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## IT'S TAILOR-MADE FOR A GOOD CAUSE

### Fly the flag for charity

THIS England flag jacket and green shirt certainly stand out from the crowd – not least because of the signatures written all over them.

If the fashion were not a statement enough, the signatories certainly are – as they belong to the entire England squad and were signed after the first competitive match for new manager Steve McLaren and captain John Terry.

Now Nicholas Jones Bespoke tailors in Manchester, who hand-crafted the jacket, have donated it for auction at a sportsman's dinner hosted by United star Ryan Giggs on Thursday night.

They are hoping it will raise thousands of pounds for the Five Stars Scanner Appeal, the Manchester charity aiming to raise £1m for a new hospital scanner.

Nick Hartshorne-Evans, co-owner of the business in St Ann's Arcade, said: "We created the jacket and shirt as a complete one-off for our World Cup window, and always hoped to auction them off for charity.

"We happen to do the tailoring for Ryan Giggs, so he was able to help us out in securing the entire England team's signatures, so that he could auction it at the dinner he is hosting this week.

"We believe this is now such a unique piece of sporting memor-



TOP SIGNING Nicholas Jones and Nick Hartshorne-Evans with the jacket autographed by the England team

abilia that it could raise thousands of pounds for the charity."

And those not lucky enough to be attending Ryan's

dinner at Old Trafford on Thursday, can still lodge a bid for the jacket, by calling the Five Stars Scanner Appeal on 0870 977 0055.