

## Press Release

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### Kent computers help children in developing world

Kent-based CAF (Charities Aid Foundation) is donating its redundant PCs to Digital Links. Charity Digital Links recycles used IT equipment from the UK to Third World countries to give young people the opportunity of developing IT skills and the benefits of Internet access.

CAF is undergoing a major re-computerisation programme. PCs and monitors incompatible with the new system are being passed on to Digital Links at a rate of about 20 per month.

CAF PC Support Team Leader Lee Berry explains: "Our old machines have no commercial value but it seems terrible just to throw them away. It's good to know they are now going to a worthwhile cause.

"In addition to the PCs, teachers in schools need training, so I was very pleased that CAF's Legacy Distribution Group agreed to making a £5000 grant available to Digital Links to cover the cost of a trainer for a year."

CAF, which employs around 350 people, has been based in Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, since 1995. A registered charity itself, CAF offers specialist financial services to charities and their supporters worldwide.

Digital Links accepts donated redundant PCs from private and public corporations in the UK. Having deleted existing data and software, it refurbishes the hardware which it supplies at low cost mostly to schools in developing countries.

Digital Links says that the equipment it supplies has 90% of the functionality of new computer equipment but at as little as 10% of the cost. (For more information about Digital Links visit [www.digital-links.org](http://www.digital-links.org))

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Pic 1

“Don’t throw you old PCs away,” says Lee Berry PC Support Team Leader at Charities Aid Foundation of Maidstone

Pic 2

Lee Berry, CAF PC Support Team Leader with, left, colleague Bashiru Mohammed, PC Support Analyst, and another batch of redundant PCs destined to help Third World children acquire computer skills