

Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund

Offley Well Head, Manor Road, Madeley (Ref: 24/25002/HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following grant be approved: -

£1,697 Historic Building Grant be given towards collecting, cataloguing and storing displaced stonework.

Purpose of report

To enable members to consider the application for financial assistance.

Offley Well Head, Madeley

This Grade II listed stone fountain stands within allotment gardens on Manor Road. Originally erected by A Hungerford Crewe and dedicated to her aunt, E Offley of Madeley Manor.

The application is to collect, catalogue and store displaced stonework, to stabilise loose panels at the top of the monument and check the stability of the structure. This phase will also provide drawings and oversee and record other stone fragments by an appropriately qualified architect.

Raised up with steps on a basin, and set behind balustrade walls which have largely collapsed, the octagonal monument originally had decorated panels and iron dolphins for the water spouts. It is also recorded as being dilapidated in 1927 so has suffered from neglect for a long time.



The work is eligible for 20% grant towards the cost of the works. Two competitive quotations have been received for the work and the lowest at £8,484 inc VAT is payable.

Financial Implications

Historic buildings and structures are entitled to apply for up to a maximum of £5,000 from the Conservation and Heritage Grant Fund. The intervention rate is 20% of the cost of the work for Listed Buildings. 20% of this cost is £1,697.

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application with an allocation this year to the Fund of £23,963. This allows for existing commitments.