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HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND BOOST FOR CLARE CASTLE COUNTRY PARK

Clare Town Council is delighted to announce an award of £10,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). This grant will help the Council to plan and prepare for the Park's future.

It is anticipated that in 2014, following discussions and negotiations with Suffolk County Council, the ownership of Clare Country Park (including land and buildings) will be transferred from Suffolk County Council to Clare Town Council. The Heritage Lottery Fund grant will support the Council's ambitions to ensure that the Park becomes a sustainable and accessible community space.

Specifically, this grant will enable the Council to draw on the extensive experience of a number of specialists, from the historic environment to engaging visitors, equipping Trustees to be able to better manage and protect this locally loved Park into the future.

Keith Haisman, Chair of Clare Town Council, said "We're very grateful to the Heritage Lottery Fund for this funding. Clare Castle Country Park is the heart of the town and valued by everyone. Once we take ownership we are committed to ensuring that the Park will thrive. We're excited to be at the start of a journey that will hopefully return the park to its best."

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Notes to editors

Once transfer is complete, Clare Town Council will own the land and buildings, as 'Custodian Trustee'. The running of the Park will be delegated to an independent Charitable Trust.

The Heritage Lottery Fund uses money raised by the National Lottery to make a lasting difference for heritage, people and communities. From museums, parks and historic places, to archaeology, the natural environment and community traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. We have awarded more than £370m across the East of England. For more info, www.hlf.org.uk