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Press Release

Museum Sitting Pretty after Bench Donation

The Black Country Society has ensured visitors to the Black Country Living Museum will be sitting pretty this summer with a £1000 donation to the Streets Ahead Campaign for a specially commissioned bench. The bench will be situated in Folkes's Park which was formally opened by His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester in the spring of this year.

Members of the Black Country Society pictured at the handover are Ron Julian, Martyn Round, Doug Winterborn, Judith Watkin, Mike Pearson, Tony Copson, Lance Warren, seated: Charles Hanmer (Chairman) and Roy Peacock (President).

Campaign Manager, Caroline Taylor said: "The Black Country Society's gift will encourage visitors to take time out and stop and smell the roses! The Museum has created a beautiful green oasis - Folkes's Park, out of what was the remaining piece of derelict land on the Museum's 26-acre site and we want visitors to enjoy it."

Visitors will be able to relax and put their feet up amidst the splendour of a typical public park inspired by the 1936 coronation of George VI and Queen Elizabeth, the late Queen Mother. The bench, inscribed with the words 'Black Country Society, Founded 1967', will also serve as a reminder of the importance of the area to the industrial development of Britain and the world.

Judith Watkin, spokesperson for the Black Country Society said: “The Black Country Society has supported the Museum since its inception and is pleased to dedicate this bench to all those who have contributed over the years both to the Society and the Museum.”

Photographic Opportunity

Image attached

Caption

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