

Morwellham Quay receives lifeline grant from Government's £1.57bn Culture Recovery Fund.

Almost 450 heritage organisations in England, including Morwellham Quay have been awarded cash from the first round of the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage

Grants of up to £1 million will deliver a lifeline for the heritage sector in England with further support to follow and larger grants for capital projects awarded through the Heritage Stimulus Fund

First major tranche of funding from the Government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund

Morwellham Quay is one of 445 heritage organisations across the country set to receive a lifesaving financial boost from the government thanks to the £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund to help them through the coronavirus pandemic.

445 organisations will share £103 million, including Morwellham Quay to help restart vital reconstruction work and maintenance on cherished heritage sites.

£ 400,000 has been awarded to Morwellham Quay this lifeline money will be used to carry out emergency repairs to the Sailing Ketch Garlandstone, The George and Charlotte Copper Mine, Interpretation and training.

This vital funding is from the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage and the Heritage Stimulus Fund - funded by Government and administered at arms length by Historic England and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Both funds are part of the Government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund which is designed to secure the future of Britain's museums, galleries, theatres, independent cinemas, heritage sites and music venues with emergency grants and loans.

433 organisations will receive a share of £67 million from the Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage to help with costs for operating, reopening and recovery. This includes famous heritage sites across the country, from Wentworth Woodhouse in Yorkshire to Blackpool's Winter Gardens, Blyth Tall Ship to the Severn Valley Railway, the International Bomber Command Centre in Lincolnshire to the Piecehall in Halifax. The funds will save sites that are a source of pride for communities across the country.

12 organisations, including English Heritage, Landmark Trust, Historic Royal Palaces and the Canal and River Trust, will receive £34 million from the Heritage Stimulus Fund to restart construction and maintenance on cherished heritage sites to preserve visitor attractions and protect livelihoods for some of the most vulnerable heritage specialists and contractors in the sector.

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) has also been awarded a grant from the Culture Recovery Fund through Historic England. The AHF will use the funding to support charities and social enterprises occupying historic buildings to develop new business plans and strategies for organisations affected by the pandemic.

Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden said:

“As a nation it is essential that we preserve our heritage and celebrate and learn from our past. This massive support package will protect our shared heritage for future generations, save jobs and help us prepare for a cultural bounceback post covid.”

Simon Lister, Morwellham Quay said:

“Morwellham Quay has been welcoming visitors for over 100 years, starting with Paddle Steamer day trips from Plymouth travelling up the River Tamar to Morwellham for a day out to see the historic quaysides and enjoy a cream tea at the famous Ship Inn.

Morwellham opened officially as an heritage visitor attraction 50 years ago, in that time many millions of people have marvelled at the ingenuity and hardship of our 18th and 19th century ancestors, who developed mining and transportation techniques that helped drive the industrial revolution.

Today due to the Pandemic Covid-19 Morwellham Quay is closed as a visitor attraction with the exception of the Ship Inn, this Grant will allow us to carry out much needed repairs, I am extremely grateful to the Government for their support and I look forward to welcoming visitors back in 2021.”

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Duncan Wilson, Historic England's Chief Executive said:

“It is heartening to see grants, both large and small, from the Government's Culture Recovery Fund helping heritage sites and organisations across the country which have been hit hard by the effects of Covid-19. These grants range from giving skilled craft workers the chance to keep their trades alive to helping heritage organisations pay the bills, and to kick-starting repair works at our best-loved historic sites. The funding is an essential lifeline for our heritage and the people who work tirelessly to conserve it for us all, so that we can hand it on to future generations.”

Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive of the National Lottery Heritage Fund said:

“It is absolutely right that investing in heritage should be a priority during this crisis and this support by Government is crucial. Heritage creates jobs and economic prosperity, is a major driver for tourism and makes our towns, cities, and rural areas better places to live. All of this is so important for our wellbeing and will be particularly vital when we start to emerge from this incredibly difficult time.

“Our heritage is still facing a perilous future – we are not out of the woods yet. But this hugely welcome funding from Government, and the money we continue to invest from the National Lottery, has undoubtedly stopped heritage and the organisations that care for it being permanently lost.”

Kate Mavor, Chief Executive of English Heritage, said:

“This support for our nation's heritage is fantastic news. Over the last few months, our teams have been working hard to welcome visitors back safely to the great castles, stone circles, abbeys and historic houses in our care. This funding will help us invest to safeguard the historic fabric of these much-loved places, which everyone can learn from and enjoy.”