



Ledbury & District Civic Society

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Ledbury Heritage Centre Set To Re-Open

Ledbury & District Civic Society are delighted to confirm they have agreed a license with Herefordshire Council to re-open the town's Heritage Centre on Church Street from Tuesday 1st April.

Budget cuts at Herefordshire Council mean they no longer have resources available to run the Heritage Centre but the immediate future of this popular tourist attraction and information resource has now been secured thanks to the Civic Society – led by Chris Johnson – and a magnificent band of volunteers.

Following a meeting in February, the Civic Society and almost 40 volunteers have rallied around and agreed to take responsibility for the majority of the administration of the centre – including organising work rotas, relief lists, stock taking and cleaning.

The license that has been agreed will see the Civic Society run the Heritage Centre for the foreseeable future, potentially right up until the time that any work to be done on site starts as a result of the progress of the Ledbury Places project.

The Ledbury Places project – www.ledburyplaces.org – is looking at ways that the long-term future of six heritage buildings in the town – including the Heritage Centre – can be safeguarded while also ensuring they are put to fuller use by the community moving forward.

Speaking about this great news for the town, Chris Johnson from the Civic Society said:

“I cannot thank everyone involved enough for the support they have shown, but particular thanks must go to Alan Pike, Sally Holliday and Bob Littlefair for all their hard work to help make this possible.

“The Ledbury & District Civic Society is delighted to play a part in facilitating the re-opening of the Heritage Centre and will meet the costs involved from sales and donations.

“We should all be very proud of the way in which Ledbury people have rallied round in recent times to ensure the Heritage Centre is open for business as usual this year, but I would like to remind everyone that you can never have enough volunteers to help with this type of initiative.

“If you would consider joining the volunteers to help with the running of your town's Heritage Centre, please feel free to contact Alan Pike on 01531 632 485 or Sally Holliday who are the co-ordinators.

“Be reassured that no real experience is required, all you need is a willingness to chat with visitors and try to answer their questions!”

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