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## Museum books appeal takes off for success

**In February this year, the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford launched an appeal for members of the public to donate their unwanted military and aviation books and magazines to the Museum's Shop. Just four short months later, the Museum has already raised over £3,000 from the book scheme thanks to generous donations from the public.**

Following the appeal, the Museum was overwhelmed with the positive response as hundreds of books and thousands of magazines came flooding in. The items were meticulously sorted and categorised by the staff before being sold in the Museum shop, with all money raised from the scheme going to the continued and ongoing maintenance of the Museum's collections.

The scheme has been so popular, selling on average between 100 and 150 books and magazines to enthusiasts per week, that the Museum is now seeking more donations. So if you have any books or magazines published about the Armed Services since 1900 which are in reasonable condition and you would like to support the Museum raising much needed funds, please get in touch as we would love to hear from you. The Museum's book recycling scheme is also providing enthusiasts with the perfect opportunity to find that one missing magazine or book from their collection.

RAF Museum Shop Supervisor, Jimmy Partridge says:

*"We would like to thank all of the people who have donated to the appeal so far, the schemes success has been tremendous. We have found that many people have purchased items and then weeks later re-donated them back to the scheme, helping raise more funds for the Museum. This ongoing support will make a huge difference."*

All books donated will be examined by Museum staff, with any items that are of particular historic importance retained by the Museum for its archives – whilst those publications such as authorised biographies, aviation periodicals, historical novels, old aircraft magazines will be sold on, raising money for the Museum.

For those wishing to donate their old books or periodicals, the Museum is open daily from 10am. Entry to the Museum is FREE. For further information on the Museum's book recycling scheme please contact the Museum on 01902 376203 or visit [www.rafmuseum.org](http://www.rafmuseum.org)

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### Notes to Editors:

- Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, Shifnal, Shropshire, TF11 8UP
- Open daily from 10am
- FREE admission
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