

Dean Heritage Centre

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- Press Release -

Wheels in motion at the DHC

Monday 2nd September 2013

- For Immediate Release -

On Monday 9th September 2013, the Dean Heritage Centre will welcome German manufacturers Bega to site when they deliver the Centre's specially commissioned water wheel - part of their new green hydroelectricity project.

The project, sponsored by the Forest of Dean Rotary Club, JD Norman Industries and Future Advanced Manufacture, and part funded by the Big Lottery Fund, was the initial brainchild of Centre Trustee, Edward Beard and has been many years in the planning.

Mr Beard, fellow trustee Mike Amey, and other centre volunteers have been working steadfastly to prepare the existing site, putting together the framework for the installation, including the removal of the original structure. The new water wheel will arrive on a bespoke low loader vehicle and be lifted into place by crane.

For safety reasons, the Centre will be closed to visitors on Monday 9th September as contractors and staff work together to move the large machinery and equipment into position. It will reopen the next day (Tuesday the 10th) when visitors will be able to see the new water wheel in situ.

Although the site is closed to visitors, reporters and photographers are invited to attend during the day to document this exciting project – the first of its kind in the Forest. The crane will be onsite from 8:30am and the process will take the majority of the day to complete.

The Centre's water wheel project will refurbish the existing water wheel and install an induction motor hydropower generator. This will allow the Centre to connect the waterwheel to the national grid and eradicate the Centre's increasing annual energy costs.



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If you would be interested in attending during the installation on the 9th September, please contact harri@deanheritagecentre.com.

If you would like to sponsor the Hydroelectricity project contact Nathalie@deanheritagecentre.com or 01594 822170 for more information. There are many benefits to sponsorship including your company's name and logo prominently displayed by the water wheel, on all promotional literature and the website as well as on all acknowledgements boards and materials at the Centre.

The centre is also looking for volunteers to take part in the project which will provide fantastic experience and transferable skills to those with an interest in engineering and environmental science or simply those who would like to be involved in a valuable project for the local area.

For more information on the DHC please visit the website 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

Visit: deanheritagecentre.com

Notes to editors

- The Dean Heritage Centre is home to the Gruffalo's Child Trail until March 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.
- The Big Lottery Fund is responsible for distributing 40% of all funds raised for good causes by the National Lottery. It funds projects which address the issues, needs and aspirations of local communities and people. It funds a wide range of community projects aimed at developing skills, improving health, revitalising the local environment and enabling people to become more active citizens.
- 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.



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- Upcoming events at the DHC for 2013 include a full timetable of summer activities, pirate weekend and much more!

