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Hills' food waste recycling service expands

The food waste recycling service run by Swindon based Hills Waste Solutions is expanding following a successful first year.

Gary McKinnon, divisional director at Hills, said: "We launched the food waste recycling service last year and it is proving very popular with a wide variety of restaurants, shops, offices and factories across Swindon and Wiltshire.

"We have recently purchased a new food waste collection vehicle to keep up with demand, as the number of bins we pick up each month has grown from 196 in March 2016 to 952 in March this year, with more customers signing up.



Hills' latest food waste recycling collection vehicle.

"By recycling food waste, businesses reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill and save expensive landfill tax costs. We utilise food waste as a resource, recycling it using anaerobic digestion to generate energy for the National Grid. Hills' food waste recycling service has already generated over 206 MWh of electricity, which is enough to power 42 homes for a year."

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Notes to editors:

Hills Waste Solutions offers a range of specialist waste management and recycling services to both the public and private sector. It is a dynamic regional business which, while centred on Wiltshire, has stretched its boundaries into neighbouring areas to become one of the region's largest providers of waste solutions. Hills Waste Solutions is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Hills Group Limited, a privately owned family company established in 1900. www.hills-waste.co.uk

On average one house in the UK consumes 4.9 MWh of electricity per year. Source: The Renewable Energy Association.

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