

Grants awarded by NMCT: 2010 to July 2024

Year	Institution	Project Title	Project Cost	Grant awarded	Notes
2024	Cumbria Archives	Conserving Thomas Mawson plans for gardens at Curwen Woods, Burton-in-Kendal.	£10,954	£10,554	Conservation of 7 paper plans, 14 tracing paper plans and 2 cellulose acetate plans all relating to Curwen Woods. Part of the extensive archive of Thomas Mawson, 1861-1933 who made a significant contribution to the art of garden, park, and civic design in the Edwardian era.
2024	Society of Antiquaries	Conservation of the Jackson collection of material relating to Wiltshire	£17,540	£17,540	14 volumes to be conserved. Canon Jackson was Librarian to the Marquess of Bath at Longleat, where he had access to original manuscripts, some of which he purloined and added to his collection. The collection (c3,000 items) includes 18th and 19th century sketches, bonds, wills, deeds, manorial surveys, and more.
2024	Stoke-on-Trent and City Archive	Majolica Mania Conservation Project	£39,710	£15,500	Minton & Co introduced majolica at the Great Exhibition, 1851. It is amongst the most heavily researched sections of the Minton Archive but the most challenging to make available due to its housing and condition. The conservator will work on c100 majolica designs requiring significant conservation.
2024	Conway Hall	Insights into three Victorian radicals: minutes, journals and other papers of the Conway Hall Ethical Society and the National Secular Society.	£11,772	£6,436	Documents relating to 3 Victorian radicals: William Johnson Fox, William Lovett and Charles Bradlaugh. These documents reflect the personalities and value to contemporaries of three Victorian radicals who rose from 'humble' origins to be leaders in the social and political issues they championed.
2024	Charterhouse	Preserving our Legacy: the Conservation of the 1611 Letters Patent for the foundation of Sutton's Hospital in Charterhouse.	£3,010	£2,300	The Letters Patent of the Charterhouse, dated 22nd June 1611, currently in too fragile a condition to be consulted by researchers. It is an important historic document for Charterhouse and Charterhouse School as well as at a national level as an early royal document signed by James I, whose seal still accompanies the manuscript.
2024	Sir Joseph Banks Society	Sir Joseph Banks autograph letter, September 1773	£980	£980	Conservation of a very important, early letter written and signed by Sir Joseph Banks, September 1773. The letter describes the 1773 Polar expedition commanded by Constantine Phipps
2024	Wordsworth Trust	Re-housing the Dove Cottage Manuscripts	£7,000	£6,000	Re-housing of c.12,500 manuscripts, predominantly 18th and 19th century. They include 185 verse and prose manuscripts relating to William and Dorothy Wordsworth. The collection comprises the vast majority of Wordsworth's known verse drafts, plus notebooks, correspondence, scholarly papers, etc

2023	Powys Archives	Terrier of Land Easements and Rights (Aqueduct)	£2,410	£2,410	A terrier of land easements and rights acquired by the Birmingham Corporation relating to an 1893-1904 water scheme, consisting of 165 tightly rolled pages. Inaccessible due to its tightly rolled state and is damaged with some tears and faded pencil writing. It will be conserved and digitised and uploaded to StoriPowys website to increase accessibility. Training: volunteer transcription of the documents, post conservation, to create a list of properties.
2023	Carmarthenshire Archives	Connecting London with New York (South Wales Railway map books)	£15,960	£15,960	Series of 13 rolled map books with two rolled books of reference relating to South Wales railway (1844-1858), incs plans for the proposed railway connecting GWR from Gloucester to S W Wales under direction of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. 2024 is the 180th anniversary of the venture. Currently unfit for consultation. The work will be carried out by Glamorgan Archives and would include conservation students. Following conservation, there will be a project to mark the 180th anniversary.
2023	Glamorgan Archives	William Burges Collections (Phase 2)	£14,152	£14,152	Phase 2 of work on the Cardiff Castle and Castle Coch collection of drawings and paintings. The collection comprises 2,000 drawings and paintings by William Burges, from c. 1868-1881. Phase 2 conservation work focuses on remounting materials which have been previously innapropriately mounted. Training opportunities will be provided through employment of a conservation intern. Archive service volunteers will also receive training.
2023	Portmeirion Ltd / Clough Williams Ellis Foundation	The Mytton and Mermaid Scrapbook conservation	£2,300	£500	Scrap book created by Clough Williams-Ellis who founded Portmeirion village. It contains poems, sketches, witticisms and signatures by numerous guests to the village. Two fires in 1950s and 19802 that manuscripts and ephemeral material relating to Clough Williams-Ellis are scarce, which is why this scrapbook is particularly rare and important.
2023	Worcestershire Libraries Archive and Archaeology Service	Willing Worcestershire Again	£21,700	£17,700	The 'Willing Worcestershire' project funding by a NMCT grant of £16,515 in 2020 and a donation from a private donor have allowed conservation treatment to be carried out on 20 boxes. That project was successfully delivered on time and to budget. This project will extend this work by undertaking conservation treatment on an additional 15 boxes, taking it on to 1622.
2023	Museum of Freemasonry	Another brick in the wall – conserving a newly discovered Old Charge manuscript of British Freemasonry, 1718	£1,344	£1,344	The recently discovered Barret-Hallam Ms (July 1718) is of significant interest concerning the transition from operative to speculative freemasonry in provincial England. This new resource joins other Old Charges already in the Museum's collection. Old Charge documents share a common diplomatic framework but unusually the Barret-Hallam Ms reveals its Mansfield-based scribe and commissioner. It represents a unique resource for exploring the economic and social development of early 18th century Nottinghamshire

2023	Ballet Rambert	Marie Rambert Manuscript Collection	£5,281	£5,031	These six manuscripts dating from the 1890s to the 1960s. The collection is of national significance both because of Rambert's historical and current significance as the UK's leading contemporary dance company, and because no other manuscript collection exists that has been collated in this way for any other archive or repository. Selected because of their poor condition and demand from researchers.
2023	NT: Knole House	Conservation of the Sackville Family Patents of Nobility and Pedigrees	£25,025	£20,625	Four parchment patents [mounted on MDF!!] and 2 rolled parchment pedigrees. The patents include Lionel Sackville becoming Duke of Dorset (1720) and Charles Whitworth becoming Baron (1800) to Viscount (1813) to Earl (1816). The pedigrees of the Sackville and Curzon families date from 1622-1635. They were on public display from the 18th century at Knole and first mentioned in the 1765 inventory. Removed from display due to their fragility in late 20th century.
2023	Argyll Estates	Conserving early Tiree Rentals, 1828, 1829 & 1846	£11,750	£10,000	Much of the Argyll estate, including the island of Tiree, was acquired during the West Highland clan wars of the 16th and 17th centuries. Tiree is one of Scotland's most marginal and fragile island environments which endured some of the worst periods of 19th century Highland famine, emigration and land agitation. The Tiree rentals provide a record of the administration of the island and of the people living there. The series of Tiree rentals reflects the newly established crofting landscape
2023	Aberdeen City & Aberdeenshire Archives	Conservation of Perth Prison Released Prisoners register	£3,138	£2,638	Book containing c.1000 photographs and details of prisoners released from Scotland's General Prison at Perth between 7 April 1882 - 18 January 1884. Constructed in 1839, the General Prison housed long-term convicts serving sentences exceeding 9 months and "lunatic" prisoners. NRS holds a similar register for Greenock Prison, but this Register is unique and the only surviving example for this institution.
2023	Fry Art Gallery	Conservation of the Edward Bawden scrapbook	£1,140	£900	The album contains over 100 drawings and tracings of costume designs by Bawden, many coloured, combined with descriptive manuscript text. They are arranged carefully in sequence from the Saxon and Norman period at the front of the book through to the mid-Victorian. It was produced in Bawden's first year at the RCA, aged 21, and may have been a college project.
2023	West Sussex Record Office	Ordinary Voices Revealed: conserving the working papers of the Consistory Court of the Archdeaconry of Chichester	£28,678	£22,449	69 boxes of Consistory Court working papers, 1554-1851; this Phase 1 will conserve 65% of the collection. The poor condition of the vast majority of documents has meant that it has not been possible to catalogue them in any level of detail. This has rendered this series of records largely inaccessible to researchers.

2023	Fitzwilliam Museum	Islamic Manuscript Conservation and Skills Development	£7,257	£5,782	Training benefit. Conservation of two manuscripts from the Eastern tradition, which are currently too fragile to be handled for research or to be exhibited. MS 262-1949 Bustan of Sa'di, mid-16th-century CE and MS McClean 198 Yazdi's mawahib-l ilahi, 1376-77 CE. They are unique and of particular interest for their bindings, neither of which is original but both of which show fascinating histories of use and collecting. In their current state, these manuscripts can only be produced in exceptional circumstances and are never displayed.
2023	Cambridge University Library	The Conservation of MS Add. 5963: a guardbook of Medieval Manuscript Fragments.	£16,447	£11,253	MS Add. 5963 is a nineteenth-century guardbook containing 68 manuscript fragments, mainly dating from the 12th to the 14th century. Manuscript fragments are the focus of increasing international research by scholars; MS Add. 5963 holds additional significance as a curated collection of fragments with notable provenance.
2023	Freud Museum	Preserving and Sharing the Sándor Ferenczi Archive at the Freud Museum	£4,483	£3,640	Hungarian psychoanalyst Sándor Ferenczi (1873 – 1933), was one of the most innovative psychoanalysts of his generation. The items to be conserved date from 1897 to 1940, and include manuscripts, typescripts, notebooks, correspondence, and off-prints with hand-written annotations. The archive is of great significance to the history of psychoanalysis and to the history and practice of psychotherapy
2023	Bath Record Office	Conserving the papers of James Thomas Irvine (1826-1900), architect and antiquarian	£17,056	£14,866	Training benefit. Irvine was apprentice and Clerk of Works to Sir George Gilbert Scott as Clerk of Works for Scott's restoration of Bath Abbey 1864-72 Irvine documented the project, providing an unparalleled record of the works, the building, and the associated archaeology. Also includes records of the discoveries of the Roman baths. Significant research interest.
2022	Highlanders' Museum	Two diaries of a serving officer in the 72nd Regiment of Foot/Seaforth Highlanders, 1858 to 1910.	£2,960	£2,960	The aim of the treatments proposed is to stabilise the volumes to enable them to be digitised to high definition, allowing for perusal remotely, by promoting to the wider community as well as reducing handling. Both volumes require the same treatment and will be kept close to their original historical styles of binding using sympathetic bookbinding techniques.
2022	John Rylands Library	Conservation and re-framing of Demotic Papyrus 9	£53,997	£10,184	Rylands Demotic Papyrus 9 dating from the reign of Darius I (c.513BCE), Demotic Papyrus 9 is regarded as one of the most important documents in the world for studies of Late Period Egypt. In 1967 it was severely damaged by treatment undertaken by the Egyptologist Eve Reymond, who applied sunflower oil, surgical spirit and acacia gum to its surface. The aim of the conservation treatment for Demotic 9 is to not only to stabilise its physical and chemical condition but also to improve its legibility, and to render it accessible for scholars and public audiences for the first time in over fifty years.

2022	Swansea Museum	Cambrian Pottery Archive	£20,325	£15,402	The Cambrian Pottery operated between 1764 and 1870. The company gained a reputation for good quality wares in 1790 when George Haynes managed production. However, accolades began when William Billingsley began working there after he had established Nantgarw Pottery in 1813. In 1836, Lewis Llewelyn Dillwyn took over the company, after which the only items produced based on aesthetic merit were part of the Etruscan Ware collection. The amount of 'Cambrian Pottery Archive' items Swansea Museum is applying for funding to conserve numbers 99 items in total.
2022	Highlanders' Museum (Wyfold)	Two diaries of a serving officer in the 72nd Regiment of Foot/Seaforth Highlanders, 1858 to 1910.	£2,960	£2,960	<p>The aim of the treatments proposed is to stabilise the volumes to enable them to be digitised to high definition, allowing for perusal remotely, by promoting to the wider community as well as reducing handling. Both volumes require the same treatment and will be kept close to their original historical styles of binding using sympathetic bookbinding techniques.</p> <p>We do not have much material relating to this time period so by making these items more accessible we will be providing the public with rare insight into the lives of Highland soldiers in the 19th Century.</p>
2022	University of Manchester: John Rylands' Library	Conservation of Demotic Papyrus 9	£53,997	£10,184	Rylands Demotic Papyrus 9 dating from the reign of Darius I (c.513BCE), Demotic Papyrus 9 is regarded as one of the most important documents in the world for studies of Late Period Egypt. In 1967 it was severely damaged by treatment undertaken by the Egyptologist Eve Reymond, who applied sunflower oil, surgical spirit and acacia gum to its surface. The aim of the conservation treatment for Demotic 9 is to not only to stabilise its physical and chemical condition but also to improve its legibility, and to render it accessible for scholars and public audiences for the first time in over fifty years.
2022	Latymer Upper School	Conservation of Latymer Foundation Minutes and Accounts Books, 1717-1854	£36,000	£12,704	Three bound volumes from our complete collection of trustee meeting minutes and accountancy records for the Latymer Foundation. These span from 1624 to the present day, and the three volumes included in this bid cover a date range from 1717-1845. They are a valuable primary source to not only our immediate school community, but also anyone interested in social and education history, and have been used for research and educational purposes.
2022	Bronte Parsonage Museum	Conserving Brontë manuscripts from the Blavatnik Honresfield Library	£2,520	£2,520	<p>The following manuscripts from the Blavatnik Honresfield Library will be conserved:</p> <p>A series of 18 autograph letters in a leather-bound volume, 17 written by Charlotte Brontë and dated 1845-1854, with one written by Constantin Heger to Ellen Nussey, dated 7 September 1863.</p> <p>Three autograph letters, Charlotte Brontë to Ellen Nussey, dated 1842, 29 September 1840 and 23 January 1844.</p> <p>Autograph letter from Charlotte Brontë to Martha Brown, 12 June 1850.</p> <p>Autograph manuscript diary papers by Emily and Anne Brontë, 30 July 1841.</p>

2022	Fry Art Gallery	Conservation of Eric Ravilious Scrapbook	£7,920	£7,000	The object is a 60-page scrapbook, manufactured between the two world wars primarily for use as an album for wedding photographs, adapted by Ravilious to paste in his entries of drawings, newspaper cuttings, tracings, correspondence and so on. In Eric Ravilious Scrapbooks (Lund Humphries in association with The Fry Art Gallery, 2018) by Peyton Skipwith and Brian Webb they describe Ravilious's scrapbooks as "working tools - repositories for reference material".
2022	Impact Heritage	Conservation of 42 manuscript journals of John James Morris	£17,641	£12,195	The collection of 42 journals spanning from 1913 to 1981 are unique in that they are written by one man living in a small village in Cornwall. By meticulously recording near-daily events and including items of ephemera, the journals evidence social change and scientific advances from the perspectives of ordinary people. They provide a vivid picture of life in the UK, connecting personal experiences to social change and world events, making them significant both locally and nationally. Currently the journals are too mouldy, dirty and fragile to be accessed safely. The project offers training benefits for two recent conservation graduates and also volunteers
2022	Barts Health Trust	Case by Case - St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical and Surgical Case Notes 1826 - 1924	£83,770	£20,000	This collection is a near continuous set of medical case notes covering the period (1826-1924). They are nationally significant because few, if any, complete series of comparable records survive elsewhere. They are also unique in the breadth of general medical and surgical history represented. Conservation would enable access to these, as yet, not fully researched records. Their current condition has meant the records cannot be provided safely or conveniently to researchers, nor can they be displayed.
2022	Lichfield Cathedral	Lichfield MS 33 Armorial of the Garter, c1580	£2,120	£1,470	The Armorial of the Garter is a single manuscript. It was identified in 2019/2020 as an urgent priority for conservation during a review of the Cathedral's collection by HG Museum Consultancy. The manuscript is currently too fragile to be displayed during library tours. The Cathedral is planning an exhibition about the Seymour Bequest in the spring and summer of 2023, and in its present condition we would not be able to include the Armorial of the Garter, which is one of the highlights of the Seymour Bequest.
2022	Berkshire Record Office	Liquid Assets: archives of the River Thames	£83,625	£16,625	The Thames Conservancy archive is the most significant documentary collection relating to the upper river, itself one of Britain's most recognisable features. The archive dates from 1771, when a Navigation Commission was created to improve the Thames from Lechlade to its tidal reach at Teddington Lock This bid relates to one volume (of 26) comprising 34 plans, and 21 single sheet plans. It was originally compiled by Zachary Allnutt, surveyor to the Thames Navigation Commission, in 1815, though it includes some earlier items. It was rebound in the early 20th century. There is a training benefit for the early career conservator working on the project. Sarah is planning to join the Icon accreditation pathway

2022	University of Liverpool	Conservation of the Waterhouse Cotton Ledger (Liverpool University Library MS.138), 1799-1802	£4,140	£3,000	LUL MS.138 is an accounts book of the firm of Nicholas Waterhouse and Co, Liverpool cotton brokers. It has more than 550 folios, organised on a client-by-client basis, 1799-1802. Clients include Richard Arkwright Jr, and Liverpool slave traders including the Earles, Tarletons, and Hindes. It is one of the few sources for the pre-1815 Liverpool cotton; it also demonstrates the commercial interests of slave-trading merchants outside of the slave trade.
2022	Gloucester Cathedral	Conservation of manuscript music pastedowns in-situ within binding of 1472 printed volume	£1,800	£1,200	The text block of this volume is a printed book on paper, and it remains in what appear to be its original covers. The original manuscripts music pastedowns are thought to date from the early 1400s and have not been able to be studied in detail due to the fragility of the binding structure and risks to the long-term survival of the book as a whole. They have been the subject of recent research requests, and we are an excellent example of the historic practice of reusing manuscripts in the bindings of new books
2022	Oxford University Museum of Natural History	The conservation of the Buckland Archive 1784-1856	£28,140	£10,000	William Buckland (1784 – 1856) was one of the greatest geologists of his time. He was prominent in the Royal Society, the British Association and the Geological Society. This archive consists of just over 1000 manuscripts dated between 1784 and 1856 consisting of correspondence, geological notes, works of art and family papers relating to William Buckland and other family members including his wife Mary, a respected naturalist and illustrator.
2022	Nottinghamshire Archives	600 City building plans from Victorian period	£10,000	£9,000	This collection of applications to the city planning department is almost complete except for a ten-year period between 1948-1958. This collection has an unusually high survival rate of early plans and reflects the rapid social and economic change to Nottingham before 1900. Examples are warehouses for the lace and textile industries, with the building of residential properties to reflect the growing affluence of new families. As the lace industry declined, new businesses developed such as the nationally renowned Raleigh, John Player & Sons and Boots.
2022	Lanark Library	Conservation of the first volume of the Records of the Burgh of Lanark 1488-1576	£9,768	£9,768	The Royal Burgh of Lanark Council Minutes collection comprises of 6 volumes spanning from 1488 to 1710 and the first three volumes contain some of the earliest records in our collections. The relevance of these volumes is given by the fact that they provide a significant insight on the formation and development of self-elected Town Council during the times of Mary Queen of Scots, The Union of the Crowns as well as the Act of Union. It is hoped that the conservation of the Lanark Burgh Records will spark academic and research interest thanks to the improved access conditions which will make the records available to researchers.
2022	Christ Church Library	'Laud's liturgy': the conservation of a unique Book of Common Prayer	£2,775	£1,388	MS 540: Archbishop William Laud's copy of The Booke of Common Prayer (London, 1632) recording planned changes to the draft Scottish Prayer Book as agreed by Laud and with the signature of Charles I dated 19 April 1636 authorizing Laud's adaptations. The annotations in the volume throw crucial light on the planning for the 1637 Scottish Prayer Book. It is a major item for research on liturgy, sacramental theology and relations between England and Scotland in the period leading up to the English Civil War.

2022	Gwent Archives	Black Gold: Conserving the Risca North Colliery Collection	6133	£5,510	The greater part of the collection consists of Pre-Shift Inspection Reports (1920s to 1960s), of which few exist in archives around the UK The collection complements the National Coal Board collection at Glamorgan Archives as well as those in mining areas in the north of England, providing additional information for research on the industry. The records cover a time of great change and activity in the industry, from strikes and economic difficulties of the 1920s, through the second world war and nationalisation in 1947.
2022	Glamorgan Archives	Preserving the Cardiff Castle collection, Phase 1	£11,566	£11,566	The Cardiff Castle collection is a recent deposit at Glamorgan Archives and forms an important and hugely significant set of material that is of potential interest to academics and the general public worldwide. The collection comprises c.2,000 drawings and paintings compiled by William Burges, The majority relate to his redevelopment of Cardiff Castle from 1868 until his death in 1881, although there are also drawings for his reconstruction of Castell Coch, 1872-1881, and other buildings he was involved with around the same date.
2022	Firing Line Museum	1787 King's Dragoon Guards' recruiting instructions	£600	£600	This manuscript dates from 1787 and is a valuable piece of the British Army's military and social history. It explains the process of joining the senior Dragoon Guards regiment and includes instruction on matters such as pay and purchases, health and medicine, religion, inter-regimental relations and civilian situation of recruits. Recruitment documents are extremely rare to find and eighteenth-century documents perhaps even more so. There are no other recruiting instructions from this regiment known to the Museum.
2022	Bristol Archives	Bristol's building plans: a conservation challenge	£18,285	£17,035	Extensive, highly vulnerable set of building plans, dated 1851-1948. They were collected from many local organisations through Bristol Corporation's Board of Health remit for monitoring sanitation. This project will conserve one volume to give methodology for remainder & basis of major application to Heritage Fund. This is one of our most requested collections, used by historians, academics, archaeologists, architects, community groups and building residents, as well as conservation and planning officers.
2021	Royal Society of Genealogists	The Eyre Family Pedigree Roll, 1813	£13,669	£13,669	The Eyre Family Pedigree Roll is a multi-membrane parchment object, dated 1813, with iron gall ink, coloured pigments, shell gold and pencil media throughout, and backed with a stitched green silk textile. Its size, fragility and current storage make it a highly vulnerable item in its current condition and storage. Conservation, digitisation, and rehousing will release this object for much wider access, provide a safe storage and display environment, and allow it to be used for the information, education and enjoyment of people for many generations to come.

2021	Dorset History Centre	Dorset Authors: Hardy Barnes and Townsend Warner	£16,850	£14,850	Conservation of 75 of the most significant items in each of these three collections. Academic interest in all three collections is great and growing. Hardy is the acknowledged giant of the group, William Barnes and Sylvia Townsend Warner, both significant figures themselves, lived and wrote in Dorset, creating all or most of the finest works in the county. Grant will fund an increase in hours for the existing part time conservator. Collections are owned by Dorset Museum and on long term loan to DHC.
2021	Mulberry Bush Organisation	Ley Community Archive	£1,295	£1,295	The Planned Environment Therapy (PET) Archives were established in 1989 by the Planned Environment Therapy Trust (PETT) as the only repository dedicated to the histories of therapeutic communities (TCs) and related organisations in the UK. In 2019 the ownership of the Archives was transferred to the Mulberry Bush Organisation a national charity for the promotion of trauma informed care and a residential TC in Oxfordshire. The collection to be conserved constitutes the main run of 'day books' of the Ley Community. The Ley Community, founded in 1971, is the longest surviving and most successful drug treatment centre
2021	University of Oxford: Pitt Rivers Museum	Lines that Speak – the Conservation of the Gaidinliu Manuscripts	£2,619	£2,619	Gaidinliu (1915-1983) was the prophetess of an indigenous religious reform movement known as the 'Heraka' in the in the north-eastern region of British India. The 12 notebooks to be conserved contain inscriptions made by Gaidinliu in a 'magical script' that she used to inspire her supporters. An intern will be involved in the conservation work and workshops may also be offered at the Pitt Rivers for local conservators
2021	Chatsworth Trust	Signed & Sealed: conserving early modern legal and family papers from the Devonshire Collection Archives	£11,156	£8,386	Conservation of nine of the most significant documents in our largest collection of estate, legal and family papers. They reflect the political influence of the Cavendish family in the UK, as well as the significance of the related Boyle family in the history of Ireland. - A 4.5-metre illuminated pedigree drawn up in 1626 1st Earl of Cork - Two pardons issued by Charles II to Richard Boyle, 1660s - Letters patent granting the Dukedom of Devonshire in 1694 - The marriage settlement of the 2nd Duke of Devonshire Impressive range of outcomes will flow from this project.
2021	Paisley Museum	Castle Semple: Investigating Renfrewshire's Links with Slavery	£28,751	£4,244	The project will conserve a map of the Castle Semple estate in the Lochwinnoch area of Renfrewshire, Scotland. The map is one of the largest in the collection, composed of ten sections which combined measure 2.9m x 1.8m. The estate was purchased in 1727 by William MacDowall, a Scottish merchant who made his money through direct involvement in the slave trade and sugar plantations in the Caribbean. He owned at least 13 slaves and was responsible for the management for up 1,000 in total across his 800 acres of land on the island of St. Kitts before his return to Scotland.
2021	Almonry Museum	Evesham Town Charter 1605	£5,020	£2,170	Note: the conservation elements of the project will cost max £2,170. £2,700 for research is not eligible for our funding. Conservation of the Evesham Town Charter and creation of a facsimile for display, with the original being put in a bespoke box in the museum's main store.

2021	Wiltshire Museum	Antiquarian Correspondence to William Cunnington I, 1799-1810	£8,864	£2,364	A bound volume of 277 letters (1798-1811) (approx. 400 pages) addressed to William Cunnington I from 54 correspondents One of a pair, the other conserved in 2020 with an AIM/Pilgrim Trust grant and our 'Members' Appeal'. Sir Richard Colt Hoare financed William Cunnington I to excavate ancient sites on his Stourhead estate and environs, including the first Stonehenge excavation in 1798. The letters provide a backdrop to his excavation work and many ideas discussed on these pages were fundamental in developing the ground-breaking publication of Ancient Wiltshire (1812-1819). These letters are of exceptional historic importance.
2021	University of Oxford: Bodleian Libraries	The Charters collection at the Bodleian Libraries	£171,250	£10,500	The Bodleian Libraries seek to raise £171,250 to conserve and rehouse its Charters collection: 6-7,000 Charters in 137 volumes. These documentary records are a unique and significant resource for historical research - especially valuable in those cases where the collection includes a whole body of documents from a single source, such as Osney Abbey, situated to the west of Oxford. The Charters collection is one of the Libraries' most important historic collections. It is in demand from researchers.
2021	Aston University	Preserving the Histories of a Community of Makers	£55,022	£5,305	De-moulding treatment of material related to the history of Aston University (1966), the Birmingham Municipal Technical School (1895–1927), and the Birmingham Central Technical College (1927–1951) that preceded it.
2021	Derbyshire Record Office	Conservation of four National Coal Board Accident Books for Derbyshire ( part of the Mining the Seams project)	£155,453	£6,625	The NCB archive contains 168 accident books dating from 1898 to 1957. Industrial accidents are recognised to be an under-researched subject; so far research has focussed mostly on the South Wales coalfield but cataloguing and conserving the Derbyshire records enables researchers to begin broadening their research to develop a national perspective. These are four of the 62 accident books selected for conservation because of their condition or risk of getting substantially damaged by the expected increase in interest in them once the Mining the Seams project has finished
2021	Lancashire Archives	Opening the Accounts: Conservation of accounts of the Shuttleworth family of Gawthorpe Hall, Lancashire, 1582- 1621	£7,375	£6,030	The Shuttleworth Accounts comprise nine manuscript steward's household and farm accounts covering almost 40 years, 1582-1621, all of which will be conserved. The books will be conserved and digitised an exhibition of one or more of the volumes is planned both at Lancs Archives and Gawthorpe Hall. In addition to the conservation outcomes the project will also bring new skills and knowledge to the conservation team at Lancashire Archives: Sharon Oldale will train Lancashire Archives early career conservator, and where appropriate the two preservation technicians, on aspects of the interventive treatments being undertaken.
2021	East Lothian Archive Service	Conservation of the Minute Book of the Haddington Cordiners 1610-1702	£1,415	£1,415	Minute book of the Haddington Cordiners 1610-1702 (predominantly 1610-1621), it covers the period 1610-1621, on the eve of one of Scotland's most severe famines. A case is made for its local, national and international importance; it is in demand for research and it is planned to feature it in an exhibition celebrating the centenary of the East Lothian Antiquarian and Field Naturalist's Society -- the minute book is part of the society's collection.

2021	Hebridean Archives	Barra School Board Records Conservation	£1,800	£1,600	Part of the Barra School Board collection (later Barra School Management / District Education Committee) 1888-1932. The minute books are an important source for: Education administration in a remote area of the Highlands & Islands; Employment and training. School curriculum development including place of Gaelic language in Scottish state education (a contested history); Child welfare (medical programmes; link to poor relief system); Disease outbreaks; Customs and traditions (holidays, weddings); Social class and power relationships - particularly in the period just after the 1886 Crofters Act ; Depopulation. The School Board records complement the information in the log books of the individual schools, not all of which have survived, and therefore fill a gap.
2021	Rhondda Heritage Park	Records of Tynewydd Women's Labour group, 1920-1930	£6,204	£3,804	Five volumes of the records of Tynewydd Women's Labour group will be conserved 1. Minute book from late 1923 - 1924 2. Minute book, 1920, 1921-1930. 3. Minute book, 1932 4. General Account Book, 1925 - 1936 5. Minute book, July 1926 The items are not accessible in their current state. They are too fragile to be digitised or handled and are not suitable for display. The lead up to the centenary of the General Strike, will almost certainly garner research interest in the role of women in industrial disputes. The collection is fundamental to this research and anticipated usage around this is high.
2021	University of Swansea: Richard Burton Archives	Planning for the future from the past: the conservation of the plans of Hafod-Morfa copperworks	£7,698	£7,698	The Hafod-Morfa copperworks was established by the Cornish copper-mining entrepreneur John Vivian in 1808-9. During the 19th century it was the largest copperworks in the world. The collection comprises 279 rolled plans dating between c.1920s – 1980. These are the only extensive set of plans that document this site of industrial significance. The conservation of this collection will make vital source material readily available to a range of groups and individuals to support a range of activities that will deliver social, cultural and economic benefit to the region.
2021	Bangor University	Crossing Cultures: sharing the work of Welsh missionaries in India with the World Khasi and Jaintia Hills Missionary Minute Books	£1,895	£1,451	Two minute books of the Presbytery and Assembly meetings of the Presbyterian Church on the Khasi and Jaintia Hills, together with minutes of the District Committee of the missionaries on the Khasi Hills and copies of letters and statistics, 1869 - 1913.

2021	Holyhead Maritime Museum	The Thetis Story: Manuscripts relating to the submarine HMS Thetis	£534	£534	Holyhead Martime Museum is run by volunteers, including a volunteer archivist A number of detailed sheets noting work carried out on the HMS Thetis before undertaking her sea trials. They include final report on torpedo tubes, firing gear, electrical equipment drawing attention to matters raising concern. HMS Thetis, was lost in 1939 on her first full sea trial. There were 103 men on board, 50 more than the normal complement of crew. Included were a group of Naval observers, a large number of employees of the shipbuilders, some caterers and a Mersey Pilot. Four men survived but 99 perished.
2020	Unicorn Preservation Society	Unveiling the potential of HMS Unicorn's Visitors Book'	£680	£680	Dating back to 1929, the Visitors Book is an irreplaceable primary source on HMS Unicorn's role as a naval headquarters during World War II. This is an object of immense national and international significance, but it is now in urgent need of conservation, research and interpretation.
2020	Lambeth Palace Library Dulverton	Conservation of the 'Court of Arches' manuscript collection (Bbb series)	£20,000	£20,000	The Court of Arches collection is of national importance as the archive of the court of appeal for the province of Canterbury under the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Bbb series was identified as being of particular interest and a cataloguing is now completed. A conservation survey also gauged good, fair and poor condition of items, specifically pinpointing those 'unfit for production', approximately 1250 out of the 1500 Bbb items require conservation stabilisation. To keep this as an affordable project, we envisage that the project conservator would be employed for 18 months.
2020	Bodleian Library	Conserving the Green Books of Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy	£20,000	£20,000	The 'Green Books' comprise of 27 volumes of Mendelssohn's incoming correspondence from the age of 12 and contain a staggering wealth of information which provide a key resource for historians and researchers studying Mendelssohn and his circle. The project is to conserve the letters contained in two volumes: MS. M. Deneke Mendelssohn d. 41 (Green book 15) and MS. M. Deneke Mendelssohn d.42 (Green book 16). Thus far, letters within 3 volumes of the 27 have had this treatment and 24 are remaining. The ultimate aim is to conserve and rehouse all the letters contained in the 27 Green Books as the bindings do not offer adequate protection to the letters and do not allow them to be fully legible
2020	University of Nottingham	Conservation of the papers of Thomas Chambers Hine (1813-1899), architect of Nottingham, 1647-1925.	£12,233	£12,233	Collection relating to eminent Nottingham architect Thomas C. Hine. Dating from the 1600s, but mostly from the 1800s, this unique collection with broad research appeal that merits further study. Four volumes will be conserved. The collection is often requested by researchers but its current condition makes it virtually impossible to produce for use in the reading room or put on display. Conservation would also enable more detailed itemised cataloguing to be undertaken and so extend use in teaching and research.

2020	Wisbech Museum	Conservation of holograph manuscript of The Monk, by Matthew Gregory Lewis	£7,222	£7,222	The project will conserve the holograph manuscript of The Monk: A Romance, by Matthew Gregory Lewis, 1796 which is part of the collection bequeathed by the Rev. Chauncey Hare Townshend to the Wisbech & Fenland Museum in 1868. The novel was a milestone in the history of Gothic literature with its shift away from the gentler 'terrors' of early Gothic novelists such as Horace Walpole. The Museum is developing closer working with Cambridge University Library and the Fitzwilliam Museum. Curators and conservators from both institutions have visited the Museum to view the collections of printed materials and manuscripts, and identified this manuscript as of particular importance and particularly at risk.
2020	Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service	Willing Worcestershire	£16,515	£16,515	Conservation of the most fragile of the service's 1057 boxes of wills. The 'Willing Worcestershire' project will concentrate on the area of greatest need, the 176 boxes dating from 1611 to 1676 currently marked as 'Fragile' generally in a 'poor' to 'unusable' condition. This grant will fund conservation treatment on 15 boxes.
2020	University of Glasgow	From Mexico to Madrid: the Historia de Tlaxcala (MS Hunter 242)	£14,825	£14,825	MS Hunter 242 It is one of some 10,000 books and manuscripts from the renowned collection of the physician William Hunter (1718-1783). Regarded as one of the finest 18th century libraries to remain intact, Hunter's museum collection as a whole is of great national significance as a truly unique survivor of Enlightenment British culture. The quality and breadth of Hunter's Library is exceptional. While about one third of its contents are medical related, Hunter 242 is one example of a significant number of books that reflect Hunter's interest in Americana and exploration and travel. This project will provide a skills development opportunity for the GU conservator and would contribute to her ACR application.
2020	Norfolk Museums Service	Conservation of a medieval Processional, and a Commonplace Book from Castle Acre	£20,350	£20,350	Nationally significant objects that it is planned to feature in the medieval displays in the redeveloped Norwich Castle Museum. Castle Acre Processional - sewing structure has broken down so the gatherings move loosely, abrading against adjacent gatherings and with the danger of edge damage The Commonplace Book has had restrictive spine repair that has tightened the original and degrading spine leather which is adhered to the spinefolds of the textblock.
2020	East Sussex Record Office	Conserving and Digitising the Scrapbooks of Henry D Roberts	£4,030	£4,030	Henry Roberts' scrapbooks were compiled between 1886 and 1935. Roberts moved to Brighton in 1906, initially employed as a librarian; by 1909, he was director of the Public Library, Museums and Fine Art Galleries and was responsible for, among other things, a series of ground-breaking art exhibitions. Roberts documented every aspect of his professional life in these scrapbooks, and they provide a rich insight into the cultural life of Brighton and beyond in the early 20th century, including the iconic Royal Pavilion and its significance and use as a municipal building.
2020	University of Edinburgh	Through Lyell's Eyes – Conservation of the Sir Charles Lyell Collections	£22,734	£22,734	Scottish Geologist, Sir Charles Lyell (1797-1878), was fundamental in establishing the popularity and credibility of geology as a science in the 19th century. The material to be conserved with NMCT funding consists of 39 boxes of loose-leaf paper (approx. 6.5 linear metres), mainly correspondence and lecture notes, 294 handwritten notebooks and 23 printed books with significant annotations by Lyell making them now unique copies. Significant training benefit: intern & early career conservator.

2020	Royal Society	A Very Curious Almanack (MS/45)	£4,350	£4,350	An almanack cum calendar dating to c.1383-1415 and assigned the shelf mark MS/45. It is a single, folded parchment manuscript. On one side is an astronomical calendar and illustrated agricultural almanack showing occupations to be undertaken under the different signs of the zodiac. On the other side is a perpetual calendar showing ecclesiastical festivals, adorned with figures of kings and saints. Because of their small size and the wear and tear caused by daily use surviving medieval almanacks are rare and most surviving examples are medical almanacks, designed for use by learned physicians.
2020	South West Heritage Trust	Diocese of Bath and Wells Probate Accounts 1577-1748	£11,252	£11,252	SWHT holds just under 1000 probate administrators accounts for the Diocese of Bath and Wells, 1577-1748. The whole collection will be conserved. Each account records in detail how the individual's estate was disbursed after death, including arrangements for the funeral, payments to creditors and the arrangements for the care of orphaned children. They provide a unique insight into the lives of a cross-section of Somerset inhabitants during the early modern period, and are names-rich sources, with information about family members, creditors, guardians for minors, and their legacies.
2019	Harris Manchester College	Conservation of a collection of testimonials	£1,773	£1,773	Conservation of c 1,100 letters from the testimonial collection. The collection reflects an interesting time in the history of Protestant dissent and is incredibly significant. The testimonials range in date from 1814 – 1908. They contain both the letters of prospective students and letters from their guarantors and supporters. Very significant individuals are represented
2019	Barnsley Archives	The legacy of Dransfield – exploring an antiquarian treasure chest	£9,025	£5,000	John Ness Dransfield (1839-1930) was a Penistone solicitor and antiquarian, as well as the author of the History of the Parish of Penistone. During the course of his historical research and in his role as solicitor, he collected a large amount of local papers. It is this material that we are keen to conserve, preserve and make accessible as part of this project. This project will fully open up the collection for the first time – facilitating access to the original manuscript material as well as to digital surrogates.
2019	University of Sheffield: National Fairground and Circus Archive	Drawings and Ride Designs from the Orton and Spooner Collection	£10,440	£8,440	522 drawings will be conserved. Orton and Spooner were an engineering company, which produced some of the most sophisticated and sought after rides, wagons and show fronts in the British fairgrounds at the turn of the 19th century. The company gained an unrivalled reputation, making products of superior quality, finished by some of the best artists and carvers in the trade. Their work spanned from the 1890s to the 1950s and is at the heart of British fairground history from a design and technological view point.
2019	Univ of Warwick and Univ of Nottingham	Saving the archives of the National Union of Mineworkers for posterity	£20,000	£15,000	The NUM office in Barnsley houses archival collections of national significance that are unrivalled in their scope and depth, comprising approximately 833 linear metres of archival shelving and covering the politics of the NUM and the predecessor organisations at national, area and branch level, but also aspects of coalfield culture, miners' welfare and social history. Following the recent closure of the last deep coal mine and the demise of the NUM, the collection is under serious threat of destruction due to inadequate storage and potential alternative usages of the building.

2019	University of Edinburgh	Celtic Connections: Conserving the Mackinnon Collection	£4,163	£4,163	Conservation of 35 boxes of the collection of Professor Donald Mackinnon (1839-1914), the University of Edinburgh's first Professor of Celtic. It includes medieval Gaelic manuscripts, such as a 15th-century manuscript on medieval physiography and a 16th-century summary of the Treatise of Maighstir Ricairdi. It also include manuscripts of 18th-century tales and verse, lecture notes on Gaelic literature and grammar, Gaelic versions of classical epics, Gaelic poetry and songs, and religious texts.
2019	University College London	Conserving a Unique Record of Early Modern England: the Bacon-Tottel Collection	£5,200	£5,200	Treatment of 6 volumes from the Bacon-Tottel collection. (MS OGDEN / 7) is the largest surviving collection of early modern reading notes, annotated books and diaries from one source. It consists of 54 commonplace books, manuscripts and printed books from the library of William Drake (1606-1669), a member of the provincial gentry of Buckinghamshire.
2019	Doncaster Archives	Conisbrough Court Rolls: a unique insight into the lives of ordinary people in South Yorkshire	£20,000	£10,000	Conservation of 36 of 152 of the rolls. The records of sittings of the manor court of Conisbrough were kept on rolled parchment from 1265, the earliest year from which they survive, until 1644. During the Commonwealth they were variously kept in a bound volume (1648-1657) and on rolled parchment (1648-1660). When the series resumes in 1700 the entries are found on rolled parchment once again before giving way to bound volumes from 1717 until 1935, when what little was left of the court ceased to function. In total there are 152 rolls made up of a total of 533 parchment membranes.
2019	Croxteth Hall	The restoration and preservation of the Molyneux Pedigree	£3,200	£3,200	Dating back to 1589 some 14 years after the Molyneux family arrived at Croxteth Estate, this family pedigree is on 12 pieces of vellum rolled and stored in its own custom made wooden box. It is the original work of William Dethock [sic], Garter King of Arms in the reign of Elizabeth", created in 1589, updated 1778 and 1903. Currently stored inappropriately this project is the catalyst to undertake the relocation of the piece to Liverpool Central Library. In order for us to do this we need to restore the piece, digitise it which will allow more access but will ensure the original piece is conserved and can be made accessible.
2019	Mills Archive Trust	Mill Makers: The Wright Records.	£28,054	£9,944	Our 26 millwrighting collections contain unique and vital records of Britain's milling heritage, recording technical detail of how windmills and watermills were constructed and repaired over the last two centuries. The material in question, covers the structure and repair of more than 100 wind and watermills. The project will conserve and repackage 99 items from 7 of the Trust's collections. Project includes full day training for volunteers in handling packing, cleaning etc.
2019	Shropshire Archives	David Evans: Stained-Glass Window Carto	£10,936	£9,800	Conservation of 11 cartoons for stained glass windows purportedly drawn by the stained-glass artist David Evans (1793 – 1861). Evans' work is of national significance, as during the mid-19th century he was one of the pioneers of creating designs strongly influenced by the architecture and stained glass of the Middle Ages, a style later adopted by the Arts and Crafts movement led by William Morris. Many of the cartoons are 2m high, they are currently unfit to handle.

2019	Mercian Regiment	Conservation of the Farrington Papers	£3,500	£2,500	A group of five documents of the highest interest, probably unique, relating to the raising and equipment of the 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment on its first formation in 1694.
2019	Norfolk Record Office	The Notebooks of Dr Richard Bright	£11,896	£9,139	Richard Bright is an outstanding figure in the history of medicine. Besides renal disease, Bright also made significant discoveries relating to hydatid disease, jaundice and neuropathology; all of which are of great importance to medical history. The development of Bright's thinking is amply demonstrated in this collection especially the notebooks which chart a period when Bright was starting his career and travelling extensively. Six notebooks (c. 1810 – 1830) will be conserved and will enhance an understanding of Bright during this important period.
2019	Dickens Museum	High-request bound manuscripts at the Charles Dickens Museum	£7,456	£6,456	The eight items to be conserved are amongst our most important manuscripts, having significant research and display value, as well as identifiable conservation needs. Codex Conservation confirmed our selection based on condition following an assessment. The Pickwick Minute Book (1837-1843). A minute book of the earliest known 'Pickwick Club'; 226 pages. 2. Maria Beadnell's album (1830s). The lady's album of Dickens's first love, containing the earliest known examples of his literary works (three poems), as well as fine artwork by his brother in law, Henry Austin. 354 pages. 3. A collection of five of Dickens's personal reading copies with his bookplate
2019	British Glass Foundation	Following the Pattern - Conserving the Dudley Glass Collection Archive	£28,150	£25,000	The collection has 8 pattern books & 65 description books dating from 1841-1945. Of these 32 are unfit for production and 23 are in poor condition. The collection is in heavy demand from researchers. It is hoped the project will include an intern.
2019	Glamorgan Archives	Conserving the Plymouth Estate Surveys	£10,044	£7,840	The Plymouth Estate Records form one of the largest and most significant collections at Glamorgan Archives. The land featured in the estate surveys of 1766 covers a large part of the historic county of Glamorgan, including what would become the south Wales coalfield. They provide a rare and valuable overview of land ownership and use in pre-industrial south Wales. Five volumes will be conserved; the project will include conservation intern for 47 days.
2019	Powys Archives	Conserving the Wythen Jones Survey of Estates	£4,752	£4,752	The volume contains folded plans of lands in Montgomeryshire, along with accompanying information showing tenant and size of holding. The plans predominantly show the parishes of Llanidloes and Llandinam, and in particular, there is a plan of the town of Llanidloes showing the Old Market Hall at the crossroads. This view of the town is the earliest inclusion in any map held by Powys Archives. Selected for conservation as it is a stand out item in our collections. It is currently inaccessible to the public due to its need for conservation work.

2019	Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama	Conserving the Foyle Opera Rara Collection	£8,502	£8,502	The Collection is internationally recognised as a treasure trove of opera history but, until moving to RWCMD, had never been made publicly accessible beyond Opera Rara's invited guests. Thirty-three manuscripts have been selected for conservation. These have been selected following consultation with researchers and musicians, including Carlo Rizzi, one of the world's foremost operatic conductors. They have been determined through this process to be the most interesting and useful to both researchers and musicians. They are also the most fragile items in the collection
2019	Rhyl Steam Preservation Trust	Conservation of locomotive drawings for Rhyl Miniature Railway	£6,587	£3,000	A collection of drawings of the 1920s six 15in gauge steam locomotives built by Albert Barnes & Co in Rhyl to designs of the renowned engineer Henry Greenly. The significance of these locomotives in a national context is that since 1920 they have operated at our railway, which is now the oldest miniature railway in the UK. 37 drawings will be conserved of which 18 are tracings and these require the most conservation work. After conservation they will be housed, as is the rest of the paper archive, at Denbighshire Archives.
2019	The Ruskin - Library, Museum and Research Centre (Lancaster University)	Conserving, Digitising and Documenting John Ruskin's Lecture Diagrams	£16,800	£16,800	The project will conserve several of Ruskin's lecture diagrams (ranging from 130cm x 150cm to 150cm x 180cm, approximately), which have been selected for conservation on account of their uniqueness as historical artefacts and their fragility, which has hindered us in making them fully accessible. Currently, most of the lecture diagrams are rolled up in our designated climate-controlled storage area, and they are not readily available to readers. We have been reluctant to handle these delicate items as further damage is likely to be caused with each viewing, and this precaution has limited our ability to achieve our goal of making the Whitehouse Ruskin Collection available in a digital and fully documented format via our online catalogue. Completing a programme of conservation on the diagrams would help to achieve this goal. It would allow us both to ensure the availability of these items in the longer term and to make them more accessible.
2018	Sheffield City Archives	A Glimpse into the Edwardian Summer: Sheffield Telegraph Advertising Posters 1900-1914.	£14,475	£9,475	The collection to be conserved comprises 189 Edwardian full-colour newspaper advertising posters (out of a collection of almost 450). This set of posters is a rare survival. Designed to promote sales, they were produced on a weekly basis - replaced each week by a new design. Such posters rarely survive. In fact this is the only set known to survive. An extensive search of online archives and image databases confirms this. Printed posters would not normally be eligible for NMCT support, but the rarity of these enabled an exception to be made.

2018	York Libraries and Archives	Repair and rebinding of York Memorandum Book, 1371-1596	£11,452	£10,952	Memorandum Book B/Y, along with its sister volume A/Y (conserved with NMCT support in c.2000) and the first register of Freeman, represent the foundation documents of the medieval city of York. Together they form the earliest surviving records of the city – at that time the second in England in terms of importance. The majority of the contents was compiled by Roger Burton, Common (Town) Clerk, between 1415 and 1436. The volume is crucial in evidencing the work of the early medieval city, at a time when the council was responsible for all areas of city life.
2018	Chapter of Gloucester Cathedral	Abotts' Register	£3,155	£2,600	This cartulary is one of five “abbots’ registers held in the Cathedral Library and Archive Collections. These together with a collection of approximately 400 deeds, are the only survivals of the monastic records of the Abbey of St Peter’s Gloucester. This is the only register which is divided into sections according to which monastic office holder was the recipient of the funds raised from that property.
2018	Brunel Museum	Tunnel Vision	£9,965	£5,000	London has the oldest underground system in the world and the Thames Tunnel is its oldest tunnel, in fact it was the first tunnel under a river anywhere. The Brunel Museum recently acquired a collection of designs and this project is to conserve and mount of 29 of Sir Marc Brunel's designs for the Thames Tunnel. . The designs cannot be handled, displayed - or even digitised to a high quality - before they are conserved and repaired appropriately. Varying degrees of conservation required. The collection is stored at London Met. Archives until the Brunel Museum has suitable storage; the museum will apply for accreditation in due course.
2018	Carl Rosa Trust	Mould treatment of the Carl Rosa archive	£24,676	£20,000	The Carl Rosa archive is the most complete archive relating to a travelling opera company in existence. It comprises over 800 items and is stored in Liverpool Library & archive (Accredited archive). Priority is being given to mould affected items, per NMCT recommendation. The trust has very limited resources but has delivered externally funded projects in the past.
2018	Herts Archives and Local Studies (HALS)	Repton in Hertfordshire: Repton's two Red	£1,450	£1,450	Grant for the conservation of the 'Red Books' for Tewin Water (DZ/42/Z1, 1799) and Panshanger (DE/P/P21, 1799-1800) .Only seven of the 17 Red Books which Repton compiled in Hertfordshire survive. In addition to the two owned by HALS, four are in private ownership and a fifth is in the USA. While both are extremely attractive, the Panshanger volume is a particularly fine example of Repton's vision and skill. Combined, they show his vision for the Mimram Valley as a series of interlinked landscapes and demonstrate that his designs were not conceived in isolation.

2018	Harrogate Museums and Arts	Allen Family scrapbook	£3,106	£1,106	The scrapbook links the last Russian Imperial family to a family in Harrogate and contains unique documents relating to the Allen family, Carl Faberge, Princess Alix of Hesse (the soon to be Tsarina) and other members of European royalty. Included amongst these is a drawing done by Princess Alix of Hesse for her niece Princess Alice. It contains two newly discovered letters from Carl Faberge to the Allen family. The Scrapbook that contains a total of 256 sides of content requiring conservation. The content includes; photographs, drawings, newspaper articles, letters and booklets
2018	Common Room of the Great North <i>[previously called North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers]</i>	Conservation of the Watson Map Book Collection	£14,860	£6,687	The Watson collection is of international importance in the understanding of early railways and the industrial revolution. The plans date from 1728 to 1905 and are in heavy research demand. The project will conserve 23 plans which are too damaged for digitisation and this will enable digitisation of the entire collection (funded by a major HLF grant).
2018	Philatelic Society Museum	Restoring the original bindings of the Perkins Bacon delivery books	£8,700	£3,700	Perkins Bacon & Co. were leading security engravers and printers of their time, and best-known for printing the world's first stamp, The Penny Black in 1840. This project will conserve the original bindings of 11 delivery books from 1840 - 1901. The books are the only remaining examples with original covers (made specially for Perkins Bacon; they provide day-to-day insight into the workings of a Victorian business from which you can extrapolate security arrangements, working hours, shift patterns and pay structures. The records form part of the Perkins Bacon & Co. archive consisting of over 150 records and is the only archive of its kind in the world.
2018	Salters' Company	Salters' Benefactors, Beneficiaries and Buildings, 1609-1929	£8,729	£7,729	This project will conserve 6 bound volumes and two boxes of bifolia foolscap paper documents (approx. 600 items). 1. Distribution Books, 1609-1782 and 1783-1929; 2. [Master] Hyde's Gifts, 1630-1692; bound volume. 3. Collection of nineteenth century petitions for assistance; two boxes of bifolia paper documents. 4. 'View Reports' of the Salters' former Almshouses in Bow Lane and Monkwell Street, 1824-1863; two bound volumes. 5. Plan book of Salters' former estates in London, 1828; one bound volume. In order to provide safe access for an increasing number of researchers interested in them.
2018	Derbyshire Record Office	Discovering Franklin	£28,335	£1,050	Cleaning and e-packaging over 300 letters volumes maps etc. as part of wider cataloguing etc. project. This collection relates to arctic explorer Sir John Franklin (1786-1847), who had a distinguished naval career and was Lieutenant Governor of Van Diemen's Land [Tasmania] between 1836 and 1843. After returning to England, he led an expedition to discover the Northwest Passage in 1845, which ended in tragedy. Derbyshire RO has a small conservation budget which cannot accommodate this. The project as a whole will vastly increase awareness of the Franklin material we hold, as it is currently difficult to find on the online catalogue

2018	Southwark Local History Library and Archive	18th Century Crutchley Dye Books	£80,000	£20,000	The Crutchley family dyeing business existed from 1700 to 1799. The project will conserve dye recipe books dating to 1720s-1740. It is rare that material culture relating to dyed textile production of the type, period, good condition and extent, as represented by the Crutchley archive, survives as a collective. Conservation will also allow us to examine the books further in the hope of discovering more about the Crutchley family dye business and its significance in a geographical and economic context. Conservation will allow us to hold special exhibitions of the books.
2018	Armagh Library	From the Last Phase of Establishment: Conserving the Archbishop J. G. Beresford Archive	£3,700	£3,700	This project will conserve 10 volumes and 1000 manuscripts, the primatial correspondence of Lord John George Beresford, who was Anglican Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, 1822–1862. Taken as a whole, the collection offers a fascinating insight into the established Church of Ireland in the four decades prior to Disestablishment. Context: This Library appointed its 1st professional Keeper in 2018 (previously a clergyman) and will be developing a separate building to create additional storage, education and exhibition space.
2018	Anglesey Archives	Salt in the Blood	£3,734	£3,734	Project will conserve a series of large technical drawings and plans (late 19th cent. - early 20th cent.) for cross channel steamers operated by the London & North Western Railway and Lancashire & Yorkshire Railway between Holyhead and Ireland. The plans and drawings for these 'miniature liners' are the only illustrative examples of vessels from this period held by our service. The drawings of the 'TSS Colleen Bawn' and her sister ship, the 'TSS Mellifont' are highly significant in that they provide a valuable overview of the type of twin-screw vessels which was developed to provide essential ferry, cargo and mail-carrying services between Great Britain and Ireland. The ships are significant for the historic role they played during the Great War and before.
2018	Bangor University	Unearthing Anglesey's Mining Heritage – The Records of the Mona and Parys Mines Co. Ltd	£8,408	£8,408	Parys Mountain dominated the world's copper market during the 1780s, when the mine was the largest in Europe. By 1799 it was claimed that the mines were conducting half the copper industry of the country, with a capital not far short of a million. The Records of the Mona and Parys Mines Co. Ltd trace the history of the mine from its heyday through their decline from the mid- nineteenth century onwards. They consists of account books, minute books, papers, deeds, plans, copy letter books and box files of correspondence etc. dating from 1786-1958. In the late 18th century - early 19th centuries, the Mona and Parys Mines Company became the dominant producers of copper on a global scale and nearly brought the famous Cornish copper mines to their knees. This story can only be written accurately if these records are fully catalogued and made accessible to researchers.

2018	Regimental Museum of the Royal Welsh	The Conservation of the 41st Regiment's Early Archive	£9,362	£9,362	The origins of the 41st are linked to the Jacobite Rebellion of 1715. New regiments were raised comprising older, experienced troops who had retired, sustained injury or were coming to the end of their service. The 41st were one of these. Few documents from the first years of the 41st's history exist, so this archive provides the only insight into aspects of the unit's operation from 1762 until 1902. The 41st saw action in many conflicts during this period, but two stand out: the American War of 1812 to 1815, and the Crimean War. Both are represented in the archive we hope to conserve.
2018	Cardiff University	Barbier: Celebrating a Franco-Welsh Dynasty	£6,719	£5,119	The Barbier Archive (donated in 2017) is a cultural feast of manuscripts, in English and French, capturing the colourful lives of three generations of the remarkable Barbier Family. Paul Barbier (1846-1921) was our first Professor of French and a well-known and vibrant cultural figure across Wales. Through intimate diaries and letters, intricate illustrated notebooks, photographs and poster bills, the archive paints a vivid picture of domestic and academic life in Cardiff from its Victorian hey-day to the tumultuous inter-war years.
2018	Powys Archives	Conserving the Deuddwr Estate Map	£1,906	£1,906	A very large decorative estate map of Deuddwr, Montgomeryshire 1747/8, 294 x 357cm, by significant eighteenth century surveyor John Rocque. It was purchased by Powys Archives in 2002; as it is one of our most significant items. The Deuddwr Estate map, which appears to have been drawn up to celebrate John Newport inheriting land from the Lord of Bradford's Estate. There is an accompanying reference book to go with the map, which adds context and real historical interest to the record.
2018	NT Powis Castle	Conserving Powis Castle's Book of Hours	£19,300	£13,700	The Powis Castle Book of Hours illuminated manuscript dates from ca.1440-60 and was written in the Low Countries for the English market. The vellum leaves are richly decorated in ink, paint and gold leaf, probably by a French artist. The decorations include 871 illuminated initials, 50 decorated borders, and 23 full page miniatures. The manuscript has substantial early modern notes including a detailed inscription ascribing ownership of the volume to Lady Eleanor Percy (1582/3-1650) of Petworth, daughter of the 8th Earl of Northumberland, and wife of William, first Lord Powis (1574-1656). In 1963 it was given to the nation in lieu of tax
2017	Regimental Museum of the Royal Welsh	The conservation of the Anglo-Zulu War archive	£11,131	£11,131	The Museum's Anglo-Zulu War collection is of international significance. The collection to be conserved contains letters written by the commander of the British forces, Lord Chelmsford, to his subordinates prior to the campaign, and documents and statements prepared by the participants following its major events in response to contemporary interest. Anyone seeking a thorough understanding of any part of the war must consult this collection as these unique documents comprehensively illuminate its every aspect.
2017	Oriel College, Oxford	Conserving, digitising and cataloguing the letters of the Oxford Movement	£36,232	£7,000	The Oxford Movement, which took place within the Anglican Church in the 19th century, had its origins at Oriel College and has worldwide significance. Leaders of the Oxford Movement include John Henry Newman (1801-90), John Keble (1792-1866), and Edward Bouverie Pusey (1800-82). We intend to conserve 1600 letters and, of this number, digitise 734. These important manuscript letters have been selected for conservation after a condition survey.

2017	University of Bath AEWA H	Road to Rio: Saving the beginnings of women's hockey in the UK	£3,350	£2,700	The AEWA (Hockey) Collection contains many unique and irreplaceable items (see catalogue). It documents a critical phase in the ongoing evolution of hockey from its first beginnings to its emergence as a hugely popular, Olympic sport. This application is for the conservation of two of the earliest items from the Collection. that are in an extremely fragile condition. The minute book (HOCKEY A/1/1) contains handwritten records of the earliest meetings of the AEWA Council from its inception in 1895 and the 'Hockey Jottings' scrapbook (HOCKEY D/1/1) compiled in 1898
2017	Cardinal Tomas O'Fiaich Library & Archive	Conservation and digitisation of parish schedules	£6,958	£5,458	Between c.1860 and 1950 the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Armagh requested regular reports from each parish on the state of church plant, services, devotional activities, the establishment of local confraternities, the number and range of schools and religious practice. They also left scope for more generalised observations on social and political activities in each parish.
2017	Scottish Catholic Archive	The Blairs Collection 1806-1807	£5,500	£5,000	The Blairs Letters are a collection of correspondence dating from 1627 through to 1887. It contains approximately 46,500 letters of the Roman Catholic Scots Mission located throughout Scotland, Britain and Europe dating from the Reformation through to the restoration of hierarchical government to the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland in 1878. This collection presents one of the most valuable sources of Scottish, British, and European history, which has yet to be fully exploited by researchers. The 46 letters to be conserved run from the 30th July 1806 to 17th August 1807 and will fill this gap in the Blairs Collection.
2017	University of St Andrews	Conservation of chemical manuscripts	£11,300	£9,000	Conservation of an early Periodic Table of the Elements (1879-1886) and 8 alchemical MSS which are seminal works for the history of chemistry. Comprising chalk annotated printed periodic table of elements dated 1879-1886 (the only known copy of this iteration of the Periodic Table), and eight manuscript books and two volumes of lecture notes of Joseph Black, four volumes of Black's notes in the hand of student Henry Beaufoy, and two volumes of scientific texts in Latin.
2017	University of Leeds Special Collections	Phillips of Hitchin Antique Dealer collection	£27,971	£8,000	The Phillips of Hitchin archive (POH) (dating 1882-2005) is an exceptionally rare survival of a senior-level antique dealer archive. It is extremely unusual for such archives to survive, as they have often been deliberately destroyed due to the highly sensitive nature of the information that they contain. The client lists of POH include virtually every well-known collector and personality of the day, from members of the British royal family to influential American collectors, such as Judge Irwin Untermyer. Conservation of: 162 MS books and ringbinders with photographs of stock; 40 ledgers and ca. 36,000 loose sheets of business records, drawings/works on paper from 19th-21st century.
2017	Westminster Abbey	Rehousing Westminster Abbey's royal gra	£13,182	£2,000	The primary series of original royal charters and grants to the Abbey, assigned Roman numerals in the 18th century, forms one of the most important collections of royal charters in the country. 79 items are the subject of this application.

2017	Herefordshire Archives	Reuben J Stone Farm Daybook 1906 - 1928	£2,725	£1,760	This daybook is argued to be of great significance because: it sheds light on the yeomanry tradition which was long lasting in the county; it illuminates and challenges the census records; it covers 22 yrs enabling the holding to be set in the context of radically changing external circumstances. A part time conservator will have her hours extended to enable her to conserve the volume.
2017	Gwent Archives	A Sporting Chance: Preserving the records of Newport Rugby and Athletic Club	£26,117	£14,765	Newport Cricket, Athletic and Football Club was formed in 1875, the first integrated sports club in Wales. The range of material makes this collection indispensable for the researching the history of sport in Great Britain. The items to be conserved form the spine of a collection that is indispensable for the study of sport from the Victorian era to the 1930s. The impact on the town is a key area of research as is the relationship between the different sports. The work made possible by the grant will facilitate this research and support the club's own HLF project.
2017	Cambridge University Library	Conservation of priority Coptic papyri from CUL's papyrus collections	£12,740	£8,935	CUL has five papyrus collections, comprising approximately 1,500 papyri in total, in Arabic, Coptic, Demotic, Greek and Hieratic. This project conserved 16 papyri from the Thompson collection and the 12 papyri and approximately 400 fragments of CUL Green 88. The first group was discovered within the papers of Sir Herbert Thompson, founder of the Cambridge Chair of Egyptology. This collection includes several Biblical texts dated to c. 6-7th centuries CE and other items and letters.
2017	South West Heritage Trust	Correspondence of Henry Addington, Viscount Sidmouth	£25,861	£18,861	The political papers of Henry Addington, 1st Viscount Sidmouth, form the most nationally significant collection held at the Devon Heritage Centre. Addington was prominent in public affairs from 1789-1824, during a turbulent period of British and European history that included the French Revolution, the Napoleonic Wars, unrest in Ireland, growing opposition to the slave trade and social unrest at home including the Peterloo Massacre. In total it comprises c.9,000 papers and 50 volumes. Approximately 4,100 items of correspondence will be conserved.
2017	Gloucestershire Archives	Rehousing the Gloucester City Charters	£14,671	£2,000	The re-housing of the 29 Gloucester charters, which are currently in non conservation grade storage. Following condition reports on each document, they were found to be in good condition and do not require any interventive treatment beyond repair to one broken wax seal. They are, however, currently very much at risk from several of the agents of deterioration, primarily physical forces and pollution from proximity to non-archival storage materials.
2017	Chatsworth House Trust - The Devonshire Collection	Thomas Hobbes in the Cavendish Househ	£9,702	£6,702	Nationally important, and internationally studied archive containing annotated drafts of some of Hobbes' (1588-1679) major publications, along with correspondence between Hobbes and his contemporaries, the papers are a unique resource of international importance which give insight into a philosopher "whose work... entitles him to be described as one of the true founders of modernity in Western culture". One of only two major collections of Thomas Hobbes' papers. 7 bound volumes, four stitched or loosely bound documents, 2 files of loose papers, and a further individual manuscript will be conserved.

2017	Durham County Record Office	Consett Iron Company Locomotive Registers	£3,820	£1,990	Consett owed its existence to the Company and became synonymous with iron and steel, one of the world's leading iron and steel making towns. 7 volumes will be conserved - registers of repairs to locomotives and locomotive cranes. These ledgers, covering more than a century..., are a source of varied and wide-ranging information, and...are unique; similar information in the other large iron & steel companies was dissipated amongst numerous locations and is now lost...Their conservation is essential if they are to be the major resource that they should be for future historians.
2017	Library of Freemasonry	A Perfect Prescription: facilitating access to the literary compositions of an 18th century country doctor	£6,990	£3,000	This manuscript includes prose and poetry written from 1755 to 1773 by Doctor William Perfect of West Malling, Kent. A country gentleman and freemason with London medical consulting rooms, Perfect specialised in man-midwifery, smallpox inoculation and caring for the mentally ill. Perfect served as Provincial Grand Master of Kent from 1794 until his death in 1809. The poems and articles, most printed subsequently in Perfect's verse anthologies and national magazines, provide provincial comment on national social and political events and reveal an empathetic approach to psychiatric care.
2017	Conwy Archives	Colwyn Foulkes Architectural Drawings: the Forgotten Buildings - Banks, Churches, Charities, Children's Homes and Cinemas	£15,729	£12,898	Sidney Colwyn Foulkes (1884-1971) was a pioneering and award-winning architect who was born and worked in Colwyn Bay and trained at the Liverpool School of Architecture. He is particularly associated with his work in re-drawing the standard for social housing after the Second World War.c.400 drawings will be conserved, representing buildings which have outlived their original purpose and disappeared from the landscape or been adapted for current needs. Sometimes these drawings may be the only remaining evidence that these structures ever existed
2017	Oriel Ynys Mon	An artist rebound: conserving the legacy of Charles Tunnicliffe	£18,514	£18,514	52 bound volumes of work by Charles Tunnicliffe will be conserved. The paintings are accompanied by extensive notes, making the collection of interest not only to artists but also wildlife and geographical researchers. They are a comprehensive visual reminder of our past, showing changes in the landscape and providing a detailed record of nature from the mid-1920s to 1979.
2017	Cardiff University	Celebrating Collingwood Treasures	£4,491	£3,391	The Collingwood Archive is a magnificent cultural asset deposited at Cardiff University by The RG Collingwood Society in 2014. The Collingwoods were a world-famous family of remarkable artists, archaeologists and writers from the Lake District. WG Collingwood was John Ruskin's secretary and biographer and a friend of Arthur Ransome. The archive spans 60 boxes and comprises a treasure trove of distinctive materials largely inaccessible to public interaction
2016	Berkshire Record Office	Conserving Coleshill: a country house and a model farm	£30,688	£19,508	The collection comprises some 200 boxes of mainly nineteenth and twentieth century records relating to Berkshire estates owned by the Pleydell Bouverie family, earls of Radnor. The collection's significance derives from its rich evidence for the history of Coleshill House and Model Farm. The former (destroyed by fire in 1952) was one of the pre-eminent domestic buildings of its period. Pevsner describes it as 'perhaps the most influential house of its date in England'. The Model Farm, built 1852-4, was similarly important and influential. The agricultural methods it employed were held up as worthy of emulation by several publications that reached a national audience.

2016	University of Bristol Theatre Collection	Conservation of the designs and set model for The Sleeping Beauty (part of a major project: Sharing the Messel Magic)	£11,835	£5,000	Oliver Messel (1904-1978) was one of Britain's most celebrated theatre designers of the twentieth century. This rich archive documents his creative life in intimate detail and gives a significant overview of his work. This element of the project focuses on the conservation of The Sleeping Beauty designs. They are the most important designs within the archive in terms of their significance as regards Messel's oeuvre and the history of ballet in Britain and America. Sharing the Messel Magic aims to catalogue, conserve and the showcase the Oliver Messel Archive through exhibitions and events at the TC and also through loans to other museums and galleries.
2016	Plymouth Record Office	Plymouth in the Blitz	£2,577	£2,577	Plymouth was one of the most heavily bombed cities in the UK during the Blitz. The dockyard at Devonport was the main target of the bombings but, despite this, civilian casualties were very high. The first bombs fell on 6 July 1940. In early 1941, five raids reduced much of the city to rubble. Overall, there were 59 attacks, with 1,172 civilians killed. 2016 marks 75 years after the raids of 1941. It seems fitting that the documents that help us chart this dark period of Plymouth's history are conserved and preserved for the future in this significant year.
2016	University of Glasgow	Conserving the Adam Smith papers	£30,000	£10,000	Material relating to Adam Smith (1723-1790), moral philosopher, political economist and a central figure in the Scottish Enlightenment. This includes material used in 'The Wealth of Nations'. There are 12 boxes containing approximately 464 documents plus 36 volumes requiring treatment.
2016	University of Manchester Library	Safeguarding the Rylands Greek Papyri	£17,235	£10,000	The manuscripts on papyrus in the University of Manchester Library comprise approximately 4000 papyri covering all major periods and languages of papyrus use, from Egyptian hieroglyphs onwards and include biblical and liturgical fragments of national and international significance. The papyri in Greek form the largest and most important group, comprising approximately 2000 pieces, of which 801 have been published. This project aims to safeguard the unglazed papyri, most of which have not been published or fully catalogued.
2016	Emery Walker Trust, Hammersmith	Conservation of Manuscripts and Archive Materials from the Emery Walker Collection	£4,230	£4,230	The collection to be conserved comprises hand written letters and manuscripts, in addition to photographs, prints and watercolours, that originate from Emery Walker's time (late 19 <sup>th</sup> and early 20 <sup>th</sup> century). They reflect key relationships within his immediate family – himself, wife Mary Grace and daughter Dorothy, who inherited the house in 1933 and lived there for a further thirty years before her own death – and those with other artists, collaborators and contributors to the social and creative developments spawned by the Arts and Craft movement.

2016	Wigan Archives	Posters, Power & Parliament: The Wigan Borough 1910 Elections Collection	£8,988	£8,338	<p>The collection consists of 141 political election posters; 55 of the posters are directly linked to local constituencies – Wigan, Ince, Chorley, Newton – with the remainder part of nationwide circulation. Whilst these are printed documents and would not normally be eligible, many are unique survivals (rendering them eligible) and the collection as brought together is unique and of national as well as local significance.</p> <p>1910 was one of the rare occasions on which two elections were called in one year - as a consequence of the refusal of the House of Lords to pass Lloyd George's Peoples Budget of 1909. The collection is of national as well as local importance, including electoral campaign material that does not survive elsewhere but helps to chart the history of British and Irish democracy and the changing nature of political representation in the period.</p>
2016	Chetham's Library	Legacy of Peterloo : the Hay scrapbooks	£9,350	£8,350	<p>To be conserved: 17 scrapbook volumes averaging 350 pages each with one or more items pasted to each, 2 small oblong 8vo, 13 quarto, 2 folio. Increasing use makes this material a more urgent case for treatment. The archive was assembled by the Rev. W.R. Hay, a magistrate and pivotal figure in the Peterloo Massacre of 1819 and its aftermath. It is nationally important at an individual item level, and contains many unique or vanishingly rare items such as a ticket to a Luddite meeting, handbills, cuttings and broadsides, with Hay's manuscript notes and other MS excerpts and notes.</p> <p>Study and interest is already increasing as the 200th anniversary of the events approaches.</p>
2016	Thomas Plume's Library	Archive Project	£3,241	£1,991	<p>The Library's core collection consists of books that were purchased by Dr Thomas Plume (1630-1704), some 8,200 books and pamphlets, as well as manuscripts, and portraits of English monarchs and divines. The chief value of the Library however lies not so much in the individual volumes, which can mostly be found elsewhere, but in the survival of the collection as a separate entity. 2,405 items will be conserved, selected following a survey.</p>
2016	Lambeth Palace Library	The Preservation of the Lambeth Palace Library Early Manuscript Sequence (MSS 1 – 590)	£34,024	£15,000	<p>The early part of the manuscripts sequence covered by this bid represents part of the Library's foundation collections, the libraries of Archbishops Bancroft and his successor Abbot, and contains the bulk of the Library's medieval manuscripts. Among them are a significant number of volumes from the Augustinian priory of Llantony, and they include such treasures as an Anglo-Saxon glossed psalter from the early 11th century (MS 427). Consequently they are among the most important part of the holdings. 473 MSS will be conserved. A recent graduate will be employed for 12 months to</p>
2016	National Trust: Felbrigg Hall	Felbrigg Hall Architectural Drawings	£28,768	£11,238	<p>Felbrigg's collection of 160 architectural drawings is of national importance; a rich resource which, once conserved and catalogued, will add to the knowledge of the development of the country house in England. A condition survey of the 160 drawings taken in August 2016, identified 125 needing studio treatment. The drawings will be conserved as a complete collection with varying degrees of intervention</p>
2016	Highland Life: Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre	Annotations of Waternish: Conserve-restore the Waternish plan and volume collections	£18,901	£11,228	<p>Conservation of 75 items from the Waternish estate collection. Items selected for conservation following survey. On a national level, the collection provides an unrivalled insight into life on a small, West Highland estate over a period of almost two hundred years. The collection is of high importance to the Skye &amp; Lochalsh Archive Centre.</p>

2016	Brontë Society	Celebrating Emily Brontë	£6,920	£5,000	Bonnell 127 is a collection of 15 double-sided poetry manuscripts window-mounted into a book, mainly written by Emily Brontë but with two by Charlotte and one by their brother Branwell also included in the volume in the mistaken belief that they were Emily's work. Also selected for conservation treatment are two rare diary papers, one produced by Emily and Anne Brontë in 1834, and another by Emily dating from 1837, which includes a sketch of herself and Anne writing at the dining room table. These are all key items from the Museum's collection.
2016	Somerville College	John Stuart Mill Marginalia Project	£28,059	£15,059	Somerville houses the library of John Stuart Mill, the great Victorian liberal philosopher. As printed books these would not normally be eligible for funding, but Stuart Mill and his father peppered the books with marginalia, giving a fascinating insight into their thinking. The 61 volumes selected for conservation are those that contain verbal marginalia (so that we can be certain that the markings have been made by John Stuart Mill or his father James) and are in volumes identified as requiring treatment by the OCC in their condition/conservation assessment.
2016	Regimental Museum of the Royal Welsh	The conservation of the Anglo-Zulu War archive	£11,131	£11,131	The Museum's Anglo-Zulu War collection is of international significance. The collection to be conserved contains letters written by the commander of the British forces, Lord Chelmsford, to his subordinates prior to the campaign, and documents and statements prepared by the participants following its major events in response to contemporary interest. Anyone seeking a thorough understanding of any part of the war must consult this collection as these unique documents comprehensively illuminate its every aspect.
2016	Cardiff University	A Worried Heart and a Notebook: Edward Thomas (1878-1917)	£3,949	£2,849	Cardiff University is home to the world's largest collection of writings by Edward Thomas (1878-1917). Our collection includes a set of deeply personal manuscripts and notebooks that underpin his artistic method as one of the most significant British poets of WW1. His surviving notebooks are scattered in repositories across the world. This project will conserve 9 items (paper manuscripts and notebooks)
2016	Ceredigion Archives	Florie Hamer Papers	£9,225	£9,225	The Florrie Hamer (1903 – 1994 ) was born to parents who were tenants and employees of the ancient Pryse family of Gogerddan, Cardiganshire. Her working life was devoted to the service of the Cardiganshire gentry. She preserved anecdotes, insights and photographs of her employers, their relationships with the world about them, and her relationship with them. This project will conserve 1. The History of Bow Street ( 2 volumes ) 2. The History of Nanteos 3. The History of Tanybwllch 4. The Gogerddan Family ( part II & III)

2015	Corpus Christi College Oxford	Conservation of the Fulman Manuscripts	£10,007	£7,129	Fulman, a collector and historian, bequeathed to the College his rare manuscript copies of vernacular works, such as a 10th century Rule of St Benedict, together with copies of Langland, Chaucer, Gower and Lydgate..26 bindings will be conserved during the project, comprising a discrete collection of the manuscripts and working papers of a significant antiquary of the mid-late seventeenth century
2015	Sheffield Archives	The Development of a Victorian Powerhouse: Sheffield City Building Plans 1864-1918	£15,964	£10,964	Sheffield was a leading Victorian city. Governed by a borough council from 1843, which issued its own building byelaws in 1863. Building plans from 1864-1918 will be conserved in this project - plans which chart the development of the leading heavy industrial centre at a time of social and economic change. There are 550 plans of which 170 require conservation.
2015	Winchester Cathedral Trust	Conservation of the 12th century Winchester Bible	£675,000	£10,000	Conservation of the second volume of the 12th century Winchester Bible, by Chris Clarkson. Grantee is aiming to complete conservation of all 4 volumes by 2017, when new exhibition area opens. NMCT previously awarded a grant of £10,000 towards the conservation of the first volume.
2015	Yorkshire Archaeological Society	Wakefield Manorial Records: safeguarding the paper rolls	£82,000	£7,200	YAS is depositing archive with Brotherton Library for future care and this project supports the preparation of the Wakefield Rolls, previously conserved with NMCT support, for that transfer.
2015	Worcestershire Archives and Archaeology Service	West Mercia Police Authority Archives	£26,836	£20,561	The West Mercia Police Authority archive includes the administrative and operational records from Police Stations and Divisions around Worcestershire, from 1833 until 1996. The collection is inaccessible for public research. A National Cataloguing grant was secured but now conservation is needed. 58 volumes will be conserved, including service registers, charge books and petty sessions registers. As a result the collection will be available for public consultation.
2015	Argyll Estates	Written in the Landscape: Conserving the Argyll Papers' Maps and Plans Collection	£45,120	£15,000	The Argyll Papers' Maps and Plans Collection comprises c1,500 manuscript and printed items reflecting the historically extensive landholding, political and public responsibilities of the Dukes of Argyll, 17th – 20th c. It is of national significance owing to its wide ranging subject matter, chronological depth and the importance of the architects, surveyors and cartographers represented.
2015	Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Archives Service	Conservation of the Minton Archive	£33,000	£24,000	The archive was saved for the nation in 2015 and presented to Stoke On Trent archives. The archive is very large, the catalogue runs to over 5,000 entries, some of which reference over 400 items.
2015	Newcastle University	Cold Comfort: Conserving the British North Greenland Expedition	£12,215	£9,715	The archive comprises a series of hand-written transcripts of radio communications within, and from, the British North Greenland Expedition (1952-54). This nationally significant archive contains a remarkable 'day-to-day' record of a large-scale, but little-documented, Cold-War era British scientific exploration of the Greenland Ice Sheet.

2015	Woodhorn Museum and Northumberland Archives	Swinburne: Early Deeds And Charters Of An Important Border Family	£27,850	£14,850	A collection of 758 early deeds, charters and papers of the Swinburne family of Capheaton, currently bound into seven volumes and covering the period, 1172-1714. The collection is significant in charting the history of the English/Scottish border area up to and beyond the Union of the Crowns in 1603.
2015	London Metropolitan Archives	Diocese of London Unfit Consistory Court Books before 1600	£28,028	£15,000	LMA holds the records of the Consistory or Bishop's Court including over 600 volumes recording its activities from the 15th to the 19th centuries. The records of ecclesiastical courts are recognised as invaluable sources of information for social, legal, economic and ecclesiastical historians. The project prioritises the most badly damaged pre-1660 books (14 volumes) of the greatest interest to researchers.
2015	Bodleian Library	The Four Gospels in Latin	£15,832	£5,000	MS. Laud Lat. 102. Gospels in Latin, written in the early 9th century at Fulda Abbey, Germany, in Anglo-Saxon and Caroline minuscule scripts with calligraphic headings and illuminated canon tables. The project aims to repair this medieval manuscript which entered the Bodleian in the 17th century.
2015	Denbighshire Archives	Denbigh Borough Charters	£1,604	£1,604	The Charters granted to the Borough of Denbigh are the oldest surviving borough charters in North Wales. They provide rare evidence of Wales during the early-mid medieval period, and form a comprehensive record of an important medieval town's development from a post-conquest Edwardian settlement to a sophisticated structure of administration under Charles II.
2015	West Glamorgan Archives Service	Conserving the mine engineering drawings of the Neath Abbey Ironworks Collection	£16,600	£16,600	The designs for mine pumping engines and their engine houses produced by the Neath Abbey Ironworks are important surviving evidence for industrial archaeological sites in Britain, Europe and worldwide. This collection is a rare survival which shows the contribution of South Wales to Britain's industrial revolution and to the spread of British mining technology to the rest of the world. The rarity of the collection was recognised in 2014 by its inscription on the UK Register of the UNESCO Memory of the World programme, only the third collection in Wales to be so recognised
2015	Wrexham Archives and Local Studies	Rowland and Son Ltd, Chemist (Numark)	£3,779	£3,779	L. Rowland and Son Ltd (Numark) Collection is significant as it reflects the growth of a local business and the increasing influence and prominence of the Rowland family in Wrexham over the period 1759 -1997. The collection documents the early development of a business which has become a recognised national brand (Numark).
2015	Bangor University	Priority Manuscript Maps from the Penrhyn Estate	£6,694	£6,694	The Penrhyn Estate papers are of outstanding national and international significance and were accepted for the nation in lieu of inheritance tax in 2010. The Penrhyn Castle collection is an unbroken series of documents of a landed estate and its successive owners and provide a a unique and valuable insight into the management of an estate in North Wales. The aim of the project will be to conserve five maps from the collection.

2014	Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Archives	Conservation of Aberdeen County Assessed Tax Rolls, 1799-1832	£53,755	£10,000	The Aberdeen County Assessed Tax Roll collection (RefNo AS/Acom/14) covers 1799-1832. They provide a good record of the development of each parish area represented, including emerging farms, street names in town areas, and various occupations represented. The information in the collection also gives a detailed record of life in North East Scotland during a time of great national change. The Rolls are also an almost uniquely complete socio-economic record of rural and urban development in Scotland outside Edinburgh at the beginning of C19th.
2014	Wigan Archives and Local Studies	Dear Diary: Conserving the Edward Hall Diary Collection	£7,805	£4,085	The Edward Hall Diary Collection is one of the most important set of records held by WALS. Extending back to 1698, the collection consists of over 200 diaries, journals and memoirs, written by individuals from a variety of backgrounds and nationalities and collected by Hall, a veteran of both World Wars and a man with connections to the Wigan area who donated the diaries to the Archives during his lifetime.
2014	Westminster School	Conservation of the Town Boy Ledgers 1815-1939	£1,664	£1,331	The Town Boy Ledgers are a near continuous record of school life at the heart of the capital spanning over 100 years and provide a vivid account of school boy experiences written exclusively for the benefit of future generations of pupils. As such they provide a rarely recorded perspective upon education at the time as well as fascinating references to local and national events. 7 parchment account bindings have been selected as they are regularly consulted. We would like to use all of the volumes in the educational classes run by the archive. The condition of some of the volumes, particularly the first and oldest is such that handling is very likely to cause further damage.
2014	Zoological Society London	Conservation of manuscripts of Brian Houghton Hodgson: Mammals of India [and Nepal]	£10,450	£5,000	Brian Houghton Hodgson (1800-1894) is widely recognised for the great progress he made in describing the birds and mammals of Nepal; in recognition of this his name is linked to the names of several mammals and birds. ZSL has six manuscript volumes of Hodgson's bird drawings and notes, two volumes concerning mammals, and separate notebooks and correspondence. We are seeking funding to conserve and digitise the two mammal volumes, which comprise approximately 487 sheets in total. The Hodgson manuscripts were identified as priorities for conservation by our Art Cataloguer when cataloguing ZSL's collection of artworks in 2006-2008. They were also identified in a preservation audit visit in 2007. They are priorities owing to their frequent use, taxonomic and historical importance, and their resulting gradual deterioration.
2014	Royal College of Music	Conservation of letter and autograph album	£3,820	£2,320	Three collections of letters (August Manns 1825-1907; C V Stanford 1852-1924; Henry Leslie 1822-96). Each album has a dual significance, firstly as a commentary on the career of its compiler, and secondly as a repository of material of national or international importance. Each is in the form of a scrapbook; items are coming loose and have been damaged.

2014	Royal Institution	Hidden Letters of the Royal Institution	£8,400	£7,500	Two albums from the Ri's archival collection are most urgently in need of conservation. They represent two aspects of the collection, one highlighting the relationship which Michael Faraday had with other scientists during the 1830-60s, the other showing the importance and impact of the Ri throughout the world of the early 1900s.
2014	Derbyshire Record Office	Mining the Archives: saving Derbyshire's lead mining history	£69,043	£20,000	Lead mining was an important but now little remembered industry in the Peak District. This project will draw together lead mining related archives that are in a number of collections; they will be conserved and digitised. The conservation will focus on the most badly damaged, pre-18th century material in the collection.
2014	Dorset History Centre	Home and Abroad: Opening up the archive of the Bankes family of Kingston Lacy	£360,000	£18,000	The archive of the Bankes family of Kingston Lacy is arguably the most significant collection held at DHC. It spans 700 years and is contained within 800 boxes together with outsize material. 'Home and Abroad' is a large, multi-stranded, collaborative project which involves the full cataloguing of the archive together with preservation, conservation and digitisation strands.
2014	Bodleian Library	Geoffrey Chaucer's The Complaint of Mars and The four Gospels in Latin	£27,107	£10,000	These manuscripts have very high usage by scholars and students in the Library, evidenced sadly by their increasing deterioration in recent years. After three centuries and more of scholarly use, their sewing-structures have deteriorated, and their bindings have broken down to the point where it has been prudent to temporarily withdraw them from use to prevent further damage.
2014	Royal Asiatic Society	Conservation of Latin-Chinese manuscript dictionaries	£20,285	£15,000	The project will conserve a two-volume Latin-Chinese manuscript dictionary consisting of 1200 bi-folios. It was created in Pekin (Beijing) in 1745 and was donated by Sir George Staunton to the Society in 1824. One manuscript in two volumes will be conserved: it was selected based on the high interest shown in it by researchers from the UK, China, and the USA
2014	Black Cultural Archive	Adamah family papers	£11,000	£6,000	This collection provides a unique insight into the history of the Adamah family of chiefs who ruled over the district areas of Keta and then later Notsie within Ghana. There are approximately 400 items in the collection. this project will focus on the handwritten documents; other applications are being made for grants to treat the others.
2014	Magdalen College Oxford	Conservation and Preservation of Greek Manuscripts at Magdalen College'	£31,473	£10,000	This project focuses on the complex conservation treatment of three eleventh-century Greek manuscripts with major structural damage (MSS GR 1, 3, 5). They have been selected for conservation due to high use, intrinsic importance, and poor condition which makes them inaccessible to scholars, for internal display, or for external exhibition loan.
2014	Powys Archives	Welshpool Dispensary Minute Books	£2,948	£2,948	The two Welshpool Dispensary minutes books form part of a small collection which includes additional minute books, financial records, and a ledger containing the names of people who received medical care from the Dispensary. This collection is unique in our holdings as we do not hold any equivalent records for other dispensaries in Montgomeryshire or the rest of Powys. There are also only a few examples of similar dispensary records in existence in Wales, which highlights the importance of this collection.

2014	Richard Burton Archives	Union Matters: conserving early records of the South Wales Miners' Federation	£21,031	£18,456	The three volumes that form the subject of this application were created by the mining trade union, the South Wales Miners' Federation (SWMF) which was formed in 1898. They cover the period 1899-1934 and consist of the outgoing communications of the SWMF. They include investigations into the administration of poor relief; evidence provided by women on the increased cost of living during the First World War; details of negotiations at local level with a view to arranging the end of the dispute of 1926; and notes on the organisation of campaigns against non-unionism.
2014	Ceredigion Archives	Conservation of the Williams letters.	£3,933	£3,277	The documents to be conserved are two books of original letters, in English, from four members of the same family : John Williams, a farmer from Cardigan, his sons Morris (1787-1816) and Daniel (b.1798) , and his brother Owen Williams of Hounslow. One book consists of Morris' letters recording his military career including his role in guarding French prisoners at Portchester Castle near Portsmouth. The second volume consists of letters from Daniel & Owen. Daniel went to Hounslow to work in a [gun]powder mill. These letters are of national significance in their provision of two contemporaneous, subjective and highly entertaining narratives on a particularly significant period of British history.
2014	Glamorgan Archives	Of Mouse and Manors: Conservation of Mouse's Survey of Manors in Glamorgan	£9,042	£7,977	This is a fine collection of four accurately surveyed and exceptionally early manorial estate maps complete with accompanying reference book. The Survey is significant in a UK context, but more so within Wales where map-making developed later than in England. Only five earlier examples of maps are known in Wales and in Glamorgan Archives this is the earliest surviving estate survey with a gap of over 100 hundred years before another survey was undertaken in the county.
2014	Gwynedd Archives Service	Conservation of the Reginald Hallward Design Collection.	£10,574	£10,574	The collection to be conserved consists of 41 drawings, sketches and tracings of works designed and created by the English artist Reginald Hallward (1858-1948).
2013	St John's College, Cambridge	Treasures of the Library	£2,950	£1,450	The College plans to publish an illustrated book detailing its principal 'treasures' in 2014. To that end we have surveyed conservation requirements for the selected items, and have identified two particularly important manuscripts which, in view of their importance to the College and to wider historical research and their regular use in seminars, classes and exhibitions, urgently require a modest but critical amount of remedial work. The two items are the College's Foundation Charter, signed and sealed on 9 April 1511, and the earliest surviving manuscript of John Barbour's The Brus, an epic poem chronicling the wars of independence waged by Robert I of Scotland – Robert the Bruce. In both cases important anniversaries have raised levels of interest still further: the College has recently celebrated its quincentenary and 24 June 2014 marks the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn, described in vivid detail in Barbour's poem

2013	Bodleian Libraries	Book of the Constellations of the Fixed Stars' by Abd al-Rahman al-Sufi	£22,368	£11,184	This rare presentation copy of the Kitāb Sūwar al-Kawākib al-Thābitah or Book of the Constellations of the Fixed Stars by 'Abd al-Rahmān al-Sūfī (d. 986) which, according to a now partially illegible dedication, was made in 566 A.H./1170 C.E., in Mosul for the treasury of Sayf al-Dīn Ghāzī II, at the time Zangid Atabeg ruler of Mosul, Iraq. According to current research, this copy is the fourth oldest extant copy of this most important and popular astronomical treatise. The book had a great influence on Western conceptions of the heavens and was translated into Latin in 12th century Sicily as Liber de locis stellarum fixarum. According to Professor Emilie Savage-Smith, Professor of the History of Islamic Science at the University of Oxford, the importance of this treasury copy for historians of Astronomy and the History of Art cannot be over-estimated. The manuscript is currently inaccessible to readers due to its extremely fragile condition, and is only consulted in exceptional circumstances under constant supervision of a conservator. The proposed conservation treatment aims to stabilize the manuscript, enabling it to be handled safely without causing further damage and therefore making it available to scholars and for exhibitions and loans.
2013	West Dunbartonshire Council Libraries and Cultural Services	Royal Charters of Dunbarton	£1,615	£1,400	The 5 documents to be conserved are all royal charters and range in date from 1488 to 1597. These charters form part of the extremely limited surviving documentary history of Dumbarton in the 15th and 16th century and provide an account of the Burgh's dealings with the monarchs of the time, ranging from the everyday settling of disputes to the extraordinary Royal Commission from King James VI allowing the Bailies of Dumbarton to seize, torture and try suspected witches. Dumbarton played a significant role in Scottish history in the 15th and 16th century. These documents help establish the national significance of Dumbarton during the period and, in documenting both the ordinary and extraordinary, provide invaluable insight into and context for the political environment of the time.
2013	Northamptonshire Record Office	Conservation of the Westmorland of Apethorpe Collection	£31,617	£25,480	The Westmorland of Apethorpe Archive is one of the most important family and estate archives in the UK and it is included in The National Archives' register of the top 120 family and estate archives. The archive is rich in Elizabethan and Jacobean material and has, at its core, the state and family papers of Sir Walter Mildmay (1520/21-1589) one of Elizabeth I's greatest servants. Following the successful campaign to purchase the collection demand for it has already increased A condition survey was completed in 2012. The aim of any conservation project is to treat the collection as a whole rather than identifying particular items. The survey showed that the entire collection requires extensive cleaning and repackaging and a significant number of items require interventive treatments.

2013	London Metropolitan Archives	The Middlesex Session Rolls	£31,985	£25,000	The Middlesex Session Rolls are an almost continuous record of the proceedings of the Middlesex Sessions of the Peace 1549-1889. The series is unrivalled in its date range, completeness and size (5840 items mostly rolls though some are bound in volumes. The rolls are a core series for the governance of London and have been said to 'surpass in interest, as they probably do in extent, the records of any other county in England'.
2013	Christ Church Library, Oxford	Preservation and conservation of the Christ Church collection of English and Italian music before 1700	£16,100	£9,975	Christ Church holds an internationally important collection of music source materials. 1250 items with minor damage will be conserved plus items of English and Italian manuscript music dating to before 1700. This includes autograph manuscripts by Matthew Locke, John Blow and Henry Purcell; Robert Dow's partbooks (c.1580), William Byrd's Mass for four voices (c.1592); a rare autograph manuscript of an ode by Henry Aldrich (1679).
2013	East London Mosque Trust Ltd	Conservation of the Minute Book of the London Mosque Fund and East London Mosque 1910-1950	£5,000	£4,000	The Trust is responsible for the East London Mosque and London Muslim Centre it is in the heart of Tower Hamlets, home to the UK's largest Muslim community. It exists to serve the needs of the local community and to work towards the common good. The original Minutes Book of the London Mosque Fund and East London Mosque is a handwritten record of trustees' meetings. It is in a bound book with lined pages. There are a number of loose leaf inclusions such as letters and sub-committee reports. It formed the basis of a recent book by Prof Ansari 'The Making of the E London Mosque', Ansari described it as the 'crown jewels' of the ELM archives.
2013	Southampton University	The conservation of the papers of the first Duke of Wellington (3)	£420,000	£10,000	Previous grants towards this project: £12,500 in 2011 and £12,500 in 2012 .The Wellington Papers are the principal collection of the military, official, political and diplomatic papers of the first Duke of Wellington. The archive contains some 100,000 items covering the Duke's life from 1790 until 1852.
2013	Winchester Cathedral	Conservation of the 12th century Winchester Bible	£291,300	£10,000	The Winchester Bible is the largest and finest of the great Romanesque Bibles, it is considered to be a candidate for one of the greatest works of art in England. The Bible has been rebound several times, the last of which was in 1948, and now consists of four volumes with oak boards and leather backs. The four Bible volumes show signs of surface damage throughout and are in need of conservation. In addition, the present binding does not adequately support the leaves, causing them to arch. About a quarter of the historiated initials need consolidation.
2013	University of Glasgow	Preservation of William Simons & Co Ltd nineteenth century ship plans and conservation of the plans of the Will o' the Wisp.	£14,300	£10,900	Conservation of 19th century plans of ships constructed by William Simons & Co Ltd. Collection consists of 680 plans of 156 vessels built from 1820 until 1926 (only 11 are post 1900). It contains some of the earliest ship plans held by Archive Services, with this collection providing over 85% of the total of pre-1870 ship plans held by the Service. It is a nationally important resource for technical information on the construction of ships in the nineteenth century on the Clyde.

2013	Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service	Accounting for Croome	£18,144	£15,134	three short runs of accounts and rent books which highlight the connection between local people and the Croome estate. The books suffer from mould and water damage and broken bindings so they cannot be used for research - meaning the story of the estate is only partially told. This project links to the Nat. Trust's 'Croome redefined' project which is involving the local community in reappraising Croome Court and its surroundings.
2013	Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle upon Tyne	Conserving our Heritage	£11,340	£10,340	The Society was established in 1813 and is one of the oldest antiquarian societies in the country. Its manuscript collections are kept at Woodhorn with Northumberland Collections Service. The application is for grant towards the conservation of 3 volumes which are part of the Woodman Bequest to the Society, they were selected as most in need of conservation during a conservation survey. The volumes contain archives and manuscripts relating to the period 1774-1848 collected by Woodman, town clerk of Morpeth. They show the local response to national events and give an insight into the history and development of an important community in northern England.
2013	University of Edinburgh	Conserving the manuscripts of David Laing	£10,587	£9,528	A project to conserve a collection of 1000 bound manuscript volumes in the David Laing Collection, part of a major project to catalogue, conserve and make accessible the whole collection of 500,000 documents. This first stage will be the conservation of the bound manuscript volumes, which include some of the Library's most important early manuscripts including Scottish poetry, music, heraldry, diaries, sermons historical accounts and books of hours.
2013	Aberystwyth University	Mendelssohn Letters	£2,000	£1,778	A collection of 17 autograph letters from the composer Felix Mendelssohn written in the 1830's and 1840's. The letters provide important evidence for his life and have been the subject of previous international research. The letters run in date from 1832-1847, although most are from the 1840s. Several correspondents are represented including Teichmann, Baumgaertner and Ludwig Tieck and subjects covered include Shakespeare, Clara Novello, and the receipt of a medal in Berlin.
2013	ARCW: Archives and Records Council Wales	Forging ahead: opening up access to the steel archives of Wales	£7,104	£7,104	ARCW is a not-for-profit organisation, established in 1995 (as Archives Council Wales), to act as a forum for institutions /organisations involved in the administration of archives and records management in Wales. This is a collaborative application which encompasses priority collections relating to the steel industry in Wales. In 2012 the 'Steel Archives of Wales' survey identified a number of collections of steel related records held across ARCW services which had local and national significance, Several have been identified as priorities for conservation.
2013	Carmarthenshire Archive Service	Letters to John Campbell from Antonio Canova and others	£6,800	£6,800	John Campbell (1756-1821) first baron Cawdor of Castlemartin, Pembrokeshire was a major art collector and connoisseur who spent about five years in Europe in the late 1770s. He both patronised and befriended the Italian sculptor Antonio Canova, from whom he commissioned several pieces. The Cawdor archive has 52 letters from Canova (written in Venetian) to Campbell and Campbell's wife, Caroline Howard. A total of 72 letters concerning John Campbell's art collecting will be conserved. At present they are known only to a small group of scholars. The conservation work would allow them to be made generally available and digitised.

2013	Denbighshire Archive	Tithe War Album	£1,620	£1,620	This consists of nine photographs, notes and articles relating to the 'Tithe Wars', the civil disturbances in Wales in 1887-8. Political feeling in nonconformist Wales against paying the Tithe to the church authorities was very strong. It led to the most violent campaign of civil disobedience in Wales for decades. Today the Tithe Wars are regarded as an important episode in defining Welsh identity. the volume contains nine large format photographs, and 28 pages of articles, it is in a very fragile condition Although it is in frequent demand, the volume is no longer produced for researchers, which makes any research on the Tithe War in this area using original sources almost impossible. The album is one of very few surviving contemporary documents relating to the local protests and the official response.
2013	Flintshire Record Office	Erddig family Book	£9,181	£9,000	Erddig is a 17th-century house widely regarded as one of Britain's finest stately homes. From the 18th to the 20th centuries it was the home of the Yorke family and in 1973 it was given to the National Trust. The Yokes amassed a rich collection of archives; From that collection Philip Yorke II [1849-1922] selected the most interesting items and arranged them roughly in chronological order in this book, adding notes on family events and alterations to the house. The Erddig Family Book is therefore the jewel of the Erddig Collection, offering a very attractive portrait of a gentry family over the centuries, of wide appeal and of national significance. It is was impossible to use before conservation
2013	Pembrokeshire Archives	Celebrating the Bi-Centenary of Pembroke Dock, it's history and the people that made it	£3,586	£3,586	Pembroke Dock, Pembrokeshire will be celebrating its bicentenary in 2014. It was once one of the premier naval building yards in Britain and the only Royal Naval Dockyard in Wales. As part of the bi-centennial celebration three bound manuscripts books are to be conserved. They tell the story of the development of an area and that grew to be one of the 'most expensive single commitment of central government and the largest organisation (the Royal Dockyard) of its kind in the world'
2012	Church of England Record Centre	Conservation of Chancel Plans Phase 1	£18,552	£15,000	This collection comprises architectural plans dating from the mid 19th to mid 20th century of around 764 chancels in England. The documents offer a resource for architectural history which is remarkable in its level of detail and which illuminates regional variations of design, material and technique across England. The collection to be conserved comprises 764 chancels (approx. 3050 plans). They were selected due to a combination of the high demand for the information they contain and the unusable state they are currently in.
2012	Norfolk Record Office	Conservation of the Aylsham Lancaster Manor Court Roll, 1509-36	£27,723	£15,341	The Aylsham Lancaster manor court roll, 1509-36 (NRS 13434), one of a long series of records of the court of this manor which extend from 1446 to 1846. The roll is the only court record which is currently unavailable through condition, thus denying researchers access to information about Aylsham during the whole of Henry VIII's reign Although it is a single document (80 cm x 32cm),given the large number of rotulets (129), together with the extent of its deterioration and the complexity of the conservation treatment, it is the equivalent of a small collection.

2012	National Trust: Chirk Castle	Conservation of the Myddleton family pedigree	£11,145	£6,645	Chirk Castle was sold to Thomas Myddleton, Merchant Adventurer, in 1595. The project is to conserve and display for the first time the Myddleton Family Pedigree (c.1650s), which is 35 ft long. It has never been on display before due to its size and fragility. On a national level, the document is significant for not only does it trace the Myddleton family's lineage back to the Welsh princes and God, the document is a very early example of handmade paper in Wales and uses Iron Gall inks within the illuminated manuscript.
2012	University of Southampton	Conservation of the Wellington Papers	£693,000	£12,500	To be conserved in this phase: Wellington Papers 1 (General correspondence, 1790-1832) Wellington Papers 2 (General correspondence, 1833-52) Wellington Papers 9 (Military archives for the departments of the army under Wellington's command during the Peninsular War and Waterloo campaign)
2012	Dr Williams Library	The Baxter Conservation Project	£63,125	£22,350	The Baxter papers (more than 2600 folios) form an unrivalled primary source for early modern historical, ecclesiastical, cultural and literary studies. Richard Baxter was the leading Puritan minister of the second half of the seventeenth century, and much of the surviving manuscripts consist of his personal papers, which were collected together and published posthumously in 1696 as <i>Reliquiae Baxterianae</i> .
2012	Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society	Securing Wiltshire's World Heritage - the archive of Sir Richard Colt Hoare	£3,800	£3,400	Conservation of the antiquarian papers of Richard Colt Hoare, including notes used in preparation of his 'Ancient Wiltshire' and 'Modern Wiltshire' a 14 volume history of the county.
2012	Fitzwilliam Museum	Conservation of Medieval Manuscript Fragments	£34,191	£15,058	The Fitzwilliam Museum preserves one of the largest and most important collections of fragments from medieval manuscripts in existence. It comprises 500 leaves, full-page miniatures and cuttings. They date from the 11th to the 16th c. About half the collection require treatment of which about 80 require 'sustained interventive conservation'. The fragments conserved by the project will be displayed in a major exhibition of medieval manuscripts that will mark the bicentenary of the Museum's foundation in 2016.
2012	Cornwall Record Office	Cornish language manuscript conservation project	£6,985	£3,300	This project will conserve two unique pieces of Cornish language history: William Scawen's (1600-1689) ' <i>Antiquities Cornubritanic</i> ' and William Borlase's (b1695-1772) ' <i>Memorundums on the Cornish Tongue</i> '. There are a very small number of manuscripts which capture the Cornish language in written form and only four of them are in the public domain in Cornwall. The manuscripts have never been published and their rarity means that they are
2012	Essex Record Office	Paper buildings: conserving the architectural plans of Frederick Chancellor	£14,300	£9,500	Conservation of architectural drawings by Fred Chancellor (1825-1918) was a prolific architect in Essex with offices in Chelmsford and London. He worked on most churches in Essex and designed many public buildings, including schools and hospitals. 10,000 plans in total.
2012	Warwickshire County Record Office	Boaters and Bright Sparks	£31,504	£19,057	The collection consists of the records of Willans and Robinson, Rugby. The collection, 80 linear metres in total, comprises share-holding, financial, apprenticeship and production records with order books. These comprise the volumes and loose correspondence, technical drawings and specifications.

2012	St Andrews University	Conservation of Oriental Manuscripts	£22,164	£13,200	Conservation of ten items from the University's small but fine collection of oriental manuscripts. These items have been identified as priorities for conservation as a result of a conservation survey. Some of them, especially the Timurid Qur'an, are amongst the treasures of the University which are regularly shown to visitors and attract significant research interest.
2012	Bangor University	Conserving the Jamaica Slave papers in the Penrhyn Collection	£14,400	£12,000	The collection to be conserved consists of the Jamaica Papers of the Penrhyn Castle Collection. The Penrhyn Estate had lands in Jamaica from 1660 to 1940 and these papers are of outstanding national and international significance and were accepted for the nation in lieu of inheritance tax in 2010. The project will conserve a series of accounts of Jamaica estates of the 18th and 19th centuries, as well as four paper plans and eight parchment deeds.
2012	Aberystwyth University	Aberystwyth University manuscripts mainly from the Powell collection	£5,410	£4,410	The items to be conserved include some of the more important and fragile music manuscripts from the University archive, mainly from the Powell collection. They include works by major composers that are clearly significant in a national and European context.
2012	Powys County Archives Office	Rhayader Police Charge Book, 1881-1896	£4,250	£4,250	The Rhayader police charge book, from the late C19, is very rare for Mid Wales, and only three others survive. The volume is important as it records criminal activities which can be placed in a national as well as local context.
2012	Glamorgan Archives	CURTAIN UP: Making accessible the playbills of the Theatre Royal, Cardiff, 1885-1894	£11,275	£8,425	Production posters bound into 9 annual volumes, spanning 1885 to 1895. Although printed these items were never published and represent the sole surviving records for the Theatre for these years. The completeness of this collection covering 11 years of performances is remarkable, especially as the theatre existed only for 21 years. No other playbills for this theatre can be found in the major theatre collections in the UK
2012	Ceredigion Archives	Access to the Uplands: conservation of an important early map of Fforest yr Esgob, Llanddewi Brefi	£1,375	£1,375	This map, entitled 'The Four Forests or Bishop's Forests by T. Lewis 1787', shows part of the upland area of the parish of Llanddewi Brefi, Ceredigion, an area densely settled in mediaeval times and believed to have included transhumant habitations. The area is of considerable archaeological interest. This document is of national significance because it is the earliest known detailed map of an area which is of great historical and social interest.
2012	Anglesey Archives	Retrieving the old acres: conservation of the Brynddu estate maps	£1,754	£1,754	Two magnificent volumes of manuscript maps of the Brynddu and Plas Coch Estates on Anglesey which include the local field names written in the local vernacular - a valuable window into the past of a unique landscape.
2011	Bristol Record Office	Conservation and repair of Bristol Vulgate Bible	£12,835	£6,200	The St Thomas Vulgate Bible is one of only three surviving Bibles written in England during the late 14th century or the 15th century, the other two being at the British Library and Winchester College. This project will stabilise and restore the pages of the Bible.

2011	The Master and Pilots of the Trinity House of Newcastle upon Tyne	Conservation of Royal Charters	£5,364	£2,682	Trinity House has its origins in 1505 when the Guild of the Blessed Trinity of the town of Newcastle upon Tyne was formed as charitable body to support the town's growing maritime community and their dependents. It received its first charter from Henry VIII in 1536 and this was followed by a succession of new charters from Edward VI, Mary, James I, Charles II and James II. The six surviving charters are being conserved, after which they will be cared for by Tyne & Wear Museums Service and be available for research and occasional display.
2011	Wordsworth Trust	Conservation of the Wordsworth Trust's Collection	£18,295	£9,000	Conservation of 572 manuscripts from the collection. Items to be conserved include: letters by Wordsworth, his family and circle; a printing proof of Thomas De Quincey's <i>Confessions of an English Opium-Eater</i> ; a fair copy of 'The Garden of Boccaccio' by Samuel Taylor Coleridge; and an early (1801) record of Lake District mountaineering.
2011	London School of Economics Library	Conservation and digitisation of Working Classes Cost of Living Committee papers	£3,840	£3,440	Conservation of two volumes of working papers of the <i>Working Classes Cost of Living Committee</i> 1918. The collection is an important source for social and economic historians. They also provide a concrete example of modern government's growing interest in the lives of the working classes (which led in turn to the growth of state intervention into the economy), and offer insights into the pioneering work that was happening in the collecting and analysis of social statistics.
2011	Worcester College Library, Oxford	Conservation and Preservation of the Whitehall Rolls	£11,642	£5,821	Conservation of this important group of architectural drawings, which are part of the bequest of George Clarke (1661-1736) to Worcester College Library. The drawings depict studies for a new palace of Whitehall, probably in the hand of John Webb but with input from Inigo Jones; they are the first English classicising designs for a large building on the scale of the Louvre or the Escorial.
2011	E Riding of Yorkshire Archives and Local Studies Service	Re-housing the Beverley Charters	£3,000	£2,000	Conservation of a series of charters, grants and awards conferring historic rights to the town of Beverley dating from the grant of Thurstan, Archbishop of York in 1129 to the charter of incorporation of James II in 1685. The Thurstan grant is the oldest document in the collections. The majority of the charters in this series are medieval and are dated earlier than 1600.
2011	Wisbech & Fenland Museum	The Hundred Map of Wisbech	£7,448	£3,500	The Hundred Map of Wisbech was drawn by Thomas Watts in 1657. The map illustrates how the newly drained land was divided up and particularly the appearance of buildings long since destroyed (e.g. Thorney Abbey, Wisbech Castle). The conservation involves removal of the map from its wooden stretcher and removal of the linen liner, repair to all areas of physical damage, surface cleaning and pigment consolidation and finally mounting for long-term stability.
2011	University of Southampton	The conservation of the papers of the first Duke of Wellington	£693,843	£12,500	The University holds major collections of 19th and 20th century political and military archives. Among the most important of these are the papers of the first Duke of Wellington: these contain some 100,000 items covering the Duke's life from 1790 until his death in 1852. The Duke's papers provide a unique cross-section of materials for the first half of the nineteenth century and contain much that is crucial for an understanding of British national life. This phase of the major conservation project focuses on papers from 1832.

2011	London Metropolitan Archives	Great Parchment Book of The Honourable The Irish Society	£22,000	£9,000	The Great Parchment Book of the Honourable The Irish Society is a major survey, compiled in 1639 by a Commission instituted under the Great Seal by Charles I, of all those estates in Derry managed by the City of London through the Irish Society and the London livery companies. As the result of a fire in 1786 it has been unavailable to researchers for over 200 years. The NMCT grant as well as the innovative use of digital techniques means it is now accessible.
2011	The John Rylands Library, University of Manchester	You shall tell your children': Preserving the Rylands Haggadah.	£14,685	£7,342	The Rylands Haggadah was produced in Spain the 14th century, and is considered to be one of the finest Haggadot in the world. It tells the Exodus story, events that are commemorated every year at the feast of Passover, during which the text is recited. When the conservation work was complete, the manuscript was digitised at very high resolution, and a page-turning facsimile can now be purchased from the iTunes. The Haggadah is the centrepiece of a major exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum in New York, from March to September 2012.
2011	Abingdon Museum	The Abingdon Monks' Map: Investigation, conservation and display of a hand-painted pre-Dissolution map of Abingdon and the abbey.	£28,000	£12,500	One of the treasures owned by Abingdon Town Council is a mid-sixteenth-century tempera on parchment map of the river Thames from Abingdon to Radley. It is by far the earliest map of Abingdon and one of a small group of extant 16th century maps of English towns. Thanks to the NMCT grant the map was analysed in great detail and conserved; it is now the principal display in Abingdon's County Hall Museum when it re-opened in July 2012 following extensive restoration of the Grade I listed building.
2011	College of St George, Windsor Castle	Conservation of medieval and early modern manuscripts with seals	£10,000	£9,000	The College of St George, comprising St George's Chapel and surrounding buildings, occupies the lower ward of Windsor Castle, it was founded in 1348 by King Edward III. The College's archives are of national importance, they contain registers, deeds, account rolls, letters and other manuscripts dating from the early 12th century.
2011	Wolverhampton Archives and Local Studies	Taking Account of Our Past: Cataloguing the Smith, Son and Wilkie chartered accountants collection	£1,610	£1,450	Conservation of the Smith, Son & Wilkie collection which comprises the records of the chartered accountancy firm that dealt with many prominent local businesses and families. The material covers the 19th and 20th centuries and shows the growth of Wolverhampton as an industrial centre with a global reach.
2011	Bedfordshire and Luton Archive Service	Grand Designs – The Lucas Collection of Architectural Manuscripts (Wrest Park)	£6,769	£5,920	Collection of 200 plans which informed English Heritage's restoration of Wrest Park, an 1830s house in the French chateau style. The NMCT grant has enabled the employment of a contract conservator to repair and repackage the most damaged drawings from the collection, while a volunteer has been able to clean, carry out minor repairs and repackage the rest of the drawings.
2011	Hertfordshire Archives and Local Studies	'A Life of Crime' – conserving the police archives of the Bishops Stortford division of the Hertfordshire Constabulary, 1841-1919.	£180,771	£18,750	Conservation of the records of the Bishop's Stortford Police 1841-1919. The information within these records provides a unique insight into community life, social behaviour, crime and punishment and the development of the police force in Hertfordshire. These records are an essential resource, not just for family historians, but also for academics and the history of British policing.

2011	Shropshire Archives	Fordhall Old Dairy Farm Archive (The first organic dairy farm in the UK)	£8,875	£4,425	The Fordhall Yoghurt/Dairy Archive collection at Shropshire Archives dates from the 1950s to the 1990s, and represents the surviving business records of Arthur Hollins who pioneered organic methods. After conservation the collection will be used by the public and Fordhall Organic Farm for research. It offers a fascinating insight into the workings of a pioneering and diverse agricultural business in the latter half of the 20th century.
2011	Brent Archives	Conservation of the North Collection of Willesden parish records from 18th and 19th centuries	£8,000	£5,500	The collection consists of the parish papers of Willesden, St Mary, 1733-1870, relating to the parish officials, charities, settlement and Poor Law administration. It is a hugely significant local resource, in terms of the insights it offers into the local and national story of a period for which Brent holds little material. It is one of only two collections of its type held in Brent, The conservation of this collection will allow public access to a fascinating and historic collection, allowing Brent Archives to make the borough's heritage accessible to all and promote an understanding of the wider national history.
2011	Chiswick Parish Church	Conservation of 7 archive books dating from 1663	£2,445	£3,715	St Nicholas with St Mary Magdalene has a collection of nearly 25 registers and Vestry records dating from 1622 to the present day. The Church graveyard and vaults contain many of Chiswick's famous citizens, including William Hogarth, Whistler and members of Lord Walpole's family. Thanks to NMCT grants in 2003 and 2011 the entire collection of registers and vestry records cared for the church has been conserved and is available for historians, students and family enquirers.
2011	Flintshire Record Office	Mostyn Manuscript Wills	£7,159	£7,159	Conservation of a collection of seventy wills of the Mostyn family. The Mostyn collection held at Flintshire Record Office comprises extensive estate and family documents from the 14th century to the present day, giving a remarkable level of continuity. The wills bring to life people who were major players on the regional and national stage from the 16th to 18th centuries.
2011	Carmarthenshire Records Office	Conserving and digitising the Vaughan of Golden Grove Pedigree	£2,560	£2,560	The Vaughan pedigree was created in 1641 by George Owen, herald. It has full-length portraits of the Welsh, English and European kings from which the Vaughans claimed their descent. The full-length portraits of William the Conqueror, Hywel Dda and others are beautifully executed. As an important historical survival, the pedigree illuminates the way in which the members of the most influential family in south-west Wales viewed themselves during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.
2011	Gwynedd Archives Service	Parish Register Conservation Project	£8,800	£8,800	Conservation of 20 registers date from between 1583 and 1904. These registers are hugely significant in a local context. The history of Welsh surnames depends on parish registers and the occurrence of unexpected names often reveals outside settlement linked to development of mining or seafaring.
2011	Conwy Archives Service	S Colwyn Foulkes Cinema Plans	£58,000	£5,500	The series conserved represented the cinema designs of the architect Sidney Colwyn Foulkes, a collection of over 150 drawings on linen and paper, tracings, diazotypes and blueprints dating from the 1930s. None of the cinemas are still serving their original purpose and some have already been demolished, so in these cases the plans (together with photographs and job files also in the collection) represent all that survives of the buildings intact.

2011	West Glamorgan	Conserving the Neath Abbey Ironworks gas, locomotive and ship engineering plans	£22,137	£1,527	Conservation of 20 plans from the Neath Abbey Ironworks, 1820–1870. They are very detailed and finely drawn, reflecting the foundry's high reputation, and include designs for gas, mining, locomotive and marine machinery produced for a worldwide client base. The plans are a rare survival from a time when Swansea and its region led the world in metallurgy.
2011	Denbighshire Record Office	Criminal Description books, conservation and digitisation	£1,486	£1,486	conservation of two rare criminal description books from the Denbighshire Constabulary. These two small, leather bound volumes contain carte de visited photographs and manuscript descriptions of various felons who had been released from prisons in England or Wales, and who had connections with the Denbighshire area. The descriptions of the individuals portrayed include brief details of their physical appearance, criminal record, conviction, and sentence.
2010	Fitzwilliam Museum	Founder's Library conservation project (year 4 of 4)	180,000	£20,000	<p>In 2007, the NMCT Trustees agreed a major strategic grant to support the conservation of the Founder's Library at the Fitzwilliam Museum. This grant was intended not only to support this important conservation project but also to result in a lasting improvement in the care and conservation of the manuscript collections there.</p> <p>The Fitzwilliam Museum is unique in housing a world-class collection of art plus treasures fit for a National Library under the same roof. The only parallel in the United Kingdom was the British Museum, before the British Library emerged as a separate institution. The only extant parallel is the Vatican Museum and Library. The Fitzwilliam Museum preserves fine printed books, music, autographs, and one of the most important collections of medieval and Renaissance illuminated manuscripts in existence.</p> <p>Following this major strategic grant, the Fitzwilliam Museum established a full-time, permanent post of manuscript conservator the spring of 2011.</p>
2010	SS Great Britain	Conserving original ships plans from the David McGregor Collection	£77,000	£10,000	<p>In 2003 David MacGregor, a maritime enthusiast, bequeathed his collection of around 4,000 plans, covering ships from the sixteenth century to the 1960s, to the SS Great Britain Trust.</p> <p>The plans were drawn up by MacGregor and other draughtsmen and include some taken from boats that were about to be broken up, so are the only surviving record of some coastal craft. The plans are nationally important, and have been described as "probably the most important research collection to be transferred to a registered maritime museum in recent years". It is the largest collection of ship plans outside the National Maritime Museum.</p> <p>The conservation project will result in the conservation of the 2,000 original plans within the MacGregor Collection.</p>

2010	University of Edinburgh	The field notebooks of Alexander Carmichael (1832-1912)	£5,188	£2,594	<p>The Carmichael Watson Collection arrived at Edinburgh University in 1948 and is one of the treasures of Edinburgh University Special Collections. The collection is centred on the papers of the pioneering folklorist Alexander Carmichael and the essence of the material contained within this collection, which is the foremost of its kind in Scotland, are the recordings and observations that reflect Alexander Carmichael's long and prolific career as a folklorist.</p> <p>In this project, Carmichael's 26 field notebooks and five volumes of later transcriptions are being conserved. In 2009 a two-year AHRC funded research project began on these field notebooks and this resulted in a sharp rise in the use of this material. This demand will increase further once the notebooks have been fully catalogued and transcribed. Conservation of these manuscripts was therefore prioritised to ensure that collection can be made accessible to an increasing number of users.</p>
2010	Peterhouse, Cambridge	Peterhouse Partbooks Conservation Project (final phase)	£38,500	£5,000	<p>The NMCT is supporting the final phase of the conservation of Peterhouse's eighteen 16th- and 17th- century music manuscripts or partbooks. The focus of this phase is three early 17th-century manuscripts that were discovered behind paneling in the Perne Library in 1926. While the tenor part is missing from all three of the Peterhouse sets, these manuscripts have nevertheless been described as 'the most valuable and comprehensive choirbook sources of this period' (Peter le Huray). They are essential for the history of English choral music, containing as they do otherwise unattested music by Tudor and Stuart composers of the first rank.</p>
2010	Glasgow University	Conservation of MS Hunter 83, The Brut (15th century account of English history)	£16,000	£8,000	<p>A standard account of English history, the Brut was one of the most popular secular works of the 15th century. Well used, this copy has been annotated by various readers from the 15th to the 17th centuries, providing direct evidence of early modern reading practices (another area of research gaining popularity). The 17th century binding is also historically significant, bearing the Royal arms of Henry, Prince of Wales (1594-1612).</p> <p>Hunter 83 is the most important of the six 15th century copies of the Brut held in Special Collections, thanks to its unique features - its composite text, provenance, annotations and binding. However, its current poor state of repair – particularly the damaged text block with its many loose, fragile and protruding leaves – means that access to it had to be restricted as a preservation measure to prevent any further damage from handling. Conservation and repair will allow Special Collections to reinstate access to the manuscript.</p>

2010	Hampshire Record Office	Winchester Cathedral pre-1540 court and account rolls conservation project	£18,150	£10,000	This NMCT grant, together with a grant from the Hampshire Archives Trust, is enabling the conservation of medieval rolls from the estate archive of Winchester Cathedral, deposited in Hampshire Record Office in 2009. The collection includes 1,299 pre-1540 manorial and account rolls, almost all parchment, of which 883 require conservation due to damp and mechanical damage. These records are of national significance because of the importance of the Priory of St Swithun (at Winchester Cathedral) both as a major institution and as a major land-holder in the medieval period. The archives have greatly contributed to our knowledge of how the medieval English monastic foundation and its estates were managed. The rolls are frequently requested for research but many are in very poor condition.
		<b>Total project costs 2010 to July 2024</b>	<b>£7,358,662</b>		
		<b>Total Grants Awarded 2010 to July 2024</b>		<b>£2,094,376</b>	