

NEWS RELEASE – 18 December 2012

Who gets charity donation? You decide

Residents of Swindon and Wiltshire are being invited to vote for one of three charities to get a cash donation this festive season.

The Hills Group is embracing the 'reduce' element of the waste hierarchy this Christmas and in place of sending greeting cards to its customers, will instead make donations to local charities.

Hills has selected three Wiltshire charities to benefit from the £300 donation and is encouraging members of the public to vote for which charity will get the £200 share. The remaining two charities will receive £50 each. Voters also have the opportunity to nominate a charity of their choice to receive Hills charitable funding in 2013.

Mike Hill, group chief executive, said: "We support a number of good causes during the year through our charitable giving and are pleased to include these worthy causes and at this special time of the year."

The charities who stand to benefit are :

- Music Alive, a music charity for the disabled, based near Purton
- Wiltshire Mind, an independent local mental health charity
- Doorway, a homeless charity and drop in centres for Wiltshire and North Swindon

Register your vote by going to The Hills Group facebook page at <u>http://www.facebook.com/HillsGroup?sk=app_127709503932081</u>

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