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Dear Nusrat,

I am writing to say a very overdue thank you for your lovely letter congratulating us on receiving funding from the Cultural Recovery Fund for Heritage.

This fund really has been a lifeline for us, and we are deeply indebted to the UK government, DCMS and the National Lottery Heritage Fund for making this happen. Thank you to all.

The funding is already being put to very good use as we realign our business strategies and resources to ensure we are in the best possible position to recover from the impact of the pandemic. Your gratitude for the resilience we are currently showing is hugely appreciated.

We too are very proud of our amazing heritage properties and collections, of which Michelham Priory is a wonderful exemplar. The Society is really determined to play a central role in the social and economic recovery of our wonderful region and we will work hard in order to do so. Personally, as a Director at Coast to Capital LEP and of Brighton Dome & Brighton Festival I am particularly interested in seeing our amazing arts and heritage sector drive our regional tourism economy and in securing a truly joined up tourism strategy for Sussex. I would love to discuss this further with you if we might find a suitable opportunity.

I understand you are meeting this week with our Interim CEO, Simon Dowe to further discuss the ongoing issues with the water supply to the Michelham Priory moat. Thank you most sincerely for your tenacity and determination to see this addressed for us. It is enormously appreciated, and I very much look forwards to hearing how these further discussions go.

Thank you again Nusrat for all that you are doing to support our wonderful Society, most especially in these difficult times. I hope it may not be too much longer before we can all meet together so that we can thank you in person.

With our thanks and heartfelt appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Jones".

Mrs Amanda L Jones FCA
Chair of Council of Trustees

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