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New wheels for Wiltshire Wildlife Trust from waste tax

Farming and conservation works at Wiltshire Wildlife Trust reserves in the north of the county will be back to normal following the delivery of a New Holland T6-160 tractor.

The keys to the spanking new piece of equipment were handed to Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Head of Adaptation, John Rattray, by Alan Pardoe, chairman of The Hills Group. The Hills Group provided £57,500 of funding through the Landfill Communities Fund and the tractor was purchased from TH White in Marlborough.



Left to right: Mike Hill, chief executive and Alan Pardoe, chairman, both of The Hills Group
with Dr Gary Mantle, chief executive Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

A welcome replacement for the now worn-out Massey Ferguson, the New Holland T6 will be used seven days a week to undertake every manner of agricultural work such as moving feedstuff for the livestock to cutting hay in the fields.

John Rattray said: "Tractors are used on a daily basis by the Trust, doing everything from feeding our livestock to cutting conservation hay. It is a vital piece of equipment that our farming and conservation work cannot be done without. We are very grateful to The Hills Group for the funding."

Alan Pardoe said: "Our support for the Trust goes back well over 22 years and being able to provide them with this vital piece of equipment will ensure that they can continue with their good work in protecting wildlife and important natural habitats for future generations."

The tractor will be used across the Trust's northern reserves including Blakehill, and the reserves that make up the Lower Moor Farm complex.



Pic caption: Alan Pardoe (left) hands the keys to John Rattray with Mike Hill, chief executive of The Hills Group(second left) and Gary Mantle OBE, chief executive of Wiltshire Wildlife Trust(far right) looking on.

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