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Newly appointed trustees for the Dean Heritage Centre.

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Following a string of new developments and refurbishment during 2011, the Dean Heritage Centre announces that it has appointed Neil Parkhouse as the new Chairman of the board of trustees as well as two new members. The DHC welcomes Michael Amey and Graeme Shrouder who have joined the board of trustees, bringing a wealth of knowledge and commitment to the centre.

Neil Parkhouse, newly elected Chairman of the board of trustees said: *'With Tony Evans standing down from the board and long-standing trustee Brian Johns also stepping down due to continuing ill health restricting his availability, we are pleased to be able to welcome two new trustees to the board, Graeme Shrouder and Mike Amey, both of whom want to assist in our long term aim of achieving financial independence for the DHC.'*

Remarking on his appointment as the Chairman of the board of trustees, Neil said: *'It is an honour and a privilege for me taking over this important role at the Dean Heritage Centre. These are exciting times for the DHC, which is at last fully open again following the fire of December 2009, followed by the more recent refurbishment of the front entrance and shop area, and the opening of our new conference facility. With the arrival of the Dennis Potter Archive in 2012, which we believe will firmly put the DHC on the international map, the trustees, in conjunction with the excellent group of staff we now have here, look forward to achieving financial viability for the Centre over the coming years. It is the business side of the DHC and in particular its financial stability, which I intend to concentrate on during my time as Chairman. Immense tribute should also be paid to outgoing Chairman Tony Evans, who skilfully and tenaciously steered the DHC through the financial difficulties of the last few years.'*

Also commenting on his position, Michael Amey said: *'After moving to Soudley and taking early retirement, I've spent many months understanding the local atmosphere and would like to give my time to the DHC as I believe that it is somewhere that can excel in providing an engaging service for the local community and beyond'*



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Dean Heritage Centre is open daily promoting the heritage of the Forest of Dean, upcoming events include Fungi Weekend on the 8th & 9th October and AppleFest on the 22nd & 23rd October.

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Notes to editors

- The Dean Heritage Centre is based in five acres of scenic woodland and is home to the ~~A~~Museum of the Forest. It tells the story of the Forest of Dean and its people spanning 10,000 years of history, from the ice age to present day.
- It is open 363 days a year and offers a full diary of events, activities and exhibitions.
- The centre offers tailored educational workshops and activities to tie in with the school curriculum. For more information please call Sarah Fuller 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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