

## **Jet Towel hand dryers to enhance super new Girl Guide hut**

**Jet Towel hand dryers are part of a donation made by Mitsubishi Electric to Girlguiding Guessens District, who are rebuilding their 90 year old hut in Welwyn Garden City, 25 miles north of the centre of London.**

Each week over 200 girls aged 5–16 attend and participate in group activities, having fun, building positive relationships with their peers, young leaders and adult volunteers. Along the way they gain valuable life and personal skills and regularly contribute to making a difference in their local community. The hut is also a resource for over 340 girls and 35 volunteer adult leaders from other groups across the district.

The old hut, which had been in constant use since the 1920s, had been showing its age. It was too small for today's needs and had little heat or sound insulation. The kitchen was dated and inadequate, certainly not suitable for group cooking activities. The toilets were in poor condition and disability access was limited. It was also becoming increasingly difficult and costly to maintain.

With a history going back many generations, virtually to the founding of guiding, it was a sad but necessary decision to replace the old hut. Significantly, the new building is intended to secure guiding in Welwyn Garden City for the long term so that many more girls and young women can benefit from the friendship and personal development engendered by guiding.

The new building is architect-designed, larger than the original and will meet current and future needs. Work started on site in September 2016 after months of planning and preparation and is being supported by suppliers, parents and the local community.

Neil Butler, Jet Towel Sales Manager for Mitsubishi Electric, says: "Girlguiding does so much to encourage girls to achieve their potential that I am delighted we are able to support them in such a practical way."

Jet Towels are high performance dryers that offer many advantages in installations such as guide huts. They are very quiet in operation, so their use is unlikely to disturb activities in the main hall. They dry hands in about 10 seconds, a third the time of conventional hot air dryers, which is important because there are likely to be busy periods at the beginning and end of each session.

Jet Towels do not blast vast quantities of hot air over the users' hands as traditional dryers do. Instead precision designed nozzles direct a high speed laminar flow of air over the hands to remove moisture from the hands as droplets rather than as evaporation, thus reducing the dispersal of microbes and bacteria and minimising hygiene risks.

Very significantly for organisations like the Guides, Jet Towels' running costs are very low; because far less air is set into motion for each drying operation the power requirement is only about one-tenth that of conventional dryers. Further, maintenance and service requirements are low, especially compared to paper towel alternatives, so overall life costs are small.

Neil again: "Offering energy efficiency, hygienic operation, minimal maintenance and low cost of ownership, Jet Towels are popular with a wide range of users. They have been installed in restaurants, hotels, offices, conference centres – and even at a rather smart campsite in the Lake District."

#### **Image Captions:**

**Image 1:** Jet Towel hand dryers are part of a donation made by Mitsubishi Electric to Girlguiding Guessens District, who are rebuilding their 90 year old hut in Welwyn Garden City.

**Image 2:** The new Girl Guide hut is architect-designed, larger than the original and will meet current and future needs.

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## **About Mitsubishi Jet Towel**

Mitsubishi Electric's first Jet Towel was launched in 1993 and the version now available in Europe is in the eighth generation of its development. It has proved a winner with installers for its high tech elegance, with operators for its low running cost and reliability, and with users for its convenience, speed, hygiene and innovative design. The Jet Towel has high environmental credentials, avoiding the use of paper towels or rolled cloth and lowering power consumption and noise levels to a fraction of alternative hot air dryers.

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