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Immediate Release

Name on a Knife Blade: Sharpening Links between Sheffield Cutlery and Sheffield Communities wins National Lottery support

Today, the Ken Hawley Collection Trust has received a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant of £37,700 for an exciting heritage project - Name on a Knife Blade: Sharpening Links between Sheffield Cutlery and Sheffield Communities. The project which will be based at Kelham Island Museum has been made possible by money raised by National Lottery players. The project focus is to link the Hawley Trust's unique collection of over 1,500 stainless steel knives, made by over 800 different makers, with Sheffield families that bear the surnames marked on them (and other employees of the cutlers). The project starts on 1st March 2019, running until September 2021

The project will enable creation of an interactive Digital Knife Archive, allowing direct and on-line access to the objects made by the cutlers and their histories. Twelve exhibitions will be held, each with an Open Day, and a presentation of a different selection of the knife collection. The Hawley Collection will recruit ten new volunteers to join their existing team to deliver this exciting project.

The timing of the project reflects the diminishing opportunity to capture the legacy of objects, ephemera and memories of the hundreds of cutlers that closed down in Sheffield between the 1930s and 1970s. This will be achieved by local people of all ages engaging with the heritage that links descendants' surnames with cutlers' surnames still well represented in today's Sheffield communities and further afield. The project activities will seek to reach thousands of people through direct and indirect contact. The information captured will add to and enhance the importance of the internationally-significant Hawley Collection by enabling people in Sheffield to help build and retain the city's heritage.

Commenting on the award, Nick Duggan, the volunteer who led on the bid, said: "We are thrilled to have received this support thanks to National Lottery players and are pleased to celebrate the rich Heritage of the Collector Ken Hawley and the Steel City's Cutlery legacy."



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Notes to editors

About the Ken Hawley Collection Trust

The Ken Hawley Collection Trust acquired the original collection built by Ken Hawley and with Ken's help until he died in 2014 ensured a collection of over 100,000 objects drawn from Sheffield's tool and cutlery trades was retained in the city and became an internationally unique record of the city's industrial heritage.

www.hawleytoolcollection.com

About the Heritage Lottery Fund

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