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Swindon Supermarine FC Establishes Charitable Trust & Builds New Community Premises

Swindon Supermarine Football Club today announces the creation of the **Swindon Supermarine Sports & Education Trust**, a wholly charitable trust based in the Club's Webbswood Stadium in South Marston, North-East Swindon.

Its first action as a Trust is to open a new, purpose-built £85,000 community facility at its WebbsWood Stadium.

Swindon Supermarine Sports & Education Trust has already received the backing of the local business community with an essential £50,000 funding boost from The Hills Group Limited, which enabled the Trust to begin building work at the beginning of November 2016. The funding has been made available through the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF), which is administered for Hills by Community First, the Rural Community Council for Wiltshire

The non-league football club's purpose is to make use of its extensive facilities to host a wide range of community activities aimed at tackling social, health and education needs in and around Swindon and Wiltshire. The new building will be available for the community to use at least 150 days a year, in addition to the programmes to be offered by the Swindon Supermarine Sports & Education Trust.

Alan Fletcher, Chairman, Swindon Supermarine Sports & Education Trust, commented:

"We are thrilled with the development of our new Trust and hugely proud of this new addition to our growing community facilities at WebbsWood Stadium. From its very inception the entire Supermarine site at South Marston has had at its heart the purpose of providing sporting facilities and offering activities that bring together the local community. With the development of our new Trust, and this new community facility, we are building on that fine heritage and taking a giant leap forward."

Mike Webster, Group Director, Hills Waste Solutions, said:

"Hills is delighted to support the Swindon Supermarine Sports & Education Trust community facility with this significant grant. As a Swindon company we are excited to continue our support for local sports teams and proud to be closely associated with an important facility which will make a real difference to the lives of many local people."

In addition the Trust is seeking two lead sponsors to finance the programme costs. Bevirs Solicitors have agreed to become the first lead sponsor of the Trust and its community building with an injection of £12,000. The Trust will provide the funding to run the core of the planned roster of community activities and programmes.

Stuart McNeil, Senior Partner, Bevirs Solicitors said:

"Bevirs Solicitors is absolutely delighted to become a lead sponsor of the Swindon Supermarine Football Club's imaginative new facility for the community. This well-established local footballing presence in the community has shown ambition and dedication in offering this facility to the people of Swindon and Wiltshire, and their values and aspirations chimed with those of Bevirs Solicitors in our work within the community we serve. We greatly look forward to working closely with this new Trust in enhancing the wellbeing of the local community."

The Trust is currently in discussions to secure a second lead sponsor to join Bevirs. The Community building is expected to be completed in May and to be in use by the Community from June 2017.

Its formal opening date is provisionally set for 5th May 2017.

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Notes to Editors:



1. Swindon Supermarine Football Club

Established in 1992, this local non-league club has men's women's and associated youth teams within set up. Its men's side is currently plays in the Southern League; it aspires to progression within the Non League Pyramid, an ambition that has fuelled the considerable enhancement to its training, playing and community facilities.

It built its ground-breaking indoor training and playing facility, The Swindome, in 2016. This half-million facility is one of only three in the UK, and accommodates an indoor football pitch, convertible to three 5-A-Side pitches, two viewing galleries and a gym.

As another step in the professionalisation of the Webbswood facilities, the Club has recently opened new changing rooms on the Webbswood site, a considerable enhancement of its facilities for all its teams and match officials.

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3. Bevirs Solicitors



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