



ANNOUNCEMENT

On behalf of Winster Morris Dancers, I am pleased to announce our award of £64,233.00 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund for an exciting heritage initiative known as:

Winster Community Wakes and Carnival Archive Project

This project will help us curate memorabilia about Winster's Wakes Weeks and Carnivals. Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, the project is supported by several local groups, especially the Winster History Group and Derbyshire Record Office. We have also secured an independently funded partnership with Derby University to help build a database cataloguing memorabilia. The project will also support sixth-form placements from Bakewell.

This two-year project will promote skills needed to preserve memories and other information from the past. The project shall run several "digitization days" in the Burton Institute inviting the public to share and curate memorabilia and photographs and provide hands-on training in heritage skills. The project will also fund the development of a dedicated website for which an editorial team will be drawn from Winster's community, assuring its future relevance to the entire community in future years. Full training, support and advice will be provided.

In working together to celebrate the cultural heritage of this popular annual celebratory social event, we hope to strengthen future engagement with it and to inspire other communities and neighbourhoods. Underpinning our idea is the knowledge that shared memories of previous social and cultural activities, as well as collective collaboration on anticipated future events, enhances social cohesion in a community; it enriches social health and wellbeing and fosters a strong sense of place.

We would like to thank everyone who helped to get this application together; the Steering Committee, Winster Morris Dancers and Winster History Society, and Ian Russell who began the archive collection of the Winster Morris Dancers and conceptualised the project in the first place. We sincerely appreciate **Winster's Parish Council / Carnival Committee** for the letter of support. Also to be thanked are The National Lottery Heritage Fund and National Lottery players who have made this possible.

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Carnival then and now: dancing outside the market hall in c.1912, and dancing outside the Bowling Green in 2022.