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New community centre benefits from landfill tax grant

The Leigh Park Community Centre in Westbury, Wiltshire was officially opened on Friday 4 January 2013 at 2pm by Dr Andrew Murrison, MP for South West Wiltshire.

Representatives from the Hills Group, which provided a grant of £20,000 through the Landfill Communities Fund, joined a number of other funding bodies and residents from the local community to celebrate the event.



Celebrating the cutting of the ribbon at the opening ceremony are : (left to right) Dr Andrew Murrison, MP, Debbie Cole, vice-chair Leigh Park Community Centre and Mike Webster, group director for Hills Waste Solutions

Funding for the construction of the building was gained mainly through a Section 106 Agreement with Persimmon Homes, the principal homes developer in Leigh Park.

The funding from Hills was used to provide all the equipment for the state of the art kitchen together with tables and chairs for the hall. Additional funds were also secured from Wiltshire Council, Westbury Area Board, Westbury Churches Together, BA13 Community Group and Aster Homes to fit out the centre.

The £750,000 community centre has been built adjacent to the local shops at Palomino Place in Westbury and serves residents of Leigh Park and the surrounding



areas. It makes best use of the space with facilities such as a bar, kitchen, small and large meeting rooms and car parking. It has proved very popular with the community and a number of bookings from a variety of groups for leisure activities, celebrations and parties have already been taken.

The project, which has been cited as a great example of successful partnership working, was led by Wiltshire Council working with a project board chaired by Portfolio Holder for Communities, Councillor Chris Williams, and formed of members of the Leigh Park Community Association, council officers and a representative from Community First.

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