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XAFINITY PAYMASTER MARKS IT'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO THE FLEETWOOD COMMUNITY

Xafinity Paymaster, one of the largest employers on the Fylde coast, has marked its ongoing support to the local community with a further pledge of £10,000 in support of the Fleetwood Museum. The cash donation represents the second instalment in a three year pledge totalling £30,000.

Xafinity Paymaster, which employs over 150 people at its regional office in Fleetwood, is one of the UK's largest providers of pensions administration, payments processing and pensions payroll services, paying over £10 billion each year to over 2 million pensioners in 189 countries.

The museum, which is based at the former Custom House and Town Hall at Queen's Terrace in Fleetwood, gives a fascinating insight into the town which has been popular since Victorian times. Last year's first instalment of £10,000 helped save the museum from closure by providing the trustees with vitally needed financial support to cover the day to day running costs and staff training.

This year's £10,000 instalment will be invested in helping to enhance the displays and further improve the visitor experience, reinforcing the museum's place at the heart of this proud local community and also in promoting the museum widely with the aim of contributing to the town's tourism potential.

Robert Branagh, Fleetwood Director, Xafinity Paymaster, commented:

"We are thrilled that our support not only helped save the local museum from almost certain closure but that our ongoing donations will be used to further enhance the appeal of the museum, helping to secure its place in the community for future generations. Most of our staff are local people and we are delighted to continue our partnership with such a worthy cause, which provides a visible legacy to Fleetwood's long and proud history."

Keith Porter, Chairman of Fleetwood Museum Trust, commented:

"The Trust is very grateful for Xafinity Paymaster's ongoing support. Our museum provides a fascinating insight into Fleetwood's history as a unique Victorian new town and as a maritime, commercial and tourist centre, reflecting the pride we all share in our community. Xafinity Paymaster's financial assistance, together with the work of our volunteers front of house and behind the scenes over the past year, have helped to persuade Lancashire County Council to retain the museum as part of the County Museums Service.

The continuing support of Xafinity Paymaster and the effort and enthusiasm of our team of volunteers, means we can look forward to making further improvements to our facilities and displays, with new exhibitions, such as 'Worse Things Happen at Sea' which opened last month, enhancing our visitor experience."

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