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Micro Heritage Grants IDEAS FOR POTENTIAL PROJECTS

**For communities in
Caldercruix, Greengairs (and Wattston), Harthill (Eastfield
and Greenrigg), Plains and Upperton**

Your project should meet at LEAST one of our project priorities. Projects which meet more than one priority will score higher when the application is assessed. The priorities are:

- To engage with a wider audience using local heritage and history
- To promote inclusion, diversity, access and participation through local heritage.
- To help people learn about local heritage.
- To help people learn new skills.
- To help people conserve and value local heritage now and for future generations.
- To use heritage to support nature and the local environment
- To use heritage to improve local communities

Please note these are only suggestions for the type of projects that you may wish to undertake and we welcome groups interested in submitting application for their own heritage themed activities.

What might my project look like?

Activities and Events

If you would like to host a heritage themed activity you can apply for funding for the cost of venue hire or the cost of materials and/or equipment to support the activity



- Hosting a local history sessions where people can meet informally to share stories, photographs and information on local stories. This can be open to everyone or it can be themed for a specific group such as children or older people.
- Hosting a reminiscence event such as a tea dance with music, tea and cake or a visit to a museum such as Summerlee. This can be open to everyone or it can be themed for a specific group such as children or older people.
- Hosting an event such as a picnic in the park to celebrate a local event or talk about connections to their local area.
- Hosting an exhibition of local photographs, stories or drawings, including framing costs or venue hire
- Hosting family fun days/activities which celebrate local traditions or activities e.g. craft activities or that recreate opportunities for traditional play/traditional children's games.
- Materials or equipment to help hold a heritage themed activity or event e.g. materials for traditional craft activists, heritage themed play equipment for children.



**What if my
idea isn't on
this list?**

**Speak to us! Heritage
themed project are
welcome!**

Nature and growing projects

If you would like to host a natural heritage themed activity you can apply for funding for the cost of cost of materials and/or equipment to support the activity. Materials can include the cost of things such as seeds or even leaflets to publicise your event or activity. Projects should encourage biodiversity and avoid the use of peat.

- Small scale nature/food related projects such as planting apple trees/fruit trees/ fruit canes can be considered, particularly if this includes some form of shared learning for other members of the community (e.g. sharing planting skills, sharing any crops)
- Projects that include companion planting and other natural growing methods, especially if they increase knowledge on biodiversity and benefits of companion planting.
- Do you have people that can't access outdoors because of limited mobility? Could small changes help more people access the outdoors? For instance a bench near community growing or other outdoor spaces.
- Do you have a group that would like to learn more about subjects such as wildlife or plant identification? Funding can be used to set up events with experts such as bat walks or guided walks on subjects such as plant or wildlife identification, the importance of the mosses and the surrounding landscape etc.

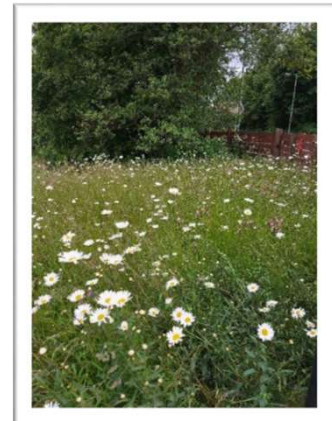


For more information on companion planting and plants that support biodiversity please refer to our Plants for bees and other pollinators guide.

**We want to
improve our
green spaces!**

Improving Biodiversity, attracting pollinators

- Install bird boxes and bat boxes to support local biodiversity.
- Install a pre made or build your own bug hotels.
- Would you like to learn how to build your own? Host a workshop to learn how to build a bug hotel, bat box or bird box.
- Improve the natural environment by increasing plant species that encourage pollinators. Peat free gardening should be encouraged.
- Host a nature themed activity for specific groups such as older people, young adults or children. This could include sowing seeds and tending to growing plants.



Growing, gardening and traditional recipes

- Gather traditional recipes and share them with the local community. Maybe your group would like to host a community meal based on your traditional recipes?
- Host community gardening days so that volunteers can meet and support each other. Encourage new volunteers to participate in the community growing projects. The cost of materials or leaflets to advertise the event can be included.
- Encourage best use of resources by hosting seed swaps and seed share events. Potential to host a gardening workshop to show how to split and share plants. Funding can be used to for materials or equipment needed to kick start your event.



**We want to
make the most
of the
outdoors!**

Access to Information

The Micro Heritage Grants can be used to support communities interesting in sharing information on local history and heritage. If you have a project which will improve community access to information the costs of equipment, materials or activities can be included in your application. Projects can include natural heritage, cultural heritage or local history.



- Could a micro grant help your community access information? Would equipment such as a scanner help you to take copies of photos of what your village used to look like? Have residents asked for printed heritage information?
- Would extra signage help your community find local heritage sites? Could a micro grant improve the access to local points of interest or walking routes?

Access to the outdoors

- Is your group interested in local wildlife? Would you like to arrange a walk or visit to learn more about the diverse wildlife surrounding your village?
- Does your project increase knowledge of the local wildlife, natural landscape and local history? Could you use a range of communication methods to reach your audience? E.g. digital information, leaflets or lightweight information boards.



How can we
share stories
about our local
history?

Our Stories – celebrating our local history

The Micro Heritage Grants can be used to help you and your community gather stories and information about your local history. This could be in the form of training for members of your organisation (e.g. how to use local studies and how to search your family history) or it could be for equipment to help you record local stories. For example a voice recorder and microphone could help capture oral histories.



- If you work with older people and would like to host a reminiscence group or activity you can include the cost of materials and venue hire etc. in your application. If you are an existing group (such as a lunch club) you can also apply if you think that reminiscence materials would encourage members to share stories and socialise with others.
- Arrange a trip for your group to meet the local studies team. Or you may wish to invite members of the local studies team to attend your own local events.
- Genealogy project – including training on how to research your family history.
- Is your organisation interested in gathering information about your local area? e.g. Stanrigg or the 'Lost Villages'. Project costs can include copies of maps, historic photographs and any equipment needed.
- Equipment for hosting an oral history project. Reading material or maps.
- Projects can explore the industrial heritage of the rural communities e.g. Mining, farming and paper mills



Examples of potential heritage themed projects that could be considered for a Heritage Micro Grant

Can clubs and youth groups apply?

Involving children and young people in your project

Groups and organisations working with children can apply for our Micro Heritage Grant. Below are a few suggestions for projects that might be suitable for children. However, please feel free to be as creative as you like with your approach to engagement with younger people. We welcome a range of heritage projects and activities that will reach new and more diverse audiences.

- Outdoor learning project to increase knowledge about nature and the local environment
- Mining and industrial heritage themed projects. These can use materials and information packs or they can include visits from the local studies team.
- Heritage themed play equipment, particularly equipment that connects children to traditional games or traditional skills (including crafts, traditional games or traditional construction skills).
- Children's heritage themed activities which tell the story of energy production from coal to renewables
- Children's heritage themed activities local wildlife and connection to nature. Biodiversity and importance of using plants that support wildlife.
- Children's heritage themed activities including crafts such as papermaking

