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Press Release

The Devon and Exeter Institution

For immediate publication

The Devon and Exeter Institution is pleased to announce that our popular ‘Roof and Library Tours’ will resume on Wednesday April 13th at 1pm.

Following grants from Historic England and the Heritage Lottery Fund, **Carrek** have secured the contract – following a competitive tender process - to restore the Georgian library roof, overseen by Conservation Architect Simon Cartlidge.

This unique and fascinating restoration process can be seen first-hand by joining one of our free ‘drop in’ tours, available each Wednesday between 1pm and 4pm. Group tours are also available if booked in advance.

Our development project is taking place over the next two years and will deliver:

- a restored and structurally secure building
- conservation and care of the historic book collection and archive
- interpretation which includes public talks and displays
- a learning and engagement programme and digital resources

The project aims to encourage more people to learn about and appreciate the historic value of the DEI – its building and setting in Cathedral Close and its library and art collection.

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We continue to operate as a subscription library while also offering many new public events and activities for all ages. For the latest news view our website, twitter or Facebook:

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Notes to Editors

About The Devon and Exeter Institution

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“the general diffusion of Science, Literature and the Arts; and for illustrating the Natural and Civil History of the County of Devon, and the History of the City of Exeter”.

The Institution occupies historic premises at the heart of Exeter in the Cathedral Close. Adapted from what was once a medieval house belonging to a canon of the Cathedral, the library of the Institution is housed in two elegant Georgian rooms which provide space for individual research and for cultural events, lectures and musical evenings. There are also two smaller meeting rooms enjoying beautiful views of the Cathedral and a popular restaurant.

The Institution is cherished by members and visitors alike for its calm and peaceful atmosphere in the midst of a busy city. Many scholarly books and articles have had their origins in its quiet spaces and a number of leading academics acknowledge the part the Institution has played in the early stages of their careers.

Further information

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