

News Release

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AN URGENT SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE BRITISH GLASS FOUNDATION (BGF)

The BGF is delighted to announce that a bid to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), spearheaded in partnership with Complex Development Projects Ltd <http://www.complexdevelopmentprojects.co.uk> and Dudley MBC, has been successful and that grants totaling in excess of £2.1m have been secured towards developing the derelict White House site in Wordsley.

Work on converting the former home of Stuart Glassworks into a world-class glass facility is now underway.

This initial news release has been issued with immediacy in keeping with the BGF's stated policy to disseminate such information as rapidly as possible. A more detailed statement will be issued in due course.

In the meantime all interested parties and media outlets in particular are urged to offer this news their fullest attention. Contact details below.

Quotable quotes

'This is wonderful news. Stourbridge has an illustrious association with world-quality glass that goes back over four centuries. This exciting development will help ensure that it's future will be equally bright. Our thanks go to ERDF and everyone who has supported the project.'

Graham Knowles, Chairman of BGF

'This new glass facility at the heart of the area's glassmaking heritage will offer a beacon of excellence that will attract international attention, placing Stourbridge Glass once more at the very focus of the industry.'

Graham Fisher MBE, Trustee with BGF (PR & Comms)

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Notes to Editors

British Glass Foundation (BGF)

The British Glass Foundation is an enabling body bringing together all relevant and independent glass and cultural organisations and private individuals, in a common aim to protect and save the glass, archive and technical collections at Broadfield House Glass Museum, and to ensure their future display to the public, access for research and continued growth. www.britishglassfoundation.org.uk *GlassCuts*, the *ad hoc* email bulletin of the British Glass Foundation, is its voice.

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