

NEWS RELEASE – 5 December 2014

CAFE CELEBRATION!

The Olive Tree Café is celebrating the completion of a much-needed extension to its seating area following a grant for the works from The Hills Group in Swindon.

The official opening of the extension to the cafe, which is based in the Manor Garden Centre on the Cheney Manor Estate took place on 4 December as part of the Christmas Collection, an annual event held in conjunction with TWIGS (Therapeutic Work In Gardening Swindon), which is part of the same charity. The money for the extension was made available through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) which is administered for Hills by Community First, the Rural Community Council for Wiltshire.

Justin Tomlinson MP was on hand to officially open the new extension and expressed his thanks to both Hills and all the customers who had also made donations. He said: "It was great to finally see the extension to the Cafe completed. This is a fantastic initiative and I am glad that the local community have noticed it and supported the volunteers. After such a high demand for the fantastic range of food on offer, kind donations were made to extend the cafe and allow for more customers to use the facilities and help raise money. As a customer, I am glad to see that there is now more space which means the increased likelihood that you'll be able to get a seat and enjoy a fantastic all-day breakfast!"



Left : Justin Tomlinson MP opens the café extension

Below: (l to r) Gillian Barber, trustee, Phyllida Richards, Café Manager and Dick Millard, Chair of Trustees of The Olive Tree Café



Cafe Manager, Phyllida Richards commented, "We are very grateful to Hills for their support for this project and are delighted to have this additional space in the cafe which will enable us to accommodate our increasing number of customers. We are also grateful to the many wonderful customers who have supported the project by contributing to our fundraising – we really couldn't have managed this without them!" **ENDS**

Notes

The Olive Tree Cafe/TWIGS is a local charity offering opportunities for people experiencing mental health problems to regain confidence and self esteem through learning new skills and participating in therapeutic activities; and to preserve and protect good mental health of people on the road to recovery by providing

them with positive, work-related opportunities in a cafe open to the public in order to take them a step nearer the world of work. At the present time over 50 volunteers work in the cafe on a regular basis.

www.theolivetreecafe.org.uk

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