

Coronavirus (CORVID-19) A statement from the British Glass Foundation

The Trustees of BGF recognise the gravity of the current pandemic and extend our solidarity with all affected by it together with our admiration for those tackling it. We also take this opportunity to clarify the consequences on our own operations.

In light of Government guidelines all BGF meetings and functions, including interviews for various roles (as reported in previous editions), submissions for tenders, grant progress, displays and demonstrations *etcetera* have been suspended until further notice.

The furnace at [White House Cone museum of glass](#) has been shut down, initially for a period of 3 months (subject to review) and, with the exception of inspections for essential maintenance or any safety-critical issues, the entire facility is now closed.

Since all the above represent the lifeblood of *GlassCuts* reportage, the Editorial Team are obliged to announce that it will similarly now go off-line until further notice. The exception to this is should any matter of urgency arise that we feel may impact on our readers and supporters that may merit a 'special edition' such as this.

We are maintaining our email, website and social media links and continue to welcome your communications. However, in the current climate we would ask you to appreciate that we may only be able to offer a limited response. We would also mention that as the BGF Office is separate from [WHCmog](#) in a commercial facility i.e. Hulbert Properties Limited, that is also shut down, any written material delivered by post either to the new museum or to Hulberts may thus be subject to a lengthy delay in response.

The effects of this outbreak are, of course, not limited to BGF. One of our key partners, Dudley MBC, offers guidance: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDUDLEYMBC/bulletins/2831ba8>

Despite these setbacks BGF remains committed in its aims and, when this is all over, we will resume our efforts to get the job done. In the meantime, we thank you for your support and understanding.

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