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**PADDY TIPPING LABOUR MP FOR SHERWOOD**

## **Press Release**

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### **MP SETS SAILS TURNING ON WIND TURBINE**

Paddy Tipping, MP for Sherwood, formally switched on the new wind turbine at Lake View Primary School, Rainworth on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Located in the grounds behind the school, the turbine is 12 metres high and has a five metre diameter rotor. It will generate about 10 megawatts of electricity per annum, which will help to reduce the school's own energy bills.

The project was started when the school took part in the Eco schools competition to win a wind turbine, making a power point presentation for their submission, which showed work they had done on wind power, including building kites, testing windstrength via the maths and science curriculum.

Although not winning the competition, the school were given help to access government funding through the Low Carbon Building Project Scheme and from Switched on Communities for about half of the £27,000 cost. The remainder of the funding was provided from the school's own devolved capital funds.

Working in partnership with E-on, the energy company, the wind turbine has been built. Pupils are able to monitor the output of the turbine via a visual display in school and will be keeping records and using the turbine information for further work in the maths and science curriculum.

Paddy said today "This is a great initiative, demonstrates a real commitment to combat climate change. All of us can learn a great deal from the pupils and staff at Lake View Primary School"

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