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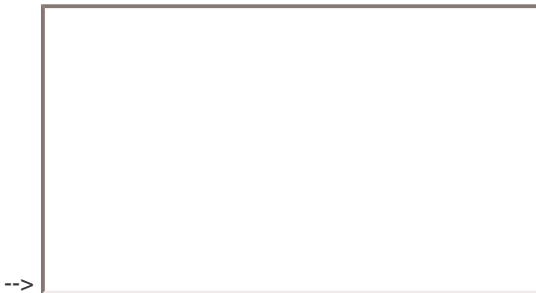
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BUILDING FIRM LEAPS IN TO HELP GYMNASTS

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South Devon gymnasts are full of bounce after their Torbay HQ has been saved from closure.

Torquay builders Rok chipped in with work to make the 19th century Rotunda, at Oldway Mansion, Paignton, safe to use. The South Devon School of Gymnastics was facing the prospect of having to shut its doors when the Rotunda was ruled unsafe.

Rok's Torquay office answered a plea for help as the club, which teaches more than 300 young people across the area, was unable to pay to do the work needed to keep the club going.

Rok volunteers donated their time to revamp the building, using a scissors lift to replace boards on the 15-metre-high ceiling as well as redecorating and carpeting the waiting room.

Nicci Tucker, head coach at the club, said: "We are extremely grateful to Rok for the time and effort they have put in to help keep the club open.

"The Rotunda is a beautiful building but, because of its age, requires a lot of maintenance.

"Everyone is thrilled that the work which has

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taken place means we can now stay on here until our lease on the building runs out in 2009."

Andy Braund, of Rok Torquay, said: "We really value the strong relationships we have within the local communities where we live and work.

"Part of that is about giving something back to the community and so we were delighted to be able to offer our time and expertise to help ensure the survival of the club which does so much good work with local youngsters."

When the Rok Torquay office was recently named best in the company, staff voted to donate half of their £5,000 prize to charity, with the rest going on a celebration party.

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