

Headfort Arms Hotel has been Awarded Four Stars

There is reason to celebrate in Kells this weekend as the landmark hotel in the heritage town delights in the news of its award of Four Star Classification by the state Tourism and Quality standards board Failte Ireland. News landed yesterday of the accolade bestowed upon the family run establishment, run by the Duff family for almost the past 50 years. The building once the townhouse of the Marquis of Headfort operated as a hotel for over a century before Tom and Peggie Duff returned from London in 1972 to carry the mantle into the millennium. And so now in the hands of the next generation Vincent and Olivia, the hotel has continued to thrive, expand and improve through the ups and downs of the Irish economy with an accumulation of accolades and awards along the way.

Speaking to Olivia Duff, she said 'this is an amazing milestone for us as a family and as a business, it is the accumulation of a considerable amount of hard work, investment and vision for us to reach this day, we are absolutely thrilled. Its sets a marker for us now to continue to improve and expand but it wouldn't have been possible without our great team of staff, many who are with us so many years and who embody best the Headfort style of great hospitality and welcome'.

Vincent added; 'We are really proud to call ourselves Four Star, it is great not only for us as a business and our loyal customers, but it is great for the town of Kells and the future of tourism in the town, it is a huge boost of confidence for everyone involved and we hope it will translate into further business'.

The Headfort Arm has long been a landmark hotel for Weddings, family occasions, a meeting place and a venue known for its warmth of hospitality and service. Currently offering 45 bespoke bedrooms, the hotel has recently submitted planning permission for a further 10 bedrooms to accommodate its growing Wedding market as well as tourism and business visitors to the region. The expansion will further enhance its four-star offering and offer more accommodation for the town of Kells and region and Ireland's Ancient East.