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Free compost up for grabs for Wiltshire schools

Green-fingered schools across Wiltshire are being offered a chance to get their hands on some free compost as part of Compost Awareness Week (CAW) which runs from 5 to 11 May.

The 'Warrior Compost' is being provided by Hills Waste Solutions and is limited to the first 4 schools that call at any one of the county's eleven household recycling centres (HRCs). In total 220 bags of compost will be available across the county.

"All the school needs to do is provide a compliment slip or letter from the school as identification," says Steve Burns, divisional director for Hills, "and that will allow them to take five bags of compost with our compliments."

Warrior Compost is made from green waste collected from Wiltshire residents. It is peat-free, certified to BSI PAS100 standard and accredited by both the Association for Organics Recycling and the Soil Association.

A list of household recycling centres can be found here <http://www.hills-waste.co.uk/waste-to-resource/household-recycling-centres/> **ENDS**

Notes to editors

- 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.
- Green waste collected in Wiltshire from households via the kerbside service and at the county's 11 household recycling centres is processed at the new composting facility at Parkgate Farm, Purton. There it undergoes a rigorously monitored process. The raw material is first finely shredded, then stacked in "windrows" and constantly turned to speed up the decomposition process which takes around 12 weeks.
- 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

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