

### PLEASE BE SEATED!

**You asked: we answered: the Heath Robinson Museum has a new bench for visitors....**

Roger Pattenden, for almost 20 years an expert D&T technician at Pinner’s Nower Hill School, brings his specialist craftsmanship skills to our lovely museum, making this fabulous new bench for the visitors to our galleries.

Constructed from pine to complement the styling of part of the gallery ceiling, our brand new bench is available for selfies from this Thursday, 15 June... The bench is finished in Danish oil, which Roger says is different from ordinary varnish in that it gives the bench a stylish sheen: “a bit of a glow”, he explains.

The museum team has been trying out the bench with Roger as you can see here and we are thrilled to receive it and settle it into its new home in our gallery.

Roger says “Having been involved with supporting West House and the Heath Robinson Museum development for many years, I was delighted to be asked about making the bench and happy to have helped the volunteer team respond to visitor requests in this way.”



*Master craftsman Roger Pattenden*



*Pictured here with Roger are (left to right) Cliff Lichfield, Museum Estates Manager, Claire Linge the Museum Learning Officer and Sharon Pink the Museum PR Manager.*

Thank you too to local volunteer Howard Hershon for the fabulous photos.



The Heath Robinson Museum is open Thursday-Sunday 11am-4pm.

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## Notes to Editors

### **heathrobinsonmuseum.org**

The first purpose-built museum in Greater London for over 40 years, dedicated to showcasing the work of the world-renowned artist, illustrator, humorist and social commentator William Heath Robinson (1872-1944), opened in October 2016 in Pinner Memorial Park, north-west London. Heath Robinson lived in Pinner from 1908-18, some of the most productive years of his life.

The Heath Robinson Museum is delivering:

- 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 chronicling Heath Robinson's life and works, a rolling programme of special themed exhibitions; currently "The Brothers Robinson", showcasing illustrations from older brothers Tom and Charles as well as William Heath Robinson
- For schools, colleges and people of all ages, a comprehensive programme of formal and informal learning: thought-provoking and entertaining, reflecting the style of the man himself.

Heath Robinson Museum – Notes to Editors continued/....

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. To develop the new Museum, Trustees received funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund of £1.3m.

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## Background to the William Heath Robinson Trust

When Heath Robinson's 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

A range of authorised Heath Robinson images are available in jpg format.