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Press Release

The Devon and Exeter Institution

For immediate publication

The Trustees of the Devon and Exeter Institution are delighted to announce the completion of our roof restoration.

The roof will be formally ‘opened’ by The Earl and Countess of Devon at a celebratory event in March.

The restoration has been a five year process of investigation, fundraising and fabric repair. This work has been funded by grants from Historic England, the Heritage Lottery Fund and many smaller donations from grant making trusts and members of the Institution.

The work was undertaken by Carrek contractors with Conservation Architect Simon Cartlidge.

This unique and fascinating restoration process was shared with members of the public who attended our popular weekly roof tours.

Our development project continues over the next year and will deliver:

- conservation and care of the historic book collection and works of art
- interpretation which includes public talks and displays
- a learning and engagement programme for school pupils and community groups

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.

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:

www.devonandexeterinstitution.org

Twitter: [@devon_ex_inst](https://twitter.com/devon_ex_inst)

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Notes to Editors

About The Devon and Exeter Institution

The DEI is an Educational Charity. Our founders established the Institution in 1813: '...for promoting 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 house belonging to the Courtenay family, the library of the Institution is housed in two elegant Georgian rooms which provide space for research and reading, educational activities, cultural events and lectures. The Institution has a close working relationship with the University of Exeter and there are also two bookable meeting rooms enjoying beautiful views of the Cathedral and a charming members' dining room.

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.

We are open for public tours on Wednesday afternoons from 1pm – 4pm.

Further information

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