



■ **LAUNCH:** Pictured at the unveiling of the new software from left is, Alex Dunne, Wellington's managing director, Pat Shanahan, Tipperary CU chief executive and former SDLP leader John Hume

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New system 'to revolutionise' conduct of union's customers

ONE of Northern Ireland's longest-established software houses has launched an innovative new system it claims will revolutionise the way Credit Union customers conduct their business.

Belfast-based Wellington Computer Systems, founded in 1983 and employing 30 staff, specialises in the provision of IT solutions to the Credit Union sector.

Yesterday it launched 'CUonline', a revolutionary system through which Credit Union customers can now pay bills, transfer funds and apply for loans online – all securely and without charge.

The service was formally endorsed

At a glance...

A specialist provider of IT solutions to the Credit Union sector unveiled an innovative new system

at a reception in the Wellington Park Hotel by Nobel Laureate John Hume.

Wellington's managing director Alex Dunne said: "Today's Credit Union members are demanding higher standards of service and flexibility.

"Higher bank charges mean more customers are opening accounts with Credit Union and CUonline means they can now enjoy the full range of

online services offered by banks 24 hours a day, but without the bank's quarterly account charges."

More than 50 Credit Unions throughout Ireland care are using Wellington's leading technology systems.

It underwent extensive trials at a number of institutions including Tipperary Credit Union, which plans to implement the system soon.

Tipperary offers a full range of financial services to its customers as well as multiple loan rates and required a system which could meet all its requirements.

Pat Shanahan, chief executive of Tipperary CU, said: "The system is very advanced and includes industry

strong encryption and security, ability to pay bills and transfer funds, secure messaging facility and the fully up to date records and is easy and convenient for our customers to use which is key to its success.

"With Electronic Funds Transfers, account enquiries and applications for loans accessible from the comfort of their own homes, we can now offer real and a meaningful range of services to our members through the web."

Wellington Computer Systems, which also supplies IT solutions to the bonded warehousing industry, operates satellite offices in Dublin and Glasgow.