

## NEWS RELEASE – 2 May 2017

### Free compost for Wilts schools – Compost Awareness Week 7- 13 May 2017

Green-fingered schools across Wiltshire are being offered a chance to get their hands on some free compost as part of Compost Awareness Week which runs from 7 to 13 May 2017.

The ‘*Warrior Compost*’ is being provided by Hills Waste Solutions and is available to collect at any one of the county’s eleven household recycling centres (HRCs). Each school can take up to five (5) bags of compost.

“We know that schools are becoming increasingly active in promoting nature and encouraging pupils to grow their own flowers and vegetables as part of the curriculum. To help them achieve this all the school needs to do is provide a compliment slip or letter from the school as identification,” says Henry Newbery, recycling manager for Hills, “and that will allow them to each take up to five bags of compost with our compliments.”

Schools that do take advantage of the offer will be encouraged to enter a competition to show off their school garden and how they used their free compost.

*Warrior Compost* is made from green waste collected from Wiltshire residents. It is peat-free, certified to BSI PAS100 standard and accredited by both the Association for Organics Recycling and the Soil Association.

A list of household recycling centres and opening times can be found here <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres>



Green waste collected in Wiltshire from households via the kerbside service and at the county’s 11 household recycling centres is processed at the composting facility at Parkgate Farm, Purton. There it undergoes a rigorously monitored process. The raw material is first finely shredded, then stacked in “windrows” and constantly turned to speed up the decomposition process which takes around 12 weeks. ENDS

Notes to editors:

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