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Thousands raised in virtual auction for Derby Museums' Endowment Fund

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Image: Auctioneer Charles Hanson



Derby Museums has been overwhelmed by the generosity of its supporters following the Museums' first ever virtual auction last week, hosted by auctioneer and TV personality Charles Hanson.

The online auction, which took place on Thursday 11th February, raised £4,600 for Derby Museums' Endowment Fund, which has been matched pound for pound by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, bringing the total to an incredible £9,200.

Auctioneer, Charles Hanson said: *"I was delighted to be asked to host this fundraising event. It was a fantastic night with a great selection of donated prizes, and we were really pleased to be joined by so many supporters who gave so generously."*

Prizes on offer included a tour and tea for four at Tissington Hall; a tour and tasting for 12 at Renishaw Vineyard; a signed shirt from Derby County Football Club; and VIP tickets plus a signed shirt from Derbyshire County Cricket Club.

The virtual auction was live-streamed from Derby Museums to help raise vital funds to support Derby Museums' Endowment Fund; a vital part of the Museums' strategy to secure its long-term future.



Derby Museums is one of a small number of heritage organisations to have been awarded a match-funded Endowment Grant by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This means that every pound donated to Derby Museums will be doubled up to a total of £1m, creating a £2m Endowment Fund to help secure the future of Derby Museums for everyone.

Tony Butler, Executive Director of Derby Museums said: *“Our virtual auction was a great success and we would like to say a huge thankyou to everyone who donated and bid so generously in support of this event.”*

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Notes for Editors

Derby Museums

Derby Museums is an independent charitable trust which is responsible for the rich cultural and creative history of Derby. It manages three sites across the city, the Museum and Art Gallery, Pickford’s House and the Silk Mill, and holds and curates all the art and collections within them, including the world’s largest collection of paintings by Joseph Wright of Derby.

Derby Museums aims to bring as many of the objects and treasures in the collections into the public domain as is practically possible and present them in ways that delight and inspire, via education and learning programmes, events and exhibitions, in order to share knowledge and inspire creativity and making amongst the people of Derby.

As a charity Derby Museums relies on funding and grants from organisations and donations from businesses and the general public, all of which is gratefully received in order to ensure that admission to the museums remains free for all.

Museum of Making

Derby Museums has secured major grant funding from the [National Lottery Heritage Fund](#), [Arts Council England](#) , the Government-awarded Local Growth Fund allocation of the [D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership](#) (the private sector-led partnership promoting economic growth across Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire), Derby City Council

and support from a range of charitable trusts and foundations for the development to develop Derby Silk Mill to be the new Museum of Making opening in 2021.



The Museum of Making is being delivered by an Alliance Board made up of partners including Speller Metcalfe, Bauman Lyons Architects, The Creative Core, Derry Building Services, GCAConsulting, Preston Barbar and Derby Museums using the Integrated Project Insurance (IPI) model, facilitated by IPI Initiatives. IPI is one of the new models of procurement and construction being trialled by the Government as a way of reducing risk and Derby Museums is only the second organisation in the UK to use this construction model.

The project will open up the whole of the Silk Mill, creating beautiful spaces to inspire our visitors and will provide access to 100% of Derby Museums' collections of Making and Social History. The new museum will have our communities at its heart and be uniquely co-produced with the people of Derby.

Derby Museums' Endowment Campaign

Derby Museums has been awarded a Heritage Endowment Grant by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Over the next four years Derby Museums aims to raise £1 million that will be matched pound for pound by The Fund. This will create a £2 million Endowment Fund that will be permanently invested to provide an income to help to support Derby Museums' long term future.

Arts Council England

Arts Council England is the national development agency for creativity and culture. By 2030 we want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish, and where every one of us has access to a remarkable range of high-quality cultural experiences. Between 2018 and 2022, we will invest £1.45 billion of public money from the government and an estimated £860 million from the National Lottery to help deliver this vision.

Following the Covid-19 crisis, the Arts Council has developed a £160 million emergency response package, with nearly 90% coming from the National Lottery, for organisations and individuals needing support. Find out more at www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19

Derby Museums has been funded by Arts Council England since 2012 to deliver improved museum facilities and services in Derby and from April 2018 is a National Portfolio Organisation.