

HYDRO HOTEL REOPENS FOLLOWING MASS RENOVATION

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ONE of Windermere's oldest hotels has reopened following a £1m renovation.

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The Hydro Hotel, on Helm Road, is now open for business following the refurbishment which has seen bedrooms transformed as well as the restaurant & bar, along with the main function room given a much needed facelift.

To celebrate the opening, a cocktail party was held which saw more than 100 people attend. On the night, stilt and fire displays were performed by Gravity Live whilst Jack Pack, who finished fourth in the 2014 Britain's Got Talent competition, sang two unforgettable live sets of music.

Fellow Britain's Got Talent performers, Katy and Paul, who took part in the 2016 competition, also took to the stage and wowed the crowds with their acrobatic act.

Prior to the entertainment, Mayor of Windermere, Councillor Leith Hallatsch and Squire Hotels' director of operations, Jodi Masterson, spoke out about the impressive reopening.

Speaking about the night, Jodi said: "I want to thank everybody that attended and witnessed the reopening of our beautiful hotel.

"The work we have completed is just phase one of our refurbishment, there is still a two further phases to come.

"We are delighted with how the hotel looks, we have worked hard to retain some of the key and historic features of this iconic hotel."

Guests can now enjoy a more modern stay at the 78-bedroom hotel, which is owned and managed by Squire Hotels, however staff were keen to retain some of the more historic features of the building, which first opened its doors for business in 1881.

The hotel, which overlooks Lake Windermere, was purchased by Squire Hotels in 2014 and the company immediately identified the need for an upgrade, after nothing had been changed in the previous 20 years.

Stefan Rae, who was brought in to oversee the development as part of his role as general manager, said: “It’s certainly been a lengthy process but we’re delighted to announce that The Hydro Hotel is now officially open for business.

“The bedrooms have been updated as have other aspects of the hotel. We’re now excited to get started and already we’ve had a number of bookings, which we’re pleased with.”

The designer for the refurbishment was Heather Bennani of Notabox and the building work was carried out by Team Northern. The work completed is the first phase of a three phase development of the hotel, with more work planned for later this year and next, including the rest of the bedrooms and the leisure facilities, along with the outside grounds.

Originally an 81-bedroom establishment, some rooms have been knocked together to offer bigger rooms to guests. The hotel will also be able to host weddings and conferences, whilst still accommodating the many coach tours which come to the Lakes.

Stefan added: “The hotel has the capability to host a wide range of events following the refurbishment and we look forwarding to welcoming a variety of guests over the coming months.”

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