

£7,500 New Library Opened at Hagley

A new £7,484 branch library at Hagley was opened yesterday by the chairman of Worcestershire County Council, Mr. J. M. C. Higgs.

For 25 years, the county library service operated from a small room in the church hall where the bookshelves have had to be shuttered after each lending session.

The new building, which has open-access shelving for 5,500 books, has been built on the corner of the playing fields.

Mr. Higgs said that the parish council had made the land available and it was hoped that it would be the start of a twin scheme to provide a new parish hall nearby.

The chairman of the County Library Sub-committee, Ald. E. Gittus, said that there were more than 1,000 borrowers.



Mr. J. M. C. Higgs, chairman of Worcestershire County Council, speaking at the opening of Hagley branch library yesterday. With him is Ald. E. Gittus, chairman of the county Libraries Sub-committee.