

Oakwell Hall is a Grade I listed historic house operated as a museum and heritage attraction, delivering cultural, educational and community outcomes for Kirklees and the wider region. The building has experienced progressive deterioration to elements of its historic fabric, including roofs, masonry and related structural features, requiring specialist conservation intervention.

Condition surveys and conservation advice have identified a package of priority works necessary to stabilise the building, prevent further decay and protect both the historic asset and its continued public use. The proposed works align with best-practice conservation principles and support the Council's wider commitments to heritage protection, placemaking and cultural engagement.

The project also supports long-term sustainability and resilience for Oakwell Hall, contributing to ambitions for future programming and the planned celebration of the centenary of public ownership in 2028.

The MEND funding application forms part of a wider strategic approach to securing external investment in the Council's heritage estate and ensuring the safeguarding of significant cultural assets for future generations. Relevant condition reports, cost plans and project documentation support this decision.