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HRH, THE PRINCESS ROYAL TO OFFICIALLY OPEN VILLAGE HALL

HRH, THE PRINCESS ROYAL will be the honoured guest in Bassetlaw on 22nd January to perform the official opening ceremony at Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall.

The hall, which has undergone £118,000 worth of refurbishments, will be opened during a 30 minute ceremony just after midday in front of the whole village.

The Village Hall Committee raised £18,000 for the refurbishment and successfully received lottery funding and grant money of £100,000 from organisations including the Countryside Agency, WREN, Bassetlaw District Council and Cottam Power Station.

Improvements include an extension to the hall, a brand new kitchen, bar, toilet block, new tables and chairs and an attractive new colour scheme.

Following the opening ceremony at midday on 22nd January, Sir Andrew Buchanan, the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire will launch the village's UK Online Centre, the first in North Nottinghamshire. This features an impressive array of IT equipment, including Video Conferencing and Telly Talk, all of which will help reduce rural isolation.

"We believed our achievements to be worthy of a grand opening ceremony and so I wrote to HRH the Princess Royal last year asking if she would do us the honour of opening our Village Hall," explained Janet Landon, Secretary of the Village Hall Committee.

"I was absolutely delighted to find out that she would be performing the opening ceremony, which is a rare honour, an historic and unique event, which will be remembered by all in the village for many years to come."

"We hope that this wonderful new Village Hall will help to recreate the community spirit and give people a sense of ownership of their community and environment."

The hall will be open to all after the Princess Royal has left and refreshments will be available. An evening disco will then round off a memorable day for Headon-cum-Upton.

Photo opportunity:

HRH, the Princess Royal and Sir Andrew Buchanan, the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, will arrive at Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall just after midday on Tuesday 22nd January. Photographers are advised to keep a reasonable distance away from the guests.

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