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PRESS RELEASE

Brackley Town Hall open as part of the national Heritage Open Days

On Sunday 14th September 2014, 10am – 4pm, Brackley Town Hall is open as part of the nationwide Heritage Open Days initiative.

Come and take a look inside Brackley Town Hall as part of the national Heritage Open Days initiative. This Wren-inspired Grade II* Listed building at the heart of Brackley town centre, has played an important role in the town for over 300 years. Visitors can learn more about the building's history, explore the dusty attic and marvel at the technology of the 130 year old clock by climbing up the tower. There will be events, exhibitions and tours of the attic space, all events and activities are free.

“2014 is a landmark year for Heritage Open Days,” says Loyd Grossman, Patron of Heritage Open Days. “Over the last two decades we’ve enabled millions of people to visit thousands of places that are normally closed to the public, helping to put local heritage at the forefront of community life throughout England. This summer we’re looking forward to our most spectacular festival ever – a unique national celebration that brings our hidden history to life.”

Cllr Elaine Wiltshire, Brackley Mayor says: ‘Building on the success of the fantastic news from HLF that we received a round one pass for the Town Hall restoration, we are delighted to open the building again for this year’s Heritage Open Day programme. We would like to encourage the community to come along to the event, learn more about the Town Hall’s history, our plans for the future and tell us how you would like to be involved in the restoration. The Town Hall is the focal point of our town, a superb example of Georgian architecture and an important heritage asset.’

Alongside the Heritage Open Day event, Brackley Town Council is delighted to announce the appointment of a design team to help them prepare the second phase of the Heritage Lottery Fund application. The design team is led by architecture firm Haverstock and Rena Pitsilli Graham and supported by a number of experts who between them have worked on significant heritage buildings such as The White Tower at the Tower of London, Easton Neston, British Museum, Stowe House and Palace of Westminster.

The Heritage Open Days National Partnership



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Notes to Editors:

- Heritage Open Days is England's contribution to European Heritage Days, taking place across 50 countries. Other events in the UK are Doors Open Days in Scotland (www.doorsopendays.org.uk); Open Doors Days in Wales (<http://cadw.wales.gov.uk/opendoors/?lang=en>); European Heritage Days in Northern Ireland (www.ehsni.gov.uk); Open House London (www.open-city.org.uk).
- Heritage Open Days is run locally by a large range of organisations (including civic societies, heritage organisations, and local councils), community champions and thousands of volunteers.
- On a national level, Heritage Open Days is co-ordinated and promoted by the Heritage Open Days National Partnership with funding by English Heritage. The Partnership brings together Europe's largest conservation and heritage charity in the form of the National Trust (www.nationaltrust.org.uk), the most extensive network of local community based heritage organisations through Civic Voice (www.civicvoice.org.uk) and expertise from the leading coalition of national voluntary heritage organisations in The Heritage Alliance (www.theheritagealliance.org.uk).



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