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Marlborough allotments benefit in Compost Awareness Week

Hills Waste Solutions is supporting International Compost Awareness Week (CAW) from 6-12 May and has started the ball rolling with a donation of compost to allotments in Marlborough.

The Stonebridge, Elcot Lane and St John's Close allotments will be able to add the environmentally friendly compost to flower beds and vegetables patches to help their gardens cope better with both the current excessive rainfall and restricted watering during the hosepipe ban.

Marlborough Town Councillor Richard Pitts, Derek Wolfe, Marlborough Town Clerk and Michelle Luck, representative for Transition Marlborough's recycling group, were on hand to collect the compost from the Marlborough household recycling centre on behalf of the allotment holders.



L to r: Michelle Luck, Derek Wolfe, Bruce Thomson, site operative and Kevin Archer, site supervisor, Hills Waste Solutions and Councillor Richard Pitts

Michelle Luck said: "By using compost which is peat-free and made from recycled green materials collected by the community, we are not only helping the environment, but will be getting great results in our gardens too. It helps the soil retain water which is great whilst we are having all this rain and will help when the effects of the hosepipe ban are being felt."

Councillor Pitts said : “We are really grateful for the donation. The allotment holders will be able to use it as a soil conditioner, weed suppressant and as mulch to protect and maintain plants and trees.”

Green waste generated by Wiltshire residents is made into compost that is certified to BSI PAS100 standard and accredited by both the Association for Organics Recycling and the Soil Association. “It is a great example of what we call closed-loop recycling,” says Henry Newbery, area manager for Hills Waste Solutions. “It’s made locally from green waste collected from households and recycling centres across Wiltshire.”

International Compost Awareness Week (CAW) aims to encourage more people to realise the benefits and great results that can be achieved by using peat-free composts containing recycled material. It also encourages people to try home composting. **ENDS**

Notes to editors

- CAW is supported by WRAP www.wrap.org.uk and the Association for Organics Recycling www.organics-recycling.org.uk
- Hills Waste Solutions offers a range of specialist waste management and recycling services to both the public and private sector. www.hills-waste.co.uk
- Transition Marlborough aims to protect our town and the surrounding area from the rising costs of food, energy and transport which are being driven by the global challenges of depleting fossil fuel resources, climate change, and the resultant environmental impacts. www.transitionmarlborough.org

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