



PRESS RELEASE

Saxilby Church Hall now open following major refurbishment

Community groups and residents in Saxilby will now have the benefit of a fully refurbished Church Hall in Church Lane Saxilby following the completion of the building work. The project will be officially opened by Cllr Martin Trollope-Bellew, Chairman of Lincolnshire County Council, accompanied by Lady of the Council, Rosemary Woolley on Sat 19th November at 11.00am. The hall will remain open for the rest of the day for everyone to view and enjoy.

The full refurbishment project has greatly improved insulation standards in floor walls and ceiling,; it includes new double-glazed windows, upgraded fire precautions, new electrics including a hearing loop and a projection facility, a fully refurbish kitchen and upgraded toilets, redecoration throughout, a new store extension, a new patio area, and improved outdoor lighting and circulation spaces.

The project has been funded by a £49,968.00 grant from WREN's FCC Community Action Fund, together with a £20,000 Community Facilities Grant from Lincolnshire County Council, an £8,000 Community Facilities Grant from West Lindsey District Council, a £10,000 grant from the Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation in London, and two other charitable donations as well as £15,000 from the Saxilby Church Funds.

David Turner, Churchwarden and Lay Chairman of Saxilby PCC (Parochial Church Council) is delighted that the project is now in use. He says: "This vital facility is going to make a real difference to those who use it, as well as to the wider Saxilby community. We are extremely grateful to WREN and to others for providing funding as we would not have been able to go ahead without their support. We are also very grateful to our local contractor, Cliff Williams & Sons who has done an excellent job."

WREN is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community, conservation and heritage projects from funds donated by FCC Environment through the Landfill Communities Fund. Cheryl Raynor, WREN's grant manager for Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire, says: "It's wonderful to see something we have funded finally open and ready to make such a difference to the local community in Saxilby."

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