

Museum Collections Centre Project Gets the Green Light

This from the Heritage Motor Centre in Gaydon, UK on March 26, 2014:

The British Motor Industry Heritage Trust, based at the Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon, Warwickshire has been awarded a Round Two grant of £1.45 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for its Museum Collections Centre project. The award is the culmination of more than two years work to develop plans for a new building in which to store and display more than 200 historic British cars from the collections of both the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust and its partner the Jaguar Daimler Heritage Trust.



The £4 million project received initial support from HLF in 2011, and the latest HLF grant, together with match funding from Jaguar Land Rover, the Garfield Weston Foundation and both Trusts, will enable work on this exciting new project to begin in the spring of 2014.

The new Museum Collections Centre will enable people to view many cars from the reserve collections of both Trusts for the first time, in a purpose-built facility which will also include a vehicle restoration and conservation workshop and space for enhanced learning programmes.

Once complete, the building will be open every day for you to look inside and a new group of tour guides will be available to give you a closer look behind the scenes, by appointment or on special open days. You'll also be able to see how the Trust's Workshop staff look after the collection when it's not on display.

Tim Bryan, Head of Collections & Interpretation at the Heritage Motor Centre said: "We are delighted that, with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund, Jaguar Land Rover and our other partners, this exciting project will become a reality. It will allow us to make our collections far more accessible and will enable people to learn more about the motor industry, which has played such an important role in the West Midlands".



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