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ST PETER'S CHURCH, HORNINGHOLD RECEIVES A LIFELINE GRANT FROM THE GOVERNMENT'S CULTURE RECOVERY FUND

- St Peter's Church, Horninghold is a Grade II* Listed building dating from Norman times. Built in the early 12th century and currently placed on the 'Heritage At Risk Register' urgent repair work costing over £150,000 has been identified.
- The Parochial Church Council (PCC) are therefore most grateful to Historic England for awarding a £20,000 grant towards urgent work on guttering and rainwater maintenance.
- Eleven churches in the Church of England's Leicester diocese will benefit from £480,000 in funding from the government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund.

St Peter's Church, Horninghold has received a financial boost from the government's £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund to help fund urgent work during the coronavirus pandemic. Urgent repair work to the Church costing over £150,000 has been identified - a huge sum for a village with a population of under 100 to raise. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) are therefore most grateful to Historic England for awarding a £20,000 grant towards work on guttering and rainwater maintenance.

Grants of up to £25,000 are being allocated to cherished heritage sites, like St. Peter's, across the country to cover urgently needed maintenance and repairs. This vital funding comes from a part of the Culture Recovery Fund called the Heritage Stimulus Fund and is administered on behalf of the government by Historic England. As well as rescuing precious heritage buildings in need, the injection of cash will protect livelihoods for some of the most vulnerable heritage specialists and contractors working in the sector.

Culture Secretary, Oliver Dowden, said: "These grants will help the places that have shaped our skylines for hundreds of years and that continue to define culture in our towns and cities. We're protecting heritage and culture in every corner of the country to save jobs and ensure it's there for future generations to enjoy."

The Church is the only community building in the small village and as well as a place of worship is the venue for village meetings and other community events. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) say 'Inevitably time has taken its toll on our beautiful church and in 2020 it was placed on the 'Heritage At Risk Register'. It is our hope that in 2021 local fund-raising activities can be resumed and we shall be able to proceed with the full programme of restoration so that we can be removed from the 'At Risk' register and pass on this much loved building in a good state of repair to future generations'.

Duncan Wilson, Historic England Chief Executive said: “Historic places across the country are being supported by the Government’s grants awarded under the Culture Recovery Fund. This funding is a lifeline which is kick-starting essential repairs and maintenance at many of our most precious historic sites, so they can begin to recover from the damaging effects of COVID-19.

“It is also providing employment for skilled craft workers who help keep historic places alive and the wheels of the heritage sector turning. Our shared heritage is an anchor for us all in these challenging times and this funding will help to ensure it remains part of our collective future.”

Lifeline grants from the Culture Recovery Fund are designed to protect heritage sites and ensure that jobs and access to culture and heritage in local communities are protected during the months ahead.

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Notes to Editors

About the Culture Recovery Fund

The government’s £1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund is designed to secure the future of Britain’s heritage sites as well as museums, galleries, theatres, independent cinemas and music venues with emergency grants and loans.

£1.57 billion Culture Recovery Fund is divided into categories for Heritage, Arts and Film. In England, it is administered on behalf of the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport by the arms-length bodies Historic England and the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Arts Council England and the British Film Institute.

Funding for Heritage:

- The £50m Heritage Stimulus Fund is administered at arms-length by Historic England
- The £88m Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage is a joint fund, allocated at arms-length by Historic England and the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

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