

# Wakefield celebrates completed works

Our Wakefield branch has been undergoing an extensive refurbishment project over the last couple of months and branch staff took the decision to select last Saturday, the 26th as their official opening day. As part of the celebrations they put on coffee and cake for the branch visitors, as well as unveiling their commissioned sculpture by local Barnsley based Sculptor Graham Ibberson.

The piece which is on permanent display at the entrance to the branch is entitled 'The Family of Man and Woman' and takes strong influences from Wakefield born Sculptor, Barbara Hepworth. The family who are all loosely based on Graham's own family members, represents today's modern family with another local reference point featured in the young boy clutching a rugby ball in homage to local team Wakefield Trinity Wildcats.

The branch has long had an affinity with the team and currently operates the Wildcat account, an exclusive instant access supporters savings account which pays an annual bonus to the Club.

Manager, Stewart Davies, invited the Branch's first ever customer in 1991, Mrs Larkin, to come along and be part of the celebrations and was happy to take the opportunity to present her with a bouquet of flowers to thank her for her loyalty to the branch over the years.

Despite freezing temperatures the Barnsley Building Society Brass Band turned out for a few early Christmas



Wakefield Branch Manager Stewart Davies with (top) Barnsley based sculptor Graham Ibberson and (bottom) the Branches first ever customer back in 1991 Mrs Larkin.

carols and their own rendition of 'Congratulations', before huddling back inside for a warm drink and a chat with the customers.

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