

# **World's Oldest Golfing Society completes £580,000 upgrade**

The Edinburgh based Royal Burgess Golfing Society has just had work completed on a lavish six-figure upgrade of its facilities thanks to a £580,000 funding package from Bank of Scotland.

The upgrades were focused on the society's clubhouse, which was originally built in 1896. The refurbishments included changes to the entrance, locker rooms, members bar and dining/function room areas.

It is hoped that the project will lead to the hosting of more high-profile members and corporate functions.

Jim Rigby, treasurer at The Royal Burgess Golfing Society said: "We have an exceptional course at Royal Burgess and, as the oldest golfing society in the world, a reputation to match. However, our clubhouse amenities were beginning to look a bit tired, but after the refurbishment we now have facilities that match the course and will further enhance our reputation.

"In addition to the refurbishment we have improved our food and beverage offering which will help drive additional income through attracting more functions and corporate events. Bank of Scotland has been a longstanding supporter of the society and provided funding for a similar project 15 years ago."

Established in 1735, the Royal Burgess Golfing Society is the world's oldest golf society. It boasts a prestigious past with such high-profile members as Jack Nicklaus and members of the Royal family.

Derek Weir, relationship manager at Bank of Scotland added: "The Royal Burgess Golfing Society has banked with the Bank of Scotland for over sixty years. Established in 1735 and with honorary members including Jack Nicklaus alongside members of the royal family, the society is steeped in prestige.

"Alongside maximising the opportunity that functions and corporate events offer, the facilities will also help drive membership at a time when most golf clubs are seeing membership numbers decline.

"This is the second time that the Bank of Scotland has supported the upgrading of the facilities at The Royal Burgess Golfing Society and we look forward to continuing our relationship long into the future."