

The image shows the interior of the Royal Air Force Museum. A large, white biplane with red and yellow accents is suspended from the ceiling. Below it, a mannequin of a pilot in a flight suit stands in the foreground. In the background, a blue and red boat with the number 206 is on display. The museum's high ceiling and structural beams are visible, along with spotlights illuminating the exhibits.

**ROYAL
AIR FORCE
museum**

Help us
keep the
RAF story
alive

**RAF MUSEUM
GIVING CIRCLES**

The Royal Air Force has been responsible for some of the greatest stories ever told ... stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things



WELCOME ...

The Royal Air Force Museum is the National Museum of the RAF, and our purpose is to share the story of the Royal Air Force, past, present and future, using the stories of its people and the Museum's collections, to engage, inspire and encourage learning.

We welcome one million visitors annually, with free entry to both our amazing sites – in London and the Midlands. The RAF Museum is the custodian of the RAF's history, with the clear vision of inspiring everyone with the RAF story – the people who shape it and its place in our lives.

The stories we share have the power to inspire us, amaze us, educate us, motivate us and change us for the better. They are part of our national narrative and collective identity. Our collections underpin these stories. The RAF Museum's collection has over 1.3 million items, ranging in size from aircraft to logbooks, and spanning more than a century of the RAF story. This is a precious part of our history and our future – and our teams are dedicated to protecting, promoting and involving people with our collections and their stories.

RAF stories have shaped our nation and how we live our lives today through their impact on world events, society and technology. And they have an important role to play in our future. Our ambition and responsibility is to share these stories with **everyone**.

A very warm welcome... We invite you to become a part of our RAF Museum family and help us in sharing and keeping these amazing stories alive.



Maggie Appleton MBE
Chief Executive Officer



Sir Andrew Pulford GCB CBE DL
Chair of the Board of Trustees

RAF Museum Giving Circles

By joining an RAF Museum Giving Circle, you will become a vital part of the Museum's community of partners, stakeholders and supporters – both national and international – to help secure the future of the Museum.

Your support will ensure that the RAF story endures, enriches and inspires future generations through innovative interpretive, curatorial, conservation, research and learning programmes.

There are various Giving Circles you can join, offering exclusive access to the Museum and our renowned speakers, networking opportunities and access to the RAF Museum Giving Circles desk.

In recognition of your support, you will have the opportunity to experience first-hand the impact your donation has made through personal updates, bespoke events and acknowledgement in selected Museum materials.

WHY SUPPORT US?

By joining an RAF Museum Giving Circle, you will help the Museum to continue our innovative programming, enriching the lives of people through incredible RAF stories of skill, service and sacrifice. You will help ensure that our unique collection of historic RAF aircraft and artefacts is preserved for all to see and inspire the next generation of engineers, technicians and scientists.

Thanks to the many donations and grants we received for the RAF Centenary in 2018, we have been able to reconfigure our London site into a family-friendly space with more room for exciting new exhibitions. But we still have much more to do. Our 2030 Strategy includes plans to transform our Cosford site and improve our visitors' experiences, enhancing their understanding

of the RAF story. We also want to complete the development of our London site to ensure everything is fit for the future.

Without generous gifts, the sheer breadth of the 1.3 million objects we hold in trust for the nation could not be restored and maintained. We need your support to develop our award-winning STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) programmes, which have the power to awaken the confidence, enthusiasm and creativity of young people.

With your support of the RAF Museum's Giving Circles, we are confident that we can make these improvements and continue to enrich the lives of our global visitors with the RAF Story.

A values-driven organisation

At the Royal Air Force Museum, our work and behaviour is underpinned by six guiding values:

INtegrity

We are open, transparent and ethical

Sharing

We work as a team to ensure our collections and expertise are accessible to all

Passion

We care deeply about sharing our collections, and their stories, with everyone and make sure they are well cared for

Innovation

We tell our stories and develop our business with creativity and digital technology

Relevance

We ensure our legacy by linking our histories with today and tomorrow

Excellence

We are professional and strive for excellence in all we do



Giving Circle £1,500 to £2,500 per annum

Inspiring everyone with the RAF story

By joining the Giving Circle, you will help the RAF Museum share the stories of the RAF and its people, continuing our work as a National Museum.

Museums matter – they have the power to change lives. They offer a focal point and a shared space for communities to come together and celebrate identities while valuing diversity. They are places where we can question, reflect on and debate the issues of today and yesterday. Our fascinating collections are a powerful record through which we can link our past, today and tomorrow. Our learning programmes ignite curiosity and spark interest across science, technology, engineering and maths, and with art, literacy and history.

Your support will enable the Museum to continue our work across all of our key programmes, from Access and Learning to Conservation, Collections and Research. You will join a group of supporters who are passionate about the work we do to look after and share the national collection.

Your funding will enable us to continue to innovate and engage audiences in new ways, as well as helping us with exhibitions, interpretation and our learning programmes.



Our Collections are reaching out to ever wider audiences in new and immersive ways that everyone can relate to



We are entrusted with sharing internationally important stories – and at the heart of all those stories are our Collections



Learning Circle

£2,500 to £5,000 per annum

Inspiring for the future

By joining the Learning Circle, you will help our Access and Learning team inspire people of all ages, bringing the RAF's story to life for new audiences at both sites. This team works with the Museum's collection to engage, inspire and encourage learning, with visitors of all ages. We deliver a core programme of workshops for schools that support the National Curriculum and offer activities for families and lifelong learners. We play an active role in nurturing partnerships with local communities, inspiring everyone with the RAF story.

Bringing collections to life

Through immersive onsite and online experiences, we bring to life the collections and stories of the Royal Air Force to a broad and diverse audience. Each year, around 60,000 learners enjoy a wide

range of workshops that spark interest in the world of aviation and an insight into both RAF history and the RAF of today. Workshops include STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), art and literacy, history, Special Education Needs (SEN), and sharing of diverse RAF stories through live performance.

Our London site was a national finalist in the 'Best Venue for History Learning' and our Cosford site in the 'Best Venue for STEM Learning' categories at the School Travel Awards 2019-20, as voted for by teachers. We maintain close partnerships with STEM experts, including RAF Cosford, delivering the STAAR (Summertime Advanced Aerospace Residency) programme – an immersive, hands-on residential camp for Year 10

students who demonstrate an aptitude for one or more STEM subjects.

However, there is so much more we can do to continue to deliver the high-quality

programmes that ignite curiosity and spark interest in young people and that encourage lifelong learning and personal development. Your generous support will help us to continue our important work in expanding our facilities, and promote inclusivity by growing our SEN provision and improving accessibility.

What your support could provide:

£5,000

Resourcing and delivery of 40 'Science of Flight' Outreach Shows

£10,000

Funding for our Community Engagement programme with local young people

£25,000

One Access and Learning Officer's annual salary to create, develop and deliver inspiring learning workshops for all ages



Conservation Circle £5,000 to £10,000 per annum

Inspiring by preserving our RAF collections for the nation

By joining the Conservation Circle, you will support the RAF Museum's Collections Services team, whose role is to keep the objects in our care safe and preserved for the nation, for future generations to enjoy. This specialist team is responsible for a wide range of objects – from aircraft and vehicles to small items, including medals, documents, fine art, photographs, clothing and textiles – all of which are of national historical importance. This also includes managing accompanying documentation for each object's individual history and ensuring that the environmental conditions in our galleries and stores are optimum for preservation.



Protecting our collection

Our collection is what makes us a National Museum – it reflects the diversity of the RAF and our audiences, encouraging reflection and debate. Without the objects in our care, we would be unable to share the incredible story of the RAF. But objects deteriorate over time – facing daily threats from humidity, light and temperature – and it is our responsibility to identify these threats and protect against them.

The work of the Collections Services team is never done as conservation and proactive object care is vital to the continued development of our collections. The team supports partner organisations (such as RAF Cosford Air Show) by providing aircraft for static display and loan objects to over 140 sites globally. Collections Services also undertake major

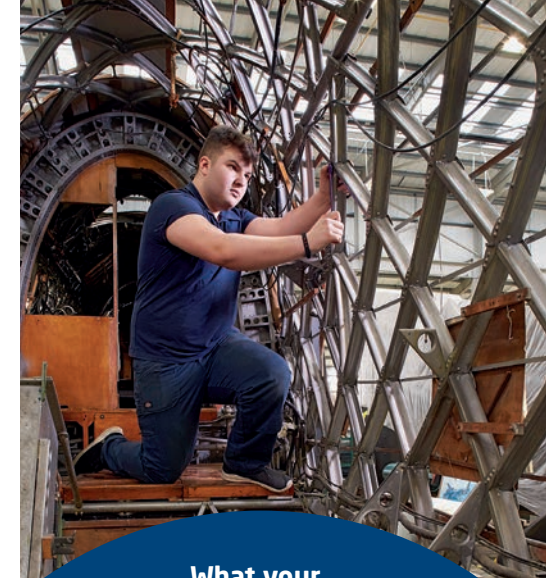
projects, including a collections review of around 55,000 objects currently in storage prior to their relocation to a new, purpose-built Resource Hub at our Cosford site.

The RAF Museum's Michael Beetham Conservation Centre (MBCC), at Cosford, is a centre of international excellence in the conservation and restoration of historic aircraft. MBCC is home to major projects including the Vickers Wellington, one of only two examples in the world, currently undergoing full conservation. The Handley Page Hampden, a rare survivor recovered from Russia, has been rebuilt largely in-house, using as many original parts as possible. A Westland Lysander, famous for its role in delivering Special Operations



Executive agents into occupied Europe during the Second World War, is a newly completed example of the work carried out by the conservation team.

Conservation and maintenance continues on the recovered Dornier 17 Light/Fast Bomber, the world's only surviving example, which sparked global interest when it was raised from the seabed off the Kent coast and brought to the RAF Museum's Conservation Centre for ground-breaking conservation work. When complete, this unique airframe will require a bespoke display environment with temperature control to tell its story of survival after spending more than seven decades under water.



What your support could provide:

£5,000

Provide conservation-grade storage materials for collection objects

£10,000

Complete the conservation of the Vickers Wellington

£28,000

Annual salary of a Senior Engineering Technician

£60,000

Four-year engineering apprenticeship

£115,000 to £350,000

Conservation of items from our vehicle, marine craft and aircraft collection

Your generous support will help us to continue and grow as a centre of excellence for heritage and conservation work, to not only meet the needs of our collection, but to broaden our reach nationally and internationally.

Collections Circle £10,000 to £25,000 per annum

Inspiring with the RAF Museum collection



By joining the Collections Circle, you will support the RAF Museum's role to collect, safeguard and share with the nation our unique collection, making it relevant and accessible for all. The Museum holds around 1.3 million objects, including the largest and most comprehensive collection of aircraft relating to the Royal Air Force anywhere in the world.

Guardians of our heritage

Our Collections and Research team are guardians of the RAF national heritage, curating the collection including the Museum's Archive and Library resource – including photographic, film and sound material, fine arts and medals, smaller items, such as uniforms, and, of course, large objects, notably aircraft, vehicles and even boats. These range from the tiny Avro Rota autogyro, used by the RAF for

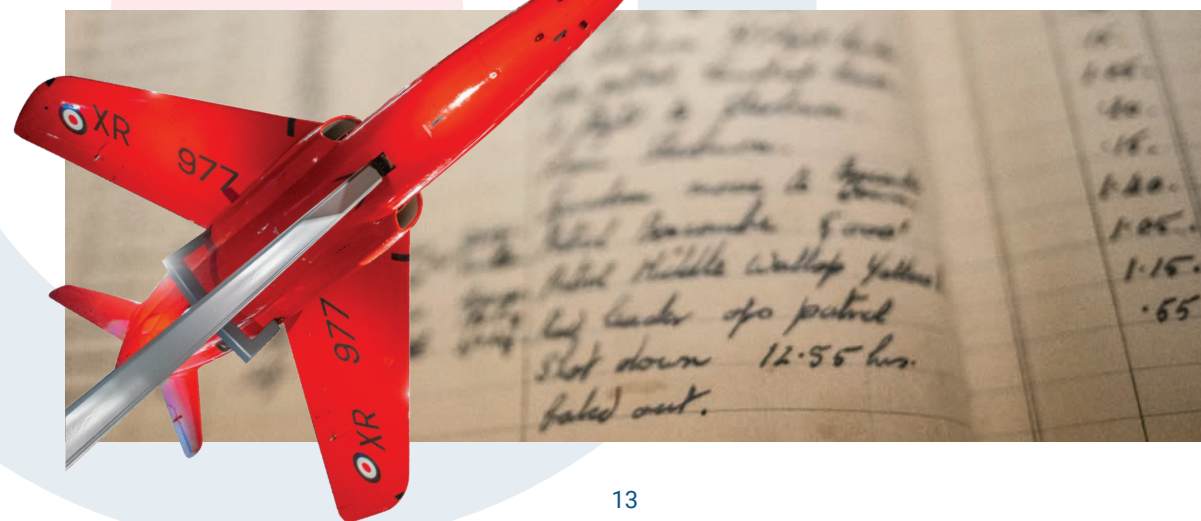
secret radar calibration missions before the Second World War, to the world-famous Spitfire, Lancaster and V-Force.

The role of the Collections and Research team includes helping people understand the items within our collection and their stories, carrying out and sharing new research and identifying new objects and stories to develop the collection to ensure that it remains relevant. To achieve this, we must ensure the Museum's collection is easily accessible. The Collections and Research team actively supports people seeking information to help with research and projects, whether for academic purposes or for those wanting to learn more about relatives who have served within the RAF.

Our RAF Centenary transformation in 2018 enabled the Museum to bring

an additional 500 objects from our stores to share with visitors – most of which had never been displayed before. Our Strategy 2030 includes our ambition to build a new Resource Hub at Cosford, bringing together our stored collections and making them accessible to the public through tours and innovative engagement programmes, both online and onsite. This complements our plans to develop a new Research Centre in London with improved public research facilities.

Your generous support will help us ensure that we are fit for the future and build and sustain the foundations that we need in terms of collections care and management, our estate, and our IT and digital infrastructure. Your gift will help ensure the RAF Museum's continued place as a National Museum telling globally significant stories.



What your support could provide:

£10,000

Developing our Collections Online platform to broaden access to our objects and stories

£15,000

New book scanner to assist in digitising the collection to share with a wider audience

£30,000

Annual salary of a specialist curator

£80,000

Funding for one year of our RAF Stories programme, collecting and sharing personal RAF interviews

£1,000,000+

New Research Centre at our London site with a fully accessible Reading Room

New Resource Hub at our Cosford site, making our stored collections accessible through innovative engagement programmes onsite and through outreach

Giving Circles benefits

Giving Circle £1,500 to £2,500

- Invitations for you and a guest to RAF Museum supporter events
- The RAF Museum Giving Circles biannual newsletter

Learning Circle £2,500 to £5,000

- Invitations for you and a guest to RAF Museum supporter events
- The RAF Museum Giving Circles biannual newsletter and the RAF Museum Annual Review
- Acknowledgement of your support of the Learning Circle on our Virtual Honour Board on our website
- Access to observe Access and Learning workshops, upon request
- A reception and talk by one of our Heads of Access and Learning on the programmes they are delivering and the impact they have on young people and communities

Conservation Circle £5,000 to £10,000

All the benefits listed in the Learning Circle, plus:

- Access to a behind-the-scenes, private view for you and two guests with one of our Conservators
- A lunch and talk by the Head of Conservation on the projects being delivered at the RAF Museum and the impact that your support will make on these projects

Collections Circle £10,000 to £25,000

All the benefits listed in the Learning Circle, plus:

- A lunch and talk by the Head of Collections and Research on the projects being delivered at the RAF Museum and the impact that your support is making on these projects
- An after-hours VIP Tour of the RAF Museum London or Cosford with a drinks reception for you and five guests, with access to the cockpits of our most iconic aircraft
- An opportunity to meet the CEO and Trustees at an annual lunch or dinner



How to join

You can complete the application form and return it to RAF Museum Giving Circles – Development Department – at the address provided or, alternatively, apply online at rafmuseum.org/support. If you have any questions about joining a Giving Circle, please call +44 (0)7557 340660 or email development@rafmuseum.org.

How your gift will be used

A minimum subscription will secure your benefits, and you may wish to purchase these separately without making a further donation. The balance is a suggested voluntary donation, to which Gift Aid provisions apply. All voluntary donations will be used to support the work of the Museum.



Tax-effective giving

If you are a UK taxpayer, the Museum can make your gift go even further through the Gift Aid scheme. For every pound you donate, we can claim an extra 25p from HM Revenue & Customs. If you are a higher-rate taxpayer, you can also claim higher-rate tax relief on your donation in your self-assessment tax form.

The Royal Air Force Museum is an Accredited National Museum, Non-Departmental Public Body and is a registered charity (number 244708).

I would like to join an RAF Museum Giving Circle

Please tick one of the following:

- I/we would like to join a Circle I would like to give a Circle membership as a present I would like to decline my benefits

Please tick one of the following:

- Giving Circle** £ [input] Suggested contribution of £1,500 per annum
- Learning Circle** £ [input] Suggested contribution of £2,500 per annum (including a £250 subscription)
- Conservation Circle** £ [input] Suggested contribution of £5,000 per annum (including a £500 subscription)
- Collections Circle** £ [input] Suggested contribution of £10,000 per annum (including a £1,000 subscription)

I would like to make an additional donation of £ [input]

Your details (please use block capitals)

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I am a UK taxpayer and would like the Royal Air Force Museum to treat all donations I have made in the past four years and any future donations from today, until I tell you otherwise, as Gift Aid donations. I understand that in the relevant tax year I must pay an amount of income tax and/or capital gains tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on my donation.

- Please tick if you would like to Gift Aid your donation *giftaid it*

Thanks to the Gift Aid scheme, we can reclaim money on your donation from the government. For every pound you give us, we can claim an extra 25p. For example, a donation of £15 becomes £18.75 with Gift Aid, at no extra cost to you.

Signature _____ Date [input]

Acknowledgement

If relevant, please specify the name/s you wish to be credited by in the Annual Review and on the RAF Museum website

Please tick if you would like to remain anonymous

Payment details

I/we would like to pay by cheque

Please make cheques payable to the Royal Air Force Museum. If you wish to pay from a charitable trust or foundation account, a personal cheque must be sent for the subscription element of the Membership.

I/we would like to pay by debit/credit card

Please tick this box. The Development team will contact you to take your credit card details for payment.

I/we would like to pay by bank transfer

Please tick this box. The Development team will contact you with the Museum's bank transfer details for payment.

How we will use your data

The RAF Museum is registered with the Fundraising Regulator. We work to the Regulator's Fundraising Promise and adhere to its Code of Fundraising Practice. We will always store your personal details securely. We will use them to provide the service that you have requested, and communicate with you in the way(s) that you have agreed to, to invite you to events, to update you on the Museum's work and to provide you with information related to your donation. Your data may also be used for analysis purposes, to help us make our Giving Circles programme as good as possible.

Please indicate by which methods you are happy for us to contact you by

Phone Email Post

I would like to receive RAF Museum communications in addition to your Giving Circles communications

Please return this form completed to:

**RAF Museum Giving Circles, Development Department,
RAF Museum, Grahame Park Way, London NW9 5LL**

or email a scanned version to development@rafmuseum.org

Thank you for your generous support





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The RAF Museum is a National Museum that receives a proportion of Government grant-in-aid funding. However, our commercial and fundraising income streams are essential to support the Museum's activities and the delivery of our ambitious Strategy 2030, which will enable us to extend the Museum's reach and impact, targeting visitor numbers of 1.5 million by 2030