

The Anvil

Your monthly update from Tools For Self Reliance Cymru

The New Workshop at Kalwande

We knew from the very start that funding new infrastructure at Kalwande was going to be expensive, but the imperative was there for a purpose built workshop to refurbish all the tools we send.

There were no opportunities available for grant funding but our volunteers have raised a huge amount of money this year and we are happy to report that the new workshop is already 80% complete.

Work started, breaking ground at the end of May. In the 6 months following, the foundations were laid, the walls were built; the steel reinforced structural columns, lintels and ring beam were cast in situ. While that was ongoing, the Kalwande fabrication and welding staff constructed the 9 steel roof trusses.

In the last two weeks these have been raised and fixed in place, together with the corrugated steel sheet roof covering.

The next phases will be the windows and doors, wiring and plumbing, and fitting out. Lastly the exterior walls will be rendered and painted.

Here's some photos of the work in progress. Note the complete absence of machinery; everything was done with manual labour and no sign of anything that you would see on a UK building site to conform with health and safety regulations!

Needless to say, our funds have been somewhat depleted so any assistance in the form of donations would be much appreciated to help speed the workshop's completion. Please remember to add Gift Aid to maximise your contribution.



Events and stuff:

- There's not much activity in events coming up but we are working on some small events local to our base in Crickhowell. Keep checking the [website](#) for updates.

In Memorium:

Supporters of TFSR Cymru may know Lynnette who regularly supervises the Shop on a Saturday. We were saddened to hear of the sudden loss of her husband Chris. We would like to thank Lynnette for the generous donation made in his memory.

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

Diolch yn fawr / Asante Sana