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Hills provides free, temporary home for Swindon Scrapstore

Wiltshire based Hills Group is helping Swindon Scrapstore get back on its feet following a fire in January which destroyed the charity's premises.

Keys to temporary premises at Unit 4 County Park Business Centre on Shrivenham Road were handed to Scrapstore's project manager Olivia McCann and chairman Dave Wood by Mike Hill today.



L to R: Alistair Andrews, partner at Loveday and Loveday, Mike Hill, chief executive of Hills, Dave Wood, chairman of Scrapstore and Olivia McCann, project manager of Scrapstore.

Hills was amongst the first organisations to contact the charity to offer assistance after reading about the fire in the Swindon Advertiser.

“We have been part of the Swindon business community since 1900 and our aggregates, waste management and recycling services touch the lives of most people in the area in one way or another. When I read about the Scrapstore's predicament I knew it was the right thing to contact them and find out how we could help,” said Mike Hill, chief executive of Hills. “We have vacant units

available at our business park and I am really pleased that we have provided a solution for them. Scrapstore's work also reinforces our efforts to use waste as a resource and minimise landfill through active recycling."

The premises, which have been provided free for up to one year, will allow the Scrapstore to continue collecting reusable materials for the benefit of the local community whilst its more permanent premises at Westmead Industrial Estate are made ready for permanent use.

"We are extremely grateful to the Hills Group for their kind offer of storage space. We can now take larger quantities of quality reusable materials from businesses who would otherwise dispose of these resources in landfill sites and pass them on to the local community to be reused in educational and recreational activities," said Olivia.

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It is a dynamic regional business which, while centred on Wiltshire, has stretched its boundaries into neighbouring areas. The Group has a turnover of £67 million and employs almost 400 people over 28 sites.

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County Park Business Centre

Is owned by Hills UK Ltd and located approximately one mile east of Swindon town centre. It is a vibrant business community with a broad range of office, showroom and trade counter occupiers already based on the estate.

Full details on vacant units are available from the agents Loveday and Loveday on telephone 01793 423344 or alistair@lovedayandloveday.co.uk

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