

## Very Big Day for Harborough Magna

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020 was a very big day for Harborough Magna. Ian Bentlett and Elizabeth Biggs-Poyner on behalf of the village received a cheque from the Big Lottery for £353,753 to pay for the new community room from Hannah Asprey of the Big Lottery Community Fund. For the past five years Ian and Elizabeth have worked their socks off – with lots of support from many in the village - to get funding for this new community centre for Harborough Magna, Easenhall and the surrounding rural area.

They were joined at the presentation by trustees of the Old School Community Room (OSCR) registered charity no: 1185789 and children from the nursery school. There were also lots of villagers, who were delighted to see that work on the new building is really starting to take off. David Jones, who is now chairing OSCR, thanked Ian and Elizabeth for all their hard, hard work but reminded the village that fund-raising is still needed to complete the building and volunteers needed to use and run the community room to make sure it is a real success, fulfilling its promise to be a great benefit for the villages and our rural area. If you would like to support the Trust in any way please contact David, via telephone on 01788 834675 or via email at [jiseys@me.com](mailto:jiseys@me.com).