

The Neroche Community History Fund

What is the Neroche Community History Fund?

- The Community History Fund is able to provide financial support for projects undertaken as part of the Neroche Community History Project
- The Project is supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund
- Funding/financial support can be for the costs (i.e. travel costs) and/or expenses incurred as part of a project (i.e. photocopying/building materials)
- The maximum funding available is £500.00
- Applications for retrospective funding cannot be accepted
- Applications will be accepted from individuals and groups/organisations
- The fund is discretionary and therefore all applications will be decided by a panel

What type of projects can the Neroche Community History Project support?

The types of projects supported will need to be of benefit to the local community by:

- Adding to and/or enhancing the existing knowledge of local history and archaeology within the project area, and/or
- Increasing opportunities for learning about local heritage features

Applicants need not necessarily demonstrate match funding from other sources although it could improve the chances of a successful application if external sources could be demonstrated to support the proposal.

Projects currently receiving funding

Projects currently receiving funding include the conservation of the Somersetshire Militia officer's mess chimney/fireplace at Leigh Hill.

All applications will be subject (where appropriate) to the following conditions

- Groups/Organisations must have a constitution and a bank account
- Successful applicants will need to provide reasonable details of participants time input on projects funded, including the names of those involved
- Where appropriate, the support and permission of the landowner must be sought and the project must meet all relevant Health and Safety requirements
- Project sites which have either limited or open public access will be considered subject to landowner consent
- Project results will need to be made publicly available for at least 5 years after the end of the funding period. This can be achieved through public displays at suitable venues, the Neroche Project website, the County Historic Environment Records (HERs) and the final Community History publication.

If you are interested in applying for financial support for a project or would like further information about funding, please contact Tanya James c/o Historic Environment Service, Somerset County Council, Taunton Castle, TA1 4AA, email: tjames@somerset.gov.uk or tel. 01823 424040/07881 850660.

