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- Press Release -

Biffa Fund Second Phase of Water Wheel Project

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- For Immediate Release –

The Dean Heritage Centre (DHC) is delighted to announce it has been granted £50,000 from Biffa Award for the second phase of its hydroelectricity project.

The Biffa Award funding will be used to create a brand new exhibition space to demonstrate green sustainable energy and include new interpretation about the history of the water wheel and its impact on the camp mill site throughout the decades.

The DHC is committed to involving and supporting the local community and working with volunteers to develop a programme of activities to educate people on sustainable energy using green technologies.

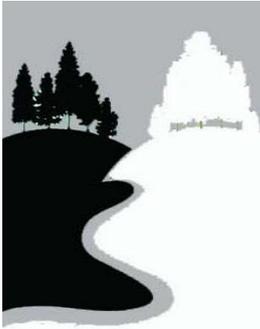
The environmental project, which was awarded funding under Biffa Award's Cultural Facilities theme, will also include a new schools programme of dedicated tours and brand new workshops exploring 'sustainable' energy generation technologies, such as the onsite water wheel.

Commenting on the funding, Centre Manager Nathalie Hall said *"I am delighted that Biffa Award is able to support the Dean Heritage Centre with this grant. The funds will further enhance the Centre's educational and tourism offer which in turn will ensure the future viability and sustainability of our charitable organisation."*

Gillian French, Biffa Award Programme Manager, said:

"We're proud to support the Water Wheel restoration project at Dean Heritage Centre, which will not only create a new exhibition space to demonstrate Green Sustainable energy, it will also develop and deliver an exclusive programme of





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activities to involve and educate local people and visitors in the historical use of green technologies at the centre.”

Prior to the acquirement of the £50,000 from Biffa, a generous 10% third party contribution was provided by the Rotary Club of the Royal Forest of Dean.

For more information please visit www.deanheritagecentre.com or call 01594 822170.

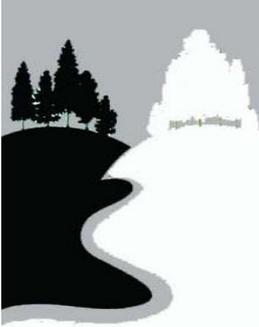
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For more information or if you would like a photograph to illustrate the article please contact Harri Le Claire on 01594 822170 or email: Harri@deanheritagecentre.com

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Notes to editors

- The Dean Heritage Centre is home to the Room on the Broom Trail from Easter 2014, visit www.deanheritagecentre.com for more information.
- The Dean Heritage Centre is based in five acres of scenic woodland and is home to five galleries of the history of the Forest of Dean and its' people spanning 10,000 years of history, from the ice age to present day.
- It is open 363 days a year and offers a full diary of events, activities and exhibitions.
- The Centre is an educational charity and offers tailored educational workshops and activities to tie in with the school curriculum. For more information please call Joanne Clarke on 01594 822170.
- The Centre has been awarded the accreditation of Quality Assured Visitor Attraction.
- The Dean Heritage Museum Trust (DHMT) is a company limited by guarantee and is a registered charity.
- In March 2007 the Centre was awarded the accreditation of Quality Assured Visitor Attraction.
- Find our latest event calendar for 2014 on the website.
- Biffa Award is a multi-million pound fund which awards grants to community and environmental projects across the UK. The fund's money comes from landfill tax credits donated by Biffa Waste Services. Biffa Award is managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT).
- Since 1997, the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) has been awarding grants to environmental and community projects under the fund name Biffa Award. The fund administers money donated by Biffa Group Ltd, a leading integrated waste management business.



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- Under the Landfill Tax Regulations 1996, landfill operators like Biffa Group Ltd are liable for taxes on waste deposited in landfill sites. The Landfill Communities Fund allows them to donate a small percentage of their tax liability to projects working to improve communities living within the vicinity of landfill sites. To date, Biffa Award has awarded grants totalling more than £140 million to thousands of worthwhile projects. www.biffa-award.org
- **Landfill Tax and the Landfill Communities Fund** - Any waste that is discarded which cannot be reused, reprocessed or recycled may ultimately be disposed of in a landfill site. To encourage Landfill site Operators (LOs) to re-use, recycle, recover more value from waste and use more environmentally friendly methods of waste disposal, Landfill Tax is charged on each tonne of waste sent to landfill. LOs are able to redirect a small proportion of landfill tax liability (currently 6.8%) to support a wide range of community and environmental projects in the vicinity of their landfill sites through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). The LCF is regulated by ENTRUST on behalf of HM Revenue & Customs, and the projects are delivered by enrolled Environmental bodies (EBs).
- Since its inception in 1996, over £1 billion has been spent on more than 32,000 projects across the UK. For further information, please visit www.entrust.org.uk or see [HMRC's general guide to Landfill Tax](#)