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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 4 to 10 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 Henry Newbery, recycling manager for Hills, "and that will allow them to each take five bags of compost with our compliments."



Last year, members of St Dunstan School Eco Council took advantage of the compost offer and used it in their sensory garden Photo credit: Martyn Forryan

Warrior Compost is made from garden 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

- Garden waste collected in Wiltshire from households via the kerbside service and at the county's 11 household recycling centres is processed at the 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.
- 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