

# The Anvil

## Your monthly update from Tools For Self Reliance Cymru

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### Container 19 is on its way!

Thank you so much for all the donations, purchases in our shop and at fairs and festivals...You made this possible!

This container is carrying close to 16 tons of donated tools and nine big workbenches. There's a couple of forges, and an anvil with a selection of blacksmithing tools and we managed to find 120 sewing machines for this shipment as well. In every nook and cranny we put saws, hammers, screwdrivers, files, spanners, drills, and any tools we thought might benefit the artisans waiting for them.

A huge thank you to Paul Quill, Simon Amatt, Phil Pope, Corin Mills, David Smith and Gerry Whittaker for the excellent volunteer help in sorting and packing all these tools and of course all the teams at the events and Crickhowell workshop who worked hard to raise the funds for shipping. Special mention to John Pitman (banana boxes), Colin Hill and David King (tool collection) and Paul Verney (sewing machines galore).



As you can see it takes a lot of work, a lot of time, a lot of people and a lot of money to ship 1200 cubic feet of tools and even though this seems to be a lot we are still, after 19 container loads, just barely scratching the surface of the demand.

## In Kalwande

We were the beneficiaries of a lovely donation from a long time (and generous) member and her husband. They asked for the money to be spent supporting Kalwande somehow and we have since used the funds to supply boiler suits and work coats for the staff. I think Lukas might have got his sizes a bit wrong...still it'll save wear and tear on their clothes.

They all have the school logo on the right and TFSR Cymru (or Cymri, in Swahili) logo on the left and will make staff easily identifiable as well as building team spirit.



Visible behind the group is the entrance to the temporary workshop which is now in full operation.



## Locally:

August found our events teams scrambling as the busy schedule unfolded. We were at Green Gathering, Green Man and Between the Trees festivals and a handful of smaller events. Our Crickhowell workshop had to work hard to provide the excellent refurbished tools for sale and the events teams put on workshops in blacksmithing and stool making.



## Look for us in September at:

- The Sennybridge Show (02/09/2023)
- The Usk Show (09/09/2023)
- The Makers Market, Hereford (17/09/2023)
- Carmarthen Seedy Saturday (30/09/2023)

Thank you, and as we say in Wales and Tanzania:

**Diolch yn fawr / Asante Sana**