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Twickenham Rowing Club – Expanded Clubhouse opened on 14th April 2013 after major redevelopment.

Twickenham Rowing Club's extended and refurbished clubhouse and training facility was opened on Sunday 14th April by Di Ellis CBE, the Chairman of British Rowing from 1989 to 2013.

She is pictured here cutting the ribbon to open the new facility. Also in the picture are Councillor Rita Palmer, the Mayor of Richmond, Paul Thorogood, Chief Executive of the Football Association, Club President Keith Baldwin, the Right Hon Kate Hoey MP, the Mayor of London's Commissioner for Sport and the Right Hon Dr Vince Cable MP.



Di Ellis, Vince Cable and Councillor Palmer all spoke commending the Club for its efforts in planning and creating the new facilities and joined in thanking the funders who had help to make possible the development of such an important local sports facility.

The opening ceremony was attended by more than 50 guests representing Funders and organisations which had assisted in the project.

The Club, which was founded in 1860, has occupied its current site on Eel Pie Island since 1876, when it was given the freehold of the land that it occupies by Philippe VII, Comte de Paris, one of a number of members of the French Royal family who had strong connections with Twickenham. The current clubhouse was built in 1880 to replace an even earlier floating structure. Various additions were made to the clubhouse, but about 20 years ago thoughts began to form about a much more ambitious development.

The Club's ability to complete all these developments is due in no small part to the hard work and support of

members who have given time and raised funds. But particularly critical to the club's ability to undertake this project, has been generous funding from the following bodies:

- British Rowing under their Facilities Development scheme
- The Mayor of London: Facility Fund
- The London Marathon Charitable Trust
- Sport England's Inspired Facilities Fund, again as part of Olympic legacy funding
- Viridor Credits, through the Landfill Community Scheme
- The City Bridge Trust and the Corporation of London
- Hampton Fuel Allotments Charity

Keith Baldwin, President of Twickenham Rowing Club, said: "One of our goals is a major expansion of our membership so that we can enable more people of all ages and abilities to benefit from water based activity on our magnificent stretch of the River Thames. These bigger and better facilities have already enabled us to increase our membership by about 30% and we are running a series of Learn to Row courses through the spring and summer. Check out our website www.twickenhamrc.co.uk for details."