

Lepra opens historic museum to the public for Heritage Open Days

On Saturday the 21st of September, Lepra will open its museum to the public to commemorate the 25th Heritage Open Days celebration.

The exhibition will feature historic documents and photographs, dating back to the organisations foundation in 1924, and films highlighting the work of Lepra in India, Mozambique and Bangladesh.

Lepra's proud royal patronage is well documented in our museum and provides an interesting insight into the royal family's continued commitment to battling leprosy.

Our museum documents the history of our fight against the disease, how it has affected millions of lives and how a cure was discovered.

Guided tours provided on the day will demonstrate our ongoing fight to change the lives of those affected by leprosy.

There will be music, provided by the Highwoods Choir, and light refreshments.

There will also be an exclusive display detailing our continued focus on mental health and wellbeing for those effected by leprosy.

Our Mental Motivators pilot project, commenced in May 2019, will have its very own section. It will include images and stories from our Ambassador, former Blue Peter presenter, Stuart Miles and the stories of those affected by leprosy.

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Notes for Editors

About Lepra and leprosy

Lepra is a UK-based international specialist charity that has been working to beat leprosy since 1924. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II became Patron of Lepra in 1952, shortly after the death of her father King George VI, who had been Lepra's Patron since the charity was founded in 1924.

Leprosy affects over 7 million of the most vulnerable people in the world, causing life-changing disabilities and attracting terrible prejudice and discrimination. **But there is a cure.**

Lepra works to beat leprosy in India, Bangladesh and Mozambique by finding, diagnosing and treating people affected by the disease. By raising awareness, pushing for early detection and supporting people living with disabilities caused by leprosy, Lepra works towards a day when this disease no longer destroys lives.

Last year, the charity reached 301,000 people through diagnosis, treatment and care. It reached a further 1.7 million people through health education and events to raise awareness of leprosy and other neglected diseases.

Find out more about Lepra on its website and social media channels:

Website: www.lepra.org.uk

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/LepraUK>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LEPRAUK/>

You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/LEPRAHinA>

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