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Dear Mr Lewis,

Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust

I am pleased to write on behalf of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust, to update you on recent developments and share with you some exciting initiatives and projects that we have planned over the next 12 months.

Anna Brennand our previous Chief Executive Officer (CEO), left the Museum in the spring for pastures new and we are now looking forward to welcoming our new CEO, Nicholas (Nick) Ralls to the Trust at the end of this year. Nick joins us from Severn Valley Railway where he is currently General Manager.

The teams across all sites are gearing up for our peak season as the school holidays approach and we are hopeful that the British weather will be in our favour this year. We have two very different exhibitions taking place at the moment which are being well received by visitors - The Art of Comics is being hosted within the Coalbrookdale Gallery whilst the British Wildlife Photography Awards exhibition is on display in the Footprint Gallery at Jackfield.

Pleasingly we have seen an increase in visitors over the past few weeks and we are anticipating that visitors to the site at Coalbrookdale will increase significantly following the opening of our new destination café, The Furnace Kitchen. The café will be opened on 19 July by Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra and managed in partnership with local celebrity chef Marcus Bean.

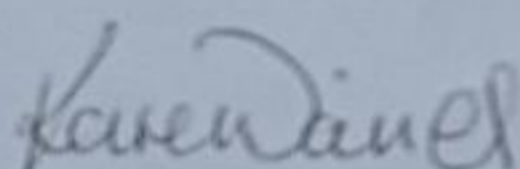
We were successful in an application to a major corporate engineering partner who is working with us on the plans to redevelop *Enginuity*. This will enable us to carry out feasibility studies, host stakeholder focus groups and work with their innovation team to develop exciting new exhibits.

In the meantime, during the planning phase of the redevelopment, we are extremely excited to be hosting the world's longest single span bridge built out of Lego bricks from 31 August this year. We are even hoping to get in the Guinness Book of World Records!

The Nineveh Charitable Trust has been an extremely generous supporter of the Museum over a number of years and we remain extremely grateful for your continued support. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me on 01952 435900 or in my absence please speak with Adam Siviter, Fundraising Manager.

I do hope that you may be able to visit the Museum in the near future, if you would like to arrange a visit please do let me know.

Yours sincerely



Karen Davies MBE

Director of Museum Development