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**Leeds Building Society supports Money Talks exhibition
at Leeds City Museum**

Early 20th century money boxes, passbooks and a large Coat of Arms are among the items loaned by Leeds Building Society to a new exhibition which opens next month.

Money Talks, at Leeds City Museum, explores the different forms money takes and the relationship people have had with currency over the centuries.

The exhibition focuses on the value of physical currency and its impact on culture across the world. It also looks at new technology and societies moving towards completely cashless systems.

The exhibition is sponsored by Leeds Building Society, which has loaned a series of items from its archives associated with the Society's long history in the city.

Colleagues from the society will also be running a series of school workshops to help children build their financial education and money skills.

Richard Fearon, Chief Executive of Leeds Building Society, said: "We're proud to sponsor this exhibition, which reflects the role money has played in our city's heritage.

"We have been in Leeds for almost 150 years, helping to put home ownership in reach of more people generation after generation. It will be fantastic to show how the Society has contributed to many of the important themes explored in the exhibition.

"This is a great moment for the city as we prepare for Leeds 2023, the year-long celebration of the city's rich culture which we're also proud to be supporting. We hope Money Talks will attract even more people to visit Leeds."

The exhibition will open on February 11th and runs until June 26th.

Kat Baxter, Leeds Museums and Galleries curator of archaeology and numismatics, said: "For thousands of years, money has played an integral role in the development of our communities and civilisations. Money, and our many relationships with it, influences our everyday lives, whether we are playing money board games or going shopping.

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“We’re excited to be exploring so many different facets of this fascinating subject in our exhibition and extremely grateful for the help, support and enthusiasm of Leeds Building Society in bringing it to life for our visitors.”

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Notes to Editors

Leeds Building Society

The Society operates throughout the UK and had assets of £21.1bn at 30 June 2021 (£20.5bn at 30 June 2020). The UK’s fifth-largest mutual has its head office in the centre of Leeds, where it was founded in 1875.

The Society won the title of Best Shared Ownership Mortgage Lender in the 2021 What Mortgage Awards, its sixth consecutive year of success in this category. It also received a Gold Ribbon from Fairer Finance for savings accounts for the fourth year running, based on customer happiness and trust, along with the ability to explain things clearly.

Leeds Museums & Galleries

Leeds Museums & Galleries is the largest local authority-run museum service in England and has one of the larger and most significant multidisciplinary collections in the UK. They care for 1.3 million objects which they use to inspire, educate, entertain and challenge the people of Leeds and visitors to the city. They run nine historic sites and visitor attractions, welcoming over 1.6 million visitors each year, accounting for around a quarter of all museum visits across Yorkshire.

Leeds City Museum

Leeds City Museum, Millennium Square, Leeds, LS2 8BH

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FREE admission

Leeds City Museum was established in 1819 and reopened on 13 September 2008, having moved to the former Mechanics’ Institute located on Millennium Square in the centre of Leeds. With four floors and six galleries to visit, the Museum offers an exciting, fun and interactive day out for all the family. The Museum collection spans ancient and contemporary history, the local area and the wider world.