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Newsletter No.7 – A Donation from the DLOC

At the recent Spring Conference of The Daimler & Lanchester Owners' Club that took place at Jaguars Visitor centre in the Castle Bromwich, The Lanchester Trust was presented by the DLOC with a cheque for £2000. The cheque was accepted by Malcolm Whitehouse and Eric Baptiste on behalf of the Trust who thanked the DLOC for its contribution.

Brian Baker, the DLOC's Chairman, made the following comment: *"The DLOC decided to make the donation to the Trust in order that it helps the Trust to promote the Lanchester name and ultimately to raise the profile of both the Lanchester marque and the Daimler and Lanchester Owners Club"*.

It was intended to hand the cheque over in front of a Lanchester tourer but unfortunately the week-end of the conference coincided with the problems over petrol shortages and our local garage was not allowing jerrycans to be filled, so we were not able to get the car there. (I know that Lanchesters are nearly perfect but they won't run without fuel and after the winter they do not like starting on stale modern fuel).

In thanking the DLOC, Eric said that the money would be used to support the general fund and that the Trust, in conjunction with Coventry University and Coventry Transport Museum, was now in the process of making an application to the National Heritage Lottery Fund. The application seeks funding to enable the digitisation of the Lanchester Archive, including Fred Lanchester's note and sketch books, and make its full contents available on line. The application also seeks assistance in employing an outreach officer who will be responsible through the trust to work with Schools, Colleges and Universities to promote the work the Lanchester Brothers and to encourage their spirit of innovation and engineering excellence in a wider audience. The Trust has also applied for specialist display cabinets to maintain the original

documents and artefacts in good condition and enable them to be seen by more people. Both applications are at an advanced stage and we will keep supporters posted on their progress.

For further details of the charitable Trust, contact:

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