

## NEWS RELEASE – August 2014

### Over £1 million granted to community & environment projects across Wiltshire

Forty five projects across Wiltshire benefited from over £1,026,100 worth of grant monies made available via the Landfill Communities Fund in 2013/14.

Figures released by The Hills Group show that projects which received funding included 13 community and environmental projects, 5 kids play areas, 15 sports facilities and 12 village and community halls. The projects stretch across the length and breadth of the county with grants ranging from £3,000 up to £30,000.



Swindon RFC received £15,000 to install a new boiler in the changing rooms

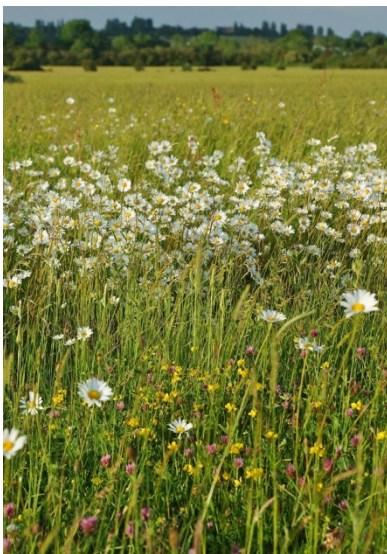
Mike Hill, chief executive of The Hills Group, said: “The Landfill Communities Fund is an innovative tax credit scheme that allows us to work with registered environmental bodies to deliver projects which improve the lives of communities living near landfill sites.

“We ensure that the maximum amount of funding is made available through this scheme each year and work closely with our partners

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Community First and the Cotswold Water Park Trust to distribute the funds as widely as possible.”



Bromham Village received £10,000 for their BMX bike track



Wiltshire Wildlife Trust received vital funding for nature reserves

Dr Gary Mantle, Chief Executive of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, said: “Thanks to the generous support of The Hills Group we have been able to improve access and achieve the careful management of our nature reserves. This has been of huge benefit to the wildlife and people of Wiltshire. This year we have seen unprecedented numbers of orchids and other wildflowers on our meadow reserves. Thanks to Hills, we have been able to achieve the precise grazing and hay cutting necessary.”

Philippa Read, chief executive of Community First, said: “Community First is pleased to be working with The Hills Group in distributing grants from the Landfill Communities Fund which has enabled communities in the Wiltshire area to enhance existing facilities or to put in new ones for the benefit of their residents.”

A full list of the projects that have received funding can be found at

<http://www.hills-group.co.uk/consult/community.html>

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Shorncliffe All Saints received £5,000 towards a new roof