



Left to right: Cosmopolitan's Regeneration Officer Kristene Karaski with members of The Lodge Community Group: Jane Higgins - Ann Whiteside - Josie Shaw - Sue Daniels and- Ann Norton

Halton residents celebrate the Royal Wedding and further refurbishment works to their local community centre.

The Lodge Community Centre on Whitchurch Way, Runcorn was a hive of activity last Friday 29/4 as local families came together to enjoy double celebrations.

The Lodge Community Group organised the free event to celebrate the Royal wedding and unveil further refurbishment works that have been recently completed at the community centre.

The event was a great success with all ages and included magic tricks, a table top sale, face painting and a bouncy castle as well as refreshments.

Following the extensive £74,000 refurbishment works in 2010, the completion of phase two means Halton Lodge Community Centre now boasts new bathrooms and baby changing facilities, a disabled toilet cubicle and new flooring in the main hall, corridor and bathrooms.

The work has been funded by Cosmopolitan Housing Association, Halton Borough Council Area Forum, WREN and the Lodge Community Group who run the centre.

Jane Higgins, Chair of The Lodge Community Group, said at the event: "This has been a fantastic celebration that not only marked the Royal Wedding but the completion of the refurbishment of The Lodge Community Centre. It was lovely to see so many members of the community come out and support us today. The Lodge Community Group would like to thank those who contributed to the success of the project and we are looking forward to the centre being used more."

Kristene Karaski, Regeneration Officer with Cosmopolitan, said: "Volunteers such as the members of The Lodge Community Group are valued so much by Cosmopolitan Housing and we are happy to support them. The Group has worked for the past three years to see this project completed, raising almost £100,000 to ensure the community centre can be refurbished. This is now a fantastic local facility and we are all very excited at the prospect of the Centre being of further benefit to the community."

If you would like to know more please contact Kristene Karaski on 0151 224 0387."

