

HEADSTOCKS FESTIVAL

A fun day out for the whole family is on offer at the annual Brinsley Headstocks Festival on Sunday, September 9th.

Launched some 10 years ago the Festival aims to welcome newcomers to the site as well as keep regular visitors aware of its ever expanding diversity - wild and plant life, mining heritage and D.H.Lawrence connections.

The site, which will be open from 11.00am to 4.00pm, will host live music, good food and drink and a variety of stalls to browse and purchase goods. A traditional bodger will be demonstrating how numerous tools, implements, items of furniture and fencing can all be made by hand using natural woodland resources.

Also in the Festival programme will be a static display of birds of prey as well as the results of a moth count, held the previous evening. Throughout the day there will be free guided walks of the site to explain the local heritage and point out interesting wildlife.

Parking and entrance to the Festival is free although donations are welcomed, which having covered organisational costs, will help towards the ongoing expenses of site maintenance.

The Festival is an important event for the Friends whose main work is helping Broxtowe Borough Council maintain and improve the site for all to enjoy throughout the year. The Friends will have a stall at the Festival outlining their activities. "We hope people would consider joining us to help further improve the quality of the site for generations to come," said a Friends spokesman.

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