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### Free compost for Wiltshire schools

From 8 – 14 May schools across Wiltshire are being offered the chance to get their hands on some free compost as Hills Waste Solutions celebrate Compost Awareness Week (CAW).

Hills is aware that schools are becoming increasingly active in promoting nature and encouraging pupils to grow their own flowers and vegetables as part of the curriculum.

To make it easy for schools to participate, Hills Waste Solutions will provide up to 10 bags of its 'Warrior Compost' to each Wiltshire school that calls at any one of the county's eleven household recycling centres (HRCs) between 8 – 14 May.

"All the schools are required to do is provide a compliment slip or letter from the school as identification," says Henry Newbery, recycling manager for Hills, "and in return they can take up to 10 bags of compost with our compliments."

Compost is a great example of closed loop recycling and follows a rigorously monitored process. Hills' compost is made from garden waste collected from Wiltshire's households via the kerbside service and at the county's 11 household recycling centres. At Hills' facility near Purton the garden waste is finely shredded, then stacked in "windrows" and is constantly turned to speed up the decomposition process which takes around 12 weeks.



*Pictured left: Last year, members of The New Forest Primary School who took advantage of the compost offer to grow flowers and vegetables in their school garden. Photo credit: Jackie Chapman*

*Pictured right: Mike Webster, Group director – Hills Waste Solutions holding Hills' Warrior Compost*

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**