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Press Release

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Surprise donation to 'Our Crofton Story' fund

Crofton's fundraising efforts received a huge boost when an American visitor presented them with a £7,500 donation. Bill Tandler, founder and CEO of Multi Metrics Inc CA, visited Crofton in May and was so impressed by the enthusiasm of the volunteers and the care with which our beam engines are maintained that he decided to offer us this boost to our fundraising. Bill said "May Crofton continue to be a jewel in the crown of steam in England and the world, and may I be fortunate enough to come to see it again." This donation highlights the significance of Crofton as part of the industrial heritage of the UK demonstrates the international attraction we enjoy.



Crofton is presently working towards a grant from the Heritage Lottery fund and has submitted a proposal for a wide range of work to both preserve the industrial heritage of our grade 1 listed site and expand the visitor experience. As part of this proposal we have to raise a significant amount of match funding to release the grants from the Heritage Lottery fund. Crofton chair Peter Turvey commented "We have made great progress towards this goal but still have to find £55,000 before September. Bill's generous donation is a significant help towards this goal." Readers can visit our website and read about 'Our Crofton Story'.

About Crofton: Crofton Beam Engines is situated on the north side of the Kennet and Avon Canal near to its highest point. It was built to pump water to the highest level of the canal some 13m (40') higher and 1.13Km (0.7miles) to the west. It is home to two magnificent steam driven beam engines one of which can claim to be the oldest in the world still in its original location and doing the job it was installed for in 1812.

Crofton Beam Engines is a Grade 1 listed site. It is also a branch of the Kennet and Avon Canal Trust who operate the site through an enthusiastic band of volunteers all of whom are keen to provide visitors with a memorable experience.

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