</p> <p>Since DMBC's closure of Broadfield House, the Collection has been inaccessible to the public and has been stored, in a 17th century Georgian building. The environment is very difficult to control as the building's climate is not easy to manipulate. The Collection is incredibly sensitive to relative humidity, subsequently, Dudley's glass is at real risk of becoming 'sick' or damaged unless it is moved to a more suitable, stable, environment which the White House Cone will provide.</p>
Victoria and Albert Museum	Permanently displaying the 'Frankfurt kitchen' designed	£10,000	The Pilgrim Trust's grant will be used to help permanently display the 'Frankfurt kitchen' at the V&A's Collection and Research Centre (CRC), a new

	by Margarete (Grete) Schütte-Lihotzky		<p>purpose-built home for over 250,000 objects and 900 archives opening in East London in 2024.</p> <p>The 'Frankfurt kitchen' was designed by the Austrian architect Margarete ("Grete") Schütte-Lihotzky in 1926. It is one of ten thousand units produced between 1926 and 1930 which were incorporated into housing projects in Frankfurt, Germany. As the first fitted kitchen to be mass produced, its aim was to minimise the housework for a generation of women who had to balance their chores with a job outside the home. It is regarded as part of a modernist effort to make all aspects of daily life more rational, efficient and hygienic, and less time-consuming.</p> <p>Schütte-Lihotzky's final design was based on the model of a railway dining car kitchen, where two people were able to rapidly prepare meals for up to eighty passengers. After almost eighty years of use, the kitchen was rescued from a second floor flat on Kurhessenstrasse 132 prior to the apartment being renovated.</p>
The Claymills Pumping Engines Trust (CPET)	Building The John Knowles Engine House & Workshop	£20,000	<p>The Pilgrim Trust's grant will help the Claymills Pumping Engines Trust (CPET) build a new Museum standard housing and workshop for steam engines.</p> <p>The CPET have successfully built an extensive collection of steam engines, but currently many of these restored pieces are being kept outdoors. This is very unsatisfactory museum practice and several items are rapidly deteriorating. Therefore a new building would provide long term conservation of these engines. In addition, the new building would enable CPET to more successfully take on long term loan the ex John Knowles, Woodville, Pottery Buxton & Thornley engine.</p> <p>CPET further intend to use a section of the building as a new workshop. Virtually all the restoration takes place on the museum site in the 1900 original workshop. The existing small workshop is bursting at the seams and the current covid-19 pandemic has created an urgent need to have larger space to be covid compliant.</p>

<p>Anglesey Column Trust</p>	<p>Restoration of Marquess of Anglesey Column</p>	<p>£20,000</p>	<p>The Pilgrim Trust's grant will be part of a multi-funder strategy to restore and reopen the Marquess of Anglesey Column as a tourist attraction.</p> <p>The Column is a 29m tall, Greek Doric style column, topped by a 3m tall bronze statue, with a wooden internal staircase. The Column was Listed Grade II* in May 1952 and the Column is surrounded by a small listed Gatekeeper's cottage and four acres of woodland. The entire site is of geological and archaeological importance (UNESCO).</p> <p>For those who cannot ascend the Column stairs, our project will still provide access to the high ground at the base of the Column and its plinth and historic plaques, and to a spectacular viewing platform to give views of the Menai Strait, bridges and Snowdonia that reflect those from the top of the Column.</p> <p>For many years, the Column was the highlight to visits to Anglesey for generations of families. Restored, it will once again be a centrepiece for local pride and by encouraging more tourists and day visitors will contribute to the local and overall Anglesey visitor economy. The visitor welcome area will also be a space for learning activities and school visits.</p>
<p>Circus Eruption</p>	<p>Restoring our Grade II listed building in Cwmbwrla and creating a permanent home for our inclusion charity 'Circus Eruption'</p>	<p>£25,000</p>	<p>The Pilgrim Trust's grant will be part of our long-term strategy to restore and renovate a Grade II listed building, St Luke's Church in Cwmbwrla and provide our new charity home.</p> <p>Circus Eruption creates a safe and supportive space for young people to learn circus skills. Circus Eruption means so much more. We are passionate about integration, inclusion and participation through the medium of circus.</p> <p>The church was sold to a developer who allowed damage, decay and disrepair to go unchecked. Now the building is undoubtedly at risk, and is of significant historic importance to the local community. We have actively engaged with the local community and the former congregation of the church (which closed in 2014).</p> <p>Our plan is to start using the main church hall ASAP for public benefit and to ensure the building is accessible. Part of our work is creating opportunities for</p>

			vulnerable and disadvantaged people to gather and thrive, without stigma; we are therefore well equipped to respond to new needs which emerge in the wake of the current pandemic.
Lord Leycester's Hospital	Seven centuries of Midlands Civic Heritage and Warwick's national treasure: restoring Lord Leycester's Hospital	£30,000	<p>The Pilgrim Trust's grant will be part of a multi-funder strategy to restore the medieval fabric of Lord Leycester's Hospital and create new facilities to ensure increased visitor numbers and the long term security of the site.</p> <p>The Lord Leycester is poised to enter a new chapter in its illustrious history through a £3 million project of restoration, improvements and engagement. Following support from the National Lottery's Heritage Fund, we must secure at least £1,000,000 of partnership funding.</p> <p>The Pilgrim Trust's grant will go specifically towards the restoration of the medieval fabric in line with the Trust's aim of preserving important historic buildings. Restoring the ancient fabric of the buildings, damaged by time, conditions and a lack of investment over many years, sits at the heart of this project. If the Lord Leycester is to survive as a national heritage treasure, its buildings must be fully conserved and protected for the future and also used to tell the unique story of the estate.</p> <p>We must take this opportunity to create new facilities which will encourage more visitors to the Lord Leycester and ensure that they enjoy the best possible experience.</p>
Trent Park Museum Trust	Trent Park House Revealed: Opening the Home of the Secret Listeners	£25,000	<p>The Pilgrim Trust's grant will be part of funds to open Trent Park House, home of the 'Secret Listeners'.</p> <p>Philip Sassoon was an MP and government minister at the centre of British inter-war politics. He designed Trent Park as the perfect entertaining retreat, creating a sumptuous atmosphere for guests ranging from Winston Churchill to Charlie Chaplin. The House was requisitioned by British Intelligence (MI19) and used from 1939-1942 to interrogate German and Italian POWs. It was transformed in 1942 with sophisticated networks of covert-listening devices installed throughout the House and gardens, becoming one of the Allies' most successful secret weapons. Teams of Secret Listeners, mostly German-Jewish émigrés, worked in the basement recording and translating the</p>

			<p>conversations taking place above. Important intelligence discoveries included details of Axis forces' atomic and V-weapons and Holocaust atrocities. The site's history is being continuously revealed as records are declassified.</p> <p>We seek funding to open the House, refurbish the ground and basement floors and create an innovative and immersive exhibition design to tell the stories of those who lived and worked there – stories which are largely unknown due to years of official secrecy. We will share the site's pivotal role leading up to and during WWII and will provide dedicated learning programmes to engage young people, community groups and informal visitors.</p>
Archdiocese of Birmingham	Harvington Hall - Building Recording and Conservation Management Plans	£15,000	<p>The Pilgrim Trust's grant will help ensure the delivery of a Conversation Management Plan for Harvington Hall in Birmingham.</p> <p>Harvington Hall requires urgent repair and conservation work. We invited four conservation architects to tender for this programme of research and understanding and are now in a position to start this programme. The Pilgrim's Trust's funds will specifically ensure the sections of recording, understanding significance and conservation planning of the site takes place.</p> <p>This will then help inform us on a schedule of works whilst also giving a very clear future strategy for long-term management, leading to improved interpretation and the full re-opening of the site.</p> <p>As part of our ongoing research, we have found an article where the Pilgrim's Trust supported Harvington Hall when it was rescued from dereliction in the 30s. We hope you can once again support this valuable and unique building take another step into the future</p> <p><i>Birmingham Daily Post.</i> <i>13th May 1939</i> <i>Harvington Hall Wall Paintings</i> <i>A grant of £200 from the Pilgrims Trust has enabled the committee to carry out much needed structural repairs to one of the main walls of the chapel.</i></p>

Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel Leicester	Cleaning and restoration of wall monuments at Great Meeting Chapel	£4,900	<p>The Pilgrim Trust's grant will help with the preservation of the fabric of the building in the Great Meeting Unitarian Chapel Leicester.</p> <p>Specically we wish to clean and restore the impressive collection of wall monuments in our Chapel. The memorials bear witness to the significant influence which Great Meeting has had on the religious, political, economic and cultural life of Leicester, particularly in the 19th century, when Great Meeting was a forum for radical/liberal thought and activities.</p> <p>Very few of the memorials laud religious piety, highlighting instead personal values, accomplishments, social conscience and love of the arts and education - thus introducing the visitor to the ingredients of 19th century Unitarianism.</p>
SAVE Britain's Heritage	Repair and reuse of Brandon Station in Suffolk	£4,800	<p>The Pilgrim Trust's grant will help with the preservation of the fabric of the building of Brandon Station in Suffolk.</p> <p>Now the station as been recently listed as a Grade II building, we need to make urgent roof repairs to make the building watertight. Prior to that we need engineers' assessments, architectural input and costings. These are more complicated than usual as the station building is on an operational line. We have a great deal of support locally to restore this station.</p>
Waverley Steam Navigations Co Limited	Sustain the Paddle Steamer Waverley, the world's last ocean going paddle steamer	£5,000	<p>The Pilgrim Trust's grant will help with the preservation and maintenance of the Paddle Steamer Waverley.</p> <p>Waverley is the last ocean going paddle steamer in the world. No other ship has reached her age while still retaining her original function, and, with it, this means that every year we move further into uncharted territory in terms of conserving the ship. Our engineers must be both experts in traditional techniques but also innovators and forward thinkers.</p> <p>Introducing a new system along other repairs would provide the Waverley Steam Navigation Company with a far more efficient and effective way of managing her conservation needs, in order to safeguard Waverley for the future.</p>

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic church	Repairing our Organ	£5,000	<p>The Pilgrim Trust's grant will help with the preservation and maintenance of our organ.</p> <p>The parish is fortunate to have two organists who play free of charge at Sunday Masses and other major services. One of them is a 14-year-old girl which bodes well for the continuity of organ music in the parish. For many adults and children hearing the organ at the Sunday Mass is their only exposure to live classical music and adds not only colour to the liturgy but enriches what are, for many people in the parish, are difficult lives.</p> <p>This well used organ has recently been surveyed and faces 3 major problems that this grant can help repair: collapsed pipes, leaking bellows and broken and loose pedals.</p>
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