

Have your say on the future of UK heritage

(Please note that is a read-only copy of the survey. [Please submit your responses via the website.](#))

Welcome to our online survey to give us your feedback on the Heritage Fund's strategy refresh. We welcome your views on both current and future issues for UK heritage and how we should respond to these through our new 10-year strategy.

This online survey has five short sections:

- about you and your organisation
- UK heritage and Heritage Fund support
- the Heritage Fund's objectives and outcomes
- priorities including place investment, approaches to funding, partnerships and our approach to environmental sustainability
- workshop invitation

We expect the survey to take around 30 minutes to complete.

Some of the questions refer to our current [Strategic Funding Framework 2019-2024](#).

1. Before starting the survey, please let us know if you are sharing your own views or responding on behalf of your organisation? [select one] *

- My own views
- On behalf of organisation

2. Where are you / your head office based? [select one]

- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland
- England: North East
- England: North West
- England: Yorkshire & the Humber
- England: West Midlands
- England: East Midlands
- England: East
- England: South East
- England: South West
- England: London
- outside of the UK

About you and your organisation

This section of the form asks you for information about your organisation so that the Heritage Fund can understand who is responding to the survey.

Already registered with us for UK Heritage Pulse?

UK Heritage Pulse is a collaborative research project which consults with heritage organisations on an ongoing basis. If you already provide regular feedback to us by participating in UK Heritage Pulse, we can use the information we already hold about your organisation. If you would like us to do this, please go straight to the next section and provide the email address you use for UK Heritage Pulse at the end of the form.

If you are not a member of UK Heritage Pulse, please tell us about you and your organisation.

3. What is the name of your organisation?

4. What is your job title / role?

5. Where do you operate? [select all that apply]

- England
- Scotland
- Wales
- Northern Ireland
- overseas/global

6. Which one of the following best describes the type of heritage you support or manage? [select one]

- community Heritage
- historic buildings and monuments
- industrial, maritime and transport
- cultures and memories (intangible heritage)
- landscapes and nature
- collections (museums, libraries and archives)
- sector support (supply chain, advocacy, training)
- none of the above

7. Do you support any other types of heritage as well? [select all that apply]

- no
- community heritage
- historic buildings and monuments
- industrial, maritime and transport
- cultures and memories (intangible heritage)
- landscapes and nature
- collections (museums, libraries and archives)
- sector support (supply chain, advocacy, training)

8. How many employees work for your organisation? [select one]

- sole trader
- 2 to 9
- 10 to 49
- 50 to 249
- 250+

- don't know

UK heritage and Heritage Fund support

9. What are the top 2 or 3 changes to heritage you would want to see in 10 years' time? Please focus on the heritage that you are responsible for.*

10. What would you most like to change in relation to heritage in the next 3-5 years? Please focus on the heritage that you are responsible for.*

11. How can the Heritage Fund play a role in those changes?*

12. Beyond funding, what other support can the Heritage Fund provide that would achieve those changes? Examples include consultant support, sharing best practice across organisations, cohort learning and/or building partnerships with other funders.

13. Tell us what you think about our existing priorities for heritage (landscape and nature, community heritage and heritage at risk) and our current funding approach as set out in our Strategic Funding Framework 2019-2024?

Objectives and outcomes

14. In our current Strategic Funding Framework, we have six objectives and nine outcomes.

We propose to revise the wording of the six objectives to – Ensure:

- a better future for the UK's heritage
- heritage is a source of inspiration and enrichment
- heritage is for everyone
- heritage is valued, resilient and sustainable
- heritage enables people and places to thrive
- local economies are strengthened through heritage

Changes to the objectives may lead to subsequent changes in the nine outcomes.

Do you broadly agree with the revised objectives?

Ensure better future for the UK's heritage

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither agree nor disagree
- disagree
- strongly disagree

Ensure heritage is a source of inspiration and enrichment

- strongly agree

- agree
- neither agree nor disagree
- disagree
- strongly disagree

Ensure heritage is for everyone

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither agree nor disagree
- disagree
- strongly disagree

Ensure heritage is valued, resilient and sustainable

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither agree nor disagree
- disagree
- strongly disagree

Ensure heritage enables people and places to thrive

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither agree nor disagree
- disagree
- strongly disagree

Ensure local economies are strengthened through heritage

- strongly agree
- agree
- neither agree nor disagree
- disagree
- strongly disagree

Please explain your answer.

What do you think is missing from these objectives?

Priorities

Place

15. We expect to be doing more to prioritise and invest in places that have a greater need, opportunity and/or potential for heritage. What information should help us shape that emphasis? Select the three that are most important to you. [Select 3]

- heritage needs
- social and economic needs
- opportunities for the Heritage Fund to align with other funders and partners
- the potential of heritage in an area

- readiness of a place for partnership and investment (for example: existing delivery networks, stakeholders, etc)
- low levels of engagement with heritage, especially among under-served groups
- other (please state)

Approaches to funding

16. We currently deliver the majority of our funding through our open programmes, National Lottery Grants for Heritage. Looking ahead, we are planning to make larger scale investments and direct some funding to issues or types of heritage where there is a strategic need.

Do you agree we should invest at a larger scale (over £5million) where our investment will have a greater impact?

- yes
- no
- don't know

Do you agree we should direct more of our funding to specific issues or types of projects in line with specific strategic need?

- yes
- no
- don't know

What issues or types of projects, if any, do you see as needing dedicated or targeted funding?

17. The cost of living crisis and rising inflation are resulting in increased costs for many heritage projects. Thinking about what would most benefit the heritage you support, what balance should we strike between investing in existing funded projects and supporting new projects over the next three years?

- keep the balance as it is currently
- re-balance to increase support for existing projects
- re-balance to increase investment in new projects
- none of the above (please specify below)
- don't know

Please provide any comments you want to add to your response above.

Partnerships

18. We are looking to deliver our objectives both through our existing investment mechanisms (Lottery funding and Grant in Aid) and, where appropriate, through more partnership work with other organisations.

How do you think the Heritage Fund will need to change about how we work to shift from grant giver to partner?

What organisations, or types of organisation, would you like to see us work in partnership with?

Environmental sustainability

19. Our current approach to environmental sustainability is that we expect all applicants – regardless of heritage type or project size – to tell us how they will limit any potential damage to the environment and how they will make a positive environmental impact, particularly for nature. We expect funded projects' environmental sustainability actions to be proportionate to the level of grant, meaning the larger the grant, the more we expect.

Please tell us your views on how we can strengthen our current approach to environmental sustainability. What are the most important things we can do to support projects to reduce their carbon footprint?

Sign up for our workshops

In addition to this survey, we will be holding some workshops in August for people who work in and with heritage.

We want to ensure a balance of participants based on expertise, background and location across the UK. It is not possible to guarantee a place on a workshop for everyone who expresses interest in attending, but we may contact you to ask if you would be able to participate.

- Would you be interested in attending one of these workshops?
- (For those who completed this survey on behalf of your organisation) Are you registered for UK Heritage Pulse and would like us to use the profiling ('about your organisation') information you have already provided? Please ignore if this does not apply.

If you ticked either of the boxes above, please enter your email address:

Confirm your email address:

Thank you

Your feedback has been submitted. Thank you for helping us shape how we'll work together in the years ahead and the difference we can make for the UK's rich and diverse heritage.

Our strategy refresh project will continue until the end of 2022. This survey is open until midday on Monday 5 September.

We will announce our response to the feedback we receive later in the year.