

Dear Friend

**Have you ever considered leaving a gift in your Will to the Museum of Bath at Work?
Or if you have already done so – our very sincere thanks**

You can become part of history ...

In 1969 a group of far-sighted people with great imagination rescued the entire contents of Victorian businessman J.B. Bowler's mineral water factory and its associated engineering works and shop. This unique collection became the core of the Museum of Bath at Work which first opened in 1978. Since then we have added thousands of items!

The Museum works closely with local communities and groups, welcoming visitors from across the UK and overseas.



Here's just a few of our recent visitor comments:

"Fantastic that all those artefacts have been preserved!"

"Absolutely wonderful and enchanting to walk through spaces like people would have done so long ago"

"Wonderful history of our city"

"Fascinating memories of a bygone era!"

"First class exhibitions and so important for future generations"

"Perhaps the best thing I've seen in all of Bath"

Bath Industrial Heritage Trust Limited

A company limited by guarantee (02269894) and registered as a charity (800297)

Our Listed Grade II building has a unique history, telling its own story of leisure and work. It was built in 1777 as a Real Tennis Court: the builder Richard Scrace almost bankrupted himself with taking on loans of £1,500.

MANY Gentlemen who daily view the **TENNIS COURT** now erecting near the Riding-School, give it as their opinion, that from its elegant plan, and agreeable situation, it will be the completest in Europe; not only by its improvement upon all other Courts, but connections with the Riding-House, and the conveniency of different exercises for health and amusement.

The Court is building on subscription by **R. SCRACE**, sen. who humbly begs leave to request those of the Nobility and Gentry who wish to encourage and honour it with their names, to be as early as possible, by which means delays will be prevented, and the Court completed by February next.—Subscriptions taken in by **R. Scrace**, and **Messrs. Cam and Co.** bankers, Bath.

Bath Chronicle & Weekly Gazette 28 November 1776

In the first decades of the 19th century the tennis court was also used for political meetings, boxing matches and (for a few months) an 'Equestrian Circus'! Later in the 19th century it became a brewery, in the 20th century a soap factory and a warehouse – and now the perfect home for the Museum of Bath at Work.



The Lotor Soap Factory c.1920 © Bath In Time

Why give to the Museum of Bath at Work?

Supported by an incredible team of dedicated volunteers and Friends, the Museum has blossomed over more than 40 years and developed into a space where the working lives of the people of Bath are explored and celebrated. If you know us already, you will be familiar with the things we do:

- Share and care for our permanent collections
- Celebrate our local communities and their history
- Create exciting and varied temporary exhibitions
- Host talks, film, dance and theatre
- Welcome younger generations to participate in learning
- Share our space with a wide variety of community groups

We need support to ensure we're here for future generations to enjoy

This is a small, independent museum (run by a registered charity, Bath Industrial Heritage Trust Ltd) which receives no regular public funding. We rely on the generosity of individuals, trusts and foundations to cover costs in addition to earned income. Leaving a gift in your Will is a wonderful way to make sure that the Museum and its work will continue. Together we can make sure that the Museum we care about keeps on telling the often-unheard stories of working Bath and will be here for future generations. Every gift, no matter the size, will make an impact; you could even choose to give towards a specific project or aspect of the Museum's work.

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Giving a gift in your Will

Making a Will is the only way you can ensure that your wishes will be carried out exactly as you want them to be. If you feel that you may wish to leave a bequest to the Museum of Bath at Work, we suggest you speak to a legal advisor to help you make the decision about what is best for you.

Gifts in Memory

Donating in memory of someone can be a very special way to celebrate their life, passions and experiences whilst also supporting the Museum. Gift Aid may be applicable to this form of donation increasing value to the museum.

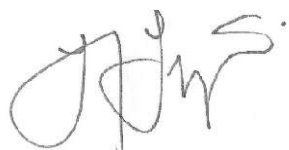
"When our father died, we knew absolutely that we wanted to give a legacy to the Museum in his name. For us, the gift was a way to acknowledge our father's passion for and involvement in the Museum over the years, as well as ensuring he continues to contribute to the future of this wonderful project which was so close to his heart."

Sara and Louisa Frears

To find out more about leaving a gift in your Will, donating in memory, or supporting the Museum of Bath at Work in other ways, please get in touch. Our Director Stuart Burroughs will be happy to talk to you, or you can fill out and send us the form below.

On behalf of the Trustees, I sincerely thank you for your time in reading this letter, and hope that you will consider remembering the Museum in this way.

With all good wishes



Dr Trevor Turpin, Chair of Trustees
Bath Industrial Heritage Trust Ltd



John Marsh I.Eng, Chair
Friends of Museum of Bath at Work

Museum of Bath at Work

My expression of intention

Name	
Address	
Phone number	
Email address	
Tick as below as appropriate	
	I am leaving a gift to Bath Industrial Heritage Trust Ltd to support the Museum of Bath at Work
	I would like to be contacted to discuss leaving a gift in my Will
	I would like to learn more about other ways to support the Museum
	I would like to make a gift donation in memory (Gift Aid may be applicable)
Please indicate below how you would prefer to be contacted	
Post	
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Please email this form to Stuart Burroughs, Director, Museum of Bath at Work at: info@bath-at-work.org.uk Or by post to:

Stuart Burroughs, Director
The Museum of Bath at Work
Julian Road,
Bath BA1 2RH

- You don't need to tell us of your intentions – but, if you feel comfortable to do so, we would love the opportunity to thank you. And we can send you information about how gifts are supporting our work and invite you to special events.

