

Heritage Open Days 8-11 September 2011 – become part of something BIG!

Heritage Open Days are a fantastic opportunity for communities, voluntary organisations, businesses and individuals to promote our outstanding cultural heritage.

This annual four day event attracts more than a million visitors making it the biggest heritage event in England, and with similar events taking place across 50 European, Heritage Open Days truly is an international movement.

This celebration of England's past and present provides a platform for participants to show off their unique local heritage by generously opening their doors to visitors, providing guided tours, open days, events and activities.

Heritage Open Days events are particularly fascinating when they give an opportunity to visit places not usually closed to the public, a chance to learn about undiscovered and unusual aspects of our past. Events in other parts of the country have included *'Owzat!' – A celebration of 240 years of cricket in Dorking*, *Go Batty along the Cromford Canal*, *Turning Water in to Brown Gold* brewery tour, *They Eat What? Yuck!* an historic food event and a *Recycling and Waste Extravaganza* in Arundel!

LEADER Coast, Wolds, Wetlands & Waterways are supporting this year's Heritage Open Days by co-ordinating and publicising events and working with participants. But nothing will happen without **YOUR HELP**. Why not take this opportunity to get involved. If you have an historical gem you would like to show off, or a favourite building, monument or story to tell, why not share your passion with others.

East Yorkshire is one of the historically richest areas in England and yet one of the poorest participants in the Heritage Open Days scheme. Let's show off what we have to offer!

Further information about Heritage Open Days checkout:
www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

And to find out more about how **YOU** can develop an event in our area contact the Rural Communities Heritage Co-ordinator
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Information about the Coast, Wolds, Wetlands & Waterways LEADER programme can be found at www.ruralprogrammeseastyorkshire.co.uk/rdpe . The LEADER programme is being financed by the European Agriculture Fund for Rural Development as well as Defra and is being overseen by Yorkshire Forward as part of the Rural Development Programme for England.