

Site to bring new jobs to town

WORK is under way to convert a warehouse into a recycling facility in Amesbury, bringing new jobs to the town.

Hills Waste Solutions is creating 15 positions at its 0.6-hectare site in Mills Way.

The new Amesbury site will handle plastic and cardboard recycling, along with glass bottles, cans, newspapers and some garden waste collected from households in the south and east of the county.

These will then be transported off the site in bulk for recycling and reprocessing.

The facility will also act as a transfer station for household waste collected from homes in the Salisbury area, which will be transported to a plant in Slough where waste is used to create

energy. Hills is recruiting ten kerbside loaders and five LGV drivers who will be based at the new site.

Mike Webster, group director for Hills Waste Solutions, said: "The establishment of a recyclables management facility in Amesbury provides a local solution to deal with waste and recycling generated in the south of the county and significantly reduce road miles travelled.

"We are looking for local people to fill the new roles which have been created.

"The Amesbury site has a number of factors in its favour. It is close to the A303 and A345, which makes its transport links with Wiltshire and Slough very good. There is already a household recycling centre

adjacent to the new site.

"The facility is an important piece of new community infrastructure in the greater Salisbury area and is a big improvement over the two small transfer stations, at Everleigh and Thorny Down, which are not up to modern standards."

Planning permission for the site was granted in April and Hills secured ownership of the site a few weeks ago.

Hills Waste Solutions provides Wiltshire Council's waste collection service across the county.

Recent changes to kerbside collections, including free garden waste collections, mean that more rubbish is being recycled and needs to be processed.



Manager Cliff Carter at the Hills Waste depot in Mills Way, Amesbury.