



TYRED OUT: Neil Hart and Gabriel Diaz at work on bicycles at Bell Tower Community Association event

Cycle recycling takes off

DELIGHTED children were able to cycle home from a community event on bikes reconditioned by two skilled neighbours.

Neil Hart and Gabriel Diaz worked their magic to refurbish previously unwanted bikes during the Bell Tower Community Association's Big Skip tidy-up day.

The event features an industrial-sized skip, sponsored by Reading Festival organiser Festival Republic, for householders living near EP Collier Primary School, in Swansea Road, Reading.

The two bike doctors worked on recycling children's cycles which were brought to the skip and parents made a small donation to the association to take them away.

Event organiser David Neale said: "The bike repair shops is 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."

A group of volunteers also cleared out garden waste from an alley between York Road and Addison Road and others helped to break up items, including a small shed, and load the skip to make sure every inch was used.

Mr Neale said the skip was so popular it was full nearly an hour before the event last Saturday was due to close.