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Although it's been a while since the last Newsletter, the Trustees and Members have not been idle. Here's a brief update on our activities, all of which will be detailed to you later on.

Firstly, the Trust welcomes its latest Founder Members, and it's another breakthrough! Three Lanchester enthusiasts in Japan have recently donated to the Trust, the very first from that country; we welcome Mr Yoichi Takeda, Osamu Yamauchi and Yoshonori Omatō. As far as I know, there is only one Lanchester car in Japan and that is a 1904 12hp in a museum, so why the interest? Well, the Japanese business world is keenly interested in Lanchester's strategies of warfare, as transferred to business and commerce, as they have helped Japan gain such global success. Our three new Founder Members are now eager to help recruit others.

On the home front, Len Huff, proud owner of a newly-restored Lanchester LD10 drop-head coupe, has joined the Trust, as has Jan Radgick, a vintage and classic car restorer. Again, welcome, and we look forward to showing a short biography of each of you in the future.

Their kind donations to our worthy cause will help us to plan for a permanent memorial to Lanchester. The first attempt to build in the heart of Coventry was scotched by it hindering sight-lines to the Cathedral. The latest attempt is to create a deep-etched glass wall, showing the story of Lanchester along its 28 feet length. There are problems to overcome but a memorial will one day be built as a public work of art.

Fund raising continues to support aeronautical engineering students, investigating Frederick Lanchester's theories of flight and his inventions of a 'heavier-than-air flying machine' from the 1890s. Contra-rotating propellers, tail-planes, fins and ailerons are all on the agenda.

Member James Milson is generously spending a great deal of time on Trust work, scanning to preserve original and detailed drawings of Lanchester car components. It is hoped that these will be available to Trust members in the not-too-distant future.

The Lanchester Trust Student Prize will be presented shortly to the student who has showed the most initiative, creativity and invention during the past 12 months, while the first application for the annual Restoration Award for any Lanchester car has already been received, 3 months before the deadline.

A 3-fold leaflet has been created to publicise the work of the Lanchester Trust and copies of this can be downloaded from the Trust's website to print off and give to others, in the hope that they might join and spread the gospel. There are still other items on the Trust's agenda, but let the Trustees know of your own ideas for the future and together we can raise the profile of Lanchester.

With regards from the Trustees: Eric Baptiste, Malcolm Whitehouse and Chris Clark.