

## - Press Release –

### Living Literature Past and Present – Storytelling with a Difference!

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The Dean Heritage Centre is taking part in National Story Telling Week which begins on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January until Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2011. Last year an estimated 16,500 people took part in events organised with the Society for Storytelling and this year the Centre is joining in with 'Stories of Today and Yesterday,' where children can attend a Victorian school lesson and listen quietly before getting noisy in an interactive story sack session!

On Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February, resident teacher scary Mrs White will be waiting in the Victorian Schoolroom for class to begin. Children *will* behave themselves and listen quietly or experience the consequences!

By comparison, the interactive story sack sessions take place every day between the 29<sup>th</sup> January and 5<sup>th</sup> February and require noisy participation as children pull items from a bag to select the theme of the story and then provide sound effects and actions.

Marketing Manager, Kathryn Ashcroft, said: 'We want to show how much fun storytelling can be and the variety of ways stories can be told. For the Victorian sessions we're encouraging children to dress up in period costumes and listen carefully in a well behaved manner, just like the children would have done at the time. In contrast, with the story sack we want them to get involved and participate in how the story is presented and the direction it takes. It promises to be a great week. '

On weekend days, Mrs White will be in the Victorian classroom between 10.30am and 12pm and the story sack sessions run from 12pm to 3pm. On weekdays the story sack sessions will run between 12pm and 1pm. The stories are suitable for children of all ages.

The activities are included in museum admission.

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## Notes to editors

- The Dean Heritage Centre is dedicated to protecting, preserving and promoting the unique history and heritage of the Forest of Dean.
- The Centre is based in five acres of scenic woodland and is home to the '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 Museum is a centre of education and offers tailored educational workshops and activities to tie in with the school curriculum. For more information please call 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.
- In March 2007 the Centre was awarded the accreditation of Quality Assured Visitor Attraction.