

# PITZHANGER

MANOR & GALLERY



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery has received £250,000 National Lottery support to help address the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on heritage**

Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery has received £250,000 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to support its post Covid-19 recovery.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown began Pitzhanger has suffered a substantial loss of commercial and admissions income.

**Director Clare Gough at Pitzhanger** said: “Thanks to the National Lottery and its players we can now look to Pitzhanger’s reopening, and continue to build on the momentum established in our first year of operation. Pitzhanger lost all of its commercial income when it closed for Covid. We’re grateful that The National Lottery Heritage Fund is supporting us at this crucial time – it’s a lifeline to us and others who are passionate about keeping Britain’s heritage open and accessible for the benefit of all.”

The funding, made possible by National Lottery players, was awarded through The National Lottery Heritage Fund’s *Heritage Emergency Fund*. £50million has been made available to provide emergency funding for those most in need across the heritage sector.

The UK-wide fund will address both immediate emergency actions and help organisations to start thinking about recovery.

**Ros Kerslake, Chief Executive of The National Lottery Heritage Fund**, said: “Heritage has an essential role to play in making communities better places to live, supporting economic regeneration and benefiting our personal wellbeing. All of these things are going to be even more important as we emerge from this current crisis.

“Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players we are pleased to be able to lend our support to organisations such as Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery during this uncertain time.”

Like Pitzhanger other charities and organisations across the UK that have been affected by the unprecedented impact of the coronavirus outbreak are being given access to a comprehensive package of support of up to £600 million of repurposed money from The National Lottery. This money is supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our communities and span the arts, community, charity, heritage, education, environment and sports sectors.

Thanks to National Lottery players, £30 million is raised every week for good causes, including heritage of local and national importance. By playing The National Lottery, people up and down the country are making an amazing contribution to the nationwide-response to combatting the impact of COVID-19 on local communities across the UK.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund is currently open to applications for its Heritage Emergency Fund. To find out more visit: <https://www.heritagefund.org.uk/responding-coronavirus-covid-19>

To find out more about the National Lottery Good Causes , visit: [www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/coronavirus-pandemic-response](http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/coronavirus-pandemic-response)

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### **Notes to editors**

For further information about Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery, images and interview opportunities, please contact [pitzhanger@pitzhanger.org.uk](mailto:pitzhanger@pitzhanger.org.uk)

### **About Pitzhanger Manor & Gallery**

Pitzhanger Manor was the country home of Sir John Soane, one of the most influential architects in British history. Soane designed many extraordinary buildings, but Pitzhanger is almost unique as a building designed, built and lived in by Soane himself. Following a major three-year conservation project, Pitzhanger reopened in March 2019. The Manor has been revitalised to take it back to Soane's original designs, its extraordinary architecture restored for the public to see. Pitzhanger is a forum for creativity, debate and participation, reanimating Sir John Soane's vision to inspire and enrich our communities with art, architecture and design. Building on the dual foundation of Soane's 1800 Manor and parkland and of the contemporary Gallery, Pitzhanger unites the past and the present and inspires the future.

Pitzhanger had to close in March 2020, on the first anniversary of its opening, in response to the Coronavirus outbreak: this eradicated all of its commercial and admissions income. Pitzhanger is working on plans to reopen in a safe and appropriate way and welcome back the public in early autumn 2020.

### **About The National Lottery Heritage Fund**

Using money raised by the National Lottery, we inspire, lead and resource the UK's heritage to create positive change for people and communities, now and in the future.

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The Heritage Emergency Fund remains open for applications for grants ranging from £3,000 to £250,000 until 31 July 2020. Extra advice and support and longer-term skills and capacity building initiatives has also been made available for the heritage sector. [Read more about The National Lottery Heritage Fund's response to the Covid-19 emergency.](#)

### **About the National Lottery**

- Since The National Lottery's first draw took place on 19 November 1994, more than £40 billion has been raised for good causes in the areas of arts, sport, heritage and community.
- National Lottery players contribute around £30 million to good causes every week.
- The National Lottery has made more than 5,500 millionaires but its primary purpose is giving to good causes - over 565,000 individual grants have been awarded across the UK, that's the equivalent of 200 life-changing projects in every UK postcode district.