



REQUEST FOR FUNDING FOR SPECIFIC PROJECT

FINANCIAL YEAR 2024 -2025

DATE: 16.04.2025

TO: KENILWORTH TOWN COUNCIL / FINANCE & GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE.

Please read the Project Support Grant Criteria before completing this form

NAME / GROUP & MAIN CONTACT	The English Heritage Trust Helen Kerry Education Visits Officer, English Heritage Helen.Kerry@English-Heritage.org.uk 07880 054415
PROJECT TITLE	Tudor Discovery Days at Kenilworth Castle
TOTAL SUM REQUESTED	£3,330
COSTING OF PROJECT WITH FULL DETAILED BREAKDOWN	Jacqui Smithson - Artist https://jacquismithson.com/ - to plan, resource and deliver textile art sessions for the three days of the event - £1275 Anna Clarke – Artist https://annaclarke.co.uk/ - to plan, resource and deliver textile art sessions for the three days of the event - £1275 Cat Wetherill - Author and Storyteller https://www.catweatherillauthor.com/ - to plan, resource and deliver storytelling sessions for the three days of the event - £780
DETAILS OF OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING APPLIED FOR AND NAMES OF PARTNER ORGANISATIONS IF PROJECT IS JOINT/ MULTI GROUPS AND DETAILS OF FUNDING SUPPORT REQUESTS MADE BY THEM	This event is part of a wider programme of events to celebrate the 450th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth I visit to Kenilworth. English Heritage is offering support in kind through free site access and staff support from both the onsite team, and the Grants and Trust Department. The Learning and Interpretation Department at English Heritage has contributed £2,500 for a music and drama workshop run by the Book of Portraits Company.

PLEASE CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE ENCLOSED YOUR MOST RECENT AUDITED BALANCE SHEET OR EQUIVALENT.	Yes
TIMESCALE / DATE OF EVENT	This is an education event which will take place over three days taking place at Kenilworth Castle on the 9 th , 10 th and 11 th June 2025.
NUMBER OF KENILWORTH RESIDENTS TO BENEFIT	Overall, we anticipate approx. 360 students attending the event, plus teachers and parent helpers. The number of people benefiting from the activities will be increased by passive engagement from the participants recounting and sharing their day with parents and carers.
OTHER INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF THE APPLICATION	
Kenilworth Castle is one of the great historical sites of the United Kingdom. Between July and October 2025, we will mark the 450th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth I's infamous visit in 1575, which witnessed her courtier, Robert Dudley, presenting a 19-day 'Princely Pleasures' festival to win her hand in marriage. English Heritage are seeking £3,300 to support the facilitation of workshops by members of Kenilworth Artists and Cat Wetherill, a local author and storyteller. The event will be open to Key Stage 2 students from local Kenilworth Primary schools and forms part of a wider programme of activities being delivered to mark the anniversary. Students, aged 7-11 years (KS2) will be invited on an historic journey back in time to 1575 when Queen Elizabeth I visited Sir Robert Dudley at the iconic Castle. They'll get the chance to immerse themselves in traditional music and dance, captivating storytelling, and create a textile portrait of either Queen Elizabeth I or Robert Dudley, using recycled materials There will be a full day of exciting hands-on activities for students to enjoy. The workshops will all have an immersive and participatory element. The day will consist of a carousel of three activities that the pupils will be involved in. • Kenilworth Artists will work with students to create a royal themed textile collage using recycled fabrics. The finished pieces will be able displayed in the primary schools. • Cat Wetherill will present a literacy-based activity exploring storytelling in an historical setting. • The Book of Portraits Company will host a Tudor music and dance session in the garden with an exciting activity hunting for clues for a missing piece of Tudor music. The workshops will run for a full day 10am until 2pm. The students will bring a packed lunch and be able to enjoy the setting of Kenilworth Castle before, during and after their day's activities. Each group will attend for a full day (three groups per day), and all the participants will have the opportunity to take part in all of the three workshops. We have approached all the KS2 school providers in Kenilworth. We have had a positive response to attending the event from Clinton Primary School, Park Hill Junior School, Priors Field Primary School, St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, St John's Primary School, St Nicholas CofE	

Primary School.

This event will provide lasting memories for the pupils involved and really mark the anniversary of this important event in Kenilworth's history. The active and immersive element of the workshops will re-enforce the drama of the time and Kenilworth's part on the national political stage in this era. A multi school event such as this supports the pupil's personal growth and increases their social and emotional development. All the teachers are very keen to bring their classes to the event and are excited to be part of the 450 celebrations in this practical and tangible way.

As part of the process, at the end of event we will be gathering feedback from the participants (pupils and teachers), and the workshop leaders to measure the success of the event and inform the development of future projects.

English Heritage is a leading conservation charity which looks after over 400 sites across the country. Our mission is not only to care for England's historic sites but to make them engaging and accessible to all, with a particular focus on local community engagement. We have an experienced Grants and Trust team who work alongside the site teams to ensure timely communication with funders.

Under our care, Kenilworth Castle has a particularly rich and varied history of delivering events and performance in partnership with local organizations, such as the annual 4th November fireworks onsite at the Castle hosted by Kenilworth Round Table. More recently we have delivered a series of interactive children's days during February 2025 half-term, and feel we have the experience and expertise necessary to successfully deliver a range of activities aimed at engaging young people.

In 1958 Kenilworth Castle was given as a freehold to Kenilworth Town Council, making the residents the real owners of the site. For this reason, we are particularly interested in delivering projects which encourage local engagement therefore the focus on Kenilworth primary schools is an important element of this event.

English Heritage is also working with the artist's group to organise a 2-day Plein Air event at the Castle. No funding is being sought for this event. This will be organised and delivered by volunteers from Kenilworth Artists, a community group of artists who live in the town. On Saturday 14th June the group will engage with local families by inviting them to visit the castle to paint alongside adult artists. Entry will be free to those with resident passes. On Sunday 15th June local artists will be invited to paint in the castle grounds. Tickets will be limited but will be free to those with a residents pass. The Plein air will be followed by an exhibition of art at the Talisman Theatre on 24th and 25th August which will be open to the public and entry will be free. The aim is to provide a relaxed and accessible environment where people feel comfortable to get involved and take part. This is possible due to the team of local artists that foster an environment where the making of shared artistic experiences is socially acceptable to all.

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