

Hebden Bridge Community Association



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FLAGS FLY AS WATERFRONT HALL TAKES SHAPE AT TOWN HALL

The distinctive French red-white-and-blue tricolour is flying this weekend (May 14-16) along with the union flag from flagpoles at Hebden Bridge Town Hall to celebrate the visit of the town's French twin town St Pol sur Ternoise.

The old flagpole, little used for many years, has been brought back into use in recent weeks to fly the Hebden Bridge 1510 banner. For the St Pol town twinning visit, a second flagpole donated by the Town Council has been erected at the rear of the Town Hall complex, so that the two national flags can be flown.

The flags add a dash of colour to the external appearance of the Town Hall, which has now been community controlled for six weeks. There have been major internal changes as well, especially the transformation of the former housing office and rates payment desk into a bright new public hall, which is to be known as the Waterfront Hall. The hall, in a beautiful location beside the river Hebden, has been decorated by volunteer members of the Rotary Club of Hebden Bridge and will be ready for use very shortly.

"We are pleased that, after six weeks of hard work, the Waterfront Hall is now almost ready for use by the public. And we're delighted that our St Pol friends are among the first to see the Town Hall in its new guise," says Robin Dixon, a trustee

of Hebden Bridge Community Association as well as the town's deputy mayor. "In France the local town hall is a key building in local civic and community life, and that's just what we're hoping to achieve for Hebden Bridge. For too long our Town Hall has been neglected. Now we're tapping into community energy and effort to bring it back to life".

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