



The Royal Air Force Centenary is an auspicious event and an opportunity for the Service to mark and celebrate its history.

The RAF Museum understands the power of objects to tell stories, engage with different people on different levels and to celebrate the heritage of the RAF. It is wonderful that the Museum has already received so much interest in the collection from various RAF stations, units and organisations. However, the RAF Museum has unfortunately had to suspend its outward loan programme temporarily.

This has been put in place for several reasons:

- To focus and support the work of RAF Museum staff on the RAF Museum's RAF Centenary Programme. This includes the delivery of three new object-rich exhibitions in 2018
- To support some of the major events being organised as part of RAF100
- To enable the redevelopment of the outward loan programme into a streamlined process in accordance with museum sector standards
- To facilitate greater access to RAF Museum objects for loan in the future; enabling these objects and the stories associated with them to be shared with a wider audience.

The Museum is, therefore, unable to process any new loan requests received except in the most exceptional circumstances where staff commitments and resources allow. If you do need to make a loan enquiry, please contact Lisa Hickman lisa.hickman@rafmuseum.org to set up a preliminary conversation.

If RAF Squadron property which is stored at our Stafford site is required at any point, please contact Ian Alder ian.alder@rafmuseum.org to make arrangements for collection.