

**All aboard for recycled hand tools**

A truck load of recycled hand tools from Wiltshire will soon be on a ship destined for Africa following the help of local waste management and recycling company Hills Waste Solutions.

For the past nine years Hills has supported Swindon Rotary Club and the Tools for Self Reliance (TFSR) charity in their efforts to provide artisans in rural African communities with the necessary tools for their trades so that they can earn a living and become self reliant.



David Moody, driver for Hills Waste Solutions and Tony Richardson, TFSR volunteer, unpack the storage container and load tools into the van. More images at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/hillsgroup/>

Cliff Carter, recycling team manager at Hills said: “We encourage Wiltshire residents to bring their unwanted, but still usable, hand tools to any of our 11 household recycling centres where our staff will put them aside for the charity.

“Hills provides a truck to transport the tools down to Southampton where they are refurbished before being shipped to TFSR partners in Africa. It is a great way to make use of tools which might have been thrown away in the past.”

Tony Richardson, member of Swindon Rotary Club and volunteer collector for TFSR said: “We are indebted to Hills and very grateful for the time the company gives us each year to collect and convey these tools to Southampton.”



Each year around 2 tonnes of recycled hand tools are collected in Wiltshire and sent to TFSR. Tony said, “Tools that are always needed include manual tools to suit carpenters, blacksmiths, mechanics, builders and plumbers – in fact any occupational tools but not gardening tools. We also accept sewing machines, both manual and electric, and are particularly interested in haberdashery and swatches of cloth that users can practice their sewing on.”  
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**Notes for editors**

- Full details on Hills Waste Solutions can be found at [www.hills-waste.co.uk](http://www.hills-waste.co.uk)
- Full details on Tools for Self Reliance can be found at [www.tfsr.org](http://www.tfsr.org)

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