



Bike to basics: Neil Hart and Gabriel Diaz spent Saturday repairing dumped bikes as part of Bell Tower's Big Skip clean-up.

Now that's really re-cycling!

FAMILIES had a wheely good time at the popular Big Skip clean-up thanks to bike fixers Neil Hart and Gabriel Diaz.

They joined in The Bell Tower Community Association's annual event on Saturday, where an industrial-sized skip, sponsored by Reading Festival organisers Festival Republic, was filled with rubbish.

Plenty of abandoned bikes were picked up around the borough and taken back to the skip at EP Collier Primary School, in Ross Road, to be fixed by the pair for the finders. Event organiser David Neale said: "The bike repair shop was a great addition

to our tidy-up day: we're always looking for new ways to re-use and recycle and this one really worked well. It's great to see neighbours getting together and bringing some community spirit to the area."

Volunteer Steve Bale also led a team clearing out garden waste from an alleyway between York Road and Addison Road, and others broke up rubbish to create more space in the skip.

Mr Neale added: "The skip proved so popular it was full nearly an hour before the event was due to close, leaving a couple of latecomers disappointed."