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## **Royal Wootton Bassett RFC stays warm in winter following Hills grant**

A £15,000 grant from The Hills Group Limited has helped to ensure that the rugby players of Royal Wootton Bassett RFC get well deserved hot showers and stay warm this winter following the installation of a brand new electrical heating and hot water system.

Increased use of the club's facilities had highlighted the fact that the heating and hot water system were no longer adequate and required a complete upgrade to meet the demand. The total cost of the project was around £65,000 with additional funding secured from SportEngland and club fundraising through the community.

Chris Elias, chairman of Royal Wootton Bassett RFC, said: "We are delighted with the support received from Hills and Community First in respect of this project. The new system which has been installed with the full support of SportEngland will ensure that our members and all users of the Ballard's Ash Sports ground will no longer have to endure cold showers after their matches. We have already seen the smiles returning to people's faces – it's been heart-warming in more ways than one!"

The funding from Hills was made available through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) which is administered for Hills by Community First, the Rural Community Council for Wiltshire.**ENDS**



### **Notes to editors:**

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