

PRESS INFORMATION

Quarry Tales - an oral history project for Clitheroe

Quarry Arts has just received £37,700.00 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for an exciting new project based on the Clitheroe area.

Quarry Tales: Clitheroe is an oral history project that will engage volunteers to collect the memories of people who have worked in the quarrying industry around Clitheroe, their families and other members of the community who have been affected by it.

The audio recordings made will be deposited in the North West Sound Archive, based at Clitheroe Castle Museum, and the British Library Sound Archive. There they will be available for future generations both to listen to and for academic research.

Even though the quarrying industry is extremely important in many areas very little recorded information exists about. As part of this project we will also collect specialist local terminology used in the industry that can be compared with other areas - again, an undeveloped area.

The Quarry Arts team comprises: Bobbie Millar, Director, Dr Martin Seddon, Researcher, and Abbie Drew, Administrator. Additional input has been provided by Prof. Clive Upton, Linguist, University of Leeds; Andrew Schofield, NWSA; Clitheroe Castle Museum staff; members of both Hanson (UK) and LaFarge Tarmac; and others.

Other financial support has been awarded by Hanson (UK) and Lafarge Tarmac.

It is hoped that there will be a high level of local support for this project and an inaugural event will be held at **The Atrium, Clitheroe Castle at 7pm, Wednesday 19th November**. People are needed who can tell their stories as well as volunteers to record them. Full training will be given and equipment provided.

Quarry Arts has a long history in working with both specialist bodies and local groups to deliver projects in various parts of the North of England. Formerly part of the University of Leeds, it is now independent and taking on new challenges.

About the Heritage Lottery Fund



Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) aims to make a lasting difference for heritage, people and communities across the UK and help build a resilient heritage economy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported almost 36,000 projects with more than £6bn across the UK. www.hlf.org.uk.

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ARTICLE FOR PARISH MAGAZINES:

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Anyone with a story to tell about quarrying in and around Clitheroe is invited to take part in an oral history project. Quarry Arts have received Heritage Lottery Funding to record stories from those who have worked in the industry, their families and anyone else with stories to tell.

The inaugural event will be held at:

**The Atrium Cafe, Clitheroe Castle Museum
7pm. Wednesday 19th November 2014**

Drinks will be provided

Please park in the town - free and unlimited after 6pm

The stories collected, plus local terminology used in the industry, will become a nationally important resource for historians and researchers - very little exists at present. They will be deposited in our local North West Sound Archive (located in Clitheroe Castle Museum) and the British Library Sound Archive as well as being available on our website - www.quarryarts.org.uk.

Everyone recording will be given training and equipment will be provided.

For further information please contact the project researcher, Dr Martin Seddon, 0775 387 1770, martin@quarryarts.org.uk.

Wanted: Your Memories

For

Quarry Tales: Clitheroe

**an Oral History Project about
the Quarrying Industry in and
around Clitheroe**

We need:

**Volunteers to talk about their memories
and
volunteers to record them**

Please come to an

Open Meeting:

**The Atrium Cafe at Clitheroe Castle
7 p.m. Wednesday 19th November 2014**

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