

Example Projects Delivered from UKSPF.

SK-2197: Our Place, Our Art

This project was funded through UKSPF to create permanent public art pieces in Grantham, Bourne, Stamford and the Deepings. The project aimed to celebrate the identity, history and culture of each of the four market towns. Local Artists were sought to collaborate with residents to create these permanent pieces of art. The four local artists were:

- Emilie Nunn – Grantham
- Emily Bowers – Bourne
- Rose Croft – The Deepings
- Imogen Joyce – Stamford

SKMP48: Impact Booster

Harlaxton Manor College was awarded £25,400 to deliver a project aimed at improving the leadership capabilities and strategic thinking in the social economy in South Kesteven. The proposal aligned with one of the UKSPF priorities of growing the local social economy. Specifically, the project engaged key actors and community organisations to scope the key components of a strategic plan to build capacity within South Kesteven's social economy. The proposal also addressed a short-term priority of building leadership capability within the social economy to think and act more strategically.

The project was delivered through two distinct strands of activity, with both strands delivered in parallel:

- **Strand One – Building a Stronger Social Economy:** Harlaxton College undertook a social economy scoping exercise to establish the current state of play of the sector, the provision of support, and future needs to inform future investment by the local authority. This was done through engaging infrastructure bodies, anchor institutions, and social economy organisations via a desk review, online survey, interviews and hosting a roundtable event. This approach developed a report to inform a social economy strategy for the district that dovetails into those of the county and other districts and to inform the emerging Mayoral Combined Authority. The resultant document was designed to support collaboration and partnership development and inform any further UKSPF investment and funding for the sector. Enabling a strategic approach to be taken.
- **Strand Two – Leadership development for the Social Economy:** Delivery of a short course in leadership development for the Social Economy in the South Kesteven District. The programme consisted of two four-hour, face-to-face workshops at the college, focusing on developing adaptive leadership

skills to improve organisational performance, impact, and strategic mindset. The face-to-face delivery was supplemented with virtual delivery to support broader engagement and reinforce learning and the provision of a leadership profile for each attendee to help support their leadership journey and future personal development.

The programme delivered all contracted outputs exceeding delivery in four out of the five output categories.

SKMP10: Hive FM Community Radio Station

Hive FM provides a radio service that meets the needs of the local community in Grantham, providing news, information, discussion, debate and also entertainment through drama, comedy and music. It provides the tools and training for the community to produce, develop and broadcast their own radio programmes, encouraging a sense of community spirit.

SKMP27: Set Jetting and Film Friendly South Kesteven

Led by Lincolnshire County Council, a number of activities to promote South Kesteven were carried out. The aim of the project was two-fold, to highlight South Kesteven as a 'film friendly' destination and spotlight the district as a great place for visitors and tourists to visit film locations. It also served as an extension to the ongoing 'Set Jetting' and 'Greater Lincolnshire Film Office' project by the Visitor Economy Team at Lincolnshire County Council.

The project included the creation and delivery of the following:

- **Show Reel:** A cinematic compilation that celebrates the diverse array of notable productions filmed in South Kesteven. This reel was crafted with high production values, mirroring the structure of a feature film, complete with titles and credits. It incorporated both existing footage and new shots that present the locations in their current state. Licences have been secured for the public viewing of the Show Reel for a minimum of 1 year, and it will feature on the Visit Lincolnshire 'SKDC Set Jetting page' and can be used on social media and at public events.
- **Social Media Content:** A curated collection of seventy-two social media assets have been developed for South Kesteven District Council (Discover South Kesteven) & Visit Lincolnshire channels. This includes images that creatively juxtapose film stills with their real-world locations, bite-sized video clips (reels) derived from the Show Reel, and pertinent links and signposting/hashtags to partner sites such as Visit Lincolnshire, Visit England, Discover South Kesteven, English Heritage, production companies and Creative England.

- **Itinerary Development:** A custom itinerary has been created, themed around the filmic heritage and experiences of South Kesteven. The itinerary – branded Stately Screen Tour - has aligned with the new Visit Lincolnshire 'South Countryside Set Jetting' Page and is available in both web and printable formats. It features visuals, recommended durations, direct links, and detailed descriptions of each location.
- **Dedicated Page on Visit Lincolnshire:** A 'South Countryside Set Jetting' film page has been launched on www.visitlincolnshire.com to host the content outlined above. It will serve as an extension of the existing Set Jetting page, reinforcing South Kesteven's reputation as a prime film location.
- **Industry Event:** In collaboration with Keal Productions/Location Lincs, Lincolnshire County Council hosted a Screen Networking Event. This event aimed to introduce the district's offerings to industry professionals, including producers, crew, location managers, and commissioners. The event featured key locations, culminating in a networking lunch and the premiere of the Show Reel. A short live interview with LCC was also delivered on BBC Radio Lincolnshire to promote the event, in addition to promotion at the Visit Lincolnshire Tourism Conference 2025 (held in February 2025).
- **SKDC Specific Film Proposition:** A comprehensive B2B document has been developed, as a sister document to the Greater Lincolnshire Film Proposition. This document shines a spotlight on an array of sites within South Kesteven, largely on renowned locations with a small selection of hidden gems, catering to industry professionals rather than the general visitor.

A themed summary document was also provided to SKDC at the end of the project, linking through to the social media, proposition and show reel.

Other outputs from the project include:

- Film & TV Tourism to benefit district – Article on SKDC Website
- Film Industry professionals gather in Stamford – Article on SKDC Website
- Film Locations wanted to increase area's appeal – Article on BBC News
- Radio interviews – A live breakfast show interview on BBC Radio Lincolnshire, and a pre-recorded interview on Heart / Smooth Radio stations.

SK2177: Woolsthorpe Manor

Woolsthorpe Manor opened the site to the local community on two days when the site is usually closed. From 10am-2pm. They welcomed visitors from the local area to interact with the Summer of discovery science equipment, including the Optics cabin which was created through the funding.

A special addition to the day was a Circus science show carried out by Circus 250. The performer used juggling techniques to talk about science and nicely linked to forces and motions (Newton science). The Manor House was open with staff and volunteers on site to help tell the story of Newton at Woolsthopre during the plague. The science centre was also open to help embed scientific learning around Newtons theories of gravity, force s and motion and light.

A local primary school was able to visit the site for free with all costs paid for including travel. This allowed 30 students to visit the site, have a tour of the house, science centre and take part in the forces and motion workshop where they were able to build their own paper rocket to fire from our specialist rocket firing machine.

SKMP31: Claypole Village Stores

Using UKSP Funds, the village store in Claypole was able to install a new roof and solar panels as well as internally refit the shop and provide a more attractive car parking area.

The project has enabled the business to be more energy efficient and environmentally friendly as well as improving the product displays and ranges. It is anticipated that this will improve the overall efficiency and profitability of the store to support its long-term operation as the only shop serving a number of rural communities in and around Claypole.

SK2079: St Wulfram's Church

Using funding from UKSPF, St Wulfram's Church Parochial Church Council has sensitively installed 78 solar photovoltaic panels on the south elevations of the roof of this iconic Grade I listed building. By applying a careful design, the panels are not visible from ground level so preserves the character of the Conservation Area and the church. The generation of clean electricity will power a substantial part of the lighting and central heating resulting in reduced energy costs for the church and community users. The solar panels will also reduce the Carbon Footprint for the church.

In the first fifteen days of operation in February, the panels generated 788 kWh. On 28 February, a sunny day, 133.8 kWh was generated of which 94.8 kWh was consumed in church and 39 kWh was exported to the National Grid. From 14 February to 1 March (inclusive), a total of 909 kWh was generated; this represents a saving of CO2 emissions of some 906 kg.

RF-1015: Fairman Knight

Rural England Prosperity funding has helped support the UK's first insect farm for commercial uses. The insect farm produces black soldier fly which feeds on waste and produces larvae which is sold to the onshore fish farm, pet food and broiler shed industries. The business intends to be initially carbon neutral moving towards being carbon negative in the future.