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'Recycling heroes' retrieve lost phones and wallet

A resident of Collingbourne Kingston in Wiltshire is breathing a huge sigh of relief after his two mobile phones and wallet were recovered from the Hills Waste Solutions' MRF at Lower Compton near Calne.



Colin Stevens realised that his phones and wallet had been 'recycled' after he had placed them into his kerbside recycling box – for safe keeping! He said: "There had been a spate of burglaries in the area. I was rushing out the door to a meeting and saw the two phones and my wallet lying on the table so I quickly hid them in the recycling box and covered them with some paper."

It was during the following day, after he had put the recycling out for collection and was on his way to collect his daughter from school, that Colin realised his error. He said: "I wanted to put some fuel in the car and it was then that I remembered where I had hidden the phones and wallet." Thinking all was lost, Colin continued on his journey but luckily he came across a Hills kerbside recycling lorry. He stopped the truck and asked for their help. The kerbside collection staff took Colin's details and immediately called their depot to report what had happened.

On receiving the call at Hills materials recycling facility at Lower Compton near Calne, Tom Clifford, kerbside supervisor for Hills, got a team together to wait for the kerbside collection vehicle to come back into the depot. He said: "We are always willing to do our best to help. As soon as the truck arrived we tipped the paper into a pile and starting sifting through it. Mr Stevens was overjoyed when we called to say that we had found both phones and the wallet. I had the pleasure of delivering them back to him at home."

Colin Stevens said: "In these days when the media only covers bad news and bad service, I felt I had to say a big thank you to all the staff who helped me – they are my recycling heroes."

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Notes for editors

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