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the debate online  
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**OUTSIDE** Muskhams Rural Community Centre, which was opened on Saturday, are, left, the chairman of the parish council, Mr Ian Harrison (49) and a supporter of the project Mr Gary Hobbs (46).



# New hall a plus for village community

A £580,000 community centre was officially unveiled on Saturday.

Muskhams Rural Community Centre replaces the old hall, which was on the same site and served the village for 20 years.

The centre has a large hall with a stage, a smaller hall, changing rooms, kitchen, bar, meeting room with projector, toilets and access for the disabled.

Environmentally-friendly features include air source heat pumps providing all the heating and hot water and rainwater harvesting.

The centre was designed by architect Mr Nick Hutchings, of Henry Mein Partnership, Nottingham, who lives in the village.

Building work started in January after several years of hard work to get the project off the ground.

The chairman of the parish council, Mr Ian Harrison, said: "We knew we would get here but we

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never thought it would be like this. It's already exceeded our expectations.

"After so many blows, such as the demise of the post office and the cutting back of rural services, we think this is a massive plus for our community. We want it used every hour of the day.

"Thanks to a brilliant project team we have arrived with a facility that will support and nurture the community of North Muskhams and beyond for many years. We thank everybody involved, not just in North Muskhams but in the surrounding villages."

The ribbon was cut by the MP for Newark, Mr Patrick Mercer, who said community centres were at the heart of rural communities.

Visitors toured the centre, and there was also a display of photographs by North Muskhams Heritage

Group. In the evening, about 175 people watched a play by North Muskhams Players called Rock Around The Hall, based on events in the village over the years.

The building will be used by a range of groups, including four sports clubs.

In addition to its everyday use, it will also act as an emergency centre providing a place of safety during floods and other incidents.

A time capsule, containing documents and photographs and a copy of the Advertiser, has been buried beneath the entrance.

The centre was built using £350,000 from the Big Lottery, £50,000 from Biffa, £50,000 from When (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) and £11,000 from the Community Sustainable Energy Fund, with the village and the parish council raising the remaining £120,000.

On Saturday, the Nottinghamshire county councillor for the village, Mrs Sue Saddington, gave £1,200 from her divisional fund towards running costs.