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St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham wins National Lottery support to celebrate its 175th Anniversary

The Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees have received a National Lottery grant of £71,100 for an exciting heritage project, Discovering Pugin at Nottingham Cathedral. Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, the project focus on the architectural history of the building as it turns 175 in August 2019.

The Cathedral are working in partnership with Nottingham Trent University to undertake cutting edge scanning of the building to measure it and find out about the historic paint scheme which may still survive under later layers of paint. They will also be developing school activities and running events for the public to celebrate 175 years of the building. More information about how local people can get involved will be released shortly.

The Cathedral Church of Saint Barnabas was constructed from 1841 and dedicated to St Barnabas in 1844. It became one of the first new Catholic Cathedrals in the country in 1850. It is listed Grade II* and was designed by AWN Pugin who was responsible for the 19th Century redesign of the Houses of Parliament.

Fr Malachy Brett, Dean of the Cathedral said:

“We are really delighted to have been awarded this funding as it will allow us to involve so many more people in the celebrations of the Cathedral’s anniversary. We hope that the Discovering Pugin Project will help us engage with the wider community in Nottingham and get their ideas for how we can best promote the heritage of St Barnabas in the future.”

Dr Ana Souto, Lecturer in Architecture at Nottingham Trent University said:

“This project will highlight the relevance of Pugin’s work in Nottingham, both at national and regional levels. Our aim is to reach as many stakeholders as possible, putting St Barnabas again on the map as a community asset, a landmark that tells a story about Nottingham’s identity, its past, present, and especially, its continuity in the future.”

Heritage Lottery Fund said:

“We are pleased that thanks to Lottery Players we have been able to support this fascinating project to explore the history of Nottingham’s Catholic Cathedral.”

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Notes to editors

About Nottingham Cathedral Project Group

The Nottingham Cathedral Project Group (NCPG or 'the group') have formed to undertake a major redecoration, conservation and heritage interpretation scheme throughout St Barnabas. This Our Heritage project forms an integral part of this, allowing us to widen our engagement with local communities, carry out consultation and investigations required to refine how we share our heritage and welcome visitors in the future.

The NCPG are led by the Rev. Fr Malachy Brett, the Dean of the Cathedral. The group have met regularly to shape the Discovering Pugin project and have been delegated the authority for the project by the Nottingham Roman Catholic Diocesan Board of Directors and the Parish Council.

About the Heritage Lottery Fund

Thanks to National Lottery players, money is invested to help people across the UK explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about - from the archaeology under our feet to the historic parks and buildings we love, from precious memories and collections to rare wildlife. www.hlf.org.uk. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) and use #NationalLottery and #HLFsupported.

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