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## **ADVENTURE IS ON FOR PENHILL RESIDENTS**



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A timely grant of nearly £50,000 has prevented a long-awaited adventure playground in Seven Fields, Penhill from being scrapped.

Project organisers TWIST spent almost nine years consulting with local people and planning the playground, but were advised by Swindon Borough Council earlier this year that funding for the project had been withdrawn as a result of Government spending cuts to Playbuilder Funding.

Assisted by the Community Foundation for Wiltshire and Swindon and Community First, TWIST has now managed to secure alternative funding through the Landfill Communities Fund from the Hills Group. Organisers and funders met on the site to celebrate the news and view the area that will be home to the new adventure play equipment.

Mike Hill, chief executive of the Hills Group said, "We know how important it is for children to have access to play facilities and this new area will provide a

great outdoor experience for all young people. The local community were widely consulted about the creation of this adventure playground and the children got involved in the design of the equipment. All it needed was the funding which we are pleased to provide through this tax credit scheme.”

“We are absolutely delighted with this amazing grant from Hills. This project has been planned for so long, and is so eagerly anticipated by the children and young people from the local community. It will be like a dream come true for so many people who have been involved in the project for such a long time including those involved in the Fair Share Project” said Rosemary Macdonald, chief executive officer, Community Foundation for Wiltshire and Swindon.

Work on the adventure play area is due to start in January 2011. It will be managed by TWIST with the support of the Community Foundation for Wiltshire and Swindon when it is completed. **ENDS**

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**TWIST Project** is a registered charity which provides play opportunities for children between the ages of 6 – 14 in the Penhill and Pinehurst areas of Swindon.

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