

# History

The Market Hotel originally stood on the site of the present day Bradbury Community House. The old Market Hotel premises was originally a public house and later became Glossop's first mechanically run dairy.

During the years of the "Depression" from the 1920's until the outbreak of the second world war the league of Social Service ran a social club for the unemployed from the building and it became known locally as Community House.

During the 1930's a Mrs May Casey became totally committed to the upkeep of the building and later instigated its purchase for the benefit of the people of Glossopdale.

The building was renovated and reopened as Community House 1957. In recognition of her dedication Mrs Casey's portrait is displayed in "Casey Hall"

After many more years service to the community the building's age was beginning to take its toll and the upper floor was decreed unsafe by the fire department. In 1992 after considering several options the Trustees made the bold decision to rebuild Community House.

This was made possible after extensive fundraising and with a large grant from a private overseas charity, the Bradbury Trust, with the stipulation that the building was to be named after its founder the late Mr William Bradbury.

On 26 February 1994 the Mayor of High Peak laid the foundation stone for the new building and the work was completed 3 months before the official opening date. The opening ceremony on 24th October 1995 was commemorated with a brass plaque that is displayed in the entrance foyer. Bradbury Community House is now home to the Citizens Advice Bureau, Age Concern Day Care Centre, and Derbyshire Chamber Business Link as well as many social and community groups.

Being an independent charity run by a board of volunteer trustees, it is a non-profit making organisation and income from room rentals is used to improve and maintain the building to the highest possible standards. Our aim is to serve the community and outlying districts to the best of our ability and continue in the same spirited vein as Mrs Casey, welcoming all to use Community House.

*" I hope it will never be a white elephant and that there will always be public- spirited men and women to run Community House"*

Mrs M. Casey 5th October 1957