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## **Kiplin Hall and Gardens has received £29,300 National Lottery support to help address the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on heritage**

Kiplin Hall and Gardens has received £29,300 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to help Kiplin recover from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in two ways.

Firstly, the grant will help fund immediate needs to improve the visitor experience given the changes that have been put in place to ensure social distancing. This will include a new marquee, new more permanent outdoor signage for the one-way systems, decorative improvements to the North Tower staircase which is now part of the visitor route in the building, and screens between the tables in the tearoom when it reopens.

Secondly, funds will be used to enhance the outdoor spaces, making them even more engaging and informative for visitors should an indoor lockdown take place in the future. New interpretation boards for the gardens, a bird hide, wildlife camera and internet weather station will be installed. As well as upgrades to the website and till system to allow for online ticket and gift shop transactions.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown the team of staff and volunteers at Kiplin Hall and Gardens have been working hard to ensure the survival of the historic house museum and grounds. They have enjoyed some success since the lifting of lockdown. By encouraging many local families to visit the attraction from the nearby towns of Northallerton and Richmond, Kiplin has reported its busiest July on record. Although overall income is still down, increased ticket sales this summer, alongside this funding boost from the Heritage Lottery Fund will help ensure the future of Kiplin Hall and Gardens.

James Etherington, Director at Kiplin Hall and Gardens said: "Thanks to the National Lottery and its players we can continue to welcome visitors back to Kiplin, safely as the autumn weather approaches. New outdoor interpretation boards will help visitors to learn more about the history of the building and the families who lived here, without the need to go inside if they do not wish to. Or a lockdown means we need to temporarily closed the building. Wildlife hides will also help our visitors to spend longer on site, exploring the diverse natural environment. We're grateful that The National Lottery Heritage Fund is supporting us at this crucial time – it's a lifeline to us and others who are passionate about sustaining heritage for the benefit of all."

The funding, made possible by National Lottery players, was awarded through The National Lottery Heritage Fund's *Heritage Emergency Fund*. £50million was made available to provide emergency funding for those most in need across the heritage sector.

The UK-wide fund aimed to address both immediate emergency actions and help organisations to start thinking about recovery.

**Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive of The National Lottery Heritage Fund**, said: "Heritage has an essential role to play in making communities better places to live, supporting economic regeneration and benefiting our personal wellbeing. All of these things are going to be even more important as we emerge from this current crisis.

“Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players we are pleased to be able to lend our support to organisations such as Kiplin Hall & Gardens during this uncertain time.”

Like Kiplin Hall & Gardens, other charities and organisations across the UK that have been affected by the unprecedented impact of the coronavirus outbreak are being given access to a comprehensive package of support of up to £600 million of repurposed money from The National Lottery. This money is supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our communities and span the arts, community, charity, heritage, education, environment and sports sectors.

Thanks to National Lottery players, £30 million is raised every week for good causes, including heritage of local and national importance. By playing The National Lottery, people up and down the country are making an amazing contribution to the nationwide-response to combatting the impact of COVID-19 on local communities across the UK.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund’s Heritage Emergency Fund is now closed for applications. To find out more about how The National Heritage Emergency Fund is supporting the sector at this time please visit: <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/responding-coronavirus-covid-19>

To find out more about the National Lottery Good Causes , visit: [www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/coronavirus-pandemic-response](http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/coronavirus-pandemic-response)

Kiplin Hall and Gardens is currently open to visitors 5 days per week, Friday – Tuesday. The Tea Room remains closed for the time being but takeaway refreshments are being served. Visit [www.kiplinhall.co.uk](http://www.kiplinhall.co.uk) for more information.

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#### **Notes to editors**

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- Kiplin Hall and Gardens is currently operating on reduced hours and staffing during the government lockdown as part of the response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Temporary Opening Hours– Hall and Gardens - 5 days per week (Fri/Sat/Sun/Mon/Tue) 10am – 5pm last admission 4pm.
- Kiplin Hall and Gardens, Near Scorton, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 6AT [www.kiplinhall.co.uk](http://www.kiplinhall.co.uk)
- Kiplin Hall is an historic house museum set in 100 acres of grounds; the visitor attraction enjoys a peaceful location between Northallerton and Richmond with grounds comprising of woodland, parkland, a walled garden, lake side paths, and lawns.
- Tickets (valid for 12 months)- £12.00 adults, £10.00 conc, £6.00 child, under 5’s free. £32.00 Family ticket.
- Tea Room currently closed – takeaway refreshments on site from Proper Pizzas
- Toilets OPEN

## About The National Lottery Heritage Fund

Using money raised by the National Lottery, we inspire, lead and resource the UK's heritage to create positive change for people and communities, now and in the future. [www.heritagefund.org.uk](http://www.heritagefund.org.uk)  
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The Heritage Emergency Fund is now closed for applications. Extra advice and support and longer-term skills and capacity building initiatives has also been made available for the heritage sector. [Read more about The National Lottery Heritage Fund's response to the Covid-19 emergency.](#)

## About the National Lottery

- Since The National Lottery's first draw took place on 19 November 1994, more than £40 billion has been raised for good causes in the areas of arts, sport, heritage and community.
- National Lottery players contribute around £30 million to good causes every week.
- The National Lottery has made more than 5,500 millionaires but its primary purpose is giving to good causes - over 565,000 individual grants have been awarded across the UK, that's the equivalent of 200 life-changing projects in every UK postcode district.

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**Image Captions** (higher res copies attached or available on request [marketing@kiplinhall.co.uk](mailto:marketing@kiplinhall.co.uk))

1. Kiplin Hall and Gardens, a 400-year-old home, now open as a museum and visitor attraction thanks lottery players as it receives £29,300 financial support from HLF to survive the pandemic. (One with HLF logo, one without)



2. In part the funds will be used to create more interpretation in the gardens and grounds, helping visitors to better explore the history of the families who lived there without the need to go indoors, should another lockdown take place. Photo courtesy of DronePrep pilot in residence @bigladderphotographer



3. Heritage Lottery Fund logo

