



GOTHAM PARISH COUNCIL



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GOTHAM – VILLAGE OF LEGENDS – WINS HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND SUPPORT

Today, Gotham Parish Council are delighted to announce that they are to receive a grant from The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to restore and refurbish the village Well House. The grant of £26,100 from the HLF will enable the village to restore the Well House, a Grade II listed building, built in 1862 by the then Earl Howe. Additional generous financial support has come from local organisations and individuals.

In conjunction with the restoration, panels will be created and placed within the building describing Gotham's unique history. Members of the village, with local business support, are exploring the rich and varied history of Gotham dating back to the Domesday Book of 1087.

Due to the unreliability of spring and well water to the village in the mid nineteenth century, the Earl Howe resolved the problem by piping water from a spring a mile and a half South of the village. He then built the Well House in the centre of Gotham to house the cistern. This spring is still active today, and is near to the 14th green of Rushcliffe Golf Course.

On completion of the project, a 'Heritage Day' will be held to celebrate all aspects of Gotham village life and history. A history that includes gypsum mining, St. Lawrence church, formation of South Notts. Bus Company, the tales of Gotham, and the village connection with New York and Batman. Children of the village primary school are involved in a project on water in the Well House, and designing a logo for the Heritage Day.

Commenting on the award, Michael Sheppard, Chairman of Gotham Parish Council said *"We are thrilled to receive the generous support of the Heritage Lottery Fund and are confident the project will ensure the longevity of the Well House for Gotham, the Village of Legends"*.

Jonathan Platt, Head of HLF East Midlands, said: *"This is Gotham Parish Council's first HLF grant and it's great to see it being spent on the first restoration of this important building for half a century. Thanks to National Lottery players, today's investment will also help people learn more about the building and what it can tell us about the local area."*

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About the Heritage Lottery Fund:

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