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## CELEBRATIONS AS CLASSROOM REFURBISHMENT AT CHICHESTER HARBOUR COMPLETED



Staff, teachers, children and sponsors came together last week to celebrate the complete refurbishment of the classroom at the Chichester Harbour Education Centre at Dell Quay. The classroom, which provides a learning base for school field trips to the Harbour, has been fitted with new toilets, cupboards, flooring and decoration to provide a modern, bright and practical base for the 11,000 field trips sessions delivered annually by the Education Service.

A reception was held to show the new facilities to everyone involved in the project. Representatives from the Friends of Chichester Harbour and The Woodger Trust who provided most of the funding were present along

with teachers and children from schools that use the Education Centre regularly. Staff and members of the Conservancy, past and present, were also in attendance.

Jane Latawski, Education Officer, Chichester Harbour Conservancy said “Our class room was first converted from an old store room xx years ago and had been little changed since. The facilities were rather tired and we didn’t have enough toilets to cope with the large school parties that visit, particularly when the children are very young. This refurbishment has allowed us to extend the bathroom facilities, introduce better storage and a lovely hard wearing new floor - we are delighted with the results!”

Richard Austin, AONB Manager commented “We are extremely grateful to the Friends of Chichester Harbour and The Woodger Trust for their contributions to the funding of this project. Both organisations recognise the importance of education in introducing the next generation of potential conservationists to the unique location that is Chichester Harbour to inspire them to protect its special qualities for the future.”

Chichester Harbour Education Service offers a year round programme of memorable, outdoor learning experiences for all ages. Sessions are carefully tailored so that schools get the most out of their time outside with fun, curriculum linked programmes, led by qualified and experienced Harbour teachers.

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#### **Notes to editors**

##### **Chichester Harbour Conservancy**

Chichester Harbour Conservancy is the statutory authority for Chichester Harbour and, as a team, manages the Harbour and surrounding areas. The Conservancy focuses on recreation and leisure, conservation and landscape protection, making it a destination for visitors to enjoy. It also runs an annual programme of events and an Education Service for families and schools.

##### **National and International Designations**

Chichester Harbour is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The Conservancy and the National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (NAAONB) work closely with the Government, landowners, environment organisations and local communities to ensure the Harbour is conserved and cared for. The intertidal areas across Chichester Harbour are also designated at national (Site of Special Scientific Interest), European (SPA, SAC) and international level (Ramsar site) in order to protect the diverse and fragile range of habitats.

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