

# The Anvil

## Your monthly update from Tools For Self Reliance Cymru

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This is our last update for 2022 and as you've seen it has been a terrific and eventful year. We've had administrative changes in Tanzania, new partners, new projects and made new friends. We've seen new volunteers here in Wales and we've been out raising funds and awareness at events all around the country.

We are finding new ways to fulfil the job of getting tools to the rural artisans that need them and now we are also helping train isolated, often vulnerable young men and women to give them the skills to create a better future.

Working at a distance from the details can be frustrating awkward, annoying and often it seems impossible but our team there is busy making these changes work and your generous help is still the only way we can continue.

Container 19 is now at our depot and tool donations are needed, as always, to fill it. We recently received what might be considered a treasure trove: Two jammed packed van loads of valuable tools were donated by a very generous local doctor in Abergavenny. It was a fantastic opportunity and it came about through a word of mouth type discovery. If you have unused tools or sewing machines, or hear of someone who does, please remember us and know that these tools and sewing machines will find new life.

As you know not all the donated tools get sent to Tanzania as they are not required and often are even made by local craftspeople. Our shop in Crickhowell is still the best place to buy expertly refurbished garden tools and interesting and unusual items. We have a fine collection of axes and hatchets, spades, forks, billhooks and slashers, etc. at very reasonable prices. These are much better quality than some of the items at your favourite DIY store, probably cheaper, too. If you're nearby drop in for a mooch around. You're likely to find something you like.

If you would like to help out but don't have tools to donate and can't get to our shop there is a donation option on our website at [www.tfsrcymru.org.uk](http://www.tfsrcymru.org.uk) or directly [here](#). You can send us any amount as a recurring or one off donation.

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In Kalwande the roof is on the sewing machine repair/refurbishing workshop. There's still a lot of work to be done but soon it will be an enviable space and a great resource.



As it's the end of the year please accept our best wishes to you for the new year and, as always....

Thank you, and as we say in Wales and Tanzania: **Diolch yn fawr / Asante Sana**

(Here's a Tanzanian Christmas Tree. They bloom every year at this time)

