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Bank of Ireland joins local dignitaries at unveiling of Avonpark Village's new clubhouse

Bank of Ireland joined staff and residents of Avonpark Village in welcoming former BBC newsreader Martyn Lewis to unveil the Village's new clubhouse on Friday 14 October. The Bank provided funding of £8.5m to Retirement Villages Ltd who acquired the retirement village in Winsley Hill, near Bath, in November 2010. Work started immediately to upgrade the facilities, and includes new clubhouse facilities, a new lounge with library and an entirely new reception area.

Mr Lewis, whose mother lived at Avonpark Village, met with residents before unveiling a plaque to mark the occasion in front of the invited guests.

Commenting on the day **Jo Leahy, Associate Director, Bank of Ireland UK** said: "Bank of Ireland is delighted to be part of today's celebrations. We are committed to developing relationships with everyone involved in the care homes we fund, from the senior management down to the staff and residents, so to be invited to join the festivities means a lot to us"

Jon Gooding, Chief Executive of Retirement Villages Ltd, added: "It's great that Bank of Ireland are able to join us on a day like today. It is important to us that everyone involved in the project sees what their involvement means to us at Avonpark Village, and how they are part of this opportunity to enhance the lives and lifestyles of not only the current residents but those in the future."



L-R: Tammy Noonan and Jo Leahy, Bank of Ireland, Retirement Villages (RV) chief executive Jon Gooding, former owner of Avonpark Village Hud Cooper, Martyn Lewis, RV chairman Nigel Welby, RV president Ray Brown, RV finance director Clive Hayton

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