



THE JIM CLARK TRUST

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## **SIR JACKIE STEWART WELCOMES HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING AND GREEN LIGHT TO PLANS FOR A NEW JIM CLARK MUSEUM**

Sir Jackie Stewart, Hon. President of The Jim Clark Trust, welcomed the announcement today (18 March) from Scottish Borders Council of funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to support a new Jim Clark Museum in Duns, the Scottish Borders. The news coincides with the start of the new Formula 1 season this weekend.

The Development funding award of £53,000 will be followed by a second stage application for £645,000 from the Council to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The Council has already committed £620,000 towards a new £1.6m museum celebrating the life and inspiration of the double Formula One World Champion, to open in 2018.

To support with the announcement a fund raising campaign was launched by the Trust to help raise £300,000 and a request for donations of memorabilia to the charity via their website [www.jimclarktrust.com](http://www.jimclarktrust.com) and [www.justgiving.com/jimclarktrust](http://www.justgiving.com/jimclarktrust).

Commenting on the announcement from Melbourne, Australia, at the start of the new Formula One season Sir Jackie said: "This is wonderful news. Jim Clark was a wonderful ambassador for sport and indeed for Scotland; it's only right that there is a facility created in his honour which will justify all of the success and achievements of this great Scot".

The news was welcomed by Patrons of the Trust including David Coulthard, Allan McNish, Dario Franchitti and Clive Chapman (son of Lotus founder Colin Chapman) endorsing plans for the museum which will focus heritage, education and inspiration.

Dario Franchitti commented: "This is really brilliant news for the current Jim Clark Room and is just reward for all the hard work from those involved with The Jim Clark Trust. The expansion and renovation of the Jim Clark Room in to an expanded new museum will allow Jim's story to be told to a wider audience and continue to give him the recognition he so deserves."

Doug Niven, cousin of Jim Clark and a Family Trustee said: "I am delighted with the support of the Heritage Lottery Fund. This is a hugely important milestone for the project which has been under starter's orders since 2013. The award is a great encouragement for all those involved in the project who I would like to personally thank for their support and in particular Scottish Borders Council and the Duns community. Our attention must now turn to the challenge of fund raising and expanding the museum collection and we welcome the support of the general public and motor sport



enthusiasts. The plans have received national and international interest, from US, Europe and Australia. We have a rare opportunity now to create something very special in Duns, a museum that features the cars in which he raced, attracting thousands of visitors from far and wide. Even to this day, at the start of a new Formula 1 season, Jim is remembered with great affection around the world as one of the greatest motor racing drivers of all time.”

Lucy Casot, Head of the Heritage Lottery Fund in Scotland, said: “We are delighted that, thanks to players of the National Lottery, we are able to give our initial approval to the development of this fascinating museum. A display of historic racing cars associated with one of motor racing’s greats is certain to attract new visitors to Duns and the Borders. We look forward to seeing the plans develop.”

The Heritage Lottery Fund award has been made to Scottish Borders Council, who is leading on the capital phase of the project, to develop the scheme in partnership with the Jim Clark Trust and Jim Clark Memorial Room Trust.

Jim Clark is widely regarded as one of the greatest motor racing drivers of all time, a national hero for Scotland and international icon of the 1960’s who inspired a generation. He won the Formula One World Championship in 1963 and 1965 and Indianapolis 500 in the same year, with 25 wins and 33 pole positions from 72 starts. He was a farmer at heart, much admired for his integrity and humility alongside his remarkable ability in all types of motorsport and partnership with Colin Chapman’s Team Lotus. His death at Hockenheim in Germany in April 1968 aged 32 stunned the world and in terrible circumstances helped redefine Formula 1 with a greater emphasis on safety led by his close friend Sir Jackie Stewart.

Fundraising & Enquiries: [www.jimclarktrust.com](http://www.jimclarktrust.com)

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***Note to editors: Please include our web address for fund raising and enquiries - thank you.***

Heritage Lottery Fund applications are assessed in two rounds. A first-round pass is given when HLF has endorsed outline proposals and earmarked funding. A first-round pass may also include an immediate award to fund the development of the project. Detailed proposals are then considered by HLF at second-round and as long as plans have progressed satisfactorily and according to the original proposal, an award for the project is confirmed.

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**Hon. President:** Sir Jackie Stewart

**Patrons:** David Coulthard, Dario Franchitti, Lord March, Clive Chapman, Allan McNish, Hugh McCaig, Andrew Cowan, Ian Scott-Watson.

The Jim Clark Trust is a non for profit registered charity: SC046092

**The Jim Clark Museum, 44 Newtown St, Duns, Berwickshire TD11 3AU**

A museum celebrating the life and inspiration of double Formula One World Champion and Indianapolis 500 winner Jim Clark, in the heart of the Scottish Borders