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Dr Jenner's House secures National Lottery support

The Jenner Trust has received a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £33,200 to help continue its work to secure a sustainable future for Dr Jenner's House, Museum and Garden in Berkeley, Gloucestershire. Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, the year-long project will allow the Trust to undertake a period of consultation and planning, resulting in a viable long-term plan for the museum's development.

The Jenner Trust celebrates the life of Edward Jenner, the pioneer of vaccination, by opening his former home as a museum. Supported through The National Lottery Heritage Fund, the project will see the appointment of an experienced consultant to work with the museum's Trustees to create a strategic plan for the museum's visitor and commercial activities in the future. Museum visitors and supporters from Berkeley and further afield will also be given the opportunity to have their say through a consultation period this summer.

In September 2018, the Trust launched a successful appeal to secure £20,000 in unrestricted donations and save the museum from closure. The campaign led to a resurgence of interest, including a record-breaking start to the 2019 open season, which the Trust now hopes to capitalise on.

Commenting on the award, Cate Statham, incoming Chair of The Jenner Trust, said: "Thanks to the support of National Lottery players, we now have an amazing opportunity to step back and review all of our available options, rather than just focusing our limited resources on pressing short-term issues. We see this project as a crucial step towards securing the long-term future of this site of world importance and we are looking forward to getting started."

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About The Jenner Trust

The Jenner Trust is the independent charitable trust which cares for The Chantry, the former home of vaccine pioneer Edward Jenner. We tell the story of how Jenner's remarkable discovery, and patient determination in sharing it, started a medical revolution which continues to save millions of lives every year. We want the people of Berkeley to be inspired by their community's role in Jenner's work and for everyone to understand the power of science to change the world for the better.

You can find out more about Dr Jenner's House, Museum and Garden and our work at jennermuseum.com or follow us @DrJennersHouse on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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 and lasting change** for people and communities, now and in the future. www.heritagefund.org.uk.

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