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# Henry Boot Construction Gets Stuck in the Mud for The Civic

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An intrepid fundraising team from Henry Boot Construction in Barnsley waded through 100 tonnes of mud, ten tonnes of ice and a 30 strong punishing obstacle course, at Bramham Park in Leeds, to raise a staggering £5,000 for The Civic #connect appeal in Barnsley.

Ryan O'Loughlin said, "We have only just recovered! We completed the 12K obstacle course on 24<sup>th</sup> June and have just finished collecting all the sponsorship money raised, we wanted to thank our friends, family and customers for supporting us."

The money will go towards the redevelopment of The Civic arts centre in Barnsley. The project will enable the people of Barnsley to access and enjoy the venue to the fullest by opening up the core of the building. In addition to providing Barnsley with cultural, learning and self-improvement opportunities.

Renovation will include an Eldon Street box office and café, the refurbishment of three un-used floors, and a new theatre space.

Helen Ball, Chief Executive of the Barnsley said, "I wanted to thank the Henry Boot team for taking part in such an amazing fundraising event for The Civic, their support means the world to us, it would be great to hear from other local businesses who want to get behind our #connect appeal. A renovated Civic will create jobs, opportunities and strengthen our visitor economy."

#### **Editors Notes**

#### About Henry Boot

Henry Boot Construction has delivered key projects for Better Barnsley, including Market Parade, Market Gate Car Park and May Day Green Market. Works are also underway on the New Library and Metropolitan Centre redevelopment.

#### About The Civic

The Civic, is an arts charity not part of Better Barnsley's redevelopment. The much loved Grade II listed building has been part of the town since 1877.

The Civic reopened in 2009 with a third of the building unfinished and unused. Substantial investment had been made before giving it over in Trust to the charity, Barnsley Civic Enterprise Ltd, and with the recession in full force it had to adapt and make the venue work in its current form. This year, the charity launched a £5m fundraising campaign to re-open 22,000 square feet, with a new theatre, café, and extended gallery, to create a wow-factor – and a world-class destination for the arts by 2023.

#### **#Connect Appeal**

The £5m #connect fundraising appeal is to complete building renovations and return The Civic to its former glory.

The Civic is a leading arts charity; Registered charity no. 1129765. To donate go to <a href="http://www.barnsleycivic.co.uk/">http://www.barnsleycivic.co.uk/</a>

Engage in the campaign on Twitter: @BarnsleyCivic #connect

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