

## ***Hebden Bridge Community Association***



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### **Hard hats in fashion for Saturday tour of Town Hall development**

The contractors building the Hebden Bridge Town Hall extension will be opening the bright blue doors of their site adjacent to the main Town Hall on Saturday morning (Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>), to allow local people the chance to see for themselves how the development is coming on. 'Hard hat' tours will be running at twenty minute intervals from 10am until 11.40am.

"Recent weeks have seen major progress on the development, and the broad shape of the new buildings is becoming very clear," says Andrew Bibby, trustee of Hebden Bridge Community Association which runs the Town Hall. "Saturday's tours will be a great opportunity to find about more about how Hebden Bridge's major new public buildings are being constructed."

The tours are being led by Brian Fletcher, the contracts manager for Yorkshire-based contractors, Strategic Team Group (STG). STG will be providing the hard hats and high-visibility jackets for visitors to the site, but he warns participants to ensure that they come wearing strong footwear. Because numbers are limited, it is also advisable to pre-book places, with the Association's administrator Sue Graham on Hebden Bridge 845261.

The next few days will be busy times for Brian Fletcher and his colleagues, with some major deliveries of steelwork and other supplies to the site. For short times, it may be necessary to close temporarily access to Old Gate and Hangingroyd Lane, he explains. The road closures have been cleared with Calderdale's highways department, but Brian will be trying to do all he can to prevent too much inconvenience for residents. "I and the site team will do all we can to reduce disruption and keep things safe, and reopen the road as soon as possible," he says.

The construction work on the new Town Hall extension has been funded partly from support from the European Union for the region's economic development, through the Yorkshire and Humber European Regional Development Fund programme 2007-13. The programme provides investment support to help regions improve their economies and help local businesses, people and communities to improve their prospects.

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Note to editors

1. Full details of the asset transfer and of Hebden Bridge Community Association can be accessed at [www.hebdenbridgetownhall.org.uk](http://www.hebdenbridgetownhall.org.uk).

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## **2. Yorkshire and The Humber ERDF Programme 2007-2013**

The European Regional Development Fund Programme has €583 million from the European Regional Development Fund to invest by 2013. Details of the programme are at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/regeneration/regenerationfunding/europeanregionaldevelopment/yorkshirehumberside/>

## **European Regional Development Fund**

The European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) was set up in 1975 to stimulate economic development in less prosperous regions of the European Union.

ERDF is provided to support the European Union's cohesion policy that seeks to redress imbalances in development between regions and Member States. It is used

to support projects that can help local economies address the challenges of globalisation and contribute to delivering Europe's 2020 strategy of smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

Information about the European Union's support for regions is available at [www.ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/index\\_en.htm](http://www.ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/index_en.htm)



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