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A busy time ahead for Hall Place and Gardens

Hall Place and Gardens has been awarded a National Lottery grant of £64,400 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

Money raised by National Lottery players will enable Hall Place and Gardens to develop ways to maximise the business opportunities, as well as vital investment into the Grade 1 listed Tudor house and gardens.

Cllr Peter Craske, Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Environment and Leisure said; "This is great news. This funding will help us to continue to engage with the fascinating history of the house, as well as think about new developments to expand the use of the house and garden. Hall Place is going through such an exciting period of change. Since the London Borough of Bexley took over the management of the site in April 2017, the house has gained a new lease of life with a packed schedule of new events and activities. It is also a key part of the borough's wider cultural agenda. Hall Place, together with other local gems such as Danson House, Lesnes Abbey, Crossness and the Carnegie Building, is central to our recent bid to become the first London Borough of Culture."

The Dino Live exhibition held recently in the Great Hall attracted more than 12,500 visitors during its run, many of whom were coming to Hall Place for the first time. This spring and summer will see another exciting exhibition in the form of 'Brick City'. Opening on 30 March the Brick City LEGO® display promises architectural landmarks from around the world made entirely from the famous bricks.

Before then, there is still time to catch 'The Last Curtsey', an exhibition on the life of a debutante. While visiting, why not take a walk around the gardens that are looking better than ever, thanks to extra investment, that helped the grounds to once again achieve the prestigious Green Flag Award at the end of last year. There will be a host of events making the most of these glorious surroundings throughout the summer of 2018.

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About the Heritage Lottery Fund

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