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Sophia Myles ('Lady Penelope') reunited with her 'Thunderbirds' car at The British Motor Museum

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'Lady Penelope' meets 'FAB 1' again!

The British Motor Museum tells us...

(Photograph and all words from The British Motor Museum).

Sophia Myles, who starred as Lady Penelope in the 2004 film *Thunderbirds*, paid a visit to the British Motor Museum on 10 March to be reunited with her iconic car. The famous pink car has been on display at the Museum since 2005 and this was the first time Sophia had seen it since the release of the film. She signed the dashboard of the FAB 1 car, making it extra special for Museum visitors who come to see it. Sophia also signed photos for fans and face-timed Ron Cook who played Lady Penelope's faithful butler and chauffeur, Parker, in the film. Afterwards she enjoyed a private tour of the Museum to view the extensive collections.

Sophia Myles, said "I had the honour of being invited to the British Motor Museum to be reunited with my FAB 1 pink car. I never thought I could get emotional about a car, but seeing it again after over 20 years, made me well up! The entire visit was a joy from start to finish. There are so many amazing vehicles to see. We were given a guided tour by Robin, which was utterly fascinating. Thank you to the entire team for giving me such a treat of a day! I cannot recommend a visit to the British Motor Museum highly enough. I will be returning for sure."

Ford of Europe's design team brought FAB 1, the larger-than-life limousine, into the 21st century – lower, sleeker and even more grand. FAB 1 has a central part in the 2004 film *Thunderbirds* with *International Rescue*, the fictional organisation that saves the world where other forces fail. In the hands of Parker, FAB 1 can travel on land, air or sea. Inside, Lady Penelope travels in style and luxury. Sitting in her throne-like seat, she is surrounded by wood, leather, sheepskin and chrome.

Visitors to the Museum can now come and see the newly autographed famous six-wheeler for themselves. For more information about the Museum and to book tickets, please visit the website at: <https://www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk/>

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More about The British Motor Museum:

- The British Motor Museum houses the collections of the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust – over 400 cars spanning the classic, vintage and veteran eras and a fabulous archive of film, photographs, personal papers and business documents.
- The British Motor Industry Heritage Trust (the Trust) is an independent educational charity formed in 1983. The Registered Charity Number is 286575. Its mission is to collect, conserve, research and display for the benefit of the nation, motor vehicles, archives and ancillary material relating to the motor industry in Great Britain and to provide a world-class motor museum and major visitor attraction providing a broad based academic and educational facility coupled to an entertaining and attractive display.
- As a registered charity, the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust operates a number of fundraising schemes from 'Adopt a Car' to Payroll Giving and is registered with the Fundraising Regulator.
- In December 2014, the Trust gained the coveted designated status from Arts Council England which confirms that its collections are of national significance. The Designation Scheme is a mark of distinction, identifying and celebrating pre-eminent collections of national and international importance in non-national institutions. British Motor Museum is a National Portfolio Organisation supported by Arts Council England providing funding for a 3-year programme of exhibitions, engagement and learning activity from 2023 to 2026. Arts Council England is the national development body for arts and culture across England, working to enrich people's lives. It supports a range of activities across the arts, museums and libraries. Between 2023 and 2026, it will invest £446m per year to help create these experiences www.artscouncil.org.uk
- The British Motor Museum delivers a range of educational packages which support the National Curriculum – science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) subjects at KS1 to KS4. A wide range of family and lifelong learning activities also take place in the Museum during school holidays.
- Each year the Museum hosts a number of highly successful and varied motoring Shows and Rallies as well as family events, lectures and workshops. For full details please visit the website www.britishmotormuseum.co.uk
- The address is British Motor Museum or British Motor Industry Heritage Trust, Banbury Road, Gaydon, Warwickshire CV35 0BJ.



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