

Press release: Much-loved coastal heritage assets to be saved with almost £1 million of Coastal Revival Fund

- 23 coastal projects to receive a share of nearly £1 million from the government's Coastal Revival Fund
- 44 coastal projects backed by £5.6 million since 2015
- Two sites on Historic England's 'at-risk' register to receive over £80,000

Coastal heritage sites around the Great British Coast will be saved as 23 projects are to receive a share of almost £1 million from the Coastal Revival Fund.

The projects, from Blackpool to the Isle of Wight, have today (23 January 2019) been awarded up to £50,000 each to help restore local community assets and landmarks to their former glory.

These include Banksy's Pinwheel in Weston-super-Mare, a community project in a derelict smugglers' inn in Cornwall, and the preservation of Blackpool's 3 historic piers.

The Coastal Revival Fund provides grants to coastal heritage sites to fund repairs, restoration and bring economic growth to coastal communities. It also supports large scale projects which are important to local communities but have not yet reached their full economic potential or are facing neglect.

Coastal Communities Minister Jake Berry MP, said:

I'm proud to support these 23 magnificent projects from Ryde to Runcorn with investment from the government's Coastal Revival Fund. Putting heritage at the heart of our coastal towns is an important way of attracting visitors and boosting our local economies.

We're determined to save these historic landmarks for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations while delivering on our promise to invest over a quarter of a billion pounds into the Great British Coast by 2020.

Duncan Wilson, Chief Executive of Historic England, said:

Our seaside towns are rich with unique historic buildings and places, from the grand Lytham Hall to the Victorian public pleasure grounds of Saltburn-by-the-Sea.

We're delighted that this further round of funding will help secure the future of these 2 important sites on our Heritage at Risk Register so that they can be used and enjoyed by generations to come.

Successful coastal projects include:

Banksy@Pinwheel Corner Project

A total of £50,000 from the Coastal Revival Fund has been awarded to North Somerset council to refurbish and provide a permanent home for Banksy's Pinwheel in Weston-super-Mare's Italian Gardens in the town centre. The exhibit, which was donated by the graffiti artist following the globally successful 'Dismaland' exhibition in 2015, is set to provide a focal point to link the seafront and the town centre.

Ice-cream and Science in the Bay

A total of £30,000 has been awarded to a feasibility project in Sandown on the Isle of Wight, which would revitalise the country's first Henry Cotton-designed 1930s public golf course and further work at a former ice-cream factory which has been repurposed as a hub for environmental science.

Great Yarmouth Rows Project

A total of £50,000 has been awarded to a project to revive, enhance and celebrate the Rows – a medieval street pattern made up of 150 narrow alleyways confined within the town wall of Great Yarmouth.

Lytham Hall and Historic Parkland (Phase II) Project

A total of £42,500 has been awarded to a restoration project for the exterior of the Georgian Grade I Lytham Hall, an 'at-risk' building on the Fylde coast. The project is set to create a sustainable heritage attraction of regional significance vested in community ownership; and to release the potential to play a major part in the life and economy of Lytham and the Fylde coast.

Saltburn Valleys Conservation

A total of £40,000 will see the production of a Conservation Management Plan for the 'at risk' Saltburn Valleys to gain a better understanding of the heritage significance of the site and to identify management policies and actions that will ensure the sustainable future for this historical landscape. Saltburn is a key Victorian tourist town in the heart of Redcar and Cleveland. On the Yorkshire coast and with the North York Moors National Park on the doorstep, Saltburn is the jewel in the tourism crown for the Redcar and Cleveland Borough.

The Old Ship Inn – back from the ashes

A total of £50,000 has been awarded for a long-term project to fully rebuild the derelict Old Ship Inn, in Cornwall which was completely destroyed by fire in 2013. The Grade II pub which was once a key central point in the Cornish smuggling trade, and is said to have been visited by Admiral Lord Nelson, is one of the oldest buildings in Cawsand village and an iconic location at the heart of the community. The project will create permanent, local jobs; provide low-cost rented housing; and create a major new community space.

Further information

Download the full details of all 23 projects.

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This funding builds on the 25 coastal projects awarded a share of nearly £1 million through the Coastal Revival Fund in [November 2018](#) including Withernsea Pier Towers and the iconic Rock Gardens of Ramsgate.

The renovations to these much-loved venues, and the jobs and opportunity they create, are part of the wider government work to rebalance the economy and help all areas of the country thrive.

Through the Coastal Communities Fund over £180 million has been invested across the UK in the last 5 years, protecting or creating over 18,000 UK jobs and £363 million in new visitor spend. Analysis has shown that the money is well spent, with every £1 invested having the potential to create an up to £8 boost to our coastal economies.

The [Coastal Revival Fund](#) was introduced in 2015-16 to help coastal areas bring at risk heritage and community assets back into economic use.

Each project was able to bid for up to £50,000 of funding to help identify a new role for iconic buildings and structures in need of restoration.