

Hebden Bridge Community Association



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A new look at Hebden Bridge: special wall hanging goes on display

The end result of a four-month textile project by a group of adults at the Royd Square day service for people with learning disabilities in Hebden Bridge has gone on display in Hebden Bridge's community-owned Town Hall.

The project has produced a wonderful wall-hanging, which is now available for all to admire in the Town Hall entrance hall. "We hope that it will bring everyone that sees it as much joy as it has given us in making it," said Dianne Wilkinson, Royd Square's care coordinator.

"Our wall hanging is about Hebden Bridge and its familiar landmarks," said Dianne. "There is always something going on in Hebden. We wanted to capture the essence of the town, its people, its history, its quirkiness and place all this in a multi-medium contemporary design".

The group who undertook the work on the wall hanging worked very carefully on the work. "I used my skills and learned some new skills," said Trevor Haymonds, one of the participants in the project. Other members of the group, including Rita Plested, Joyce Haymonds and Kerrie Cowperthwaite, used their needlework skills to complete the wall hanging to a high standard, including paying great attention to the windows of buildings shown in the design.

“This is our town. Hebden Bridge is very important to us, and we get involved in local events and community opportunities,” said another member of the group. Adults from the centre engage in a wide variety of activities, including swimming, football and work placements, as well as visiting Hebden Bridge market.

For Peter Hirst, chair of Hebden Bridge Community Association which runs the Town Hall, the wall hanging is a great new addition to the town’s landmark building. “We were delighted to be approached by Royd Square centre, and to be asked to display the wall hanging. This is the first of what we hope will be many more opportunities to display local artistic work. When our new Town Hall extension is complete next year, there will be many more blank walls looking for suitable exhibits,” he said.

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Note to editors

1. Full details of Hebden Bridge Community Association can be accessed at www.hebdenbridgetownhall.org.uk and from Andrew Bibby, 01422 845799.

More details about the work of Royd Square can be obtained from Dianne Wilkinson, 01422 846045.

2. Photographs of the hanging can be taken in Hebden Bridge Town Hall (normal working hours). To arrange for members of the group to be photographed with the hanging, please contact Dianne.