



Help preserve our aviation heritage and help the next generation of aerospace professionals match the achievements of yesterday's pioneers of flight by making a donation to the Royal Aeronautical Society Foundation. It was established in June 2006 to organise and co-ordinate fundraising for projects such as the Centennial Scholarship Fund, the National Aerospace Library (NAL) and more recently to help the purchase of No.4 Hamilton Place, home of the Royal Aeronautical Society.

## No.4 Hamilton Place

Following the historic purchase of the freehold of No.4 Hamilton Place by the Society, we have launched an appeal to repay the mortgage. You can help by donating to the Foundation.

## Centennial Scholarship Fund

The Centennial Scholarship Fund was established in 2003 to mark 100 years of flight. Since 2003 over 140 awards have been made with a value of over £320,000, covering almost every activity of aerospace endeavour: tuition fees for the final year of first degrees in aerospace engineering, air transport management, aircraft accident investigation, PhDs, support for organisations promoting aerospace as a career such as Headstart and Launchpad for Learning, courses at the Space University, flying scholarships through the Air League, gliding scholarships at a gliding school, display and material for schools, to name but a few. In some cases we have made the award a named one, to reflect the name of the donor, whether company or individual.

As the fund reduces we are now looking to top it up and would like to go further, by perhaps supporting projects that will encourage teachers and teacher training colleges to think positively about technology and aerospace and going further with attribution of awards to companies and individuals.

As in the past, donations made to the Scholarship Fund of £50 or more will receive a Centennial Scholarship Tie.

## National Aerospace Library

The National Aerospace Library, officially launched on 15 January 2008, is a new archive established to complement the existing Library collections and service at the Royal Aeronautical Society's headquarters in London. It is located at Farnborough Business Park in the former Royal Aircraft Establishment (RAE) Q134 Weapon Aerodynamics building now known as The Hub (which is next door to the Q121 building which houses the listed 24ft Low Speed Wind Tunnel).

Over 10,000 books and other publications formerly stored in the basement at Hamilton Place have been physically moved to The Hub archive which also includes on open-access extensive bound runs of *The Aeronautical Journal*, *Aerospace International*, *The Aerospace Professional*, *Flight*, *The Aeroplane*, *Aero Digest*, *Flying*, *Aircraft* etc. among other titles.

The National Aerospace Library project is not yet complete as it is the Royal Aeronautical Society's intention to link the archive electronically to other aerospace collections, both in the UK and abroad, so offering a comprehensive portal to aviation historians and researchers – with its own world-renowned collection as its core – and also ensuring that aeronautical archive material, not already part of an established aerospace library, is preserved for the nation.

Recognition is permanently displayed in The National Aerospace Library at Farnborough for those who financially support this project via donation.

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