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Access for all at Marlborough's golf club

A £50,000 grant from the Hills Group has funded improvements at Marlborough's golf club for the benefit the wider community and in particular the disabled.

The funding was made available through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) which is administered for Hills by Community First, the Rural Community Council for Wiltshire.

Les Trute, general manager of Marlborough Golf Club (MGC), explained: "One of our biggest problems was that wheelchair users and visitors with mobility restrictions had no way of gaining access to the clubhouse, bar and restaurant facilities which are all located on the first floor. Unlike a lot of other golf clubs, Marlborough has opened up its facilities for use by the general public and we had to address this issue. After all, in my opinion the far reaching views across the Marlborough Downs from the clubhouse are some of the best to be had in the area and it seemed a shame that not everyone was able to share in the enjoyment!"

The potential relocation of Marlborough Tennis Club onto a section of the common was also a consideration as their intended facilities include a tennis court for disabled players.

The monies granted have been used to install a stair lift along with improvements to the existing toilet facilities, creating space for a new toilet for disabled users.

The final stage of the project has been to create a new golf range which is also open to members of the public.

David Capel, chair of the MGC development committee, said: "The new golf range is all about giving everyone the opportunity to come along and have a go at hitting a few balls without the intimidation of going on the course. We hope it will encourage more people to come and enjoy spending some time outdoors, getting a bit of exercise and perhaps even discovering a passion for the game! It's one of the few sports that has no age barrier and can be enjoyed by the whole family." **ENDS**



Watching a golfer use the new practice area are (l to r) from MGC, Roger Hill, chairman, Les Trute, general manager, and David Capel, development committee with Alan Pardoe, chairman of The Hills Group

Notes:

Marlborough Golf Club

- MGC is a community amateur sports club and the golf course, much of which is on common land, is leased from Marlborough Town Council
- MGC is open to the public every day when food and beverages are available to purchase and has conference / event facilities for hire www.marlboroughgolfclub.co.uk

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