

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



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### **HB TOWN HALL WILL OPEN DOORS AS PART OF NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEKEND**

Hebden Bridge's Town Hall, a grade II listed building, will welcome visitors this year during the national Heritage Open Days initiative in September.

Trustees of Hebden Bridge Community Association, which runs the town hall, will be on hand to welcome visitors and show them round the building on Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>. Two special 'hard hat' tours of the land at the rear of the site currently being developed into new community and enterprise facilities are also being arranged. These tours, at 11am and 12 noon, will provide a first glimpse of the new buildings as they begin to take shape.

The Heritage Open Days initiative is an annual event, coordinated this year by English Heritage, which is designed to provide public access to buildings which have normally only limited public access. Over 3,600 events have been arranged throughout the country, including several in Halifax and the Calderdale area.

"We're delighted that Hebden Bridge Town Hall will be participating in the Heritage Open Days event. We'll be particularly pleased to show visitors round the magnificent first-floor Council Chamber, a room which even many local people have

never yet visited. And of course, we'll be able to talk about the new development which is now rapidly under way behind the Town Hall," says Peter Hirst, chair of the Community Association.

The main construction work on the new Town Hall extension has been funded partly from support from the Communitybuilders fund and partly by the European Union for the region's economic development, through the Yorkshire and Humber European Regional Development Fund programme 2007-13. The ERDF 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). More information: Andrew Bibby, 01422 845799.
2. More details of the Heritage Open Days initiative is at [www.heritageopendays.org.uk](http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk)

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

The European Regional Development Fund Programme is managed by Yorkshire Forward on behalf of a regional partnership including the National Government, European Commission and local bodies. The programme has €583 million from the European Regional Development Fund to invest by 2013. Further information about the ERDF Programme in Yorkshire and The Humber, including information about the projects that are receiving ERDF Investment, is available at [www.yorkshire-forward.com/erdf](http://www.yorkshire-forward.com/erdf)

#### **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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