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**Routes to Roots awarded National Lottery support – bringing exciting new heritage trails to Mossley.**

# Main text

It's been a busy few weeks for the Mossley Civic Society as they started work on designing five new heritage trails for the town. Volunteers worked alongside Green Monster Arts and pupils from all five primary schools to plot, walk, research stories, create characters and provide a narrative for the trails. A team of 134 project workers with ages ranging from 8 - 84, powered by a shared enthusiasm for heritage trawled the internet, read local books, studied old photos, mined the memories of relatives and explored the archives at the Heritage Centre to ensure that the trails bring the Mossley of the past to life and spark a wider interest in the fantastic history right around us. The trails will now be professionally designed and be launched in early July with a display of the children's work in George Lawton Hall also in the pipeline.

The Routes to Roots project is funded through a grant of £35,900 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). Thanks to money raised by National Lottery players, the project aims to greatly raise the profile of Mossley Industrial Heritage Centre by increasing visitor numbers and encouraging children and adults to explore the heritage of Mossley in an engaging and fun way.

As well as producing five interactive walking trails the Centre itself will also have a makeover including new branding, signage and physical enhancements to tempt the public in along with a new, accessible website to record Mossley’s past.

Find out more on the Facebook page @mossleycivic

## Notes to editors

### About Mossley Civic Society

Mossley Civic Society are a group of dedicated volunteers who are passionate about Mossley past and present. In addition to creating the Industrial Heritage Centre they produce books and exhibitions on all sorts of subjects from the role that Mossley played in the war to how Whit Friday has changed over the years. They are always looking for new volunteers to join them and this project will promote those opportunities.

### About the Heritage Lottery Fund

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