



Preservation & Scholarship Grants

Please find information below on the 13 grants made in the past quarter, March 2022, from our Preservation and Scholarship fund.

Organisation:	Beckford Tower Trust
Purpose of grant:	Preserving Beckford's Tower through urgent repairs
Amount awarded:	£20,000
Location:	South West
Date awarded:	March 2022
<p>In 1822, William Beckford, one of England's most notable collectors moved to Bath and created an extraordinary building, landscape and garden to house his collection of books, furniture and art. Within Beckford's Garden is the Grade I listed, Beckford's Tower, which stands above a UNESCO World Heritage Site and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.</p> <p>The Tower needs critical repairs to enable visitors to appreciate and enjoy it. The repairs will restore original architectural features and reopen the Grotto Tunnel.</p> <p>Our grant will go towards the urgent repairs and preservation of Beckford's Tower.</p>	

Organisation:	West Somerset Railway Association
Purpose of grant:	Preserving and maintaining a historical steam railway station
Amount awarded:	£10,000
Location:	South West
Date awarded:	March 2022

The West Somerset Railway (WSR) is a 23-mile-long steam railway running through the heart of West Somerset. Built from 1871, there are 10 stations on the railway with Blue Anchor station found by the seaside.

Blue Anchor station was built in 1874 and has several unique, heritage features. These include points allowing trains to switch between tracks in the station, a wheel operated level crossing, and 'catch points' to trap any loose vehicles. WSR wants to maintain and preserve these historical features, enabling visitors to enjoy an authentic steam train experience.

Our grant will go towards the preservation and maintenance of Blue Anchor station's historical features.

Organisation:	Garden Museum
Purpose of grant:	Saving one of the finest neo-classical tombs in London through urgent repairs
Amount awarded:	£10,000
Location:	London
Date awarded:	March 2022

Located in Lambeth, the Garden Museum celebrates British gardens and gardening. Within the Garden Museum's front garden is the grade II* listed tomb of John Sealy and his family. John Sealy and his cousin, Eleanor Coade, were 18th century famous stoneworkers, 'Coade and Sealy', who created renowned stonework, such as neoclassical statues and decoration.

Urgent repairs are needed to conserve this neoclassical tomb. After decades of traffic pollution, the Sealy tomb and its decoration have begun to crumble away and it is no longer structurally sound, with large chunks coming away often.

Our grant will support the emergency repairs to prevent any further damage and loss of ornamental features.

Organisation:	Glencoe Folk Museum
Purpose of grant:	Re-thatching two unique heather-thatched cottages
Amount awarded:	£20,000
Location:	Scotland
Date awarded:	March 2022
<p>Glencoe Folk Museum exhibits local historical artefacts and objects that celebrate the heritage, history and stories of people in the local area. The museum is housed in two 18th century heather-thatched cottages – the only surviving heather-thatched structures in the area.</p> <p>The thatch was last renewed in 2013 and is now increasingly patchy and unsightly. The museum aims to re-thatch the cottages over 4 years and engage visitors of the through hands-on thatching workshops, talks and displays.</p> <p>Our grant will contribute to the re-thatching of these two cottages.</p>	

Organisation:	The Marlowe Trust
Purpose of grant:	Funding condition surveys to develop and restore the Marlowe Kit
Amount awarded:	£15,000
Location:	South East
Date awarded:	March 2022
<p>The Marlowe is one of the country's leading regional theatres based in Canterbury. The theatre runs its creative activities programme in the 'Marlowe Kit'.</p> <p>The Marlowe Kit comprises of two buildings - one a grade I listed, 12th century building also known as the Poor Priests' Hospital and the other a grade II listed building on 18-19 Stour Street. The Poor Priests' Hospital is a building of national significance and contains intact medieval roof structures. Currently, the Marlowe Kit is undermaintained and suffering from water ingress and damp. To restore and repair the Marlowe Kit, it will require detailed feasibility and development studies.</p> <p>Our grant will go towards fabric and services condition surveys, which will feed into the wider feasibility study of the Marlowe Kit.</p>	

Organisation:	Norfolk Historic Buildings Trust
Purpose of grant:	Match funding towards the repair and restoration of Becket's Chapel
Amount awarded:	£30,000
Location:	East of England
Date awarded:	March 2022
<p>Norfolk Historic Buildings Trust (NHBT) saves historic buildings across Norfolk. NHBT plans to acquire and repair the Grade I listed building, Becket's Chapel. Based in Wymondham, the 12th century chapel was originally dedicated to St Thomas A'Becket and is in a poor state of repair.</p> <p>NHBT wants to carry out urgent repairs before further deterioration makes costs prohibitive. They also plan upgrade the chapel's interior and facilities, making it fully accessible and suitable for year-round community use.</p> <p>Historic England have committed £200,000 in funding and asked NHBT to match fund 50% of the final capital cost, circa £500,000. Our grant will act as match funding and contribute overall to the project to save Becket's Chapel.</p>	

Organisation:	Archbishop's Palace Conservation Trust
Purpose of grant:	Repairing the north-west Tower of the Archbishop Palace
Amount awarded:	£30,000
Location:	South East
Date awarded:	March 2022
<p>The Archbishop's Palace in Oford dates back to 821 AD and was developed from 1515 AD by Archbishop Warham into one of the largest palaces in England. In the 17th Century, the buildings fell into disrepair and now all that remains is the north-west corner Tower, part of the northern Gatehouse and connecting wall.</p> <p>The Archbishop's Palace Conservation Trust aims to regenerate this heritage landmark and develop it into a hub for discovery about the palace, the Tudors and the surrounding area.</p>	

Essential restoration work is needed on the north-west Tower and Gatehouse, such as repairing the brickwork and stonework and making the Tower watertight and pigeon-proof.

Our grant will contribute towards these remedial repairs of the palace.

Organisation:	Heritage Crafts Association
Purpose of grant:	Funding the 2023 Red List of endangered heritage crafts
Amount awarded:	£25,000
Location:	UK Wide
Date awarded:	March 2022
<p>The Heritage Crafts Association (HCA) publishes the Red List of Endangered Crafts – a piece of research that ranks heritage crafts by the likelihood they will continue to the next generation. The last Red List in 2021 was funded by the Pilgrim Trust. It attracted unprecedented interest from national and international media and now demands to ensure a sustainable future for these crafts are outstripping HCA’s capacity.</p> <p>HCA wants to develop the fourth edition of the Red List in 2023 – both increasing the dataset and research scope of the list itself and running a series of complementary activities to feed into the list. HCA’s package of complementary activities includes a PR and awareness raising campaign, two research symposia and a contribution to the Endangered Crafts Fund.</p> <p>Our grant will fund the 2023 Red List and its accompanying activities.</p>	

Organisation:	Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery Trust
Purpose of grant:	Opening up Tullie House’s significant Roman artefact collection
Amount awarded:	£20,000
Location:	North West
Date awarded:	March 2022

Based in Carlisle, Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery houses considerable collections of fine and decorative art, human history and natural sciences.

Tullie House also has a nationally important Roman collection, including rare Roman writing tablets, leather and stonework. Most of the collection relates to the area around Carlisle and material from the first fort – Luguvalium. Tullie House also accepts excavation at risk of loss – that means they have a wide archive of Roman materials from many places. Tullie House wants to document this collection, increase access to the collection for researchers and ensure the long-term stability of these key objects.

Our grant will cover the salary costs of a Document Assistant to run the archive project.

Organisation:	Dunkeswell Abbey Church Trust
Purpose of grant:	Funding a condition report of Dunkeswell Abbey Church
Amount awarded:	£4,980
Location:	South West
Date awarded:	March 2022
<p>Dunkeswell Abbey Church is a Grade II listed building located next to the ruins of the medieval Cistercian abbey. The Abbey Church is connected to the women of the Simcoe family and housed their remarkable workshop. Elizabeth Posthuma Simcoe was the wife of Sir John Graves Simcoe, the first Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada and the founder of Toronto. On Elizabeth's return to the UK, she and her seven daughters established a for stone carving and stained-glass making workshop in the church.</p> <p>A thorough condition report and survey is essential to secure the future of the building. The report will also engage local students to help research and share the history, current state and heritage significance of the church.</p> <p>Our grant will fund the condition report of the Abbey Church.</p>	

Organisation:	Local Initiatives in New Galloway
Purpose of grant:	Restoring decorative writing on New Galloway's Town Hall ceiling.
Amount awarded:	£3,500
Location:	Scotland
Date awarded:	March 2022
<p>Local Initiatives in New Galloway (LING) aims to promote rural regeneration in the Scottish burgh of New Galloway and Kells. Specifically, LING helps preserve buildings of historic importance for the local community. They have been maintaining the New Galloway Town since 2016 and now a full programme of refurbishment is in process.</p> <p>LING are keen to conserve the wonderful Victorian moral maxims and mottos found on the hall's vaulted ceiling. These phrases are faded and barely seen on the older, now darkened wood. The mottos need re-gilding and re-signwriting to be brought back to its previous glory.</p> <p>Our grant will go towards the costs of restoring these decorative phrases.</p>	

Organisation:	Bawdsey Radar Trust
Purpose of grant:	Repairing Bawdsey Radar museums's walls affected by damp
Amount awarded:	£5,000
Location:	East of England
Date awarded:	March 2022
<p>Bawdsey was the birthplace of radar and RAF Bawdsey was the world's first operational radar station. The Bawdsey Radar museum was successfully renovated a few years ago and lives in a Grade II* listed radar Transmitter Block on Bawdsey Manor estate.</p> <p>The walls in one corner of the Bawdsey Radar museum have become affected by dampness and the internal plaster layer has started to deteriorate. An external specialist has been employed to assess the dampness and has made suitable recommendations.</p> <p>Our grant covers the costs to repair this damp wall and help minimise future problems.</p>	

Organisation:	Friends of Shenstone Tower
Purpose of grant:	Supporting the restoration of Shenstone Tower
Amount awarded:	£5,000
Location:	West Midlands
Date awarded:	March 2022

Friends of Shenstone Tower (FOST) is a local charity that want to restore and save the old Medieval church tower in the village of Shenstone. The Shenstone Tower is over 1,000 years old and classed as a Grade II* listed building. It's in desperate need for work to be undertaken to prevent further deterioration and collapse.

FOST is working with Historic England to manage the restoration and various sources are contributing to the overall restoration and preservation programme. The aim is for the Tower to be fully accessible for the public to enjoy.

Our grant will support the restoration costs.