### VULCAN TO THE SKY TRUST

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# Add a 'Name under XH558's Wing' to commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her final RAF flight in March 1993.

## An invitation for the public to add their names to one of the RAF's longestserving aircraft in this, the RAF's Centenary year.

In a fitting tribute to one of its longest-serving aircraft in this the Centenary year of the RAF's formation, the Vulcan to the Sky Trust has announced a limited-time opportunity for anyone to place a chosen name on a set of plaques on the undersde of Vulcan XH558's delta wing that will also commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the aircraft's final flight with the RAF.

XH558 first entered RAF service in 1960 and through a varied career spanning nearly 33 years, finished flying as the sole remaining Vulcan on the RAF inventory, acting as the display aircraft between 1986 and 1992 – making her final flight in service on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1993.

# On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, it will have been 25 years since that day, when many thought they would never, ever, see a Vulcan fly again!

Fast-forward 14 years and after a roller-coaster story of technical and financial challenges, XH558 returned to the air once more in October 2007, after perhaps the most complex and demanding aircraft restoration project ever completed – anywhere in the world. It enabled eight more years of awe-inspiring displays in front of millions of people, creating a phenomenon that would become known as 'The Vulcan Effect'.

XH558's final flight was made on 28th October 2015.

#### She has become possibly the most memorable individual aircraft since Concorde.

As an icon of British aeronautical design excellence she is now destinined to spend her ground-running life as the centre-piece of an new inspirational Heritage Hangar at Doncaster Sheffield Airport.

# Your chosen name could be part of aviation history – featured on an icon of British aeronautical design in perpituity.

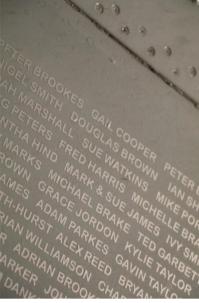
The names will be added permanently to the underside of Vulcan XH558's Wing; each dedication comes with a personalised certificate that acts as a commemorative receipt for the requested donation of just £30. Ideal as gifts and in memoriam of a loved-one.

Support for this plaque will contribute to the Trust's work to secure the new home for XH558 and to build a brighter future for heritage aircraft preservation, restoration and operation. XH558 will help provide inspiration for a whole new generation of engineering and technical talent by enthusing youngsters with the excitement of aviation.

You can go straight to the dedicated page to place your desired name on Vulcan XH558's Wing by visiting <a href="https://www.vulcantothesky.org">www.vulcantothesky.org</a>

#### Images related to the 'Names under XH558's Wing'







The names will be discreetly added on the underside of XH558's Wing. Left: XH558 on a photoshoot in 2015 over The Solent, showing the underside of the delta wing. Middle: a test panel placed on the aircraft.

Right: the certificate that all donors will receive in addition to their name being placed on the aircraft.

(Picture of XH558 over The Solent © John Dibbs – available in our resource pack)

Further updates on the aircraft and new building will be announced in the Trust's regular Friday e-mail newsletters. You can sign-up to these newsletters at <a href="https://www.vulcantothesky.org">www.vulcantothesky.org</a>

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