



PRESS RELEASE

MAYOR VISITS WI HOUSE

The Mayor and Mayoress of Gloucester have visited WI House in Brunswick Square in Gloucester to join members of the WI's County Executive for afternoon tea.

The Mayor, Councillor Lise Noakes, and the Mayoress, Mrs Jackie Smith, became interested in finding out more about the WI after attending the WI's annual Christmas concert at Cheltenham Town Hall in December.

Whilst the Mayor and Mayoress were at WI House they heard about one of GFWI's current projects ,The Big Read , in which members are encouraged to read a certain book and then to share their thoughts on what they've read by producing creative projects in all sorts of media. They also saw some examples of beadwork made by members at a WI class, and heard about some of the campaigns that the WI is currently involved in nationally, which include waste management and fairer farmgate prices for milk.

The Mayor's visit comes soon after news that the Duchess of Cornwall has become a member of the WI in Gloucestershire. County chairman of the WI, Gill Thomas, says: "The WI attracts all types of women and can offer something different to each one of them. We're delighted that the Mayor and Mayoress have been able to visit our county headquarters to see some of our activities for themselves, and we hope that they may become members in the future."

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Notes to Editors:

You can find more details about the WI in Gloucestershire at www.gfwi.org.uk

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