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Interactive insight into Vale's heritage on Cowbridge High Street

Vale residents and visitors can now tap into the Vale's heritage thanks to an interactive kiosk which has been installed outside the Old Hall on Cowbridge High Street.

The new kiosk forms part of the Explore & More, Vale of Glamorgan Heritage Experience and features a series of short films starring Gavin and Stacy star, Ifan Huw Dafydd and local people with links to the area's heritage sites.

From shipwrecking and piracy on the Heritage Coast to Cowbridge's Physic Garden, the films bring to life the hidden histories of the rural Vale and act as an introductory guide for both locals and visitors.

The bilingual kiosk also provides visitors with directions to the area's key landmarks including Nash Point Lighthouse, Ogmore Castle and Ewenny Priory, in addition to background information, quirky facts and historical tales belonging to the attractions.

Nicola Sumner-Smith, Senior Rural Regeneration Officer for the Vale of Glamorgan Creative Rural Communities project, said, "We're delighted to see the second Explore & More kiosk installed in the Vale. Cowbridge High Street attracts huge numbers of visitors so it's the perfect location to showcase the wealth of heritage attractions nearby. We hope that it will also encourage local people to explore what's on their doorstep."

The kiosk on Cowbridge High Street is one of four interactive kiosks being installed across the rural Vale. A second can be found at the visitor centre at Dyffryn House and Gardens, with the other two soon to be installed in St Illtud's Church in Llantwit Major and The Watermill Pub in Ogmore by Sea.

The Explore & More initiative has received funding through the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Rural Development Plan for Wales 2007-2013 which is funded by the Welsh Assembly Government and the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development.

For more information please visit www.exploreandmore.co.uk.

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