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## **Unwanted tools set to relieve poverty in Africa**



Image :

Tony Richardson of The Rotary Club of Swindon and David Moody, a driver from Hills Waste Solutions, load up the vehicle with tools before leaving for the TF SR depot in Southampton.

A truck load of used hand tools, which Wiltshire residents have saved from being thrown away, will provide a means to earn a living for people in some of the poorest communities in Africa.

The tools, which are brought to the household recycling centre in Purton near Swindon by members of the public, are transported by local company, Hills Waste Solutions, to a collection centre in Netley Marsh Southampton where they are refurbished by the UK-based charity Tools for Self Reliance (TF SR) and finally distributed to artisans in rural communities in Africa.

“It was Tony Hill, one of our company directors, who as a Rotarian introduced Hills to the charity in 2003 and each year we have supported both The Rotary Club of Swindon and TF SR by storing and transporting the tools donated by members of the public,” says Cliff Carter, recycling team manager for Hills. “It is great to know that unwanted tools can go on to change lives in place of being thrown away.”

Tools which are needed include hand or foot operated round-bobbin Singer sewing machines and manual tools to suit carpenters, blacksmiths, mechanics, builders and plumbers. They need to be good quality and in good working order.

Members of the public who wish to donate used, good quality hand tools can take them to the Purton household recycling centre or contact either TFSR on 023 8086 9697 or The Rotary Club of Swindon for further details. **ENDS**

Notes to editors:

- **The Hills Group Limited** is a family-owned business and celebrates its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2010.
- The Hills Group operations cover Wiltshire and neighbouring counties. Its diverse activities include managing and recycling both domestic and commercial waste, producing and supplying quarry products and building quality homes. [www.hills-group.co.uk](http://www.hills-group.co.uk)
- Further information on Tools for Self Reliance from [www.tfsr.co.uk](http://www.tfsr.co.uk)
- Further information The Rotary Club of Swindon from [www.rotary-ribi.org](http://www.rotary-ribi.org)

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