

Stourbridge Glass Museum – how it came into being.

*The remarkable tale of the period from the formation of BGF in 2010 to SGM official opening in 2013.
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... and what a way to start the New Year

CHAIRMAN OF BRITISH GLASS FOUNDATION ACKNOWLEDGED WITH PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

We are delighted to announce that our Chairman Graham Knowles has been recognised in the King's 2025 New Year's Honours Lists with the award of MBE for services to heritage.



Graham is CEO of the locally-based Hulbert Group and is well-known for his business connections throughout the Black Country and beyond.

But it is his long-term philanthropism and community involvement for which he is recognised here, and in particular his Chairmanship of the British Glass Foundation from its inception right through to the opening in April 2022 of the Trust's crowning achievement, the brand new Stourbridge Glass Museum. From January 2009 to date Graham has given many hours of voluntary leadership, as well as being unstinting with practical and financial help, all in addition to his own considerable business activities.

His energy and enthusiasm have motivated and encouraged the rest of the team and the wider community. His open and inclusive style has minimised misunderstandings and his humour has often stopped the wheels coming off at crucial moments. He has dealt with around 7 different Leaders and Cabinet Members at Dudley Council and has shown great leadership and professionalism. Without Graham's dedication, drive and commitment to finding a new home for the world famous glass collections they would probably have remained in storage never to have seen the light of day again. He has ensured that the 400 year glass making history of Stourbridge is preserved for many generations to come.

On behalf of the Trustees, Ambassadors, volunteers and all associated with Stourbridge Glass Museum we offer Graham Knowles MBE our heartiest congratulations, together with our assurance that it is a privilege to serve under his continuing stewardship.

More at: *BBC News - Glass lover appointed MBE for keeping industry's legacy alive - BBC News*
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cwyp8vzy1geo>
and

[Stourbridge: British Glass Foundation's Graham Knowles awarded MBE | Stourbridge News](#)

GIFTS AND DONATIONS

to BGF funds, for which we thank you

Funding and maintaining a revenue stream is an ongoing requirement. We greatly value your contributions. BGF Trustees are unremunerated; all monies received go to the cause. Donations can be as one-off contributions or standing order.

BGF routinely reviews its donation procedures. Enhancements are announced as and when but we currently accept donations direct by cash, cheque and BACS. **We would respectfully ask that all cheques and orders be made payable to BRITISH GLASS FOUNDATION.**



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To donate through our website visit: www.stourbridgeglassmuseum.org.uk and hit the 'Donate' button.

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In addition to cash BGF is similarly grateful for donations of good quality glass to sell in our shop. All funds raised from the sale of donated glass go into a separate Collections Account towards future acquisitions for the museum. To make a donation directly into the **British Glass Foundation Collections Account** use sort code: **40-38-07** and account number: **52291789**.

Stourbridge Glass Museum information corner

Details of forthcoming events are [here](#) or subscribe [here](#) for updates of events and other GDPR-compliant communications from SGM, including *GlassCuts* and promotions, direct to your inbox.

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A joyous and prosperous New Year to all of our readers and supporters

... and an even more memorable one to our Chairman, Graham Knowles MBE

And finally ...

I have this long-held New Year's resolution to alter the appearance of all of Snow White's seven dwarves. But if I could just change the colour of one I would dye Happy.

My Christmas present was a new coat. I'll go and get it.

Graham Fisher MBE FRGS
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Volunteering at Stourbridge Glass Museum

Would you like to be part of a vibrant and enthusiastic group of volunteers dedicated to supporting the British Glass Foundation and its work at Stourbridge Glass Museum?

Specialist skills or knowledge are welcome but not essential. We are committed to equal opportunities and full training will be given where necessary. To find out more, contact us [here](#)

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