

PAFMC Address

Chargé d'affaire, honoured Guests, Veterans, Ladies & Gentlemen, my name is Geoff Burton and I am the Founder and a Trustee of RAF Ingham Heritage Group, based in Lincolnshire.

Here in London, at the Uxbridge Bunker, you have a wonderful permanent exhibition to the bravery and sacrifice of the men and women of the Polish Air Force Fighter Sqns, who fought in the Battle of Britain.

In Lincolnshire, our Group's aim is to create a globally unique Heritage Centre; dedicated to remembering and celebrating the remarkable lives and memories of the men and women (both ground and air crews) who served with the Polish Air Force Bomber Squadrons, and flew alongside the RAF during WW2.

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Over the last 10 years, our Group has built and transformed a derelict corner of a farmer's field and a long-forgotten ww2 airfield; and created the embryo for a lasting, living focal point for the Polish Air Force Bomber Sqns. We have built roads, paths, fences, hedgerows, and a Workshop. We've repaired buildings, and last year we brought mains electricity and water onto the Site. We have installed flushing toilets and a waste water plant. And in 2016, we designed and constructed a wonderful and tranquil Memorial Garden, with Memorials to the Polish Air Force Bomber Squadrons.

We have managed to secure over £200k of grant funding and donations over the last 10 years.

But all this was always a prelude to our main goal..... to create a **Main Exhibition Centre**

So today, on this special occasion, we can announce the formal launch of our Funding Appeal to create this Exhibition Centre.

Planning is already at an advanced stage, with the new Centre providing a combined exhibition floor space of 291 square metres; and will feature two Exhibition Halls, a Cinema/Media Suite, a Polish Families Resettlement Hut, a Research Facility, Meeting Room, Cafe and Toilets.

The Project will involve the complete renovation of the old 'Airmen's Mess' building, which has been used as an agricultural store for over 60 years. Extensive building works will be required to create this Centre.

The building will require a new roof, windows and doors; lighting, power and a heating system.

We are hoping that work will commence in the New Year, with a planned opening through next summer.

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We are the custodians, charged with preserving their memory, their deeds, their bravery, their honour, their sacrifice.....Their Voice

Help Us, to create this globally unique Centre.

Help Us, to make their legacy, a reality.

We will create this Centre.....Their Centre.....Your Centre

But we need **YOUR** help!

Whether as an Organisation, Group, or as a Family... you can support our project, by donating via our Golden Giving site, or by donating directly to us, at RAF Ingham Heritage Centre.

Please help support the **Main Exhibition Centre** project; which will become the focal point of our globally unique Heritage Centre, dedicated to remembering and celebrating the men and women of the Polish Air Force Bomber Squadrons.....

Thank You.