



Spring has sprung at the Dean Heritage Centre.

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One of the most beautiful places in the UK to experience spring in full bloom, the Forest of Dean offers all the sights, sounds and scents of the new season. Daffodils, primroses and new-born lambs have already been spied throughout the forest and soon the undergrowth will be awash with greenery.

On Sunday 12th February, the Dean Heritage Centre (DHC) will be celebrating the start of a new season with their annual Spring Festival.

Located in the heart of the Forest, the centre offers a great place to start any trip to the area and a diverse range of activities to entertain all the family.

During the festival visitors will be able to take part in insightful guided walks offering a unique perspective on spring in the Forest or try their hand at smallholding for the day, with informative and fun 'chicken keeping' taster sessions.

Hands on activities will be available for the kids including new born chicks to see, fun ferret walking, plus other more educational activities such as our Microscope Discovery Corner and cryptic trails.

Officers from the Forest of Dean District Council's waste team will also be on hand to talk to visitors about the new charged for garden waste service which will take effect from 2 April this year.

Harri Le Claire, PR and Event Manager at the centre said: 'The day is a fantastic opportunity to get out into the fresh air and start looking forward to everything that the Forest of Dean has to offer in spring. Sometimes it's very easy to forget how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful and ever changing place!'

For many spring is a symbol of new beginnings and for the Dean Heritage Centre, 2012 is a fresh start with 2 new members of staff, a redesigned website, refurbished shop and the arrival of the Dennis Potter archive and planned exhibition.

Spring Festival is just the start of a jam packed events calendar including the annual National Science and Engineering Week in March, the Fire & Wood festival in May and the brand new Gruffalo trail planned for Easter 2012.

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For more information on the DHC please visit the new and improved website www.deanheritagecentre.com or call 01594 822170.

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Notes to editors

- The Dean Heritage Centre is based in five acres of scenic woodland and is home to five galleries of the history 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 Joanne Clarke on 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.
- Upcoming events for Spring 2012 include Spring Festival, Science and Engineering week, Easter Bonanza, Fire and Wood festival.

