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Huddersfield & District Family History Society's 'Sharing the History of Hepworth' Project wins National Lottery support

Today, Huddersfield & District Family History Society has received £4,500 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for an exciting project, 'Sharing the History of Hepworth'. Hepworth is a small, rural village in Holmfirth, West Yorkshire.

Made possible by money raised by National Lottery players, the project focuses on a manuscript about the history of Hepworth recently found in a skip, along with the Shaw Family Papers, both of which have recently been donated to the Society.

The aim of the project is to preserve for the future an old typescript entitled 'A History of Hepworth' believed to have been written by local historian Herbert Shaw around 75 years ago, by publishing it as a book with the inclusion of local photographs to enable the text to come to life.

In addition parts of a valuable collection of historical documents previously owned by the Shaw Family relating to the village of Hepworth will be preserved in booklet form.

This historical work will then be shared with the local community at number of local events during 2018. These will include Hepworth Feast Day, a regular annual event which this year will be held in the village on 25 June 2018 and a Hepworth History Day which will be run by the Society for the benefit of local villagers and other interested groups and individuals at Hepworth Village Hall on 18 August 2018.

The Society will also be participating in Heritage Open Weekend at Holmfirth Parish Church in September 2018 where the project will be our main focus.

At the Hepworth Feast Day event the Society's volunteers will be available to discuss the project and encourage people with memories, photographs and anecdotes of Hepworth to share them with a view to informing the events held later in the year.



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The Society also plans to share this work at our Family and Local History Fair which will be held at Cathedral House, Huddersfield on 10 November 2018 where visitors attend from all over the UK.

National Lottery players are enabling the Society to undertake this project on Hepworth's history, which would not have been possible otherwise and which will ensure that important parts of the village's history are retained for future generations.

We hope that people who now live in the village or whose roots have been there in the past will participate in the events we are holding and understand more about what went before in their local community.

Commenting on the award, Ian Stevenson, Chairman of the Society said: "We are thrilled to have received support thanks to National Lottery players and are confident the project will enable a better understanding of the history of the village of Hepworth ensuring that it is preserved for many years to come".

Notes to editors

About Huddersfield & District Family History Society

We are a charity with 900 members worldwide and around 50 volunteers with a research room in Meltham, Holmfirth which is open to members and visitors throughout the week. Our main aims are to advance public education in family history and genealogy. This is often achieved by preserving material of interest to researchers in local and family history by undertaking publishing and promotional activities to enable local people to benefit for many years to come.

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Further information

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