



Report to: Meeting of the Trustees of the Gilstrap and WE Knight Charities,  
9 March 2026

Clerk to the Trustees: To be confirmed

Lead Officer: Helen Brandham, Democratic Services Officer

Report Summary	
<b>Report Title</b>	Application for Grant Funding – Friends of Newark Castle & Victorian Gardens
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	For the Trustees to consider the application made to the Gilstrap Charity for grant funding to support the promotion of education and understanding of one of Newark’s most significant historic buildings and to tie together the historic landscape of the town.
<b>Recommendations</b>	That the Board of Trustees consider and determine the application received from the Friends of Newark Castle & Victorian Gardens.

**1.0 Background**

- 1.1 Members will recall that at the previous meeting of the Trustees of the Gilstrap Charity held on 24 June 2025, this application was presented for consideration. The previous report and supporting appendices are attached as **Appendix One**.
- 1.2 At that time, Members felt that there was insufficient detailed information to satisfy them that the funding was good value for money and therefore deferred the application in order for additional information on how the funding would be spent to be submitted to a future Board meeting.
- 1.3 Members also requested that an invitation be extended to the applicant to attend the meeting to present their application.

**2.0 Proposal/Options Considered**

- 2.1 The applicant was requested to provide the required additional information, and this is attached as **Appendix Two** to this report.

**3.0 Implications**

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding

& Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

### 3.1 Financial Implications

Currently, £475,808 is available to support future projects or grant applications. If the above application for £50,000 is approved, the remaining balance will be reduced to £425,808.

### 3.2 Legal Implications

The Board is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report; it acts as Trustee to the Charity on behalf of the Council and its remit includes making operational decisions. It is for the Board to be satisfied that the application meets the criteria for award of funding and whether awarding the grant is in the best interests of the Charity considering its objectives ('The object of the charity is the general benefit of the inhabitants of [Newark] in such charitable ways for the public benefit as the Trustee thinks fit').

The Board must act in the best interests of the Charity as distinct from the best interests of Newark & Sherwood District Council or any other body when making decisions.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None