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Message from the Vice-Chancellor

As Vice-Chancellor of the University of Bradford, I wanted to thank you for your continued support. Your generosity has played a key role in creating the University we are today.

Our vision is a world of equality and opportunity where people want to and can make a difference. In this newsletter, you can read about the hard work that has been taking place over the past year, our strategic plans going forward and how your donations are making a difference in helping to create a more sustainable University for future generations.

We are delighted to announce that we have officially opened the Bradford-Renduchintala Centre for Space AI, this was made possible thanks to a generous £2 million donation from University of Bradford alumnus Dr Venkata 'Murthy' Renduchintala. The new Centre will enable the University to play a key role in the creation of cutting-edge technology and to deliver educational programmes in space and satellite systems development.

We were also thrilled to hear that Bradford has been named the City of Culture 2025. The University will be heavily involved with

a range of collaborative research projects which will benefit people across the district, this will provide them access to a rich and diverse programme of culture and thought-provoking ideas.

I am thankful for the continuous support of our donors towards students facing financial hardship and difficult circumstances. This generosity has enabled the University to increase the number of Bradford Futures Fund scholarships available and subsidise the annual award from £1,000 to £1,500. This will ensure students have the support needed to allow them to focus on their studies without the pressure

of financial constraints. To all of our donors and supporters, we would like to thank you for the kindness and generosity that you have shown to the University. Your continued support makes a huge difference and helps us to make our achievements possible.

PROFESSOR SHIRLEY CONGDON
VICE-CHANCELLOR



26

students supported
through scholarships
in the 2021/22
academic year*



£912,493

total income
received in
2021/22

£20,242

received
through Gift Aid

218

donors in
2021/22

£408,517

received from Trusts
and Foundations

£133,647

raised for the
Bradford Futures
Fund in 2021/22

£24,720

received from regular
donors in 2021/22

14

students to be
awarded a Bradford
Futures Fund
scholarship in
December 2022

*Donor-funded scholarships include: The Bradford Futures Fund (7 scholarships awarded), Bestway Foundation Scholarships for Students from Pakistan (7 scholarships awarded), Sanctuary Support Scholarship (10 scholarships awarded), and the Baroness Lockwood Memorial Scholarship (2 scholarships awarded)

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The Bradford Futures Fund

The Bradford Futures Fund was launched in 2021 to help undergraduate students who face the biggest challenges in accessing and remaining at the University. The scholarship programme awarded £1,000 each year to recipients, which provided a vital source of support for those in most need.

Bradford as a city district is in the top 5% in England in terms of deprivation and, with more than 50% of our students coming from low-income backgrounds and 43%

coming from BD postcodes, we know that the Bradford Futures Fund can really make a difference in students' lives.

The current cost of living crisis is having a significant impact on everyone, and our students are no exception. In response to this, the University has made the decision to increase the Bradford Futures Fund scholarship awards from £1,000 to £1,500 each year.



Students celebrating at the 2022 summer graduations



PhD students celebrating at the 2022 summer graduations

"This scholarship has helped me to overcome some of the challenges of having multiple sclerosis while studying at university as it has helped me access and utilise resources and tools which have helped me facilitate my learning and have helped me maintain good mental health.

"I would like to say thank you very much for supporting this scholarship, it has really made a positive difference to me and supporting my studies."

2021/22 Bradford Futures Fund recipient



2021/22 scholarship recipients

In the 2022/23 academic year, the Bradford Futures Fund received over two hundred applications, eighty of which were eligible for funding. This is a significant increase from the 2021/22 academic year, when forty-five eligible applications were received.

We are pleased to announce that, thanks to donor support, we have been able to increase the number of scholarships awarded from seven to fourteen for this academic year.

We are grateful that we have not only been able to award more scholarships for 2022/23, but also increase the funding available to students in most need.

"This scholarship has made it easier for me to pursue my dream of becoming an Optometrist. It has allowed me to concentrate on my studies without financial pressures, it has helped me to purchase relevant materials for my course, and has helped with travel costs.

"I thank the donors that have made this scholarship possible. I deeply appreciate your generosity as this scholarship has greatly helped me."

2021/22 Bradford Futures Fund recipient

The University would like to thank all our donors who have contributed to the Bradford Futures Fund. This makes a huge difference to our students facing financial hardship and difficult personal circumstances.

14

new
scholarships
awarded for
2022/23

Increased
funding to
£1,500
per year for
every student

80

eligible
applications
received for
2022/23

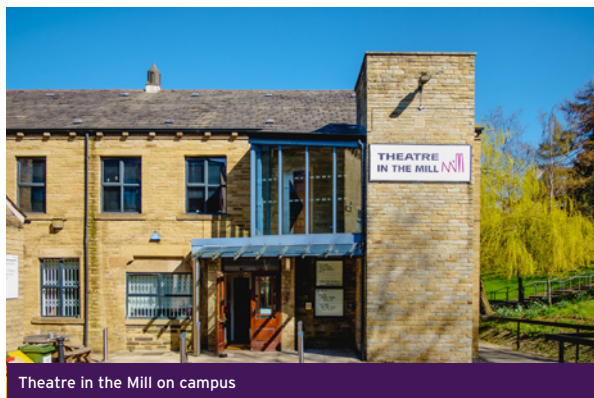
An increase in
awards from 7 to
14
for 2022/23

78%

increase in
eligible applications



Performers in Centenary Square. Image by Visit Bradford



Theatre in the Mill on campus



Paint run in Bradford district. Image by Karol Wyszynski



Visitors taking part in the Welcome to Goma virtual reality cycle ride at Theatre in the Mill

City of Culture: Bradford 2025



In May 2022, Bradford was crowned the winner of the hotly contested UK City of Culture 2025 competition. The city prepared a compelling, energetic, and dynamic bid that impressed the judges, who praised the ambition and inclusivity of Bradford's plans to welcome the world in 2025.

This will breathe new life into the city and inject a huge boost of confidence into our strong and diverse cultural sector. It is estimated that the UK City of Culture 2025 title could bring an extra £700 million into the Bradford district, creating 3,000 jobs and attracting around 1.1 million visitors.

Supporting and contributing to the cultural sector in Bradford is already a key priority for the University. On campus, Theatre in the Mill hosts a diverse schedule of performances, exhibitions, and creative experiences throughout the year. They have successfully retained funding from Arts Council England, which has invested £367,146 in their activity from 2023 to 2026. This will create new opportunities in developing, supporting, and presenting socially responsible art and performance.

Across the University, we have a wealth of experience and expertise which we are keen to utilise in our role as a strategic partner for the City of Culture 2025.

The University's vision is a world of inclusion and equality of opportunity for all. We are proud of the partnership between the University and Bradford 2025, which is a fantastic example of how we can achieve this vision, engaging our communities and creating opportunities for the people that live in the Bradford City Region.

Celebrating a decade of the Bestway Foundation Scholarships

The Bestway Foundation has supported the University through the 'Bestway Foundation Scholarships for Students from Pakistan' for 10 years. These scholarships support students studying in the Faculty of Engineering & Informatics and Faculty of Life Sciences, who would otherwise not be able to access education due to economic disadvantage, societal pressures, or limited opportunities for further study.

Fifty students so far have had the opportunity to complete a master's degree and transform their lives.

We are pleased to announce that the Bestway Foundation has renewed its longstanding partnership with the University, by continuing its support of these scholarships. This new funding will support five students per year from 2023 to 2028.



Arif Surani received the scholarship in 2015/16. Arif studied MSc Biomedical Sciences and is currently a research scientist at the University of Cambridge.

"My time at Bradford gave me the necessary exposure and knowledge of basic scientific research and equipped me with laboratory skills which I used during my PhD in Biosciences from Nottingham Trent University. Following my PhD, I achieved a research scientist position at the University of Cambridge, where I am working at the cutting edge of early cancer detection approaches."

"None of the progress I have made thus far would have been possible without the springboard of the Bestway Foundation Scholarship. Being from a humble background, I would not have been able to support my studies and would not have accessed all these opportunities to polish my skills and establish myself in the scientific world."

"I would like to say thank you to the Bestway Foundation, you are an inspiration, and I am looking forward to contributing back and providing the opportunity for others to empower themselves to make a difference like you have with so many students at the University of Bradford."



2018/19 Bestway Foundation scholars



2020/21 Bestway Foundation scholars

Lets Launch: The Bradford- Renduchintala Centre for Space AI



In October 2022, the University celebrated the opening of the Bradford-Renduchintala Centre for Space AI, with the Let's Launch: Space AI in Bradford event which welcomed students, graduates, and the general public on campus.

This new facility aims to be recognised as a centre of excellence in Space AI Technology - to advance research and stimulate innovation in the area of distributed computing, automation, and information technologies - exploiting the latest artificial intelligence and embedded technologies for applications to space systems.

The new Centre has been made possible thanks to a generous £2 million donation from alumnus Dr Venkata 'Murthy' Renduchintala. Murthy studied at the University from 1983-1991, during which time he gained a BEng in Electrical and Electronics Engineering, a master's degree in Business Administration, and a PhD in Digital Communications. Following his time at Bradford, Murthy became Group President and Chief Engineering Officer at Intel, and in 2019 was recognised for his achievements with an Honorary Degree from the University.

The event featured a panel discussion chaired by Honorary Graduate Mandy Ridyard, CFO at Produmax and Chair of Space Hub Yorkshire. On the panel were Matt Child, Satellite Applications Catapult; Kathie Bowden, UK Space Agency; Professor Ifiok Otung, Director of the Bradford-Renduchintala Centre for Space AI at the University of Bradford; and Murthy himself.



Dr Venkata 'Murthy' Renduchintala receiving his Honorary Degree in 2019



Left to right: Dr Murthy Renduchintala, Professor Ifiok Otung, Kathie Bowden, and Matt Child

Researchers in the Bradford-Renduchintala Centre for Space AI, led by the inaugural Director Professor Fun Hu, have been working on many new developments in AI-based systems. These include methods to combat cyber-attacks against airplanes and air traffic control, and the planned launch of a University of Bradford miniature 'pocket cube' satellite into space in 2024.

Speaking at the launch event, Murthy said:

"I'm a former student of Bradford who had a fantastic time here. I've reached a point in my life where I'd like to return in kind what Bradford has given me, which is a foundation on which I built my career."

"I am really happy to be able to give back to the University in an area which is of strategic importance to them. I think it's going to be a game-changing course and something that will set the University apart, not just in the region but in the country."

"This is about giving Bradford something unique to exploit on a national and global forum but also to exploit the talents of the academic and student pool that exists here."



Left to right: Professor Fun Hu, Dr Murthy Renduchintala, and Professor Shirley Congdon in the Bradford-Renduchintala Centre for Space AI

Celebrating 50 years of The Quaker Peace Studies Trust



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The Quaker Peace Studies Trust (QPST) has supported the University throughout the years to improve the student learning experience, and advance study and research into peace and conflict resolution. QPST, which works to advocate for a more peaceful world by facilitating the study of the nature of peace, was created in 1972 with the initial objective of establishing a Chair of Peace Studies at Bradford. In 1973, Adam Curle was appointed as the first Chair and Professor of Peace Studies, a position funded by both QPST and the University, marking the beginning of what is now the Department of Peace Studies and International Development.

In 2023, the University and QPST will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of this partnership and will be hosting activities

throughout the year to celebrate this milestone. Events will include the Adam Curle lecture series, and the Golden Jubilee conference which is to be held in September 2023. Further events planned in London are to be announced in the coming months.

The University is incredibly thankful to the QPST for their continued support throughout the years, which has widened over the last decade to focus more on student activities. This includes providing bursaries and grants, funding a Student Liaison Officer to support co-curricular and extra-curricular activities such as the Peace Society, and providing real-life experiences for students with field trips to The Hague and Northern Ireland.



Paul Rogers, Emeritus Professor of Peace Studies

Paul Rogers, Emeritus Professor of Peace Studies, said:

"The Quaker Peace Studies Trust has enabled Peace Studies at the University to flourish over the past fifty years. From supporting the first Chair, to subsidising study exchanges and providing bursaries for disadvantaged students, the Trust has made an immeasurable impact on education and research at Bradford."

"We are so grateful for the Trust's generosity and are delighted to be celebrating the Golden Jubilee in 2023 with a wide-ranging programme of events throughout the year."

For more information about the QPST, please visit www.quakerpeacestudiestrust.org.

The Big Bradford Reunion

This autumn, the University of Bradford held the first annual Big Bradford Reunion on campus, aimed at providing an opportunity for classmates to meet and reminisce about memories from their school days and make new connections.

The event provided a day-long programme with different workshops and activities, showcasing many unique opportunities and experiences at the University. This included Peace building, Space AI, and Dementia care workshops, a showcase of the Virtual Bradford project, the Big Bradford Quiz, and a behind-the-scenes campus tour, which offered exclusive 'never-before-seen' panoramic views from the top of the Richmond Building.

The event was a huge success, and we would like to thank everyone that attended this special day. You can view photos and our highlights video from the event on the University of Bradford Alumni Official Facebook page.

If you did not manage to attend the event this year, you are very welcome to join us on campus for the next Big Bradford Reunion in 2023. We will be sharing more information and the confirmed date in the coming months.



Jonaid Khan, Alumni Relations Manager, speaking with guests at the event



Alumni guests networking in the Atrium



Alumni listening to the Vice-Chancellor's welcome

Supporter Celebration

In May 2022, we welcomed donors to a special afternoon tea on campus, hosted by Vice-Chancellor Professor Shirley Congdon. Our supporters had the chance to hear directly from scholarship recipients, and alumnus Asif Ghafoor who spoke about his reasons for being a donor. Guests were treated to an inspiring tour of our Institute of Cancer

Therapeutics, to see the development of life-saving cancer treatments first-hand.

The afternoon tea was a great success, and we would like to say thank you to all who attended. We will be hosting similar events in 2023 and hope you are able to join us in celebrating what has been achieved through your support.



Prof Sankar Sivarajah, Dean of the School of Management, speaking with guests Asif Ghafoor and Enno Osinga



Ayesha Javed, scholarship recipient, speaking at the event

Bussing Out



Shabina Aslam, Senior Producer at Theatre in the Mill, inside the 'Bussing Out' installation

Artist Shabina Aslam, Senior Producer at Theatre in the Mill, has created the installation 'Bussing Out', which brings together oral history and animation, to highlight a hidden history related to post-war migration. This has been made possible thanks to funding from The Leap, a Creative People & Places programme of arts and cultural activities in Bradford and Keighley.

'Bussing Out' refers to a period during the 1960s and 1970s, when children from ethnic minority backgrounds living in inner-city areas were put on buses and sent to schools in outlying, largely white British areas. This was done in an attempt to improve integration - at a time when the ethnic

makeup of cities, like Bradford, was drastically changing.

Shabina, who is of South Asian descent and moved to Bradford from Kenya as a child, was herself sent away to a remote school, under the controversial 'bussing out' policy. In the exhibition, visitors step onto the top deck of a purpose-built 1970s bus and experience bussing through stories told by other 'bussed out' children.

If you would like to visit the free installation which runs until April 2023, or find out more information about Bussing Out, please visit the Theatre in the Mill webpage, www.theatreinthemill.com.

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Donor Spotlight:

Dr Gill Hawksworth MBE

Dr Gill Hawksworth MBE is an alumna and donor to the University. Gill first registered as a pharmacist in 1974, following the completion of her pharmacy degree at the University in 1973. She opened her own pharmacy in Yorkshire in 1986, and then returned to the University to complete her PhD in 1999.

Gill has had a successful career since leaving Bradford, including being the National President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. In 2002, Gill received an MBE for her services to pharmacy and, in 2005, received an Honorary Doctor of Science from the University in recognition of her achievements.

Why did you come to study at Bradford?

I chose to do my pharmacy undergraduate degree at the University of Bradford in the early 70s because it was in Yorkshire and, in my view, the best course. It was the first year they were introducing a sandwich course, which at the time was very unusual, and I was also impressed by the good reputation of Bradford, the excellent teaching staff, and the quality of the course.

I was very honoured to be taught and significantly influenced by Professor Geoffrey Booth, who founded the UK's first department of Pharmacy Practice at the University and went on to become the national President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

What are your favourite memories from your time at the University of Bradford?

I am still in touch with several people who were on my course, some of whom have also donated towards the University. We all recall the memorable staff from our course and the excellent practical classes with support from postgraduate students. In 1973, after our undergraduate degree ceremony in the Great Hall, I remember many of us had our photograph



Dr Gill Hawksworth MBE, BPharm 1973, PhD Pharmaceutical Technology 1999, Honorary Doctor of Science 2005

taken next to a sapling tree that had just been planted next to the car park outside where the large lobby in the Richmond Building is now. In 1999 when I was once again receiving an award - my PhD - the tree had matured and grown in stature much like I had in my career. My final memory of that tree was in 2005 when I received my Honorary Doctor of Science and the tree appeared even more established with its roots firmly secured, just like myself.

What inspired you to donate to the University of Bradford?

When I went to university, I was in a similar position to many of the students that the scholarships are now supporting. In those days I was lucky enough to be eligible for a full student grant due to my family circumstances, which I was very grateful for. I always worked hard to demonstrate great commitment to my studies because I appreciated the value of the university education that I had been gifted.

I wanted to become a donor to help University of Bradford students in financial crisis or in a similar situation, to give them the chance to succeed in their chosen career just as I did.



Bossis Kiese, MSc Pharmaceutical Technology and Medicines Control

University of Sanctuary

Refugee and asylum-seeking students often have major obstacles they need to overcome to enable them access to university, with many facing years of uncertainty. At Bradford, we are proud to be a University of Sanctuary, providing a safe, supportive environment for those students who often need financial support.

Bossis Kiese, MSc Pharmaceutical Technology and Medicines Control, received the Sanctuary Support Scholarship in 2021/22. Here, he shares the impact the scholarship has had on his life.

"Receiving this scholarship means a lot to me, and sometimes I am wordless to express my feelings of being selected. It is an opportunity which is not given to everyone."

"I would like to heartily thank the University of Bradford and the supporters of this scholarship for their generosity in giving a chance to people for who the gateway to education would otherwise be shut. Through the actions of the sponsors supporting this scholarship they are changing people's lives like me to better themselves in achieving something great in their education and their life."

Get Involved: Alumni Volunteering

Your support to the University of Bradford is incredibly valued – whether that is helping our students in hardship, funding ground-breaking research, or through other areas of our work that matter to you.

Did you know that you can assist further by volunteering your time, talents, and connections to inspire and nurture the next generation of Bradford graduates and build your alumni community?

There are a range of volunteering opportunities available in which you can become involved. You could become a mentor, provide student internships or graduate positions through your workplace, or share your donor story with the alumni community on why supporting the University is so important to you. We also have a Meet the Alumni guest lecture series, that features close-up conversations with Bradford alumni from different disciplines and backgrounds, providing insights into their personal and professional journeys.

To find out more and explore the different volunteering opportunities, please contact us at alumni@bradford.ac.uk



The Keith Howard Memorial Scholarship



Dr Keith Howard OBE, PhD in Business Administration 1977, Honorary Doctor of Education 2012

Dr Keith Howard OBE was an esteemed University of Bradford academic and founder of Emerald Group Publishing Limited, a scholarly publisher of academic journals and books. He was also Chairman of the company's charitable arm, The Emerald Foundation, which has since been renamed The Keith Howard Foundation in his honour.

Dr Howard had a long history with the University of Bradford, having formed the company back in 1967 at the University with a group of academic colleagues. Since that time, the Emerald portfolio has grown to over 350 journals, alongside a thriving books and cases programme.

As an alumnus of the University, Dr Howard was a significant supporter,

and in 2016, realising that both the University and Emerald Group Publishing Limited would be celebrating their 50th anniversaries, he donated £50,000 to create the Emerald Foundation Scholarship programme.

The scholarships were created to support five master's students per year within the School of Management and continued until 2021, when Dr Howard sadly passed away. In memory of Dr Howard and his dedication to our students, the University has created the Keith Howard Memorial Scholarship, which will be awarded in January 2023.

Callum Gorton received the Emerald Foundation Scholarship in 2020/21. He shares the positive impact the scholarship made during his time at the University.



Callum Gorton, MSc Marketing and Management

"I was worried about coming back this year due to financial issues, but this has saved me. I wanted to continue doing all the extra stuff for the union as I love giving back to the Uni for everything it has given me, and now thanks to this scholarship, I have time to ensure I give it my all."

"Receiving the scholarship means I can use my loan to cover my rent and living expenses for the year. It means that I no longer have to work as much at the bars in order to afford to live and study here. The extra time I can now use to study for my course as well as invest in carrying out the responsibilities that I have within the student union. The extra time also means I can continue swimming and water polo training, which is a major boost for my mental health."

Callum Gorton,
MSc Marketing and Management

Celebrating 10 years of ground-breaking cancer research

Bradford is one of the few research centres globally that has the facilities and expertise to progress anti-cancer medicines from concept to clinic. Your donations enable our talented team in the Institute of Cancer Therapeutics (ICT) to purchase vital research equipment, nurture the next generation of cancer researchers and accelerate the development of revolutionary personalised cancer treatments.

10-year anniversary of the Bradford Crocus Cancer Appeal

In 2023, we will be celebrating the 10-year anniversary of the Bradford Crocus Cancer Appeal.

Launched in May 2013, the Crocus Appeal was a charitable initiative between the University of Bradford, the Telegraph & Argus, Yorkshire Cancer Research, and the Sovereign Health Care Community Fund to raise funds for a new Orbitrap mass spectrometer – an essential piece of

equipment in developing new cancer treatments. The appeal ran for two years and more than £1 million was raised, enabling the purchase of the mass spectrometer.

Over the past 10 years, our researchers have developed the Crocus Smart-Bomb, which effectively combats solid tumours whilst minimising damage to the rest of the body, reducing the side effects

associated with traditional chemotherapies, improving patient prognoses and survival.

We will be hosting an event to celebrate the anniversary of the Crocus Cancer Appeal in 2023, and we look forward to welcoming all who contributed to this ground-breaking research back to Bradford. Please keep a look out for further information in early 2023.



Alumni donors fund new PhD studentship



Jamie Morton, PhD Student

The University is very thankful to all of our ICT donors for funding a new PhD studentship. Jamie Morton received the PhD studentship, after completing his undergraduate and master's degrees at Newcastle University and being involved in prostate cancer research at Newcastle University's Centre for Cancer.

"This PhD will provide me with a solid foundation of practical research skills, in addition to enhancing my own abilities to design experiments and explore avenues of research."

"I would like to thank you for your donations, through these, it has allowed me to continue to pursue the goals of discovering, designing, and developing therapies, treatments, and management options for a variety of cancers."

Jamie Morton, PhD Student

DNA repair – a breakthrough in cancer research

DNA major breakthrough

Professor Sherif El-Khamisy, Director of the ICT, has made a major breakthrough in the understanding of how DNA repairs itself.

The discovery was made after Professor El-Khamisy and his team of researchers within the ICT were examining proteins in the cerebellum – the part of the brain responsible for motor function – when they encountered something extraordinary. He explains:

“When we were looking at cells in the cerebellum, we found a high concentration of the nuclear mitotic apparatus

protein (NuMA), which is primarily responsible for cell division.

“What was found in this work is that those breaks also occur in the ‘junk’ DNA, and what is interesting about that is that the repair of those breaks plays a very important role in the production of the proteins from the coding regions.

“We have discovered how this process is done, by finding the key players, one of which is the NuMA protein. We already knew it played an important role in putting chromosomes together when cells divide but no one could have imagined

it plays a very different – but equally important – role in fixing DNA breaks in the non-coding regions.”

Professor El-Khamisy's discovery was recently featured in Nature, the world's leading multidisciplinary science journal, and it is hoped that the discovery will lead to the development of improved cancer diagnosis and treatment, as well as improvements in a variety of other conditions including dementia and motor neurone disease.



Professor Sherif El-Khamisy,
Director of the ICT



Students during a practical lab session

Masonic Charitable Foundation

In 2022 the University received a significant donation from the Masonic Charitable Foundation (MCF), which pledged £211,632 over a five-year period to fund research into new ways of treating prostate cancer. The donation will support three PhD studentships at the University's Institute of Cancer Therapeutics, the first of which is due to start in early 2023.

The PhD studentships will be named 'The Masonic Charitable Foundation Bradford Clinical Scholars' and will look at improving the efficacy of existing therapies for prostate cancer, as well as developing new treatments. Prostate cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer, with one in six UK males diagnosed in their lifetime, and more than 11,000 people dying from the condition each year. We are very grateful to the MCF for providing this funding and helping us in the fight against cancer.

DISCOVERIES FROM THE PAST: *Archaeological Sciences*

For more than 40 years, the University has been at the forefront of archaeological developments, from the establishment of the world's first degree course in archaeological sciences to the development of geophysical prospection as a fundamental activity. More recently, our academics have pioneered the exploitation of digital technology; developed online opportunities to reconstruct, visualise and interpret heritage in new ways; and engaged an ever-wider public, including as partner citizen scientists.

Hampole Priory

The University is very grateful to The Headley Trust for its generous donation of £23,518 towards the excavation of Hampole Priory - a twelfth century priory which was home to a group of Benedictine nuns.

Hampole Priory has the potential to reveal fascinating insights into a significant period of religious upheaval. Active for almost 400 years before being dissolved in the sixteenth century by Henry VIII as part of the English Reformation, the area has never been properly excavated, which is unusual for a medieval site of this nature.

Previous smaller digs revealed the presence of structures close to the surface, as well as pottery and other smaller finds, proving that the site had significant archaeological potential, but a full investigation was necessary to reveal the secrets of this fascinating piece of British religious history.

The project involved both undergraduate and postgraduate students, giving them valuable real-life archaeological experience. The excavation was successfully undertaken in September 2022 and post-excavation work and analysis is currently ongoing.



An archaeology student examining artifacts through a microscope

Doggerland and global marine palaeolandscapes

Doggerland is the largest prehistoric submerged landscape in Europe and was amongst the most resource-rich and ecologically dynamic areas during the later Palaeolithic and Mesolithic periods (c.20,000-4,000BC). No in-situ remains of settlement have ever been found, however, and the artefacts we do have were recovered largely by chance. Cutting-edge research at the University has brought us closer than ever to resolving the significant scientific challenges posed by these areas, through a combination of seismic mapping, the study of sediments, and current knowledge of prehistoric behaviour. At this crucial point in time when archaeological prospection is finally becoming viable, the prehistoric archaeology within these submerged landscapes is facing considerable risk due to accelerating offshore development, making this work incredibly time sensitive.

The University received a donation of £50,000 from The David and Claudia Harding Foundation to fund a PhD studentship which will support Professor Vincent Gaffney, 50th Anniversary Chair in Landscape Archaeology, and the wider archaeology team in gaining knowledge, raising awareness, and increasing understanding of submerged prehistory. The University is very grateful to Sir David Harding for his interest in our research and generosity in providing this opportunity.



Archaeology staff working with a CT scanner

Human osteology workshop in Transylvania

In 2022, thanks to funding from an anonymous donor, archaeology students spent time at an intensive human osteology workshop in Transylvania, Romania.

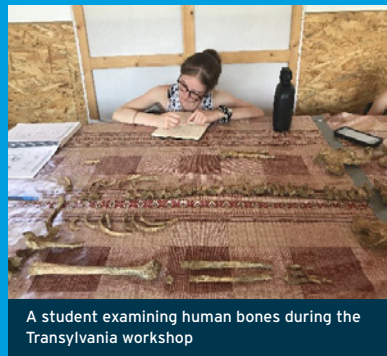
Hollie Christlerow, one of the students who had the opportunity to go to Transylvania, said:

"The Juvenile Osteology programme led by Dr Bethard is incredibly insightful and allows an appreciation of the field I am studying. To experience washing bones that have been freshly excavated and then to be in the lab analysing skeletons that have never been analysed before is incredibly humbling."

"The small laboratory group allows for daily hands-on experience with the skeletal remains, and as each student is coming from different levels of education, there is vast opportunity to learn from them too."



Students involved in an excavation during the Transylvania workshop



A student examining human bones during the Transylvania workshop



Female students in the Chemical Engineering lab

Girl Power!

SUPPORTING WOMEN IN STEM

The University of Bradford is proud of our partnership with the Soroptimist International (SI) volunteer movement, through the local branch based in Bradford. Soroptimist International is a vibrant, dynamic worldwide organisation for today's women which is committed to ensuring that the voices of women and girls are heard.

In 2014, SI Bradford generously donated £121,000 to the University towards various projects in the Faculty of Engineering & Informatics. This included the Soroptimists Studentship, which supported a female postgraduate student during her PhD, and the Soroptimist Leadership Award, rewarding

one female student per year who obtains a first-class honours degree and has made an outstanding contribution to University and community life. Part of the funding was also directed to installing a Peace Pole, which is located in the peace garden on campus.

SI Bradford members said: *"We wanted our donation to encourage more young women to take up STEM subjects at university level. We are pleased that we have enabled one student to complete her PhD, and that many others have had their success acknowledged and rewarded."*

"Part of our donation went to erect a Peace Pole in the University grounds, in

recognition of Bradford having the first Peace Studies department in the UK, in honor of the centenary of the First World War, and in memory of the women who served."

SI Bradford members have now chosen to direct the remainder of their donation towards the Baroness Lockwood Memorial Scholarship, which supports female undergraduate students within the Faculty of Engineering & Informatics

They said: *"A Soroptimist herself, Baroness Lockwood was a steadfast supporter of higher education, and we are pleased to honour her memory in this way."*

The University of Bradford would like to thank Soroptimist International Bradford for their donation and continuous support which has made a huge difference to many of our UK and international students.



The Peace Pole, funded by SI Bradford, is currently located in the Peace Garden on the University campus grounds

What will your Bradford Legacy be?

For many of us leaving a gift in our will is the most significant gift we could ever make, and one that requires the most thought. The University of Bradford campus is constantly evolving and growing with our students and technologies, and leaving a gift in your will is a way in which you can create a lasting legacy for generations to come.



University of Bradford, Richmond Building

This year, the University received a legacy from the late Jenny Marshall, which was directed toward the Institute of Cancer Therapeutics for new equipment to help support researchers in the fight against cancer. The late Dr Alistair Simpson, an alumnus who studied computing through a postgraduate course, master's degree and PhD, chose to support students in most need through the Bradford Futures Fund, allowing us to award seven scholarships. The University would like to thank Jenny and Alistair for

their forward thinking and generosity of leaving gifts in their wills, allowing for their legacy to continue for many years and leave a lasting impact on the students and research they chose to support.

Baroness Betty Lockwood's legacy established the Baroness Lockwood Memorial Scholarship. Now in its second year, the scholarship supports women studying within the Faculty of Engineering & Informatics, and rewards students like Klaudia Bzdyk.

"The scholarship feels like a huge reward for everything I have done since I came to England. It definitely assures me that the decision to study abroad and completely change my life was good! It is important to me because I tend to detract from my achievements and think that the work I am doing is never good enough. The scholarship helped me to realise how much progress I have made and that I should be very proud of it."

"I am very grateful for this scholarship, and I would like to say thank you to Baroness Betty Lockwood and her family, for making it possible! It is a big motivation for me to do more and do it better. It will definitely help me to progress in the future."

Klaudia Bzdyk, BEng Software Engineering



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Meet the Team

The Alumni and Development team is proud to work in partnership with alumni, donors, and supporters of the University. If you would like to be involved in our work, be it through donating to an area that means the most to you or choosing to share your story through our donor spotlight or volunteer program, we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact us using the details below.



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