

**REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR CULTURE AND RECREATION
PART II**

BASING HOUSE LAUNCH EVENT

At a meeting on 8 July 2010, the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation considered and approved the Basing House Launch event.

Following investment received from Heritage Lottery Fund, Hampshire County Council, Renaissance Southeast and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to develop its visitor and education facilities, Basing House re-opened on 28 August 2010. The new facilities include a learning and community centre, shop, venue for functions and events in the 16th century barn and improved parking arrangements.

At the centre of the launch, was a Civil War re-enactment event, “The Battle of Basing”, which was staged on Basingstoke Common, adjacent to Basing House. At the same time, on the site itself, a variety of complementary activities, such as Living History demonstrations and story-telling took place.

This report arises from consideration of a report by the Executive Member for Culture and Recreation, which is available on Hantsweb at:

http://www3.hants.gov.uk/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/councilmeetings/advsearchmeetings/meetingsitemdocuments.htm?sta=&pref=Y&item_ID=1795&tab=2

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