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## UK Shared Prosperity Fund

'High Peak Arts, Culture & Heritage Events/Activities Grant'

# Buxton Georgian Festival

Delivered by Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust



Photography by Matt Armett

### About

The grant supported the **Buxton Georgian Festival** 2024. The festival involved a range of talks, walks, workshops and re-enactments that helped to tell the story of Buxton alongside a series of heritage talks providing unique content not available elsewhere in the town. The event culminated in an elegant Regency Ball. **Buxton Crescent Heritage Trust**, a registered charity working to maintain and promote the town's historical and architectural significance, delivered the event.



Grant funding helped towards venue hire, performer costs, activity resources, staffing, equipment and guest speakers.



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- **Grant Awarded: £2,771**
- **Over 2900 people engaged with the festival.**



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## The Grant Scheme

The Arts, Culture & Heritage Events/Activities Grant was designed to support local community-led events and activities which would strengthen cultural and social ties and foster a sense of local pride in our neighbourhoods, towns and villages.

Grants of up to £5,000 were available through a competitive grant process.

## Impact

The support funding received in 2024 enabled the Trust to test new ideas and allowed it to grow the Festival in September 2025.

The September 2025 Festival supported *Visit Britain* and *Visit Peak District and Derbyshire* campaigns to celebrate the Jane Austen 250-year anniversary, aimed at building interest nationally and internationally.

This focus helped grow the Georgian Festival to a 5-day event which saw a 35% increase in visitor numbers compared to 2024. In addition, the Regency Ball grew from 105 participants in 2024 to 135 in 2025. Equally the trust was able to report that for the first time, they had overseas attendees from the USA, Canada, Slovakia, Italy, Finland and Holland, all of whom stayed locally, boosting the local visitor economy.

Due to demand for tickets, sales for the 2026 Regency Ball were launched immediately after the 2025 event. The event has already sold out for 2026 with nearly half of those tickets sold to overseas visitors.

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**“A fabulous weekend – will try to come for a few more days next year. Well done to you and the team for bringing history to life in such a warm and accessible way”**

*Canadian Visitor*

**“We had the best time at the Buxton Regency Ball. From the exquisite setting of the 18th century Assembly Rooms to the swirling elegance of the country dances, plus we have to talk about the ‘stunning desserts’ served during the interval. The Buxton Crescent team excelled themselves”**

*UK Visitor*



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