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## Defibrillator donated to The British Motor Museum

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The British Motor Museum has taken delivery of a donated defibrillator, which could be a life saver...

*They tell us:*



(Image and all words from The British Motor Museum).

A defibrillator has recently been donated to the British Motor Museum by *Heart Health in Business*, an organisation that educates businesses on their responsibility for preventing sudden cardiac deaths. The business was set up in November 2022 by Sophie Owen (Pictured above), a graduate currently employed by Jaguar Land Rover. Sophie has successfully campaigned to get a defibrillator installed on her university's campus, and has previously donated defibrillators to the University of Leicester School of Business and Ashorne Hill.

Sophie was just 17 when she discovered a neighbour trying to resuscitate her dad, Chris, who had collapsed outside the family home, in 2019, aged just 54. Since that sad day, Sophie has become passionate about raising awareness for Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), defibrillators and CPR, as she does not want anyone else to experience the pain she did just because the right equipment or expertise was not nearby.

As part of the donation, all staff and volunteers at the British Motor Museum are encouraged to partake in CPR training to instruct them on how to use the defibrillator and possibly help save lives.

Sophie Owen, said, "My dad, a keen car enthusiast and Defender 90 owner, loved to visit the British Motor Museum at any opportunity he could - especially to see any JLR products! The Museum helped fuel my dad's hobby and provided him with joy and happy memories that I now treasure dearly. Starting at JLR in September 2023 I was so excited to spend some of my first days at the Museum and to see exactly why my dad loved visiting so much. It was an easy choice to donate a defibrillator and cabinet to the Museum as a small way of saying thank you for providing my dad and many other families with an experience and memories to treasure".

For more information about the British Motor Museum, please call 01926 895300, or visit the website at: <https://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/>



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## More about The British Motor Museum:

- The British Motor Museum houses the collections of the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust - over 400 cars spanning the classic, vintage and veteran eras and a fabulous archive of film, photographs, personal papers and business documents.
- The British Motor Industry Heritage Trust (the Trust) is an independent educational charity formed in 1983. The Registered Charity Number is 286575. Its mission is to collect, conserve, research and display for the benefit of the nation, motor vehicles, archives and ancillary material relating to the motor industry in Great Britain and to provide a world-class motor museum and major visitor attraction providing a broad based academic and educational facility coupled to an entertaining and attractive display.
- In December 2014 the Trust gained the coveted designated status from Arts Council England which confirms that its collections are of national significance. The Designation Scheme is a mark of distinction, identifying and celebrating pre-eminent collections of national and international importance in non-national institutions.
- British Motor Museum is a National Portfolio Organisation supported by Arts Council England providing funding for a 3-year programme of exhibitions, engagement and learning activity from 2023 to 2026. Arts Council England is the national development body for arts and culture across England, working to enrich people's lives. It supports a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries. Between 2023 and 2026, it will invest £446m per year to help create these experiences. Please see: [www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk)
- The British Motor Museum delivers a range of educational packages which support the National Curriculum - science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) subjects at KS1 to KS4. A wide range of family and lifelong learning activities also take place in the Museum during school holidays.
- Each year the Museum hosts a number of highly successful and varied motoring Shows and



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Rallies as well as family events, lectures and workshops. For full details please visit the website [www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk](http://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk)

The address is British Motor Museum or British Motor Industry Heritage Trust, Banbury Road, Gaydon, Warwickshire CV35 0BJ.