

Tools for Self Reliance needs your tools

YES PLEASE any tools

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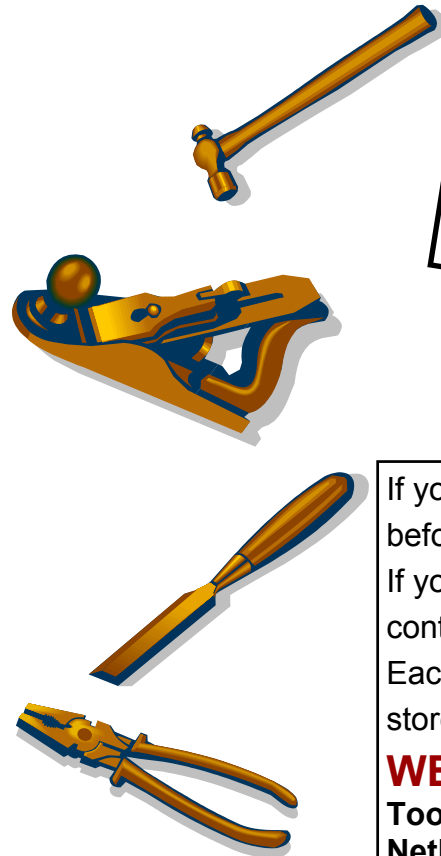
- ♦ Carpenters
- ♦ Blacksmiths
- ♦ Mechanics
- ♦ Builders and plumbers
- ♦ Shoemakers
- ♦ Metal workers

YES PLEASE to__

- ♦ Singer round bobbin hand and treadle sewing machines
- ♦ Electric sewing machines with zig-zag

NO THANKS to.....

- ♦ Gardening tools
- ♦ Domestic quality electric tools



Tools we are often short of

- Blacksmiths tools
- Anvils**
- Large hand pillar drills
- Hand bench grinders
- Carpenters vices
- Metal planes
- Tyre pressure gauges
- Mechanical car jacks
- Metric taps and dies
- Mortice chisels
- Electric welding equipment
- Metric spanners
- Car foot pumps

Tools not Wanted

- Garden shears
- Hoes
- Garden forks
- Sickles
- Paint scrapers
- Glass cutters
- Hardpoint saws
- Whitworth spanners
- Bow saws
- Secateurs

If you are organising a tool collection, please get in touch with us beforehand and we can let you know what our current needs are. If you are not able to bring your collection to Netley Marsh we will put you in contact with your nearest Tools for Self Reliance volunteer group. Each group has their own needs for tools and limits on the amount they can store so it is important to speak to them before you collect.

WE NEED QUALITY MORE THAN QUANTITY

Tools for Self Reliance

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Tools for Self Reliance works with partner organisations in Africa to provide craftsmen and women with tools and skills training. The tools and sewing machines are collected and refurbished by voluntary groups all over the UK

**TOOLS
FOR SELF
RELIANCE**

**practical help to
practical people**

charity no 280437

HOW YOU CAN HELP TOOLS FOR SELF RELIANCE

TIPS ON TOOL COLLECTING — TOOLS WE NEED AND TOOLS WE DON'T NEED

Some tools you might collect don't fill the bill. Here's why. -- We send the tools that people ask for. The village development groups we help have specific projects in mind when they request tools. We try to meet those requests because they know best what they need. This ensures that every tool we refurbish and send to Africa is used by someone who needs it.

HAND TOOLS? YES!

we need hand tools especially for: **Woodworking - Blacksmithing - Building and Plumbing - Shoemaking and Leather-working - Car and Bicycle Repairing - Metal Working and Tinsmithing**

SEWING MACHINES? yes

We only send machines that can be repaired and will have a long life. Spares for round bobbin manual Singer sewing machines are the only ones commonly available in Africa and these are the only hand and treadle machines we send. Any make of modern electric machine we can send but it should be able to do more than a straight stitch. **Please, no shuttle, boat bobbin or non-Singer manual sewing machines.**

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT? May be

We can send some electrical equipment if it is of a commercial quality which will stand up to full time use.

GARDEN TOOLS? NO THANKS!

We never send garden tools to Africa. African farmers work in very different conditions than English gardeners so our tools are not appropriate. Some examples: African farmers prefer heavy hoes rather than spades. They use bush knives or machetes rather than hedge shears. They would be no happier using hedge shears than you would be with a bush knife.

Even more important - African farmers often obtain tools from the local blacksmith who makes and mends tools. We don't want to put them out of work - in fact we support blacksmith training.

WE NEED QUALITY NOT QUANTITY

We send tools that are functionally as good as new. There's no DIY store down the road for our partners to replace a broken tool. Shipping costs are the same so we only send the best. This means we need gifts of usable tools which we can sharpen and clean. Experience shows that collection bins at recycling centres and DIY stores attract more scrap metal than usable tools.

THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF US!

We depend on the good will of thousands of people like you to collect and refurbish the tools and to give us the funds we need to keep everything moving. Please get in touch if you have any questions. If you are on the internet, check our website at **www.tfsr.org**.

We would be happy to receive a visit at the Netley Marsh Workshop. We are outside of Southampton near the New Forest.