



NEWS RELEASE

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Founders of Pinner Local community web site present £350 donation to support the development of the Heath Robinson Museum

For 10 years, Pinner Local web site has showcased the best of Pinner, supporting, advising and promoting local businesses and community events. Pinner people know they can rely on Pinner Local founders David Elliott and Geoff Brown to chronicle, photograph and record local events – in all weathers – and with their indefatigable good humour and in-depth local knowledge, both have become stalwarts of the region.

Geoff and David are also long-standing supporters of the Heath Robinson Museum development and have presented the Trust with a donation of £350 from the proceeds of the sale of their 10-year anniversary calendar.



Picture: David Elliott, Cynthia Wells, Geoff Brown

Receiving the cheque at a presentation ceremony held at Pinner's West House, acting chairman of the Trust Cynthia Wells commented: "David and Geoff's website is a mine of information and the pair do so much for the community, publicising charitable events for free on their website and also supporting events. It is really encouraging to know we have their support in such a tangible way, namely raising money for the Heath Robinson museum through the sale of their calendars."

More follows!

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David Elliott said "The Museum is a great community project and we are looking forward to the opening. People will want to be associated with it and it will be a wonderful asset to Pinner. We will be taking lots of photos of it!"



Picture: Ruth McNeil (Museum PR lead), Trustees Cynthia Wells and Veronica Chamberlain with the donation cheque from Pinner Local and their 10-year anniversary calendar.

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Notes to Editors

www.heathrobinsonmuseum.org

The West House and Heath Robinson Museum Trust is a registered charity which has restored West House in Pinner Memorial Park for community use. The Trust is a partnership between local Pinner people and the William Heath Robinson Trust, custodians of the artist's work.

William Heath Robinson (1872-1944), acclaimed British illustrator, painter and cartoonist, lived in Pinner from 1908-18, ten of the most productive years of his life.

Trustees are now building a new Museum at West House to Heath Robinson, having received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund of £1.3m. £85,000 is still needed. This project is delivering

- The first purpose-built museum in Greater London for over 40 years
- A permanent home for the Heath Robinson collection of artworks and illustrations
- A celebration of the life and works of one of our most innovative artists, cartoonists and social historians.

Donations are welcome on <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/heathrobinsonmuseum>

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Background to the William Heath Robinson Trust

When Heath Robinson's daughter died, her husband wanted her collection of her father's work to be kept in public ownership. As a result the William Heath Robinson Trust was formed in 1992.

The original collection included about 500 pieces of original art work together with an archive of letters, association copies and special editions of the books that he illustrated, proof prints, advertising booklets and ephemera.

The National Heritage Memorial Fund and the Art Fund recently grant-aided the William Heath Robinson Trust to purchase some 400 additional important works for the Museum, bringing the collection to nearly 1,000. It is the only substantial collection of the artist's work in public ownership. www.heathrobinson.org

Partnership with Harrods and Diarmuid Gavin

The William Heath Robinson Trust has worked with Diarmuid Gavin and Harrods to support the creation of the Harrods 'British Eccentrics' garden at the Chelsea Flower Show 2016. The Trust is lending a collection of Heath Robinson's works to Harrods for exhibition in the store, to celebrate the Chelsea garden, from 4th-31st May.

Use of icons and images

Project photos from the architects and a range of authorised Heath Robinson images are available in jpg format.

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