



## The Hockey Museum (THM) wins National Lottery Award

The Hockey Museum is delighted to announce today that it has received National Lottery Support from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for its project **'Shooting for The Goal: Ensuring a Sustainable Future for The Hockey Museum'**, part of HLF's Resilient Heritage programme.

THM, which is based in Woking, is Britain's (and the world's) only museum dedicated to collecting, celebrating and preserving the history and heritage of this global, dual-gender sport. Its vision is ***"Giving hockey's history a future"***.

Since the conception of 'modern' hockey in the UK nearly 150 years ago, much material of great historical interest has been lost or destroyed because of the absence of a suitable repository for it. THM has rectified this and in just 7 years has amassed a large quantity of fascinating material: close to 1,000 collections totalling nearly 75,000 items and continuing to expand.

This rapid growth has brought with it increased professionalism which has permeated all levels of museum operations, from the Board of Trustees to the staff, to the museum's wonderful, dedicated volunteer team. This progress is evidenced by the award of Full Museum Accreditation from Arts Council England in May 2018.

Now, thanks to National Lottery Players, this new Resilient Heritage Project will aim to ensure that the foundations are laid for the next stage in THM's growth by:

- Reviewing its Governance structure, organisation, skills and processes and codifying them in a plan for the future;
- Undertaking Audience Research and producing an innovative Audience Development Plan;

- Developing an Income Generation plan and producing a robust Business Plan;
- Developing and undertaking a Skills Training programme for Trustees, key Volunteers and Staff.

The award of £84,000 will enable the work to be undertaken over the first 9 months of 2019.

Katie Dodd Chair of the Trustee Board said “We are absolutely delighted to have been given this award as it will enable us, in a considered and measured fashion, to stand back and review where we are going and how we get there with the aid of professional outside help. This will enable us to build on the considerable progress we have made in recent years.”

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