

Protecting National Heritage

Supporting and protecting our nation's heritage is an important feature of GrantScape's grant-making activities.

Over the years, we have made 191 grants totalling over £3 million to help restore and repair churches, mills, listed buildings, scheduled monuments and other important heritage sites. This has helped to ensure that they are safely preserved for present and future generations to use, visit and enjoy.

BEDFORDSHIRE'S CHURCHES

Amongst the many grants we have awarded to help repair the nation's historic religious buildings, those made to protect Bedfordshire's churches particularly stand out.

These projects have included replacing internal timbers infested by death-watch beetle, repairing tower and nave roofs to prevent further rain ingress, and replacing damaged stonework and leaded windows. With many churches also being centres of community activity, grants such as these have had an impact well beyond simple restoration.

STOWE HOUSE

Stowe House, the palatial former seat of the Dukes of Buckingham, represents one of the best preserved neo-classical palaces in Europe. Yet, not long ago it featured twice on the World Monuments Fund Watch List of endangered sites – an acknowledgement of its worldwide importance.

Phase two of the Stowe House Preservation Trust's ambitious six-phase restoration project was completed in summer 2005, supported by our grant of £50,000.

NASEBY BATTLEFIELD

In addition to our grant-making activity, we also help other organisations find funding for their own projects.

In June 1645, at Naseby in Northamptonshire, King Charles I's army was decisively defeated by the forces of Parliament in one of the most important battles fought on English soil.

GrantScape secured £50,000 for the Naseby Battlefield Project from Biffaward to deliver exciting new facilities, bringing the battle to life for visitors.

BRILL WINDMILL

Not all of our heritage grant-making has funded repairs and restoration. Often, expensive survey work is required before such works can be specified and undertaken.

This was true for Buckinghamshire County Council's project at Brill Windmill, a nationally important post mill dating from the seventeenth century. Here, our £10,000 grant paid for specialist recording and condition surveys, so enabling action plans to be developed for the mill's future conservation.



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