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To all at Royal Oak:

The Library at Blickling is one of our finest treasures. It is an intrinsic part of our house, collection and the estate, and as recent new art projects at the Trust such as *The Word Defiant* and *The Edge of Things* have proven, they link Blickling to a wider world of history, culture, science, religion, philosophy and so much more. It is arguably one of the finest Library collections in the National Trust and we are immensely proud of it.

The news that the Library was at risk and the scale of work needed was understandably concerning for everyone involved. The incredible contribution of Royal Oak has helped us to take this overwhelming situation and turn it into an amazing opportunity to look after the highly significant house and collections and to think about how we can connect our visitors and wider community to Blickling. Your kindness and generosity have made the conservation and future interpretation of the Library possible.

We look forward to continuing to raise the profile of the Library where we can, including continuing key partnerships like the Unlocking the Archive project, which has just launched an exciting online platform (<http://unlockingthearchive.co.uk/>). These and any future partnerships we develop are possible because of the generosity of donations.

Lastly, I wanted to share how much it means to me personally to have a strong link to Royal Oak at Blickling. As an American ex-pat, I have always been impressed by the work of Royal Oak, both when living in the States and since moving to the UK.

Many thanks again for the hard work that Royal Oak puts into fundraising, both for Blickling and for other projects and properties in the National Trust.

Kind regards,

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