

Devon Sandford Award subsidy

To museums, galleries, castles, churches, historic houses, cottages, palaces, archaeological sites, archives and zoos in Devon

This year the Devon Heritage Education Group – an informal forum for learning staff at heritage sites around the county – decided to offer subsidies to organisations in Devon to support them in applying for the prestigious Sandford Award. The fee to enter for an award is £400, and the DHEG is offering to pay half of this, especially (but not exclusively) to enable smaller and volunteer-run organisations to enter for the award. This is a one-off opportunity, on a first-come-first-served basis, and will enable four sites to apply at the reduced rate, either for 2024 or 2025. The application deadline for the coming year is 16th February 2024.

The focus of the Sandford Award is on formal, curriculum-aligned, heritage learning programmes that take place in the historic setting or natural environment and use the history and collections or natural resources to engage, inform and inspire visitors. For further information about the award and its benefits go to <https://www.heritageeducationtrust.org/about-the-sandford-award>. An award remains valid for five years.

Over 500 heritage sites and services, found in all parts of the British Isles, have received the Sandford Award since they were first made in 1978. While national heritage organisations such as English Heritage, the National Trust and the V&A hold Sandford Awards, there are also small volunteer-run museums and archives: the award recognises quality, not scale.

Eligibility will be as follows:

- The applicant must operate in Devon.
- The applicant must meet the Sandford Award criteria and complete a regular [application](#).

Application procedure:

1. Visit the Sandford Award website to check that your site meets the [six criteria](#) for an award.
2. If you have questions about your eligibility for a Sandford Award contact Jayne Ellis, Sandford Award Administrator (jayne.ellis@bishoptg.ac.uk). If you have specific questions about the Devon subsidy contact Robin Clutterbuck (robin@whiterook.co.uk).
3. Complete a regular Sandford Award application and submit this to the Sandford Award Administrator.
4. Complete the attached short form in order to apply the subsidy to your main Sandford application.

Thanks, and good luck!

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DHEG member and Sandford Award assessor