

PRESS RELEASE

New Project Supports Traditional Performance in the East Peak

A year long project has just been launched by the East Peak Innovation Partnership to celebrate performance traditions taking place through the year in the area. The project, which runs until November 2013, will find and record a wide variety of traditions including dance, music and song which characterise the calendar year in the East Peak, from brass bands to sword dancers to Yorkshire Carols. Gordon Watts from the project team said, "This exciting project will help to mark and promote the rich variety of traditional and folk performance found in the East Peak through the changing seasons. In addition to well known local traditions, we hope to identify and promote some lesser known events, be they old or more recent additions to the calendar".

As well as creating an archive of local performance traditions, a number of events will be held throughout the area to promote groups, and artists in the East Peak and improve local awareness of this cultural richness.

If you take part in a tradition which you think the project should know about, or you simply want to know more about the project, you can contact the project team at eastpeaktraditions@gmail.com, and watch out for the project on Facebook and Twitter.

The funding for this project is being made available through the East Peak LEADER programme which is part of the Rural Development Programme for England and which is jointly funded by Defra and the European Union.

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Notes to editors:

- The East Peak LEADER area covers rural communities in North Sheffield, West Barnsley, Kirkburton and Denby Dale.
- The East Peak Innovation Partnership (EPIP, <http://www.epip.org.uk>) was established in 2008 and links together three similar areas covering Penistone and District, North Sheffield and the parishes of Denby Dale and Kirkburton. The Partnership was established to deliver a LEADER bottom up, community led approach to rural development.