

5th Jan. 7.30pm.

Dear Mr Taylor,

Firstly, may I apologise once again for the delay in responding to your enquiry. I do hope that it hasn't caused too much inconvenience.

As discussed on the telephone, please find attached the web page for the Big Lottery Fund's Community Buildings Programme.

Although Laverton Hall is obviously of clear heritage merit, if the emphasis of the project is the upgrading of facilities and refurbishment to improve and increase its general use by communities, then the Heritage Lottery Fund is not the best funder. I would suggest talking to the Big Lottery Fund to see whether it would fit within what they can fund. It seems as if this project has the potential to fit within the aims of the Community Buildings Programme, but they would need to advise. As we discussed this afternoon, if they say that they would be unable to help, then please come back to me and we'll talk further.

Our priorities for funding focus more on the restoration of the heritage, and learning about and access to the heritage. We would be able to look at a project to increase understanding about Laverton and the history of Westbury in a project separate from the Big Lottery Fund and the refurbishment project in due course.

I'm sorry this advice is not more positive, but wish you every success.

Yours sincerely

Nerys Watts
Regional Manager, South West