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Brand new Heath Robinson Museum to open in October 2016 in Pinner, north-west London

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The Trustees, management and team of hard-working volunteers are thrilled and delighted to announce that the Heath Robinson Museum will celebrate its Grand Opening on Saturday 15 October 2016 in Pinner Memorial Park, north-west London.

The museum celebrates the life and works of William Heath Robinson, acclaimed British illustrator, artist, cartoonist and social historian, who lived in Pinner from 1908-18, some of the most productive years of his life.

A significant addition to the national arts, educational and cultural landscape, 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 original artwork and other artefacts
- The only museum dedicated to Heath Robinson, hosting the largest collection of his original works
- In addition to the permanent exhibition, a rolling programme of special themed exhibitions, starting with Heath Robinson at War from October 2016 to January 2017
- For schools, colleges and children of all ages, a comprehensive programme of formal and informal learning and activities: thought-provoking and entertaining, reflecting the style of the man himself.

As the Museum plans finally become a reality, we send huge thanks to the Heritage Lottery Fund and to the donors and fund-raisers who continue to support the project.

Private View and filming opportunities will be available to national, regional, arts, design and architecture media representatives in the run-up to and following the Museum opening, with a range of project photos and authorised Heath Robinson images available now.

Read more about Heath Robinson and the Museum programme at the web site **www.heathrobinsonmuseum.org** or on Facebook and Twitter (@hrobinsonmuseum) and register on the News page for newsletter updates **www.heathrobinsonmuseum.org/news**.

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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.

The West House and Heath Robinson Museum Trust is a registered charity which 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.

Trustees are now building a new Museum at West House to Heath Robinson, having received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund of £1.3m. £65,000 is still needed.

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

Background to the William Heath Robinson Trust

When Heath Robinson's elder daughter Joan 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 grant-aided the William Heath Robinson Trust in 2015 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.

Use of icons and images

Project photos from the architects and a range of authorised Heath Robinson images are available in jpg format. Please talk to any of our media team below about your requirements.

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