

## More car parking for landmark office scheme

Folly Hall can now boast the same parking levels as out of town business parks thanks to a deal with Huddersfield Christian Fellowship completed last month.

Folly Hall Mills, which already benefits from a prominent edge of town centre location and excellent public transport links, can now offer almost unlimited car parking facilities to its tenants.

Developer Jay Tee Group has secured a deal with Huddersfield Christian Fellowship to share Cathedral House car park, which lies immediately opposite the new office development, giving access to car parking Monday to Friday during office hours.

The additional provision now means that 150 spaces will be available to serve Phase 2, and occupiers will receive a generous parking allocation as part of each tenancy agreement.



## On course for summer opening

Jay Tee's build programme remains on target and is set to complete by August 2009.

Renovation of the main mill building, nicknamed the Fireproof Mill, is now well underway and work will soon commence on installing new lifts and stairs followed by completion of the external streetscape and landscaping.

The new atrium linking the two main buildings and the former Boiler House

behind will be handed over later this month and will become an impressive in-house training facility for ESTL, extending their occupation on the site.

Renovation of the main mill will continue into summer as the main shell of the building nears completion. Each office suite will be fitted out on a floor by floor basis to the bespoke requirements of each tenant. The first suite will be handed over in August.



## No1 for business relocation

Folly Hall is now the number 1 destination for businesses seeking new office premises in Huddersfield.

Joint agents Eddisons and Michael Steel and Co confirmed this week that the number of enquiries has almost trebled since the launch day in February

and interest remains strong from large blue chip companies as well as smaller professional and creative businesses seeking space.



Phase 1 is 100% let and over 30% of Phase 2 is now pre-let, with a further 10% under offer. Further announcements are expected over the next few months as more deals are completed.

Potential occupiers interested in taking space are urged to make early enquiries to avoid disappointment. Suites are available from 600sq ft to 30,000 sq ft.

## A lesson in local history

Developers Jay Tee Group are working in partnership with Huddersfield Civic Society on a community project to highlight the historic importance of Folly Hall Mills, to bring to life the rich history behind the buildings and the people who lived and worked there.

A major Huddersfield Landmark originally built in 1844, the mill was once occupied by the Joseph Lumb & Son, worsted spinners, who were renowned the world over for the quality of their cloth. After years of neglect, the riverside Grade II\* former woollen mill is being transformed into modern office premises whilst retaining the rich character and historic features.

Northern Legacy Community Interest Company has been working on projects based on the social history of the mill. The company held a portrait exhibition of former workers at Huddersfield Art Gallery in January to March 2009 and now, commissioned by Huddersfield Civic Society with Heritage Lottery Funding, is set to launch a DVD on the mill's history in mid-May. It will be distributed to schools to promote knowledge of local heritage within the curriculum and will also be available for public sale.

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## ESTL move in

Award winning training provider ESTL has now completed its move to the historic Mill.



The company outgrew its previous headquarters at Kirkburton, Huddersfield and has taken space in both mill buildings, as well as the extended Boiler House, to accommodate its 100 staff.

ESTL managing director, Rachel Stirling, said "we have moved to Folly Hall because we have experienced considerable growth over the last 12 months, which is forecast to continue. We chose Folly Hall for our relocation for a number of reasons, including its central location – which enables us to retain existing staff – its car parking facilities and the chance of having purpose built premises with specifically designed spaces. It is wonderful to be part of an exciting regeneration scheme for Huddersfield and to create new employment opportunities for the local community," she said.

Staff have already moved into the Small Mill and will be transferring into the Boiler House, newly built Atrium and Main Mill over the next few months.